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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—

- (1) In relation to Park & Ride at Edmondson Park Station:
- (a) How many cars have been charged the \$30 parking fee since the car park opened on 3 March 2022?
 - (b) How much in parking fees has been collected since the car park opened on 3 March 2022?
 - (c) Will refunds be made available to drivers who parked at the facility, used public transport but had not yet linked their Park & Ride details with a Transport Connect account?
 - (i) If so, what time period will refunds apply to from the car park opening date of 3 March 2022?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (iii) If so, how many drivers are entitled to a refund?
 - (d) Are parking fees paid to Transport for NSW?
 - (i) If not, to which agency or private entity are the fees paid?
 - (e) Are parking fees collected to help cover the cost of construction of the car park?
 - (f) Are parking fees collected to help cover the cost of operating the car park?
 - (g) What other reasons are parking fees collected for, other than reasons listed in (e) and (f)?
 - (h) Were information flyers on Park & Ride, including parking fees and instructions on how to validate free parking, distributed to drivers prior to the opening of the car park on 3 March 2022?
 - (i) What dates was the information distributed?
 - (ii) How many flyers were distributed?
 - (iii) Where were the flyers distributed?
 - (i) How many cars have used the car park since it opened on 3 March 2022?
 - (j) Was there a parking fee grace period to allow drivers to link their Park & Ride details with a Transport Connect account?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, what was the length of the grace period?
 - (k) Will the proposed North car park at Edmondson Park Station be a Park & Ride facility?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport Park&Ride provides up to 18 hours free parking each day. All customers need to do is complete a public transport journey by tapping on and tapping off using an accepted Opal card or contactless card linked to a Transport Connect account. The majority of users of Edmondson Park&Ride car park are commuters that have received free parking. Only a small percentage have paid for parking since the opening of the car park.

A parking fee grace period was in place for the first week of the launch of Park&Ride Edmondson Park.

If a customer registers for Park&Ride with a Transport Connect account and has taken a valid trip using a contactless credit or debit card on the same day and were charged, they can apply for a refund.

Flyers, posters, and other types advertising were provided before and after the opening of Park&Ride at Edmondson Park. Flyers and posters were positioned in key areas throughout the car park and included additional Park&Ride information such as links to the website for further information.

Planning is underway to investigate whether Park&Ride will be installed at the North car park at Edmondson Park.

* 7480 PARK AND RIDE AT GLENFIELD STATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Are there any plans to introduce the Park & Ride system in the commuter car park at Glenfield Station?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) What community consultation has Transport for NSW undertaken in relation to introducing the Park & Ride system at Glenfield Station commuter car park?

Answer—

I am advised

Whilst there are no current plans to introduce Park&Ride at Glenfield Station, Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the needs of our community and investigate opportunities to introduce additional services where necessary.

* 7481 SHEET METAL PILING ALONG THE COOKS RIVER—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Regarding sheet metal piling along the Cooks River:
 - (a) How much funding has the Government already allocated to the Coastal Management Program for the Cooks River catchment?
 - (i) Does this program include plans to remove the sheet metal piling?
 - (ii) How much funding will the Government allocate to the Program in 2022?
 - (b) What plans to remove or replace the sheet metal piling can be expected for 2022?
 - (c) What environmental issues affecting the Cooks River catchment will be addressed by the Coastal Management Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants Program has awarded \$595,956 for the development of the Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program (CMP).
 - (i) Stages 2 to 4 of the CMP will identify and assess suitable management options, including for the sheet piling. If deemed a priority action, removal of the sheet piling will occur during the implementation phase of the CMP.
 - (ii) The NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants Program has allocated \$565,456 for Stages 2 to 4 of the CMP. Stages 2 to 4 runs from 2021 to 2024.
- (b) Refer to answers at (a)(i)-(a)(ii).

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- (c) The Stage 1 Scoping Study was completed in January 2020 and identified priority issues and risks facing the Cooks River, including biodiversity degradation, water quality, inundation and waterway access.

* 7482 REINVESTMENT OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

When a Government-owned property is sold, will you commit to reinvesting the proceeds of the sales into housing in the local area that the property is located?

Answer—

The Government's highly successful asset recycling strategy has meant that we are able to build the schools, hospitals and roads that the people of New South Wales need. This strategy has enabled a pipeline of more than \$100 billion of vital infrastructure to be delivered.

Delivering the State's infrastructure program while rebuilding the State's fiscal capacity and offsetting the State's debt burden is only possible because of the Government's strong financial management, utilising the NSW Generations Fund and asset recycling.

The Government decides how best to reinvest the proceeds of asset sales in line with this approach and will continue to ensure that NSW is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

* 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—

Of the 200 affordable homes that the Government recently announced, how many will be allocated to the Murray electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As this announcement relates to a domestic and family violence funding package, this question is best directed to Minister Ward.

* 7484 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Under what criteria can a customer make a claim for under Home Building Compensation Fund (HBCF) (formerly known as the NSW Home Warranty Insurance Scheme)?
- (2) Since its introduction, how many claims have been made under the HBCF?
- (3) Since its introduction, how many claims have been paid to customers under the HBCF?
- (4) What is the current size of the HBCF?
- (5) How many providers offer cover under the HBCF?

Answer—

- (1) A person is entitled to claim under the home building compensation scheme, if a business that insured work on their home cannot complete the work or honour its statutory warranty obligations, due to:

- insolvency,
- disappearance,
- death, or

- licence suspension for failing to comply with a money order made by a court or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in favour of the person.
- (2) Statutory home building insurance was introduced in 1972. The NSW Self Insurance Corporation (now trading as 'icare HBCF') has been the sole provider of this insurance since 1 July 2010. Between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2021, icare HBCF has reported 4,411 claims to the scheme regulator, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA).
- (3) Between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2021, icare HBCF has reported 3,921 claims with payments to SIRA, with an average payment amount of \$99,523.
- (4) As at 30 June 2021, icare HBCF reported to SIRA that it had collected \$204 million in premiums (excluding GST and stamp duty) in financial year 2020-21, and that there were 20,133 businesses eligible to purchase insurance from icare HBCF. SIRA publishes on its website, regular 'Home Building Compensation reports' with further data about the scheme: <https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/corporate-information/home-building-compensation-fund-reports> icare HBCF also publishes data about its insurance business in icare's annual report and accompanying financial statements: <https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/about-us/annual-reports>
- (5) There is currently only one provider under the home building compensation scheme, which is icare HBCF.

* 7485 EFFICACY OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

To improve the efficacy of compulsory acquisition of land for electricity infrastructure, will the Government consider paying an annual rent, along the lines of that paid to hosts of renewable energy generators, to landholders who are forced to host new high-voltage electricity infrastructure, so as to retain overall land values, compensate for loss of productive land, and avoid lumping farmers with a capital gains event?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The NSW Legislative Council Portfolio Committee Number 6 – Transport and Customer Service (the Committee) is undertaking an inquiry into the acquisition of land in relation to major transport projects. It would be prudent for the NSW Government to take any recommendations of the Committee into account before making any amendments to the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (the Act).
- The Department of Planning and Environment has noted concerns raised in relation to compulsory acquisition for electric infrastructure in order that they may be considered in any upcoming review of the Act.

* 7486 INTRODUCTION OF MINIMUM ELECTRICITY FEED-IN TARIFF—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

Will you consider introducing a mandated minimum electricity feed-in tariff, as implemented in Victoria?

Answer—

The NSW Government requires the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to publish an annual report outlining a recommended range for cost-reflective feed-in tariffs. Competition provides an effective incentive to retailers to offer customers attractive feed-in tariffs, as well as a range of retail offers.

Mandating a minimum feed-in tariff risks increasing energy costs for other customers and would potentially disadvantage customers who cannot install solar panels, such as renters and low-income households.

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* 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—

(1) Given the responses by your predecessor to LA 2391 on 25 March 2020 and LA 5278 on 15 November 2021, when can the communities of regional New South Wales expect the public release of:

(a) The Fast Rail Strategy?

(b) The McNaughton Report?

Answer—

I am advised:

Professor McNaughton's expertise and work is being used to shape the NSW Government's Fast Rail Strategy.

Transport for NSW is currently finalising the Fast Rail Strategy which will be publicly released once complete.

Following the release of the Fast Rail Strategy, a consultation and engagement program will be implemented, targeting councils, the community, and industry, to inform ongoing planning and development.

* 7488 TECHNICAL RESCUE VEHICLE FOR THE CENTRAL WEST—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

Given the disparity in fire and rescue capabilities between metropolitan and regional centres, will consideration be given to basing a Technical Rescue Vehicle at Orange, where Fire and Rescue NSW are the primary rescue service, to capably attend to fire and rescue eventualities, such as partial structural collapse, trench rescue, confined space rescue, large animal rescue, complex heavy vehicle accidents and bariatric patient rescue?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The State Rescue Board of NSW ensures the maintenance of efficient and effective rescue services throughout the State. This includes the determination of rescue capability requirements, which is informed by local and regional rescue committees.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) have a Class 3 Rescue Pumper located at Orange Fire Station for provision of General Land Rescue in the Orange area. General Land Rescue accreditation covers road crash rescue, agricultural, animal, domestic and industrial rescues, and Urban Search and Rescue.

* 7489 RECATEGORISATION OF CANOBOLAS HIGH SCHOOL—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—

Given the staffing challenges at Canobolas Rural Technology High School (currently a 1-point school), resulting in 849 merged or uncovered classes in 2021, will you consider recategorising the school as a 6-point school to attract and maintain staff in the numbers required to cover every class?

Answer—

In late 2020, I requested a review of NSW's existing rural and remote incentives scheme. The NSW Government has since published the Review of Rural and Remote Incentives and accepted all recommendations from the Review.

In response to the Review, a revision and refresh of the transfer points system will commence in 2022. Canobolas Rural Technology High School is not currently eligible for the incentive scheme, however, the school will be directly engaged as part of this process.

* 7490 REPORTED ASSAULTS AT CANOBOLAS HIGH SCHOOL—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—

- (1) How many reported assaults by students against staff at Canobolas Rural Technology High School were there in 2021?
- (2) How many reported assaults by students against students at Canobolas Rural Technology High School were there in 2021?

Answer—

The Department of Education has an obligation to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of all staff and students and does not release incident data by school. Releasing data by school may enable the identification of staff or students in schools that could be harmful to those involved and damage the reputation of schools. It could also act as a major disincentive to the future reporting of incidents.

* 7491 TEACHER SHORTAGE CRISIS—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—

What number of merged or uncovered classes are required before a teacher shortage is recognised as a crisis?

Answer—

On some occasions there may be difficulty for some schools in accessing sufficient casual teachers to fully replace all teachers on leave for that day, particularly where there is a significant number of staff absent. In these situations, principals make appropriate decisions to manage staff allocations and this data is monitored at a local level.

* 7492 CANOBOLAS HIGH SCHOOL CASUAL BUDGET—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—

- (1) What was the casual budget spent at Canobolas Rural Technology High School in:
 - (a) 2017?
 - (b) 2018?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2020?
 - (e) 2021?
 - (f) 2022 to date?

Answer—

There is no “casual budget” provided to schools for the purpose of engaging casual staff, as schools may employ casual staff for a range of reasons and can draw on various sources of funding, including their RAM allocation.

Canobolas Rural Technology High School’s RAM allocation in 2022 is \$2,610,122, which is an increase from \$1,644,222 in 2017.

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Schools also receive Sick and FACs leave funding to support schools to cover the costs when a staff member is on sick or FACs leave. Either a casual or temporary employee can be engaged to cover this sick/FACs leave position at the discretion of the school.

* 7493 CANOBOLAS HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT CLASSES—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—

(1) Can you advise the number of support (Special Education) classes that have been merged or uncovered at Canobolas Rural Technology High School in:

(a) 2021?

(b) 2022 to date?

Answer—

(1) No support class is left uncovered or minimally supervised. Support students are placed in other support classes when a support teacher is absent. Support students are always taught by a qualified teacher. Students participate in the lesson being taught or alternatively complete work in a pre-prepared work booklet left by the absent teacher.

The number of support (Special Education) classes that have been merged at Canobolas Rural Technology High School in:

(a) 2021 – 176

(b) 2022 to 23 March 2022 – 164

* 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—

Due to the teacher supply challenges at the Canobolas Rural Technology High School (with 849 merged or uncovered classes in 2021), will the Department of Education be proactive and provide significant extra funding to provide surplus Student Learning Support Officers and Administrative staff to take the burden off overworked public education teachers at the school?

Answer—

Like all permanent staffing entitlement in schools, the number of permanent school administrative and support staff Canobolas Rural Technology High School receives is based on student enrolments. The school may also choose to use their flexible funding to employ additional staff.

Canobolas Rural Technology High School currently has an allocation of nine permanent Student Learning Support Officers, with an additional 12 temporary Student Learning Support Officers engaged by the school using school funds at the commencement of 2022, with nine of those positions continuing in Term 2.

Student Learning Support Officers or any other School Administrative Support staff cannot, nor are expected to, undertake the duties of a teacher.

* 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—

Given Department of Education figures and Australian Bureau of Statistics projections suggest students with disability requiring funded support may increase as much as 50 per cent by 2027, how is the Department going to ensure that the Canobolas Rural Technology High School community at Orange is supported to meet the growing complexity of student needs?

Answer—

The Department provides a range of specialist supports to all schools to assist them to understand and meet the needs of students with disability and additional learning and support needs.

The Department's resource allocation model includes an equity loading for low level adjustment for disability (LLAD). This loading provides every mainstream government school in NSW access to a specialist learning and support teacher as well as an allocation of flexible funding. This allocation enables schools to respond to the needs of students with disability, including those with or without a formal diagnosis. In 2022, Canobolas Rural Technology High School will receive an LLAD allocation of more than \$400,000 which includes both the flexible funding and staffing components.

Mainstream schools can also access Integration Funding Support (IFS) to meet the needs of eligible students with diagnosed disability who have moderate to high support needs and are enrolled in a mainstream class.

* 7496 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE IN GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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

Answer—

- (1) Seven hundred and three (703).
 - (a) Six hundred and eighty-seven (687).
 - (b) Sixteen (16).
- (2) \$1,023,528.80 was paid to approved applicants up to and including 11 November 2021.

* 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—

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

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- (k) January 2021?
- (l) February 2021?
- (m) March 2021?
- (n) April 2021?
- (o) May 2021?
- (p) June 2021?
- (q) July 2021?
- (r) August 2021?
- (s) September 2021?
- (t) October 2021?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Local Government Area.

* 7498 P1 DRIVING TEST WAIT TIMES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

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

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW does not hold data to distinguish learner drivers from other drivers taking the Practical Driver Test, which include aged and overseas drivers. This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.
- (2) 19 days across the state (as at 19 April 2022)
23 days across the Sydney Metropolitan area (as at 19 April 2022).
- (3) (a) Service NSW has actively recruited additional driver testers and further recruitment is underway to fulfil the demand of driver testers in the community.

* 7499 NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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

- (3) What measures does the Government intend to require for future net zero buildings in New South Wales?
- (a) What advocacy has the Government carried out to ensure that the updated National Construction Code results in net zero buildings?
- (b) What further action will the Government take to encourage and mandate net zero buildings in future?

Answer—

- (1) and (1)(a) The NSW Government is continuing to monitor the National Construction Code proposals as they are further developed. I have asked the Department of Customer Service to provide me with a detailed briefing on the minimum accessibility standards proposal, the cost benefit analysis and the context behind the decision not to support the existing proposals within the 2022 edition of the National Construction Code for minimum accessible housing standards.
- (2) and (2)(a) The NSW Government has implemented various initiatives that seek to increase the supply of accessible housing. These initiatives include
- all new social and affordable housing built by government being constructed to silver accessibility standards.
 - at least 20% of all medium to high density dwellings developed by Landcom to meet or exceed the silver accessibility standard.
 - encouraging through the NSW Apartment Design Guide, 20% of apartments within new residential apartment buildings to achieve a minimum silver level.
- (2) (b) The proposed changes to the energy efficiency provisions of the National Construction Code are currently being progressed by the Australian Building Codes Board following the exhibition of Stage 2 of the National Construction Code 2022 Public Comment Draft. Further consideration is being given to these proposals as part of this process. In this regard, it must be noted that the energy efficiency of new residential buildings in NSW is regulated by the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX). Questions relating to BASIX are a matter for the Minister for Planning and Housing.
- (3) and 3(b) The NSW Government's Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030, outlines proposed actions that seek to deliver on the Government's objective to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. Questions on the Plan are a matter for the Minister for Environment and Heritage.
- (3) (a) Through its participation in the Building Ministers Meeting and its role on the Australian Building Codes Board and the Board's technical committees, the NSW Government has been involved in the consideration of the proposed changes to the energy efficiency provisions in the National Construction Code.

Changes to the energy efficiency provisions of the National Construction Code are being informed by the former Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council's Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings. Further changes to the energy efficiency provisions may be considered as part of future editions of the Code, in line with the Trajectory.

* 7500 DRIVER LICENCE TESTING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Is it true that there are very few female testers for driving licence tests in New South Wales?
- (a) How many testers are female?
- (b) What proportion of the licence testing workforce is female?
- (2) How does the Government address the needs of licence applicants who seek a female tester?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to increase the number of female driving licence testers?

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(4) What further action will the Government take to increase access to female driving licence testers?

Answer—

(1) Service NSW has a significant number of female driver testers.

(a) 110 trained female driver testers.

(b) The current rate is 33% and Service NSW strongly encourages females to submit applications to become a Driver Tester.

(2) Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to availability, requests for female testers are supported.

(3) Driver testers are recruited in alignment with the merit-based principles of the Government Sector Employment Rules NSW 2014.

(4) The Government is actively recruiting driver testers to ensure the needs of the community are met appropriately.

* 7501 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE IN SUMMER HILL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package by residents in the Summer Hill electorate?

(a) How many of these applications were approved?

(b) How many of these applications were rejected?

(c) To date, what is the total amount of funding support provided to residents of the Summer Hill electorate through residential tenancy support programs?

Answer—

(1) Three hundred and twenty eight (328).

(a) Three hundred and twenty five (325).

(b) Three (3).

(c) The total amount paid to approved applicants was \$794,458.53.

* 7502 RELOCATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

Has the relocation of Corporate Services staff in the Department of Communities and Justice from Liverpool to Parramatta commenced, and when will it conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

Relocations of Department of Communities and Justice Corporate Services staff from Liverpool to Parramatta commenced on 21 February 2022 and are scheduled to be completed by 30 April 2022.

* 7503 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS APPROVAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

On how many occasions since the section's introduction have police sought approval of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for prosecution under S93Z of the Crimes Act, but had the request declined?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 24 March 2022, the Director of Public Prosecutions has declined to approve proceedings under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 in six matters since the introduction of the provision.

- * 7504 LAW AND JUSTICE FOUNDATION REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What is your response to the review of the Law and Justice Foundation by Insight Consulting and of the recommendations in the review?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Law and Justice Foundation (LJF) is currently reviewing its operating model and future direction in response to the recommendations of the Insight Consulting Review.

The NSW Government will consider the proposed future direction for the LJF once that work has been completed.

- * 7505 DRIVER TESTS THROUGH LIVERPOOL SERVICE CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

How many driver tests were conducted through the Liverpool Service Centre at Orange Grove Rd in the period 1.1.2021 - 31.10.2021?

Answer—

10,309 tests were conducted during the period 1 January 2021 to 31 October 2021 - noting that there was no driver testing from 25 June 2021 until 11 October 2021, this was due to the public health order.

- * 7506 DEMERIT POINTS—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

Why are demerit points left on a drivers license for 3 years and 4 months rather than just 3 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the 40-month rule is publicly available on the NSW Government website .

- * 7507 NIGHT COURSES AT TAFE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

Why is TAFE not allowing non-apprentices to attend night courses, such as for a Heavy Fabrication Engineering qualification meaning that they can't upskill, or that they have to become an apprentice again?

Answer—

The Manufacturing and Engineering (MEM) training package developed by the Service Skills Organisation, funded by the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment, released in 2018 introduced a mandatory training contract pathway for MEM30319 Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade requiring the qualification to be undertaken through a training contract or through a formal trade recognition assessment process.

This precludes all Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including TAFE NSW, from allowing non-apprentices to enrol in the course, for either day or night classes.

The Service Skills Organisation for the training package Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA Group), introduced this change in consultation with industry. It is a Federal regulation neither TAFE NSW, nor other RTOs, have the discretion to change this requirement.

- * 7508 COVID-19 VACCINATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

Why has Liverpool Hospital ceased providing COVID 19 vaccination shots to inpatients?

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Answer—

I am advised that Liverpool Hospital has not ceased providing COVID-19 vaccinations to inpatients. Liverpool Hospital has maintained a vaccination service for inpatients since early 2021.

* 7509 HORNINGSEA PARK FIRE STATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Why was Horningsea Park Fire Station closed on March 20?
- (2) Why was the fire engine usually stationed at Horningsea Park Fire Station sent to Camden for seven hours on March 20?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Horningsea Park Fire Station was not closed on 20 March 2022. The fire engine and crew were moved to Camden Fire Station for five hours. Each fire truck and its crew is a mobile resource available to respond wherever it is needed. When moving resources, Fire and Rescue NSW uses a modern risk management process that considers a range of factors including current conditions and fire coverage across the State. All decisions of this nature are made with community safety at the forefront.

* 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—

- (1) Will the recent flood delay works across Henry Lawson Drive?
 - (a) Have you initiated an assessment of the damage to Henry Lawson Drive?
 - (b) Will this information be made available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No, the project remains on track.
 - (a) Transport for NSW's maintenance provider regularly inspects Henry Lawson Drive.
 - (b) Project information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 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—

Please specify which roads in the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills were damaged by the recent flooding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Inspections have identified that two State Roads have been affected by recent flooding.

Both directions of Fairford Road, Bankstown and southbound of Henry Lawson Drive, Georges Hall.

* 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—

(1) As a result of the recent flood have you or your Department initiated an assessment of the damage to local roads, repairs and associated financial projections within the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills?

(a) Will this information be made available?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently working with local councils across Sydney to assist with the preparation and assessment of claims relating to flood damage. I am advised that Canterbury-Bankstown Council is assessing the flood damage to their local roads.

* 7513 IMPACT OF FLOODING ON HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Could the Minister please advise how many Housing properties in the electorate of Bankstown were rendered uninhabitable as a consequence of the recent flooding?

Answer—

I am advised:

No properties in the Bankstown electorate owned by the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and managed by the Department of Communities and Justice were rendered uninhabitable as a consequence of the recent flooding. Furthermore, there was no Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) housing properties have been rendered uninhabitable in the Bankstown Electorate as a consequence of flooding.

* 7514 URGENT REPAIRS TO HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Could the Minister please advise how many Housing properties in the electorate of Bankstown required urgent repairs as a result of the recent flooding?

(a) When will Housing complete its assessment of the scale of the repairs as a result of the recent flood and associated costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No properties in the Bankstown electorate, owned by the Land and Housing Corporation or the Aboriginal Housing Office, were damaged by the flooding.

- However, 248 properties in the Bankstown electorate were impacted by recent storm damage.
- As at 4 April 2022, 83 per cent of the work required to address the storm damage at the 248 properties has been completed. The properties have all been made safe, and the completion of the work is expected by the end of May 2022.

* 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—

Could the Minister please advise how many Housing residents within the electorates of Bankstown and East Hills had to be relocated as a result of the recent flooding?

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Answer—

I am advised that across the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area, a total of seven social housing residents have required temporary relocation from their properties due to flooding. Out of the seven, one resident has been permanently relocated to alternate accommodation. The remaining six residents have since returned to their homes following the completion of maintenance rectification works.

* 7516 FORESTRY CORPORATION WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the process for renegotiating and extending the Forestry Corporation Wood Supply Agreements (WSAs) that are due to expire in 2023?
 - (a) When is the contract negotiation process expected to conclude?
 - (b) Will all contractual information be made public?

Answer—

- (1) Correspondence detailing the process for extending Wood Supply Agreements for sawlogs on the north coast that expire in 2023 has been tabled in the Legislative Council in response to Question on Notice 8281.
 - (a) This is detailed in the correspondence referred to above.
 - (b) Yes.

* 7517 RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has any land owned by Forestry Corporation been identified for renewable energy infrastructure under the Energy Legislation Amendment Bill 2021?
 - (a) Has any productive and substituted land been identified as required by the legislation?
 - (b) If yes, please specify exact locations
 - (c) If no, when will all sites be identified?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (a) N/A.
 - (b) N/A.
 - (c) A registration of interest process to identify market interest is currently underway.

* 7518 CAPACITY OF SOFTWOOD PLANTATION ESTATE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Given recent State-wide flooding will Forestry Corporation reassess the capacity of the current softwood plantation estate in New South Wales to meet our future timber, housing and industry needs?
 - (a) What is the timeframe for this assessment?
 - (b) As Minister, will you ensure that all assessments, evaluations and data collected is made publically available?

Answer—

- (1) Forestry Corporation's softwood plantation estate provides a proportion of timber for consumers' needs and is managed to supply a long-term non-declining yield of timber. Timber is also sourced

domestically from hardwood plantations and native forests and from overseas. Softwood plantations do not meet the need for hardwood products due to having different properties.

The main impact of the recent flooding was on infrastructure such as roads, not standing trees. Trees in flood-affected areas remain available for timber production in the future.

(a) N/A

(b) N/A.

* 7519 WOLLONGONG CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) Will there be any changes to the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music's annual funding as a Tier 1 Conservatorium as a result of not having been able to meet all the required teaching hours – particularly in schools - due to the global pandemic?

(a) If so, what will the funding amount now be?

(b) If so, why has the impact of COVID-19 not been taken into consideration in terms of funding allocation?

Answer—

(1) The Department of Education provides grant funding to regional conservatoriums within a three-year funding cycle. Funding for the current triennium, 2019/20 -2021/22, remains at the level agreed to in each conservatorium's funding agreement. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was taken into consideration.

Applications for the Regional Conservatorium Grants Program 2022/23 - 2024/25 triennium funding period opened on 14 March 2022 and closed on 14 April 2022.

(a) The budget for the 2022/23 - 2024/25 triennium is yet to be confirmed. Funding for each tier is contingent on the budget allocation received from NSW Treasury.

(b) The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on regional conservatoriums' capacity to meet Key Performance Measures will be taken into account when determining funding allocations.

* 7520 SARCOMA RESEARCH—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) How many people were diagnosed with sarcoma in 2021, 2020 and 2019?

(2) Have there been any clinical trials in New South Wales for sarcoma in the past 5 years?

(3) What research is NSW Health currently funding in relation to sarcoma?

(4) Does NSW Health have any plans to provide a dedicated sarcoma body in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) National figures and projections to 2021 are published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and available at <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer/cancer-data-in-australia/data>

(2) Yes.

(3) Following a competitive application process in 2021 the NSW Government, through the Cancer Institute NSW, provided a Translational Program Grant to Professor Glenn Marshall, head of Translational Research at Children's Cancer Institute Australia, for work aligned with improving outcomes for children and young adults with sarcoma.

In 2021, the Cancer Institute NSW also provided funding for an Early Career Fellowship to Dr Emmy Fleuren at the Children's Cancer Institute, whose research will use a method called

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phosphoproteomics to find novel solutions to the two major problems in paediatric sarcoma: identifying targeted treatments and understanding unexplained drug responses.

For further information on grants provided by the Cancer Institute NSW, please visit: <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/grants/grants-we-ve-funded>

- (4) There are initiatives and services in place within NSW Health to support appropriate referrals and treatment for sarcoma. This includes a centralised statewide multidisciplinary cancer care team at Royal Prince Alfred and Chris O'Brien Lifehouse which reviews osteosarcoma cases for surgery, and ten soft tissue sarcoma multidisciplinary cancer care teams (MDT) throughout NSW. The Canrefer website, managed by the Cancer Institute NSW, allows users, including general practitioners, to locate cancer specialists who are MDT members, find recommended hospitals and cancer centres in NSW and ACT, and provides information about sarcoma cancer treatment and optimal care pathways.

* 7521 SOLAR PANELS ON LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) In relation to Solar Panels on Land and Housing Corporation properties:
- (a) Is the Government planning to roll out a program to help tenants install solar panels on their property?
 - (b) If a tenant wants to install solar panels on their property is it at their expense and will permission be granted to the tenant to install ?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Land and Housing Corporation's Alternations to a Home Policy, social housing tenants living in cottages, villas and townhouses can apply for approval to install solar panels.

A tenant's request for approval to install solar panels is generally approved, provided the condition of the roof is suitable to accommodate solar panels, there is no significant shading of the roof from trees, and the tenant agrees to pay all costs associated with the installation and ongoing maintenance of the solar panels. Further details are available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/alterations-home-policy#:~:text=Tenants%20may%20be%20able%20to,LAHC%20owned%20property%20is%20managed>

* 7522 WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) In relation to the Workers Compensation Regulation 2016 statutory repeal and planned remake in 2022:
- (a) Has a date been set for this to be commenced?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Will NSW Mines Rescue be added to the list of prescribed bodies/agencies?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

No date has been set for the remake of the Workers Compensation Regulation 2016, with the repeal of the Workers Compensation Regulation currently scheduled for 1 September 2022. A further postponement of the repeal of the Workers Compensation Regulation 2016 to 1 September 2023 is likely to be required.

The NSW Government has endorsed the recommendation of the icare and State Insurance and Care Governance Act 2015 Independent Review (by the Hon. Robert McDougall QC, Independent Reviewer) to conduct a review and reconciliation of the various pieces of legislation that underpin the NSW workers

compensation scheme. It is proposed, the Workers Compensation Regulation 2016 be remade following this review, which is expected to be undertaken during 2022 and 2023.

Postponement of the repeal and remake of a Regulation does not prevent amendments being proposed and adopted into the current regulation, where appropriate.

A decision has not been made regarding the addition of NSW Mines Rescue to the list of prescribed bodies and agencies for the purposes of section 19A of the Workers Compensation Act 1987. However, the State Insurance Regulatory Agency (SIRA) has commenced discussions with stakeholders to assess the appropriateness of this inclusion to inform further advice to Government. Over the coming months, SIRA will seek to engage directly with a broad range of relevant stakeholders (subject to their agreement), including Coal Mines Insurance, Coal Services, the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU), Professionals Australia and the Mine Managers Association of Australia

* 7523 BULLI AND THIRROUL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) In relation to the Bulli and Thirroul Traffic Improvements:

- (a) Can you please provide an update on the status of the works?
- (b) What works are newly planned?
- (c) When will the changes to Memorial Drive be completed?
- (d) What changes are schedule for 2022/2023?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads

* 7524 DIGITAL NATIONAL PARK PASS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

(1) In relation to the new Digital National Parks Pass:

- (a) What consultation was done with the disability providers and/or stakeholders in relation to the carers using a digital National Parks pass?
- (b) Were concerns raised about the abolishment of a physical card?

Answer—

(1) In relation to the new Digital National Parks Pass:

- (a) On 15 March 2022, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) convened a roundtable with a wide range of stakeholder groups that represent park visitors who may need the support of a carer. Carers NSW is participating in this process, as are groups representing pensioners, people with a disability and veterans.
- (b) There has been overwhelming support for removing the legal obligation to display a physical pass from park visitors using a digital pass. A small number have raised concerns about discontinuing physical passes. Both the NSW Government and NPWS welcomes this feedback and will continue to use this information to improve the digital pass program for all park visitors.

* 7525 COMMERCIAL MOORINGS IN SNAILS BAY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) With regard to the dolphins used for commercial moorings in Snails Bay, Birchgrove:

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- (a) What have been the annual gross income, expenditures and net surpluses or losses for operating the mooring dolphins in each of the last three financial years?
- (b) What is the structural condition of the mooring dolphins according to the most recent engineering survey and assessment?
- (c) What vessels are currently stored on these moorings, and what plans are in place for the removal of each of these vessel?
- (d) What plans are there to store alternative or additional vessels on these moorings?
- (e) What steps are being taken to minimize any impacts the use of these moorings may have on nearby residential areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Income, expenditure and operating costs for the dolphins are subject to a licence agreement which is commercial-in-confidence.
- (b) Transport for NSW conducts routine navigation audits in and around the area to ensure safety of the working harbour is maintained at all times. Repair works for the dolphins started this financial year and will be completed by the end of the next financial year.
- (c) Snails Bay dolphins are owned by Transport for NSW and are used to accommodate vessels which are unable to be berthed at alternate sites in Sydney Harbour.
- (d) The ongoing berthing at Snails Bay is subject to a licence agreement and is limited to berthing only. Transport for NSW is not aware of any plans to store alternative or additional vessels.
- (e) Transport for NSW has removed and salvaged vessels from the Dolphins, and the remaining Dockside Pavilions have recently been sold.

* 7526 SALE OF LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many dwellings has the NSW Land & Housing Corporation disposed of through sale via private treaty or auction in the past five years, in each of the following suburbs:
 - (a) Ultimo?
 - (b) Glebe?
 - (c) Forest Lodge?
 - (d) Annandale?
 - (e) Leichhardt?
 - (f) Lilyfield?
 - (g) Rozelle?
 - (h) Balmain?
 - (i) Balmain East?
 - (j) Birchgrove?
- (2) With specific regard to each of the dwellings listed in response to question 1, what was the number of bedrooms at the time of sale?
- (3) With specific regard to each of the dwellings listed in response to question 1, what was the sale price?

- (4) What proportion of the proceeds of these sales have contributed to:
- (a) Payment to contractors for repairs and maintenance in each of the suburbs listed?
 - (b) Payment to contractors for the construction of new public housing in each of the suburbs listed?
 - (c) Payment to contractors for the construction of new community housing in each of the suburbs listed?
- (5) What other uses have the proceeds of these sales been put to?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 2016/17 – 2020/21, four dwellings were sold at Glebe and two at Lilyfield via private treaty or auction. No dwellings were sold in Ultimo, Forest Lodge, Annandale, Leichhardt, Rozelle, Balmain, Balmain East or Birchgrove.
- (2) At the time of sale, three x 3 bedrooms, one x 2 bedrooms and two x 1 bedroom dwellings were sold.
- (3) The proceeds from the sale of all six dwellings totalled \$8.09 million.
- (4-5) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is predominately self-funded. It 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.

* 7527 GLEBE ISLAND MULTI-USER FACILITY—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of inconsistencies in conditions of approval for the Glebe Island Concrete Batching Plant and Aggregate Handling Facility determined by the Independent Planning Commission as SSD 8544, and the NSW Port Authority's self-approved Glebe Island Multi-User Facility?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to address these inconsistencies, with particular regard to minimising noise impacts and other general disruption for neighbouring and nearby residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are differences between the State significant development consent conditions regulating the use of the concrete batching plant and aggregate handling facility and the Part 5 approval's mitigation measures that are required to be implemented during the multi-user facility's site operations.
- (2) The development consent issued by the Independent Planning Commission for the concrete batching plant and aggregate handling facility includes stringent conditions, including limiting its duration to 31 December 2040, noise limits at nearby residences, and restrictions on concrete production, delivery of concrete aggregates, and truck movements. The Department of Planning and Environment will ensure the Applicant meets all its obligations under the terms of its development consent to ensure impacts on residents are minimised.

Questions relating to the mitigation measures outlined in the Part 5 approval should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

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- * 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—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Initial planning is currently underway for the extra 75 refuges announced as part of the Domestic and Family Violence economic stimulus recovery package.

The Department of Communities and Justice will consult with the Domestic and Family Violence, housing and homelessness sectors on service models, potential delivery partners, and locations of greatest need and opportunity.

Locations of the new refuges will be targeted to areas where there is high-unmet demand, with a focus on regional and rural areas.

- * 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—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

As this question relates to a domestic and family violence funding package, it is best directed to Minister Ward.

- * 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—

Are there any plans for the Government to review the decision to not build any new schools in the Campbelltown electorate, as stated in the Glenfield to Macarthur Corridor Strategy?

Answer—

The NSW Government is investing \$7.9 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver 215 new and upgraded schools across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of the state.

The Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across NSW. To do so, the Department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment and local councils.

Numerous strategies are used to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term including enforcing the Department's school enrolment policy to restrict out of area enrolments, reviewing school intake areas to improve utilisation across schools in a local area, and providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the Department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

The Department's long-term projections are informed by census data and dwelling and population forecasts provided by the Department of Planning and Environment in conjunction with local councils.

A number of schools across the Glenfield to Macarthur region have surplus teaching spaces and can accommodate current and projected enrolments. The Department seeks to balance enrolment numbers across networks of schools to ensure that assets are being optimally utilised and every school is afforded the opportunity for broader curriculum offering and adequate resourcing. The schools within the Campbelltown area and surrounds continue to be monitored by the Department and in close collaboration with other NSW Government agencies and stakeholders to ensure educational needs are being met.

* 7531 RELOCATED PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many public housing tenants (households and individuals) have been relocated from Claymore as part of the Claymore renewal project?
 - (a) Please provide a break down by suburb or where those tenants/households were relocated to.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at March 2022, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has relocated 330 households at Claymore as part of the Claymore Renewal Project.
- (1) (a) Tenant relocations take into account a tenant's individual housing needs and are conducted in accordance with LAHC's Strategic Tenant Relocations Policy and DCJ's 'Relocating tenants for management purposes' process. The Minister for Community Services is responsible for tenancy management and tenant relocations, and will be able to provide details of the suburbs where tenants moved.

LAHC's Strategic Tenant Relocations Policy can be found at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-strategic-tenant-relocations-policy

Further information about DCJ's process is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/living/move-swap-transfer/relocating-tenants-for-management-purposes

* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister provide data regarding each public primary and high school in the Campbelltown electorate regarding the number of teachers at each school who do not live in the electorate?
- (2) Can the Minister provide data for the number of teachers who live in the Illawarra region and teach at public primary or high schools in the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly?

Answer—

- (1) As at 4 April 2022 there is a total of 699 permanent and temporary teaching staff at schools in Campbelltown electorate who do not live in the electorate.

Please note: The home address is the last known address of the employee.

Table 1: Total of permanent and temporary teachers at each school in Campbelltown state electorate who do not live within the electorate

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School Code	School Name	School Level	Permanent	Temporary	Total of permanent and temporary teachers living outside of Campbelltown electorate 4 April 2022
4277	Campbelltown East Public School	P	19	11	30
4403	Bradbury Public School	P	25	9	34
4458	Briar Road Public School	P	13	14	27
4505	Ambervale Public School	P	14	9	23
4535	Blairmount Public School	P	18	13	31
5508	Beverley Park School	SSP	8	5	13
8493	Airds High School	S	34	13	47
8570	Ambarvale High School	S	53	18	71
8589	Thomas Reddall High School	S	34	14	48
4126	Campbelltown North Public School	P	15	10	25
4603	St Helens Park Public School	P	12	14	26
4537	Rosemeadow Public School	P	29	12	41
5454	Dorchester School	SSP	9	3	12
8569	Eagle Vale High School	S	43	8	51
5753	Lomandra School	SSP	20	7	27

8180	Campbelltown Performing Arts High	S	51	31	82
1486	Campbelltown Public School	P	13	7	20
5721	Mary Brooksbank School	SSP	14	8	22
4479	John Warby Public School	P	12	8	20
4510	Claymore Public School	P	12	9	21
4539	Thomas Acres Public School	P	16	12	28
			464	235	699

- (2) As at 4 April 2022 there is a total of 474 permanent and temporary teachers who live in the Illawarra region and teach at public primary, school for specific purposes or high schools in the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly.

Table 2: Total of permanent and temporary teachers who live in the Illawarra region (Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong LGAs) and teach at public primary or high schools in the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly_04 April 2022

Local Government Area	Permanent	Temporary	Total as at 4 April 2022
Camden (A)	56	27	83
Campbelltown (C)	199	102	301
Wollondilly (A)	54	36	90
Total	309	165	474

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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?

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Answer—

The Government remains committed to re-examining the issues raised by the Member. NSW Health is currently reviewing IPTAAS application processes to simplify and improve where possible.

* 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?

Answer—

1 - 2. Medicare is a Commonwealth Government responsibility.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The list of eligible councils for the Regional Housing Fund was drafted using the Australian Classification of Local Governments (determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) and Office of Local Government group categories, which provide an objective list of councils that did not already receive funding under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program. The eligible councils were identified as likely to be experiencing significant housing stress in terms of supply, rental vacancy, rental and purchasing costs, and price to income ratios.
- (2) Through Housing 2041 – the NSW Housing Strategy, the NSW Government is implementing several actions that are focused on Regional NSW, including commitments that will support the more effective provision of safe, secure and quality housing for key workers.

Key actions addressing regional housing pressures within Housing 2041 are:

- Exploring opportunities to better utilise existing government-owned land and assets to support delivery of residential development
- Investigating ways to partner with councils and communities across NSW to address regional housing affordability and accessibility

- Centralising the collection of data and evidence related to housing in regional centres via the Housing Evidence Centre to assist in the development of better, more targeted, evidenced based solution to the housing pressures currently being faced in Regional NSW.

Further details about the Strategy are available at: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Reports/Policy-and-legislation/NSW-Housing-Strategy-Report-2021-Mayv2.pdf>

The NSW Government is also preparing its response to the findings and recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce.

- (3) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) Portfolio Strategy includes an objective to partner more with community housing providers (CHPs) and the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation to attract financing and develop a more sustainable social housing system.

LAHC has 3 pathways available to manage direct dealings with Tier 1 and 2 CHPs to fast track the delivery of social housing:

- LAHC's Policy on CHP-led Redevelopment of Social and Affordable Housing on LAHC-owned land
- LAHC's Policy for Small Scale Direct Dealing, and
- the NSW Government's Unsolicited Proposals process.

More information about LAHC policies is available at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies

LAHC is also undertaken a number of social housing projects in regional NSW providing accommodation for people in need in our communities. Further details are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/regional>

- * 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:
- When will the Commissioner be appointed?
 - How much will the Commissioner be paid?
 - Under which Department or agency will the Commissioner be appointed?
 - Which Minister will oversee the Commissioner?
 - Has the position description for the Commissioner been completed?
 - If so, what is the position description and what are the Commissioner's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)?
 - If not, when will the position description be drafted?
 - How many staff will the Commissioner be allocated?
 - What is the yearly operational budget for the Commissioner's office?
 - What is the budget for salaries and wages?
 - What is the budget for stationery?
 - What is the budget for office accommodation?
 - What is the budget for IT?

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- (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?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Recruitment for the Commissioner is currently underway.
- (b) Remuneration of the Commissioner will be in accordance with the Crown Employees (Public Sector - Salaries 2021) Award.
- (c) The Commissioner will be appointed by Investment NSW.
- (d) The Commissioner will fall within the remit of the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Minister for Western Sydney, the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP.
- (e) A role description to enable the recruitment of the Commissioner has been prepared. Final KPIs and deliverables will be developed based on the Modern Manufacturing Taskforce's report and recommendations, once completed.
- (f) This information is under development.
- (g) This information is under development.
- (h) Nil. The Commissioner will be based in the existing offices of Investment NSW.
- (i) The Modern Manufacturing Taskforce comprises the following members:
 - Mr Tony Shepherd AO (chair);
 - Dr Bronwyn Evans AM - CEO, Engineers Australia;
 - Professor Roy Green - Special Innovation Adviser, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise), University of Technology Sydney;
 - Dig Howitt - CEO and President, Cochlear Limited;
 - Chris Jenkins - Country Director and CEO, Thales Australia.
- (j) The Modern Manufacturing Taskforce has been tasked with delivering a report to the NSW Government by 30 June 2022 on actions that can improve NSW's modern manufacturing capabilities and capacities.
- (k) Salaries and wages of appointees to the Modern Manufacturing Taskforce are in accordance with the Classification and Remuneration Framework for NSW Government Boards and Committees.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been no claims for financial compensation regarding property damage associated with Sydney Metro construction in the Canterbury electorate.

Complaints regarding property damage are managed by Sydney Metro contractor delivery partners and include a review and investigation of the complaint and inspection where required.

Since 2020, five formal inspections, three this year and two in 2021, have been conducted in relation to complaints of property damage.

*Amended answer provided by the Minister on 6 June 2022, omitting "three this year and two in 2021" and inserting instead "two this year (as at 25 March) and three in 2021".

* 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?
 - (b) How many claims in 2021 resulted in monetary compensation of residents by Sydney Metro?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been no claims for financial compensation regarding property damage associated with Sydney Metro construction in the Canterbury electorate.

Complaints regarding property damage are managed by Sydney Metro contractor delivery partners and include a review and investigation of the complaint and inspection where required.

In 2021, three formal inspections were conducted by Sydney Metro contract delivery partners in response to property damage complaints.

* 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?

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Answer—

I am advised

There have been no claims for financial compensation regarding property damage associated with Sydney Metro construction in the Canterbury electorate.

Complaints regarding property damage are managed by Sydney Metro contractor delivery partners and include a review and investigation of the complaint and inspection where required.

In 2022 to date, three formal inspections have been conducted in relation to complaints of property damage.

*Amended answer provided by the Minister on 6 June 2022, omitting " three formal inspections " and inserting instead " (as at 25 March), two formal inspections".

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been no claims for financial compensation regarding property damage associated with Sydney Metro construction in the Canterbury electorate.

Complaints regarding property damage are managed by Sydney Metro contractor delivery partners and include a review and investigation of the complaint and inspection where required.

In 2020 Sydney Metro did not receive any complaints in relation to property damage.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

No noise complaints were made during this time.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 58
 - (a) 31
 - (b) 24
 - (c) 3

Sydney Metro have retained dedicated Place Managers at each location to work closely with the local community and stakeholders regarding all works including concerns regarding noise.

Sydney Metro uses a range of noise mitigation measures where feasible, including scheduling high noise impact activities as well as offering alternative accommodation and respite activities to eligible residents and monitoring noise and vibration levels to ensure compliance.

* 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?
 - (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?

Answer—

I am advised

Sydney Metro have retained dedicated Place Managers at each location to work closely with the local community and stakeholders regarding all works including concerns regarding noise.

Sydney Metro uses a range of noise mitigation measures where feasible, including scheduling high noise impact activities as well as offering alternative accommodation and respite activities to eligible residents and monitoring noise and vibration levels to ensure compliance.

- (1) 7, as at 25 March 2022.
 - (a) 5
 - (b) 2
 - (c) None

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 2
- (a) 1
 - (b) None
 - (c) 2
 - (d) 1
 - (e) None

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Consultation around the road closures have included notifications to local residents, with a focus on those along heavy vehicle routes; doorknocks to residents whose homes face the closed road; letters with respite offers to residents eligible based on noise assessment, and traffic management devices such as variable messaging signs.

All Sydney Metro notifications contain details about how to contact an interpreter, where required.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW are investigating options for improvements to City Road between Scenic Drive and Alice Street, Merewether.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) Two key government programs are designed to incentivise the movement of labour and businesses to regional New South Wales:

Regional Skills Relocation Grant:

The Regional Skills Relocation Grant aims to increase the availability of skilled and experienced workers for businesses setting up in, relocating to, or currently located in regional NSW. The program highlights the benefits of living and working in regional NSW for residents in metropolitan areas.

Under the program, grants are available for businesses operating in eligible industries to assist with the relocation costs of eligible skilled workers they employ that move from metropolitan areas to regional NSW.

Approved businesses will be reimbursed up to \$10,000 to assist with relocation costs incurred by eligible skilled workers they employ.

The program has been administered by the Department of Regional NSW since February 2021 and is currently open for new applications.

Regional Job Creation Fund:

The \$140 million Regional Job Creation Fund (Fund) supports businesses to establish or expand in regional NSW. The Fund's focus is to co-fund business projects that create at least five new and sustainable jobs in regional NSW.

To date, over 100 projects have been successful which are expected to create nearly 5,000 jobs in regional NSW over three years.

Round Two of the Fund closed for new applications on 14 March 2022 and successful projects are expected to be announced from June 2022.

- * 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?

Answer—

Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) do not receive any Government funding to enable them to "achieve a productive outcome with the asset".

LALCs hold land as freehold title and may sell, lease or mortgage their holdings as their members determine subject to approval from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC), as prescribed in the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. Some land holdings are held and conserved for their cultural value alone.

LALCs receive annual grant funding from the NSWALC (which is also not Government funded) and may derive supplementary income from their other assets to support management of their land holdings.

Land planning and utilisation is supported by the NSW Government's State Environmental Planning Policy (Aboriginal Land) 2019 which seeks to provide eligible LALCs with greater certainty in deriving economic

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benefit from landholdings. The SEPP framework aligns the NSW planning system with the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 to support improved strategic planning and more efficient use of LALC owned land.

* 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?

Answer—

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across the District.

* 7552 COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT DELAYS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

(1) Considering reports from businesses that have been approved for COVID Support payments (Business grants, JobSaver, etc.) and have yet to be paid:

(a) Does the Government have the funds to pay all of the eligible businesses?

(b) What is the reason for the delays in payments, especially delays longer than four weeks?

(c) When can all businesses expect to receive their payments in full?

Answer—

(1) Service NSW does not hold data to distinguish learner drivers from other drivers taking the Practical Driver Test, which include aged and overseas drivers. This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

(2) 19 days across the state (as at 19 April 2022)

23 days across the Sydney Metropolitan area (as at 19 April 2022).

(3) (a) Service NSW has actively recruited additional driver testers and further recruitment is underway to fulfil the demand of driver testers in the community.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) National level historical funding data is available through the annual release of Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (PCROGS). Table 1 below contains data from PCROGS on the per student real recurrent funding from both the Commonwealth and state and territory governments from the 1999–2000 and 2019–2020 financial years.

Table 1. Commonwealth and State and Territory Government real recurrent funding per student (ps) from 1999-2000 to 2019-2000.

Region	School Type	1999-2000 \$ ps	2019-2020 \$ ps	Difference \$ ps	Growth %
Australia	Government schools	12,471	17,169	4,698	38%
Australia	Non-government schools	7,391	13,189	5,798	78%
NSW	Government schools	12,334	17,808	5,474	44%
NSW	Non-government schools	7,518	12,958	5,440	72%

Source: Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services.

Notes:

- Figures for the 1999–2000 financial year are from the Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2002.
 - Figures for the 2019–2020 financial year are from the Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2022:
 - 1999-2000 data has been re-based to 2019-2020 dollars using the General government; Final consumption expenditure: Chain price indexes (Series ID: A2304687R). Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product, December 2021.
 - Due to changes in reporting methodology over time the data may not be strictly comparable.
 - The above figures combine per student funding growth from the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.
- (a) See the answer to Question 1.
- (2) See the answer to Question 1.
- (3) The NSW Department of Education does not own the data required to calculate the value of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) for government and non- government schools. It is the owned by the Commonwealth Government.

The National School Reform Agreement (NSRA) sets out NSW's minimum funding commitments as a share of the SRS. In 2022, under the NSRA, NSW is committed to funding at least 71.80 per cent of the SRS for the government sector and 23.04 per cent of the SRS for the non-government sector.

In 2022, the Commonwealth share of SRS is estimated to be 19.6 per cent of the SRS for the NSW government sector and 82.2 per cent of the SRS for the NSW non-government sector. This information is sourced from the Parliament of Australia Standing Committee on Education and Employment Additional Estimates Question on Notice SQ21-000848, published 20 July 2021.

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Individual funding allocations for NSW government schools are not based on the SRS, they are funded via the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). The RAM is a needs-based funding model that allocates funding to NSW government schools based on student and school need. It delivers funding certainty to schools and adjusts annually to recognise changes in need.

- (4) In 2018, NSW signed the National School Reform Agreement (NSRA) and the Bilateral Agreement with the Commonwealth. These set out NSW's minimum funding commitments as a share of the SRS as summarised below in Table 2.

NSW has met its commitment for each of the finalised reporting years of 2018, 2019 and 2020. Reporting for 2021 is not expected to be finalised till November 2022.

Table 2. Minimum funding contributions for NSW as a percentage of the SRS.

Sector	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Government	70.73%	70.84%	71.05%	71.37%	71.80%	72.22%
Non-government	25.29%	24.70%	23.16%	22.74%	23.04%	22.57%

In 2022, under the NSRA, NSW is committed to funding at least 71.80 per cent of the SRS for the government sector and 23.04 per cent of the SRS for the non- government sector.

NSW will increase its government school sector funding to 75 per cent of the SRS by 2027 and will transition the non-government sector down to 20 per cent of the SRS by 2029.

- (5) See answer to Question 4.
- (6) The 2011 'Review of Funding for Schooling' was commissioned by the Commonwealth Government. Many of the recommendations required the Commonwealth Government to work with states and territories to implement changes to the way schools are funded. Some of the recommendations were implemented as part of the National Education Reform Agreement (NERA), and NSW was the first state to sign in April 2013. NERA was followed by the NSRA, which NSW signed in November 2018.

NSW is committed to needs-based, sector-blind funding and seeing through its commitments under the NSRA. This agreement is delivering record funding and a move towards a more equitable funding system.

- (7) See answer to Question 4.

* 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:
- The foreshore width provides sufficient public space similar to other harbour promenades including at Barangaroo south, King Street Wharf and Circular Quay?
 - Public park amenity including sufficient tree canopy to protect park users?
 - Street layouts improve connectivity through the area?
 - Pedestrian safety and comfort from wind impacts on public streets?
 - New residents are protected from noise and air pollution?
 - Social and affordable housing provisions are adequate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Infrastructure NSW has been briefed on the City of Sydney Design Review, and the feedback will be considered alongside the submissions to the State Significant Precinct Study (SSP Study) that was placed on public exhibition in July and August 2021.

Infrastructure NSW is following the NSW Department of Planning and Environment State Significant Precinct planning process. A Response to Submissions Report is being prepared and will provide a revised Precinct Plan that considers the submissions provided during public exhibition, including City of Sydney's submission as well as their design review.

* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

- (1) – (4); (6) – (9)

In accordance with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017, Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) is responsible for managing greyhound adoption programs. GRNSW reports on rehoming as part of its annual report, including the Greyhounds As Pets (GAP) program and independent greyhound rehoming organisations to which it provides financial support through its Homing Assistance Scheme. GRNSW does not receive any government funding in relation to the GAP program. GRNSW's strategic plans are published on its website and reported against in its annual reports.

- (5) The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission reports on greyhound breeding and whelping on a monthly basis, published on its website.

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No NSW Police Force drug detection dogs were deployed at the Barangaroo Australia Day public event.
- (2) Consultation was not undertaken, as drug detection dogs were not deployed at this event.
- (3) One drug detection dog was deployed with the Marine Area Command at King Street Wharf, focussing on dance party events being hosted on licensed charter vessels.
- (4) Drug detection dogs have been deployed to a range of events over the last 12 months, including the following examples:
 - NYE in the Park (Victoria Park),
 - Field Day on New Year's Day,
 - Melbourne Cup Day (Randwick Racecourse),
 - Golden Slipper Day (Rosehill Racecourse), and
 - Bathurst 1000 Supercars
- (5) Determinations will be based on available intelligence.
- (6) The potential race, ethnicity, or cultural identity of attendees is not considered a factor when determining where drug detection dogs will be deployed.
- (7) No changes are proposed.

* 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?
- (h) Elizabeth Bay?
- (i) Rushcutters Bay?
- (j) Potts Point?
- (k) Centennial Park?

(2) What areas make up the rest of students?

Answer—

(1)

(a)	Pymont and Ultimo	3 students	0.5 %
(b)	Paddington	62	10.47%
(c)	Woollahra	30	5.06%
(d)	Edgecliff	10	1.68%
(e)	Darling Point	9	1.52%
(f)	Point Piper	0	0 %
(g)	Double Bay	18	3.04%
(h)	Elizabeth Bay	18	3.04%
(i)	Rushcutters Bay	14	2.36%
(j)	Potts Point	17	2.87%
(k)	Centennial Park	7	1.18%
	Total		31.72%

(2)

• Alexandria	5
• Annandale	1
• Arncliffe	1
• Artarmon	1
• Banksmeadow	1
• Bankstown	1
• Bellevue Hill	1
• Bexley North	1
• Bondi Beach	1
• Bondi Junction	1
• Camperdown	2
• Carlton	1
• Chatswood	1
• Chippendale	25
• Clovelly	1

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• Darlinghurst	32
• Darlington	3
• Eastlakes	3
• Erskineville	3
• Fairlight	1
• Five Dock	2
• Glebe	2
• Haberfield	1
• Haymarket	11
• Hurlstone Park	1
• Kensington	3
• Kingsford	1
• Kogarah	1
• Lidcombe	1
• Lilyfield	1
• Malabar	1
• Maroubra	1
• Marrickville	3
• Mascot	5
• Millers Point	3
• Newtown	2
• Pagewood	2
• Petersham	1
• Queens Park	1
• Randwick	4
• Redfern	87
• Rosebery	3
• South Coogee	2
• Summer Hill	1
• Surry Hills	86
• Sydney	49
• The Rocks	1
• Waterloo	14
• Woolloomooloo	21
• Zetland	6

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that according to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), low-income households in NSW spent up to 4.65 per cent of their income on electricity bills and up to 1.65 per cent on gas bills in 2020–21. This compares to the 1.83 per cent spent on electricity bills and 0.67 per cent spent on gas bills for the average income across all NSW households.
- (2) The NSW Government recognises the cost of living pressures facing NSW households. We are committed to easing this pressure by providing proactive and practical support to reduce the burden of energy costs on NSW customers.
 - (a) The Office of Energy and Climate Change publishes annual and six-monthly reports on the NSW Energy Rebates, and monitors quarterly reports published by the AER.
- (3) The Government has invested over \$330 million this year in the Energy Social Programs, which includes six energy rebates and one crisis support scheme, to provide financial support to over 900,000 low-income and hardship customers experiencing difficulty paying their energy bills.

The NSW Solar for Low Income Households program provides free solar systems to eligible low-income households to reduce their future energy bills through increase use of renewable energy. As of April 2022, more than 1200 rooftop solar systems have been installed.

The NSW Home Energy Action program co-invested \$26 million in energy-efficient upgrades for social housing homes to address energy bill stress across NSW. Over the past six years, 21,064 energy-efficient upgrades have been installed, including rooftop solar, saving 12,412 social housing homes \$11.8 million in annual bill savings.

- (a) In response to COVID-19, the Government:
 - Allocated an additional \$30 million to the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) scheme to provide additional support to customers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
 - Temporarily increased the maximum value of EAPA vouchers to support COVID-19 impacted customers.
 - Allocated an additional \$50 million to the Solar for Low Income Households program to expand the program statewide.
- (4) The Government is supporting consumers to transition to cheaper renewable energy through the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. The Roadmap is delivering five Renewable Energy Zones (REZ), the modern-day equivalent of traditional power stations, where they combine renewable energy generation, transmission, storage and system strength services. To prepare for this changing energy supply, high-voltage transmission lines will connect to the REZs to distribute cheap renewable energy to consumers.

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- (5) The Government will continue to deliver and review its energy policies and programs to support customers in energy hardship. This includes continuing to collaborate and consult with national market bodies, industry stakeholders and consumer representatives on proposed reforms.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

LA QoN 2515 is unrelated to this question.

Transport for NSW understands that a number of local councils in France commenced sound radar trials in February 2022. The trials are assessing new technology and is primarily aimed towards vehicles which have illegal exhaust modifications. Transport for NSW will await the technical information and outcomes from the trials.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) & (2) The Port Authority of NSW is focused on its commitment for the Bays Port precinct to deliver shore power to the first of five berths by the end of 2024. This will be the first bulk shipping precinct fully supplied by shore power in the world and the first shore powered cruise terminal in the Southern Hemisphere, both powered with 100 per cent certified renewable energy.

The Port Authority of NSW is starting its shore power journey in the Bays Port precinct and welcomes opportunities to explore emission reduction strategies, including shore power at other berths in the future, including the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay.

- (3) & (4) When at berth in Sydney Harbour, all cruise ships must use fuel that complies with the Australian Marine Safety Authority marine order limiting the sulfur content to 0.10 per cent, lower than the 0.5 per cent required under international requirements. The Port Authority of NSW continues to implement its Port Noise Policy and Noise Mitigation Strategy for ships berthed at White Bay and Glebe Island, and will continue to investigate all complaints of noise, light and air emissions pollution from all ships while at berth 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?
 - (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?

Answer—

- (1) In November 2021, the NSW Government launched the ‘Look Before You Book’ travel awareness campaign to coincide with the reopening of travel in NSW and the summer holidays.
In December 2021, the NSW Government undertook targeted consultation with the travel industry to receive preliminary feedback on a possible information standard for the NSW travel sector.
(2a) Recommendation 1 of the CHOICE Report (Make it easier to get a refund) requires consideration within the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) framework.
 - (b) Recommendation 2 (Make travel credits and vouchers fairer) similarly requires consideration within the Australian Consumer Law (ACL) framework.
 - (c) Recommendation 3 (Lift standards of customer service) is specifically directed at a national level, and is appropriate for the Federal Government to address.
 - (d) Recommendation 4 (Make it easier to get disputes heard and resolved) is specifically directed at a national level, and is appropriate for the Federal Government to address.
 - (e) The NSW Government is reviewing the provision of information disclosed to customers at the time of booking and consulting with travel and consumer industry stakeholders on future reform.
- (3) NSW Fair Trading continues to be an active participant in national reforms and inter-jurisdictional working groups, and works with the Commonwealth, States and Territories to carry out Australian Consumer Law projects and other activities that support and protect consumers and small businesses.
- (4) The NSW Government has already taken action to address recommendation 7 of the CHOICE Report (establish a website for information on restrictions). Information on the travel related restrictions can be accessed on the NSW Government website - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/travel-restrictions>

The NSW Government will continue to assess the situation and consider whether there is a need to provide any supports or protections further to those under the Australian Consumer Law and the Fair Trading Act.

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- * 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 homes meet liveability standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

All new residential homes in NSW need to meet BASIX thermal performance standards. The Government, through centralised data management of BASIX approved development, has data on the thermal performance of all housing, including social housing, approved since 2004.

The design and specification of new AHO homes are designed in accordance with the AHO Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines were endorsed by the AHO Board in August 2021 and are specifically tailored towards the climatic and environmental conditions of each zone throughout NSW.

The AHO Design Guidelines use the NatHERs star rating system to rate the energy efficiency of a home based on its design and thermal performance. The Design Guidelines identify five key climate zones across NSW and set minimum NatHERs ratings that new homes must achieve depending on the climate zone in which they are located.

The AHO also has a number of retro-fit programs that improve the liveability and energy performance of dwellings across the portfolio. This includes the installation of energy efficient air conditioning split systems and solar PV systems, as well as recladding, roof replacement and window replacement programs. These programs are being delivered through both BAU capital upgrade and stimulus-funded programs.

Solar PV: As at end of FY20/21 AHO has delivered solar panels to a total of 3,931 Aboriginal homes/families, which is approximately 67 per cent of AHO's property portfolio. The AHO is currently rolling out the solar stimulus program that will provide solar PV systems to a further 1,760 properties. When the program is completed at 30 June 2022 100% of AHO properties will have solar panels installed.

Air Conditioning and Passive Energy Upgrades: As at end of FY20/21 AHO has delivered energy efficient air conditioning and passive energy upgrades (LED lights, door seals, ceiling fans) to a total of 1,200 Aboriginal homes/families so far. The

AHO is continuing to roll out the air conditioning program on a further 1,663 properties with the program scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2022.

Roof replacements: Recognising that roof failure can have significant impact on asset condition and tenant wellbeing the AHO has invested heavily in upgrades to roofs. AHO has undertaken over 200 roof replacements across the last two financial years. The roof replacement program includes the upgrading of insulation to improve the thermal performance of the dwelling and reduce the need for mechanical heating/cooling.

Recladding: Much of the AHO's current property portfolio originates from an initial endowment of properties from the public housing stock. The properties were also built with little climatic considerations, with little to no insulation and are not energy efficient. The AHO are currently recladding these dwellings, with a prefinished 'insulated' vinyl and replacing the older timber windows with draft proof aluminium windows. These upgrades increase the thermal efficiency of our older stock significantly and even further when coupled with the roof replacement program.

The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) uses the 'LAHC Dwelling Requirements' and 'Good Design for Social Housing', as its standards for new LAHC dwellings. Further details are available at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/news/good-design-for-social-housing>

In accordance with LAHC's Heating and Cooling Policy, installation of solar systems and air conditioners is prioritised for communities most affected by hot climatic conditions, based on average maximum summer temperatures and is subject to availability of funding. The installation of air conditioners is also prioritised at social housing properties where electric or flued gas heaters more than 10 years old, and wood

fire heaters, are replaced. Further details about the policy are available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-heating-and-cooling-policy>

Since 2008, approximately 20,000 LAHC properties have been retrofitted with ceiling insulation to improve thermal comfort. LAHC has also installed solar systems and door seals at 5,300 properties since 2017, and energy efficient air conditioners at 2,100 properties since July 2017. In addition, LAHC retrofits properties with wall insulation to improve thermal performance when undertaking external re-cladding programs.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) It is unclear what error the Member is alleging occurred.
- (4) It is unclear what error the Member is alleging occurred.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

In relation to the officers involved in the arrest, an investigation in accordance with Part 8A of the Police Act 1990 was commenced, with the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) actively monitoring the investigation. No misconduct was found on the evidence available. The LECC reviewed the Investigator's Report and agreed with the finding.

* 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?

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- (b) What assistance was provided?
- (c) How many people required temporary accommodation?

Answer—

I am advised that:

An evacuation centre was established at The Diggers Club at The Entrance on 3 March 2022 and closed 10 March 2022. Evacuation centres provide shelter, catering, basic material aid, and emergency accommodation services. 158 people registered at the evacuation centre during this period. A Recovery Assistance Point was subsequently established at the same location from 15 March 2022 onwards and was attended by 60 people. The Recovery Assistance Point provided face-to-face assistance and information about temporary accommodation services, mental health and wellbeing services, and financial assistance. The Department of Communities and Justice Housing Contact Centre placed 153 adults and children in emergency accommodation from referrals from The Diggers Club.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Central Coast local government area was declared a natural disaster area as part of the March 2022 flood event on 5 March 2022, activating access to financial assistance for emergency works, immediate reconstruction works, and essential public asset reconstruction works. On 7 March 2022, Central Coast Council received a grant of \$1 million from the NSW Government to assist with immediate social, built, economic and environmental needs.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government acknowledges that housing pressures are increasingly being experienced across NSW, including in highly populated coastal regions, such as the Central Coast local government area (LGA). In response, the NSW Government established the Regional Housing Taskforce to investigate planning barriers impacting on supply and affordability in regional NSW. This work included significant stakeholder engagement in each region. Recommendations of the taskforce are currently being considered by government.

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is delivering 41 new social housing dwellings at Beane Street, Gosford, scheduled for completion in May 2022. LAHC continually reviews the State's social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing across NSW, including on the Central Coast. Further information about LAHC's regional projects is available at www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/regional

- (1)(a) The 2022-23 NSW State Budget is yet to be announced.

* 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 years since the centres were established, as well as the number from the 2261 postcode area.

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW does not collect the postcodes of customers who enter Service NSW centres.
- (2) Number of customers served by Tuggerah, Erina and Toukley Service NSW centres:

Service Centre Name	Date						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Erina (opened April 2016)		71487	78393	76942	71559	65060	64000
Toukley (opened Sep 2015)	17319	96342	74314	65471	58726	59432	60000
Tuggerah (opened March 2016)		86022	95685	95810	89706	83792	82000
Grand Total	17319	253851	248392	238223	219991	208284	207000

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) The flood severity levels within the app are automatically updated as river gauges reach pre-defined minor, moderate and major levels. Flood warnings are issued by the SES using other data, and the Floods Near Me app includes a link to the SES evacuation and warning information.

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Approximately 1,400 customers, including MP's advocating on their constituents behalf, corresponded with the office.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) has delivered 52 dwellings in the Lismore electorate, with further construction ongoing in the Northern Rivers region.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

A Private Rental Subsidy assists people to access affordable accommodation in the private rental market while waiting for a suitable, long-term social housing property to become available.

The subsidy makes up the difference between the amount paid in rent and the benchmark rent for a property in an approved area that is comparable to a social housing property.

The benchmark rent is based on average rent for a specific size and type of accommodation in an area and is reviewed regularly. Further information can be found in the Private Rental Subsidy factsheet: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/factsheets/private-rental-subsidy>

In addition, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) provides a private market assistance program to non-tenants called Rent Choice. Rent Choice is a form of limited private rental subsidy that supports people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to access safe and affordable housing in the private rental market.

In addition, DCJ has a Headlease program where privately owned houses/units/villas are rented by DCJ and sub-let to approved clients on the waiting list. These clients are tenants of DCJ and have all the rights and responsibilities of a DCJ tenant in public housing, including subsidised rent based on their income. The Headleasing program operates statewide, and is approved to source properties with a value 15 per cent above the median market rent.

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- * 7574 ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Does the New Maitland Hospital have the facilities and expertise to treat adolescents who present with mental health issues?
 - (a) If not, where are they referred to?
- (2) How many psychologists are currently located at the New Maitland Hospital?
 - (a) What is the current wait time to see a psychologist as an outpatient at the New Maitland Hospital?
- (3) How many psychiatrists are currently located at the New Maitland Hospital?
 - (a) What is the current wait time to see a psychiatrist as an outpatient at the New Maitland Hospital?
- (4) Given the New Maitland Hospital now has an expanded service footprint, when will and how much additional funding be available in the 2022/23 Budget to cater for the increase in service?

Answer—

- (1) Adolescents who present to Maitland Hospital Emergency Department with mental health concerns are seen by a specialised nurse practitioner. Psychiatrists from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) are also available on call if required.

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In the event that a specialised nurse practitioner is unavailable, the emergency doctor on duty will assess the patient in consultation with the CAMHS psychiatrist. Transfer to John Hunter Children's Hospital may also be facilitated should a further specialized assessment be required.

- (2-3) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. Psychiatrists and psychiatry trainees are available to provide care to mental health patients across the week.
- (4) Funding will be determined as part of the 2022-23 Budget process.

* 7575 MRI MACHINE AT NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans have been performed at the New Maitland Hospital since its opening on 19 January 2022?
- (2) What are the hours of operation?
- (3) Can existing staff in the radiology department operate the MRI machine or does it require specialised staff to perform the scans?
 - (a) If so, how many staff located at the New Maitland Hospital can operate the MRI machine?
- (4) How many MRI Scans have been performed at the John Hunter Hospital since 19 January 2022?
 - (a) What is the current wait time for outpatients requiring an urgent MRI?
 - (b) What is the current wait time for outpatients requiring a non-urgent MRI?
 - (c) Is there a waitlist for non-urgent MRI scans?
 - (i) If so, how many patients are on the waitlist?

Answer—

(1-4)

All patients who require imaging services are prioritised based on clinical need, with priority given to patients requiring urgent consultation.

Imaging staff are employed at a District level and certified MRI radiographers provide MRI services at Maitland when needed.

The Commonwealth Government assigns full and partial Medicare eligible licences for MRIs to private and public service providers across Australia. It made 50 Medicare Benefits (MBS) MRI licences available Australia-wide in its most recent invitation to apply process in 2018.

I have written to the Federal Minister for Health to request consideration of an MBS licence for the new Maitland Hospital and remain optimistic that it will receive a licence to expand the current service for the community.

Comparatively, John Hunter Hospital is a tertiary referral hospital with two MRIs and full Medicare eligibility due to its MRI licence. MRIs are available to both inpatients and outpatients, in an urgent and non-urgent setting.

* 7576 BUS SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many bus services have failed to operate in each of the following bus service contract areas (please disaggregate data by month for each month from 01 March 2016 to 31 March 2022)?
 - (a) List out contract areas.

- (2) How many shifts have failed to operate in each of the following bus service contract areas (please disaggregate data by month for each month from 01 March 2016 to 31 March 2022)?

(a) List out contract areas.

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW manages over 600 rural and regional bus services contracts and 12 outer metropolitan bus service contracts, including the Newcastle Integrated Services Contract.

Bus service cancellations are a matter for individual bus operators.

- * 7577 REVIEW OF 2013 LOCAL FLOOD PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

When will the 2013 Local Flood Plan for Maitland be reviewed and a new flood plan be released?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Maitland Local Flood Plan has been reviewed and was presented to the Maitland Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) on 15 February 2022.

Established under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989, LEMCs are chaired and supported by local council. The committee will consider the reviewed Maitland Local Flood Plan for endorsement in May 2022.

- * 7578 SPECIAL SUPPORT TEACHERS—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—

For each school in the Maitland electorate, what is:

- (1) The number of special support teachers they have employed per week as at 1 March 2022?
- (2) The number of special support teaching hours that are funded per week?
- (3) The number of special support teaching hours that are performed per week?
- (4) The number of special support teaching hours that are vacant (due to leave, job vacancies, etc)?

Answer—

- (1) There are 100 permanent teaching staff, with a total incumbent FTE of 95.1. In addition to these entitlement positions, schools receive additional equity funding and principals engage teachers to best meet the requirement of the school. Roles funded in this manner are not captured by system data as they fluctuate based on student need at a local level.
- (2) Based on the staffing entitlement, the estimated number of special support teaching hours funded per week is 4410.91 hours. This figure does not include the equity funding received by schools which may be used to add additional specialist support roles.
- (3) Please see response to (2).
- (4) Vacancies are not measured by teaching hours. The total FTE of specialist support teacher roles declared vacant in the Maitland electorate is 8.3 FTE. This does not include instances of leave taken by teachers.

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* 7579 STUDENT ENROLMENT—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—

- (1) For each school in the Maitland electorate, what is:
- (a) The number of students in total enrolled in each year group as at 1 March 2022?
 - (b) The number of students with special needs enrolled in each year group as at 1 March 2022?
 - (c) The number of special needs classes that operate in each year group as at 1 March 2022?

Answer—

The below table contains the data requested. The majority of students with disability are supported to learn in mainstream classes, supported by integration funding and relevant adjustments.

- (a) Columns labelled (a) contain the number of students in total enrolled in each year group for as at 1 March 2022.
- (b) Columns labelled (b) contain the number of students with special needs enrolled in each year group as at 1 March 2022. Definition of students with special need is students recorded as requiring learning adjustments in the classroom.
- (c) Columns labelled (c) contain the number of special needs classes that operate and the year groups in the classes as at 1 March 2022.

School (Primary)	Kinder-garten		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Number of support classes
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	
Ashtonfield Public School	58	n/a	55	20	69	16	59	12	87	17	85	17	74	16	nil
Bolwarra Public School	47	6	50	5	62	13	74	12	54	12	56	11	81	24	nil
Gillieston Public School	51	6	46	4	51	13	30	10	39	13	47	5	27	9	nil
Largs Public School	21	5	28	5	23	3	20	2	27	3	17	4	17	1	nil
Lochinvar Public School	25	7	21	8	18	9	21	6	24	5	24	11	36	8	nil
Maitland East Public School	55	38	77	40	63	31	72	25	70	16	79	28	64	11	3 (K-6)
Maitland Public School	56	19	61	20	53	16	66	22	79	37	58	9	52	18	nil
Metford Public School	38	18	46	24	59	24	36	17	47	15	48	12	38	15	3 (K-6)
Millers Forest Public School	9	3	10	4	4	1	6	1	12	3	17	5	11	3	nil

School (Primary)	Kinder-garten		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Number of support classes
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	
Morpeth Public School	26	1	30	5	48	4	40	1	31	5	40	1	28	2	nil
Nillo Infants School	20	2	20	7	14	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	nil
Rutherford Public School	134	55	153	37	122	40	127	45	143	45	159	37	155	34	3 (K-6)
Telarah Public School	75	23	68	28	60	35	52	12	46	15	64	42	57	31	2 (K-6) + 1 (Early intervention preschool)
Tenambit Public School	57	16	56	13	53	15	39	11	50	20	67	12	40	0	3 (K-6)
Thornton Public School	126	5	98	32	117	43	111	49	114	51	107	52	89	28	1 (K-6)

Woodberry Public School	33	14	29	14	32	15	32	18	34	18	30	10	15	4	4 (K-6)
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School (Secondary)	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Number of support classes
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Francis Greenway High School	133	25	144	36	150	47	128	26	90	10	60	0	8 (7-12)
Maitland Grossmann High School	137	32	156	38	166	35	153	36	147	28	105	10	9 (7-12)
Maitland High School	167	60	210	34	185	59	203	52	152	31	93	15	8 (7-12)
Rutherford Technology High School	279	122	288	128	292	145	277	125	182	131	97	66	10 (7-12)

School (Special setting)	Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Number of support classes
	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(a)(b)	(c)
Hunter River Community School	3	2	6	4	7	7	8	4	7	5	3	7	11	11 (K-12)
Woodberry Learning Centre	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	4	1	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3 (5-8)

* 7580 TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN MAITLAND SCHOOLS—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—

- (1) For each school in the Maitland electorate, what is:
- The number of teachers they have employed per week as at 1 March 2022?
 - The number of teaching hours that are funded per week?
 - The number of teaching hours that are performed per week?
 - The number of teaching hours that are vacant (due to leave, job vacancies, etc)?

Answer—

- (1)
- As at 1 March 2022, a total of 1,115 casual, temporary and permanent teachers were engaged at schools in the Maitland electorate.
 - The total Actual 2022 entitlement is 712.636 FTE, not including teachers employed through equity funding allocated to schools that principals utilise to engage teachers to meet the requirements of the students. Based on this figure, the estimated number of teaching hours funded per week on entitlement report is 24,942.26 hours.
 - Please see response to (b). As a profession, the work of a teacher is not confined to the hours of the school day. Consistent with their professional obligations the Department of Education requires teachers to be on duty at school for periods of time that fall outside the start and finish times of school. The legal basis for this is contained in Determination 3 – Hours of Duty, made under the Teaching Service Act 1980 and published in the Education Gazette, February 1971.

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- (d) Vacancies are not measured by teaching hours. The total FTE of teaching positions declared vacant in the Maitland electorate as at 1 March 2022 was 16.20 FTE. This does not include instances of leave taken by teachers.

* 7581 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS IN MAITLAND SCHOOLS—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—

- (1) For each school in the Maitland electorate, what is:
- (a) The number of school counsellors they have employed per week as at 1 March 2022?
 - (b) The number of counselling hours that are funded per week?
 - (c) The number of counselling hours that are performed per week?
 - (d) The number of counselling hours that are vacant (due to leave, job vacancies, etc)?

Answer—

All NSW public schools receive a school counselling service allocation. The total allocation for public schools in the Maitland electorate is 11.55 full-time equivalent (FTE). This service is provided by 13.50 FTE school counselling service positions and 2.0 FTE senior psychologist education positions.

The table below shows the FTE positions for all schools in the Maitland Electorate.

School Name	Counselling Service Allocation FTE
Ashtonfield Public School	0.55
Bolwarra Public School	0.35
Francis Greenway High School	1.00
Gillieston Public School	0.20
Hunter River Community School	0.40
Largs Public School	0.15
Lochinvar Public School	0.15
Maitland East Public School	0.60
Maitland Grossmann High School	1.20
Maitland High School	1.20
Maitland Public School	0.45
Metford Public School	0.45
Millers Forest Public School	0.05
Morpeth Public School	0.15
Nillo Infants School	0.05
Rutherford Public School	1.00
Rutherford Technology High School	1.20
Telarah Public School	0.80
Tenambit Public School	0.45
Thornton Public School	0.60
Woodberry Learning Centre	0.25
Woodberry Public School	0.30

Total	11.55
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For public schools in the Maitland Electorate, the total hours funded per week is 542.5.

There are no vacant substantive school counselling service positions in the Maitland Electorate as at 31 March 2022.

Service provision to schools may at times be impacted by approved leave. Where this occurs, the replacement is managed locally through the Senior Psychologist Education engaging casual or temporary staff. The Senior Psychologist Education is also available to provide direct support to schools impacted by leave.

* 7582 GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—

- (1) How much money has the Government invested in demountable buildings at Gillieston public school each year since January 2015?
- (2) How many students have been enrolled at Gillieston Public school at the beginning of each school term since January 2015?
- (3) How much investment has been made in repairs and maintenance at Gillieston Public School since January 2015?
- (4) What is the total capital expenditure at Gillieston Public School since January 2015?
- (5) When will the Government replace the building at Gillieston Public School?
- (6) What are the feeder suburbs for the Gillieston Public School?
- (7) What is the population of each of the feeder suburbs for Gillieston Public School?

Answer—

- (1) Demountable facilities allow the Department to react quickly to both immediate and short-term need whilst long-term solutions are planned for, as appropriate. The number of demountables onsite at any given school fluctuates according to the school's need during that period of time. As such, exact expenditure per year for demountable facilities at Gillieston Public School cannot be determined.
- (2) Gillieston Public School Enrolments, By Term (2015-2022)

Calendar Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2015	166	164	167	158
2016	171	165	160	153
2017	179	175	171	168
2018	172	165	166	166
2019	186	193	204	201
2020	203	205	218	217
2021	240	246	256	263
2022	293	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (3) Since FY 2014-15 approximately \$705,000 has been spent on maintenance at Gillieston Public School.

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- (4) Since FY 2014-15 approximately \$58,000 has been spent on capital works at Gillieston Public School.
- (5) The Department regularly consults with agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment and local councils to monitor population and development trends to meet enrolment and long-term education requirements in schools across NSW. As part of this ongoing work, the Department continues to review the Kurri Kurri Primary School Network, as a whole, to determine the future needs of the community.
- (6) Gillieston Public School services primary enrolment from Gillieston Heights and part of Cliftleigh. A map of the area is available through the School Finder website at <https://schoolfinder.education.nsw.gov.au/>
- (7) In 2022, there are around 570 public primary students residing with the Gillieston Public School catchment; around 360 of these students live in Gillieston Heights, and 110 live in the part of Cliftleigh assigned to the school service area.

* 7583 DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHOOL IN HEDDON GRETA—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—

- (1) What plans are in place for the development of a school in the Heddon Greta area?
 - (a) Will it be a primary school?
 - (b) Will it be a high school?
 - (c) Both a primary school and a high school?
- (2) Has any land been purchased for school/s in the Heddon Greta area?
 - (a) If yes, where is this land located?
 - (b) If yes, when was it purchased?
- (3) What 'trigger points' would accelerate the construction of this/these school/s?
- (4) What negotiations, if any, have taken place with Cessnock City Council to advance the development of a:
 - (a) Primary school?
 - (b) High school?

Answer—

- (1) Heddon Greta students are designated to Kurri Kurri Public School and Kurri Kurri High School which can service the enrolment demand from this area.
- (2) No.
- (3) There are no current plans to develop a new school in the Heddon Greta area, as the existing schools can service the enrolment demand.
- (4) No negotiations are currently underway between the Department of Education and Cessnock City Council about any development of schools. The Department regularly consults with local councils on local issues and any local planning decisions that might result in changes to the population so it can continue to monitor growth and student demand.

* 7584 VACANT POSITIONS AT CESSNOCK SCHOOLS—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—

- (1) With regard high schools in the Cessnock Electorate:

- (a) How many schools had vacant/unfilled positions as at:
 - (i) 30 June 2021?
 - (ii) 24 March 2022?
- (b) Of the schools with vacant/unfilled positions, how many positions does this equate to as at:
 - (i) 30 June 2021?
 - (ii) 24 March 2022?
- (c) How many of the vacant positions are:
 - (i) Full-time?
 - (ii) Part-time?
- (d) How many positions are vacant due to previous position-holders choosing to remain unvaccinated?
- (e) How many positions are vacant due to applicants choosing to remain unvaccinated?

Answer—

- (1) (a) (i) Three
 - (ii) Three
- (b) (i) Five
 - (ii) Four
- (c) (i) Five
 - (ii) Four
- (d) Where a vacancy has occurred on account of the teacher submitting a separation, the teacher is not required to advise the reason they are separating.
- (e) No existing declared vacancies are the result of a substantive occupant being dismissed due to not meeting COVID vaccination requirements.

* 7585 EPA LITTER REPORTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In regards to the EPA's system to report litter (Report a Tosser!) which commenced on 1 February 2015:
 - (a) How many reports have been received across New South Wales on the annual anniversary each year since inception?
 - (b) How many reports have been received within the Cessnock electorate on the annual anniversary each year since inception?
 - (c) How many individuals have received an infringement notice after being reported:
 - (i) Across New South Wales?
 - (ii) Within the Cessnock electorate?
 - (d) How many infringement notices have been cancelled/withdrawn:
 - (i) Across New South Wales?
 - (ii) Within the Cessnock electorate?
- (1) What reasons have enabled the cancellation/withdrawals?

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- (2) How many individuals have had to take their infringements to court to dispute the notice?
 - (a) How many were successful?
- (e) How many reports have been found to be made vexatiously?
- (f) Were any of the individuals who lodged reports charged and/or prosecuted for making false reports?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 1 February 2015, Report to EPA Littering from Vehicles has had the following number of reports submitted by citizen reporters:
 - (a) Feb 2016: 12,382
Feb 2017: 13,419
Feb 2018: 13,591
Feb 2019: 11,668
Feb 2020: 11,908
Feb 2021: 7,783
Feb 2022: 7,598

Total counts of reporters, observations and fines are regularly published on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/litter-and-illegal-dumping/report-littering/report-littering-from-vehicle-faqs>
- (b) In the Cessnock electorate, the following number of reports have been made to Report to EPA Littering from Vehicles by citizen reporters:
 - Feb 2016: 41
Feb 2017: 70
Feb 2018: 68
Feb 2019: 117
Feb 2020: 98
Feb 2021: 61
Feb 2022: 80
- (c) The following number of infringement notices for littering from a vehicle have been issued:
 - (i) 50,037 across New South Wales
 - (ii) 394 within the Cessnock electorate.
- (d) The following infringement notices have been cancelled or withdrawn:
 - (i) 539 across NSW
 - (ii) Two infringement notice recipients within the Cessnock electorate elected to have their infringement notices dealt with in court. The EPA determined not to commence prosecution proceedings in respect of one of these infringement notices, as the witness could not remember the incident. In relation to the other infringement notice, prosecution proceedings were commenced but later withdrawn, as evidence was

provided to the EPA that meant the offence could not be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

- (e) None.
- (f) No

* 7586 MAINTENANCE WAIT TIMES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With regard contacting the Housing Contact Centre requesting maintenance and reporting problems on the Maintenance Line:
 - (a) What is the average wait time for calls to be answered currently?
 - (i) What was the average wait time 1 year ago?
 - (ii) What was the average wait time 3 years ago?
 - (iii) What was the average wait time 5 years ago?
 - (b) What is the average wait time for each category of reported maintenance to be completed currently?
 - (i) What was the average wait time 1 year ago for each category?
 - (ii) What was the average wait time 3 years ago for each category?
 - (iii) What was the average wait time 5 years ago for each category?
 - (c) Have any of the wait times in Questions 1a (i), (ii) and (iii) reduced since the transfer of houses to social housing providers?
 - (d) Have any of the wait times in Questions 1b (i), (ii) and (iii) reduced since the transfer of houses to social housing providers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)(a) Based on February 2022 data, the average wait time is 5 minutes and 53 seconds. This spike is due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on the availability of call centre staff, and the severe weather conditions during February 2022.

1a(i) The average wait time during February 2021 was 2 minutes and 38 seconds.

1a(ii) The average wait time during February 2019 was 2 minutes and 8 seconds.

1a(iii) The average wait time in February 2017 was 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

- (1)(b) & 1d) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) does collect information regarding the average wait time for each category of reported maintenance. However, in accordance with the Asset Maintenance Services Contract, maintenance calls are assessed by the maintenance contractor using the Criticality Repairs Matrix (CRM). Under the CRM, maintenance is prioritised on safety and risk (frail aged and disabled, WHS /health and hygiene, security, major components failure etc).

LAHC expects that its maintenance contractors deliver the maintenance work within the established timeframes set by the CRM. If the contractor identifies any maintenance that should be included in LAHC's program of works, it will be referred to LAHC for assessment with supporting evidence. Such planned works are commonly non-urgent upgrades and component replacements in the property. Unless identified as critical, they are scheduled for completion in 6 - 9 months.

- (1)(c) No.

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* 7587 ELECTIVE SURGERY OPERATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regard elective surgeries performed in public hospitals across New South Wales:
 - (a) How many days per week are surgeries scheduled to be performed in metropolitan hospitals?
 - (b) How many days per week are surgeries scheduled to be performed in regional hospitals?
 - (c) How many days per week are surgeries scheduled to be performed in rural hospitals?
- (2) How many elective surgery days have been lost/cancelled from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 in:
 - (a) Metropolitan public hospitals?
 - (b) Regional public hospitals?
 - (c) Rural public hospitals?
- (3) How many elective surgery days have been lost/cancelled from 1 January 2022 to 24 March 2022 in:
 - (a) Metropolitan public hospitals?
 - (b) Regional public hospitals?
 - (c) Rural public hospitals?
- (4) How many elective surgery operations have been performed by private hospitals on behalf of public hospitals from:
 - (a) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?
 - (b) 1 January 2022 to 24 March 2022?

Answer—

(1 – 3)

The days of the week that elective surgery occurs in NSW public hospitals is based on staffing, patient and waitlist needs within a particular hospital. As such, the days of the week that elective surgery occurs are not centrally reported.

(4)

This information is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>

* 7588 PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Will the collection of the Passenger Service Levy cease during the April-June 2022 quarter from authorised taxi and booking service providers when the receipt of levy collected reaches \$250,000,000?
- (2) Will the authorised taxi and booking service providers be able to continue to collect the levy but retain it within their own businesses?
 - (a) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is working on the assistance scheme as per the recommendations of the independent review of industry led by Sue Baker-Finch.

* 7589 POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT INDUSTRY ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PACKAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With regard the Point to Point Transport Industry Adjustment Assistance Package scheme which are all now finalised, how much of the funds were utilised of the:
 - (a) \$98 million for transitional assistance for eligible taxi licence holders and taxi training schools?
 - (i) How many applications were received?
 - (ii) How many applications were approved?
 - (b) Up to \$10 million for an additional assistance scheme for eligible hire car licence holders?
 - (i) How many applications were received?
 - (ii) How many applications were approved?
 - (c) Up to \$142 million for a further additional assistance payment scheme?
 - (i) How many applications were received?
 - (ii) How many applications were approved?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 7590 POINT TO POINT TRANSPORT LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

Since the inception of the 2.5 per cent levy payable on transfer of a taxi licence to the Point to Point Transport Commissioner, how much has been collected each financial year?

Answer—

I am advised

The taxi licence transfer data is available on the Point to Point Transport Commissioner's website.

* 7591 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With regard school crossing supervisors:
 - (a) How many school crossing supervisors are employed across the Cessnock electorate?
 - (i) Which schools have school crossing supervisors?
 - (b) How many vacant school crossing supervisor positions are there currently in the Cessnock electorate?
 - (i) Which schools have vacant positions?
 - (c) Have all vacant positions been advertised?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If yes, what is the average time to fill the vacant position from time of advertisement until commencement of employment?
 - (d) Have any positions been vacant for:
 - (i) More than 3 months?

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- (1) Which schools?
- (ii) More than 6 months?
- (1) Which schools?
- (e) Are school crossing supervisors paid for by:
 - (i) Individual schools?
 - (ii) School zones?
 - (iii) NSW Department of Education?
 - (iv) Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7592 CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr 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—

- (1) Considering the Creative Kids program:
 - (a) Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the highest volume of vouchers?
 - (b) What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?
 - (c) Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the lowest volume of vouchers?
 - (d) What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?

Answer—

- (1) Considering the Creative Kids program:
 - (a) Since the program began, which 20 LGAs have received the highest volume of vouchers?

LGA
Blacktown
Central Coast
Canterbury-Bankstown
Northern Beaches
Parramatta
Sutherland Shire
The Hills Shire
Liverpool
Penrith
Lake Macquarie
Wollongong
Cumberland

Hornsby
Campbelltown
Fairfield
Ku-ring-gai
Newcastle
Inner West
Georges River
Camden

(b) What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?

LGA	Rate per head of total population (x vouchers per person)
Blacktown (C)	0.25
Central Coast (C) (NSW)	0.25
Canterbury-Bankstown (A)	0.22
Northern Beaches (A)	0.28
Parramatta (C)	0.22
Sutherland Shire (A)	0.27
The Hills Shire (A)	0.31
Liverpool (C)	0.23
Penrith (C)	0.25
Lake Macquarie (C)	0.27
Wollongong (C)	0.24
Cumberland (A)	0.19
Hornsby (A)	0.32
Campbelltown (C) (NSW)	0.24
Fairfield (C)	0.19
Ku-ring-gai (A)	0.30
Newcastle (C)	0.23
Inner West (A)	0.17
Georges River (A)	0.21
Camden (A)	0.25

(c) Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the lowest volume of vouchers?

LGA

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Gwydir
Oberon
Tenterfield
Cobar
Walgett
Murrumbidgee
Lockhart
Coonamble
Gilgandra
Warren
Weddin
Carrathool
Bogan
Walcha
Bourke
Hay
Balranald
Unincorporated NSW
Central Darling
Brewarrina

(d) What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?

LGA	Rate per head of total population (x vouchers per person)
Gwydir	0.20
Oberon	0.19
Tenterfield	0.16
Cobar	0.22
Walgett	0.16
Murrumbidgee	0.22
Lockhart	0.26
Coonamble	0.21
Gilgandra	0.20
Warren	0.29
Weddin	0.21

Carrathool	0.22
Bogan	0.22
Walcha	0.19
Bourke	0.18
Hay	0.17
Balranald	0.16
Unincorporated NSW	0.17
Central Darling	0.10
Brewarrina	0.10

* 7593 ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Considering the Active Kids program:
- Since the program began, which 20 Local Government Areas (LGA) have received the highest volume of vouchers?
 - What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?
 - Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the lowest volume of vouchers?
 - What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?

Answer—

I am advised;

- (1) a. & b.

Ranking (by volume highest - lowest)	Top 20 LGAs	Uptake per head of eligible population
1	Blacktown	0.59
2	Central Coast	0.66
3	Northern Beaches	0.75
4	Canterbury-Bankstown	0.52
5	Sutherland Shire	0.78
6	The Hills Shire	0.75
7	Parramatta	0.69
8	Penrith	0.63
9	Lake Macquarie	0.69
10	Wollongong	0.66

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11	Liverpool	0.51
12	Hornsby	0.73
13	Cumberland	0.52
14	Newcastle	0.71
15	Campbelltown	0.54
16	Ku-ring-gai	0.64
17	Fairfield	0.41
18	Inner West	0.66
19	Georges River	0.59
20	Camden	0.77

(1) c. & d.

Ranking (by volume lowest - highest)	Bottom 20 LGAs	Uptake per head of eligible population
1	Brewarrina	0.14
2	Central Darling	0.22
3	Unincorporated Far West	0.65
4	Balranald	0.43
5	Bourke	0.4
6	Hay	0.49
7	Walcha	0.54
8	Bogan	0.64
9	Carrathool	0.63
10	Warren	0.7
11	Weddin	0.7
12	Coonamble	0.57
13	Walgett	0.4
14	Wentworth	0.36
15	Murrumbidgee	0.57
16	Lockhart	0.74
17	Gilgandra	0.62

18	Gwydir	0.56
19	Tenterfield	0.51
20	Cobar	0.54

Please note the following caveats:

- Dataset range is 1/1/18 – 31/12/2021 as including data from 2022 would skew the results due to it being an incomplete calendar year.
- Dataset limited to Voucher 1 in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 as including voucher 2 would undermine the integrity of the population uptake results. Note that parents must claim voucher 1 to be able to claim voucher 2.
- Eligible population is an estimate based on 2016 Census data and concordance tables. The eligible population was multiplied four times to accommodate four years of voucher data.
- Dataset excludes individuals who did not provide complete address information.

* 7594 DINE AND DISCOVER PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering the Dine and Discover voucher program:
- Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the highest volume of vouchers?
 - What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?
 - Since the program began, which 20 LGA's have received the lowest volume of vouchers?
 - What is the rate of vouchers granted to these 20 LGA's per head of population?

Answer—

- Service NSW does not collect the postcodes of customers who enter Service NSW centres.
- Number of customers served by Tuggerah, Erina and Toukley Service NSW centres:

Service Centre Name	Date						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Erina (opened April 2016)		71487	78393	76942	71559	65060	
Toukley (opened Sep 2015)	17319	96342	74314	65471	58726	59432	
Tuggerah (opened March 2016)		86022	95685	95810	89706	83792	

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* 7595 BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) Considering some groups within my electorate have been applying for grants through the Building Better Regions Fund since 2019, but to date some have been unsuccessful, we would like to know the composition of the Ministerial Panel for the Department of Infrastructure?
- (2) What is the selection criteria for that panel?
- (3) Are minutes of their meetings publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

* 7596 INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) How are conflicts of interest dealt with relating to the board of Infrastructure NSW and its legislative responsibilities?
- (2) Is there a publicly available record of declarations of conflicts of interest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) An opportunity is provided at the commencement of each meeting for Board members to nominate or update associations and potential conflicts of interest.
- (2) The Infrastructure NSW Board register is publicly available on the Infrastructure NSW website. It lists the board members, their dates of appointment and expiry dates, board and committee memberships and positions and interests in corporations and professional/business associations and trade unions.

* 7597 RESILIENCE NSW—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a full description of the legislative instructions and ministerial instructions to Resilience NSW on its functions, responsibilities and duties?
- (2) Will the Minister provide an organisational chart for Resilience NSW?
- (3) What is the relation between Resilience NSW and other emergency services?
- (4) Are there formal agreements between Resilience NSW and other emergency services regarding responsibilities shared or separate between the agencies?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The functions, responsibilities and duties of Resilience NSW, together with an organisational chart, are set out in its annual report which is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw>

The responsibilities of Resilience NSW and other emergency services in relation to the preparation, prevention, response to and recovery from emergencies are defined in the State Emergency and Rescue

Management Act 1989, the NSW State Emergency Management Plan and the related sub and supporting plans, which is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/rescue-and-emergency-management>

* 7598 ESSENTIAL ENERGY CORPORATE COSTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) Has IPART sought independent reports into Essential Energy's excessive corporate costs?
- (2) Does Essential Water, part of Essential Energy, plan to further increase the price of untreated water by 49.5% in 2022, making the cost of raw river water almost that of treated water?
- (3) Can the Minister advise how much of Essential Energy's corporate overheads are paid for by residents of Broken Hill using the services of Essential Water?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question is a matter for IPART.
- (2) No. In 2019, IPART determined that all untreated water prices should be cost-reflective. The 49.5% referenced in the 2022-27 proposal is the forecast increased over that time period, not in 2022.
- (3) Essential Energy's corporate services including Safety, Contact Centres, IT, and Regulation and Property are utilised by Essential Water. Charges for using these services are allocated to Essential Water in accordance with the cost allocation methodology approved by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER). The costs recovered via Essential Water charges are less than the approved allocation.

* 7599 COVID-19 SUPPORT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What financial COVID-19 support was made available to temporary visa holders and students during the lockdown period of July-October 2021?
- (2) What non-financial COVID-19 support (mental health, food, housing) was made available to temporary visa holders and students during the lockdown?

Answer—

- (1) See answer to question 1 in LA 7186.
- (2) See answer to question 2 in LA 7186.

* 7600 SALE OF HOUSING PROPERTIES IN NEWCASTLE EAST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Are there plans to sell any Land and Housing Corporation properties in Newcastle East?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently no planned sales of Land and Housing Corporation properties in the suburb of Newcastle East.

* 7601 NEWCASTLE COURTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What COVID restrictions are still in place at the Newcastle Courthouse?
- (2) Are members of the public able to attend the Newcastle Courthouse?
- (3) Are Justice of the Peace services available at the Newcastle Courthouse?

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Answer—

I am advised:

In recognition of public health advice intended to reduce exposure to COVID-19, there is a Court Security Order in place which aims to minimise the number of people in court buildings. The current guidance is available on the Local Court website: <https://www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au/local-court/arrangements-for-covid-19--coronavirus-/chief-magistrate-s-memorandum.html>

Members of the public are able to attend Newcastle Courthouse in accordance with the Court Security Order. Currently there are no Justice of the Peace (JP) specific services operating out of Newcastle Court. There are some court staff at Newcastle Court who can voluntarily perform the JP function for some court related documents.

* 7602 PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY AT HUNTER NEW ENGLAND—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery services are available at the John Hunter and John Hunter Children's Hospitals, Calvary Mater Hospital and Belmont Hospital?
- (2) How many Plastic Surgeons work at the above hospitals?
- (3) How many on call Plastic Surgeons work at the above hospitals?
- (4) Can General Practitioners refer to the Plastic Surgery Departments at the above hospitals?

Answer—

- (1) Urgent and elective plastic and reconstructive surgery and outpatient clinics are available at John Hunter Hospital. Cleft palate outpatient clinic is available at John Hunter Children's Hospital. Breast reconstructive surgery and minor skin grafts and flaps are available at Calvary Mater Newcastle. Urgent and elective plastic and reconstructive surgery and outpatient clinics are available at Belmont Hospital.
- (2) Seven plastic surgery specialists provide a range of services across these same hospitals.
- (3) Negotiations are currently ongoing regarding the establishment of an on-call service. Noting that John Hunter Hospital is a major trauma hospital, any patients who present with traumatic conditions are successfully treated by other subspecialists with appropriate skills as required.
- (4) No. The current model of care is a specialist referral service.

* 7603 PROTECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL TENANTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

What protections are available to residential tenants who are living in accommodation that fails to meet legal standards, but are unable to complain to unscrupulous landlords out of fear of retaliatory action or homelessness due to the current housing crisis?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading administers the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 which provides a regulatory framework for residential tenancies in NSW and sets out the rights and obligations of both landlords and tenants.

Before renting out a property, a landlord is required to make sure the property is reasonably clean, is fit to live in and is in a reasonable state of repair.

The landlord must also take all reasonable steps to ensure there is no legal barrier to occupying a property, including that relevant council approvals are in place to use the property as a residence.

Reports of unauthorised or illegal residential accommodation should be directed to local councils for investigation and appropriate action.

NSW Fair Trading provides a residential tenancy complaint service which is a voluntary process between parties involved in a tenancy who have been unsuccessful in resolving issues themselves.

Fair Trading can investigate and issue rectification orders to require landlords to carry out repairs and maintenance to a rental property. Tenants may also seek orders from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

If a tenant is issued with a termination notice they believe was issued for retaliatory reasons, they can apply to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal to have the notice declared void and of no effect.

* 7604 SHARING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF ACROSS COUNCIL AREAS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Given the challenges of smaller rural councils to recruit and retain skilled staff, will you consider piloting a program that allows larger, well-resourced metropolitan councils to share their staff with smaller rural councils in a bid to address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) is aware of the staffing issues facing rural and regional councils and working across the sector to support training and recruitment practices to address that shortage.
- OLG is working with Local Government NSW, TAFE and Training Services NSW to identify opportunities to address specific skills shortages through the provision of paraprofessional training to address professional skill shortages in local government.
- OLG is also supporting councils to identify and plan for challenges through assistance with their workforce planning process.
- Informal arrangements are in place, where regional councils request and receive specific skills, advice and assistance from metropolitan councils. For example, in 2020, Grafton council received assistance from Randwick Council in setting up a new financial system.

* 7605 REINSTATEMENT OF COLEAMBALLY BASED COMMUNITY NURSES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

Considering the level of healthcare needs and geographical isolation in Coleambally, will you reinstate the two Coleambally-based community nurses, following recent resignations?

Answer—

I am advised that the Community Nursing service to Coleambally has continued uninterrupted and the service has not decreased.

* 7606 CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHWEST METRO PROJECT—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How many residents of the Lakemba electorate are employed in the construction of the Southwest Metro project?
- (2) How many apprentices from the Lakemba electorate are employed in the construction of the Southwest Metro project?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Transport.

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* 7607 COVID-19 SUPPORT PAYMENT DELAYS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering the reports from businesses that have been approved for COVID-19 Support payments (business grants, JobSaver, etc.) and have yet to be paid, does the Government have the funds to pay all of the eligible businesses?
 - (a) What is the reason for the delays in payments, especially delays longer than four weeks?
 - (b) When can all business expect to receive their payments in full?
 - (c) How many businesses in the Granville electorate are still waiting to be paid?
 - (d) How many businesses in the Cumberland Local Government Area are still waiting to be paid?
 - (e) How many businesses in the City of Parramatta Local Government Area are still waiting to be paid?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, the Government has the funds to pay for all eligible COVID support payments.
 - (a) There are currently no applications where a customer has been approved and not paid within a 4-week period. All approved applications are processed for payment within 7 – 10 business days. Delays in payments can be caused by incomplete applications and further information required.
 - (b) All businesses can expect to receive payment within 7 – 10 business days of having their application approved.
 - (c) There are currently zero (0) business within the Granville electorate still awaiting COVID-19 Support payments
 - (d) There are currently zero (0) business within the Cumberland Local Government Area still awaiting COVID-19 Support payments
 - (e) There is currently one (1) business within the City of Parramatta Local Government area still awaiting COVID-19 Support payment.

* 7608 COMPENSATION CLAIMS IN RELATION TO DAMAGE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many compensation claims have been made by residents of the Granville electorate, in relation to damage caused to private property by Sydney Metro construction works, since Metro construction began?
- (2) How many of these claims have resulted in compensation being paid out to the resident by Sydney Metro?
- (3) How much compensation has been paid to residents since the construction of the Sydney Metro commenced?
- (4) How many compensation claims by residents are still outstanding?
- (5) 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

There have been no claims for financial compensation have been received in relation to property damage associated with Sydney Metro construction in the Granville electorate.

* 7609 PARAMEDICS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the total number of paramedics in the Western Sydney Local Health District for the following dates:
 - (a) February 2022?
 - (b) February 2021?
 - (c) February 2020?
 - (d) February 2019?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance does not deploy staff on the basis of local health district boundaries.

* 7610 STAMP DUTY INCOME—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) What was the Stamp Duty income received from the following postcodes during the 2020-2021 financial year:
 - (a) 2142?
 - (b) 2145?
 - (c) 2150?
 - (d) 2160?
 - (e) 2161?

Answer—

- (1) See the answer to Question on Notice 7325.

* 7611 DISASTER PAYMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Since the joint announcement you made with Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie on 11 March concerning “Disaster assistance extended following severe flooding in NSW” and the addition of the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) to the New South Wales floods natural disaster declaration,
 - (a) How many Cumberland LGA residents have contacted Resilience NSW concerning the Disaster Relief Grant for individuals?
 - (i) How many applications have been approved?
 - (ii) What is the total amount paid to date of successful applications?
 - (b) How many Cumberland LGA residents have contacted Resilience NSW concerning the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment or Disaster Recovery Allowance?
 - (i) What advice has Resilience NSW given residents of the Cumberland LGA concerning their eligibility for the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment or Disaster Recovery Allowance?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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- (a) Resilience NSW have received 24 applications from residents in the Cumberland local government area which are currently undergoing assessment.
- (b) Impacted persons are encouraged to contact Service NSW for information about available disaster assistance measures. Approximately 23,900 New South Wales residents contacted Service NSW in relation to the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment or Disaster Recovery Allowance between 22 February 2022 and 26 April 2022.

Eligibility for the Commonwealth Government Disaster Recovery Payment or Disaster Recovery Allowance is determined by the Commonwealth Government. Impacted persons are encouraged to contact Services Australia directly to confirm their eligibility for these programs.

* 7612 M4 TOLLS—Ms Julia Finn 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 is the total amount paid by residents of the Granville electorate in tolls for using the M4 motorway since the toll was reintroduced?
- (2) What is the total amount paid by residents of the Cumberland LGA in tolls for using the M4 motorway since the toll was reintroduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not available.

* 7613 TOLL RELIEF PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn 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 is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Granville electorate since the M4 toll was reintroduced?
- (2) What is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) since the M4 toll was reintroduced?
- (3) What is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Parramatta LGA electorate since the M4 toll was reintroduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

* 7614 EMERALD CLASS 2 - REGULATORY REPORTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many incidents regarding the Emerald Class 2 ferries Balmoral, Fairlight and Clontarf have been reported by Transdev to the following regulatory agencies over the past 12 months:
 - (a) Australian Maritime Safety Authority?
 - (b) Office of Transport Safety Investigations?
 - (c) Sydney Ports?

Answer—

I am advised

Transdev Sydney Ferries has reported two notifiable incident reports for Balmoral, two notifiable reports for Clontarf and three notifiable reports for Fairlight.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority and Office of the Transport Safety Investigations are informed of all notifiable incidents under the applicable legislation. There is no legal requirement for incidents to be formally reported to the Port Authority of NSW.

* 7615 EMERALD CLASS 2 - STEERING FAILURES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) How many Steering Failures have occurred over the past 12 months on the following Emerald Class 2 ferries:

- (a) Balmoral?
- (b) Fairlight?
- (c) Clontarf?

Answer—

I am advised

Over the past 12 months, no steering failures have occurred on the Balmoral, Fairlight or Clontarf.

* 7616 EMERALD CLASS 2 - STEERING TOGGLE FAILURES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) How many Steering Toggle Failures have occurred over the past 12 months on the following Emerald Class 2 ferries:

- (a) Balmoral?
- (b) Fairlight?
- (c) Clontarf?

Answer—

I am advised

Over the past 12 months, a steering toggle failure has occurred on the Balmoral and Fairlight. There were no steering toggle failures on the Clontarf.

* 7617 FLOOD MITIGATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

(1) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government on flood mitigation measures across New South Wales in:

- (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?
- (b) 2020-2021?
- (c) 2019-2020?
- (d) 2018-2017?
- (e) 2017-2016?

(2) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government on flood mitigation measures in the Inner West Council local government area in:

- (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?
- (b) 2020-2021?

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- (c) 2019-2020?
- (d) 2018-2017?
- (e) 2017-2016?
- (3) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government on flood mitigation measures in the Canterbury Bankstown Council local government area in:
 - (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2017?
 - (e) 2017-2016?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Government funding for flood mitigation is provided across a number of State agencies.
- (2-3) The Minister for Environment and Heritage is responsible for the Floodplain Management Program, which provides Government funding to local councils and eligible public land managers for managing flood risk and implementing flood mitigation measures

These questions are best directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage, and the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience.

* 7618 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL POWER OUTAGE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Has there been an investigation into what caused the power outage on the Inner West Light Rail Line on March 16 2022?
 - (a) What was the cause?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes. On 16 March 2022, there was a substation overload and subsequent circuit breaker tripping issues which prevented Inner West Rail Line (L 1) light rail vehicles from successfully charging overnight.

* 7619 STORMWATER MAINTENANCE AND INVESTMENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government upgrading stormwater infrastructure across New South Wales in:
 - (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2017?
 - (e) 2017-2016?
- (2) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government upgrading stormwater infrastructure in the Inner West Council local government area in:
 - (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?

- (b) 2020-2021?
- (c) 2019-2020?
- (d) 2018-2017?
- (e) 2017-2016?
- (3) What is the total amount of money spent by the Government on upgrading stormwater infrastructure in the Canterbury Bankstown Council local government area in:
 - (a) 2021-2022 (to 24 March 2022)?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2017?
 - (e) 2017-2016?

Answer—

- (1) Stormwater management and upgrading of stormwater infrastructure is looked after by several agencies, state owned corporations and multiple levels of government, including, but not limited to, Transport for NSW for railway corridor drainage systems and drains along State roads.
- (2) While Sydney Water projects to improve stormwater infrastructure have crossed into the Inner West Council area, these projects are not broken down by LGA.
- (3) While Sydney Water projects to improve stormwater infrastructure have crossed into the Canterbury Bankstown Council area, these projects are not broken down by LGA.

* 7620 SYDNEY FERRIES STEERING MODIFICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many modifications have been made to the steering systems of the following ferries in the Sydney Ferries fleet:
 - (a) All Emerald Class 1 Ferries?
 - (b) All Emerald Class 2 Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) Five.
- (b) One.

* 7621 CITY WEST LINK AND WARATAH STREET—Ms Jo Haylen 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 actions are being taken to protect pedestrian safety at the intersection of the City West Link and Waratah Street, Haberfield?
- (2) Will Transport for NSW reinstate a single-phase pedestrian crossing at this location to ensure pedestrians and cyclists?
 - (a) If so, when will this occur?
 - (b) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available at: <https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/iwlocal/map>
- (2) A single-phase pedestrian crossing was previously in operation at this intersection. Transport for NSW received feedback from the community that the crossing was too long and unsafe.

* 7622 DULWICH HILL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL APPROVAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

When will Traffic Control Signals (TCS) approval be granted for the upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at Dulwich Hill Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

* 7623 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) In relation to stage 4 and 5 of the upgrade to the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and West Gosford please advise:
 - (a) What is the current stage of planning for the works?
 - (b) When will construction begin on these works?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 7624 REGIONAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) I refer you to answer LA Q7216 on the Regional Digital Connectivity Program, please advise:
 - (a) Were any applications from the Central Coast successful?
 - (i) If so, what were those projects?
 - (b) Were any of the projects directed to improve connectivity in the Entrance electorate?
 - (i) If so, what were these projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1a) Yes.

(1a(i)) Under the \$50 million Connecting Country Communities Fund, the NSW Government co-funded the construction of four mobile tower base stations improving coverage to more than 500 homes and businesses in the Central Coast region.

(1b) The base stations cover Dooralong, Lemon Tree, Wyong Creek and Yarramalong.

* 7625 MANGROVE MOUNTAIN LANDFILL OPERATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) In relation to the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Golf Club land fill operation:

- (a) Has monitoring of water quality in the Hallards and Stringbark Creeks downstream of the landfill continued to be monitored?
- (b) What is the latest results of water quality monitoring?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Yes, water monitoring continues to be carried out in the Ourimbah Creek catchment downstream of the Mangrove Mountain Landfill. Planned monitoring has been delayed several times due to the impacts of COVID-19, fire in the Jiliby State Conservation Area and intense heavy rainfall.
- (b) The last sampling conducted in March 2020 indicated that water quality is good and is not impacted by the landfill.

* 7626 RECYCLED WASTE BINS AT STATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) Which of the following stations have recycled waste bins:

- (a) Corrimal?
- (b) Towradgi?
- (c) Fairy Meadow?
- (d) North Wollongong?
- (e) Wollongong?
- (f) Coniston?
- (g) Unanderra?
- (h) Port Kembla?
- (i) Dapto?

(2) Is Transport for NSW considering expanding recycling options that are available at each of the stations in (1)?

- (a) When is this expected to take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

Both Sydney Trains and NSW Trains are currently reviewing opportunities to improve recycling amenities at stations throughout the rail network.

* 7627 BIKE LOCKERS AT STATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) How many bike lockers are available for hire at the following stations:

- (a) Corrimal?
- (b) Towradgi?
- (c) Fairy Meadow?
- (d) North Wollongong?

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- (e) Wollongong?
- (f) Coniston?
- (g) Unanderra?
- (h) Port Kembla?
- (i) Dapto?
- (2) On average, over the last 12 months, how many lockers are rented each week at each of the stations in (1)?
- (3) What is the (i) daily, (ii) weekly, (iii) monthly and (iv) annual rates to rent a bike locker at each. of the stations in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A total of 28 bike lockers are available for hire across the listed stations, however, North Wollongong and Port Kembla do not have bike locker facilities available.
- (2) 17 lockers were hired for three months; one locker was hired for six months and four lockers were hired for 12 months.
- (3) Information regarding bike locker rates is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 7628 WATER DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES DUE TO FLOODING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many Housing tenants in the Wollongong electorate reported leaks or flooding in their properties in the recent flood events?
- (2) How many Housing tenants in the Wollongong local government area reported leaks or flooding in their properties during or after the recent flood events?
- (3) How many of the properties in (1) were declared uninhabitable as a result of the water damage or flooding?
- (4) How many of the properties in (2) were declared uninhabitable as a result of the water damage or flooding?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) & (2) 149 tenants in the Wollongong electorate and 309 tenants in the Wollongong local government area reported water leaks/flooding to public housing properties owned by the Land and Housing Corporation. As at 14 April 2022, all work orders raised have been attended to and make safe works completed. Only 5 per cent of these work orders remain open for minor associated works due to inclement weather following this event.
- (3) & (4) Nil.

* 7629 SEABIN TECHNOLOGY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Following the conclusion of The Seabin Foundation's Community Litter Grant, is Transport for NSW considering the use of seabin technology in other locations throughout New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, which locations are being considered?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will continue to investigate possible locations, including regional harbours across the State, to deploy initiatives designed to achieve cost-effective environmental outcomes.

* 7630 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Of the 10 applications for school crossing guards made in the Wollongong Local Government Area within the 2020-21 financial year, how many were successful?
 - (a) Of those that were not successful, what was the basis for their rejection?
- (2) How many schools in the Wollongong Local Government Area currently operate without a full-time crossing guard?
- (3) How many applications have been received for school crossing guards since the beginning of the 2022 school year in the Wollongong Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

* 7631 SEABIN TECHNOLOGY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Following the conclusion of The Seabin Foundation's Community Litter Grant, is NSW Environment Protection Agency or Department of Environment considering the use of seabin technology in other locations throughout New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, which locations are being considered?

Answer—

The EPA provided \$69,572 to the Seabin Foundation in 2019 under Round 5 of the Community Litter Grant Program. This was to examine the value of Seabins as an integrated part of litter prevention initiatives at four sites in Northern New South Wales. This project was completed in March 2022.

While demonstrating some positive outcomes in litter reduction, the project also highlighted some challenges, including an unsustainable level of resourcing and coordination required for long-term delivery at these sites.

Any further rollout of Seabin technology will be subject to the availability of funding and associated grant processes. Evidence of the suitability of the technology to the local context will be required.

* 7632 ELECTRIC VEHICLES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How many electric vehicles are in the Wollongong Police District motor vehicle fleet?
 - (a) Are any of these patrol vehicles?
 - (i) If so, how many?
- (2) How many electric vehicles are in the Lake Illawarra Police District motor vehicle fleet?
 - (a) Are any of these patrol vehicles?
 - (i) If so, how many?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Zero.

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(2) Zero.

* 7633 THERMAL EFFICIENCY IN HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What programs does Housing NSW or Land and Housing Corporation have in place to improve the thermal efficiency of Housing NSW properties?
- (2) What is the annual funding allocated to improving the thermal efficiency of Housing NSW properties in (i) 2020-21, (ii) 2021-22, (iii) 2022-23 and (iv) 2023-24?
- (3) How many properties had thermal efficiency upgrades during each of the financial years in (2)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC) Heating and Cooling Policy recognises the provision of thermal comfort is important in housing as it is strongly linked to the health and wellbeing of the occupants.

LAHC improves the thermal efficiency of social housing properties through passive measures such as insulation, draught proofing and window shading and by active measures via heating and/or cooling devices such as heaters, ceiling fans and air conditioners.

Details about the LAHC Heating and Cooling policy are available at

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-heating-and-cooling-policy>

- (2) The annual funding allocated was:
 - (i) \$11.2 million for 2020/21
 - (ii) \$9.237 million for 2021/22
 - (iii) Figure will only be available following release of the 2022-23 budget
 - (iv) Figure will be developed as part of the 2023-24 budget.
- (3) In 2020/21, LAHC installed 1,324 solar systems, 751 air conditioners and retrofitted ceiling insulation at 108 properties.

In 2021/22, LAHC has installed 797 solar systems and 126 air conditioners, and retrofitted ceiling insulation at 9 properties. Another 600 solar systems and 100 air conditioners are scheduled to be installed prior to 30 June 2022.

* 7634 SOLAR PANELS ON NSW HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Can Housing NSW tenant install solar panels on their properties?
 - (a) If so, what is the approval process and who funds the panels?
- (2) Will Housing NSW be installing solar panels on its tenanted residential properties?
 - (a) If so, how many properties each year will receive panels?
- (3) How are the properties in (2) selected?
- (4) How many of the properties in (2) are located in the (i) Wollongong electorate or (ii) Wollongong local government area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Under the Land and Housing Corporation's Alternations to a Home Policy, social housing tenants living in cottages, villas and townhouses can apply for approval to install solar panels. Further details are available at:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/alterations-home-policy#:~:text=An%20alteration%20without%20written%20permission,damage%20caused%20by%20their%20removal>

- (1) (a) A tenant's requests for approval to install solar panels is generally approved by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) as tenancy manager, and the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) as property owner. Approval is granted provided the condition of the roof is suitable for solar panels, there is no significant shading of the roof from trees, and the tenant agrees to pay all costs associated with the installation and ongoing maintenance of the solar panels.
- (2) Between November 2008 and March 2022, LAHC has installed solar panels on 5,900 social housing homes to reduce tenant energy bills. Another 300 social homes will be receiving solar panels by June 2022. Funding of solar panels by LAHC in future years will be subject to funding availability.
- (3) In accordance with LAHC's Heating and Cooling Policy, solar panels are generally retrofitted to homes most affected by hot climatic conditions, based on average maximum summer temperatures sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology, and subject to the availability of funding.
- (4) In the Wollongong local government area, LAHC installed solar panels on 7 properties between June 2020 and August 2020.

* 7635 PORT STEPHENS BUS CANCELLATIONS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many scheduled public bus services in Port Stephens were cancelled by the operators, for each month since July 2021?
- (2) How many scheduled school bus services in Port Stephens were cancelled by the operators, for each month since July 2021?

Answer—

I am advised

Bus service cancellations are determined by each operator in the Port Stephens area.

It is understood the majority of cancellations were due to workforce shortages related to the COVID-19 pandemic and compliance with the associated Public Health Orders.

When a trip is cancelled, operators prioritise school services and provide replacement services where possible to reduce the overall impact on customers.

* 7636 IRRAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Regarding the recent damage to Irrawang Public School and the Thou-Walla Centre SACC caused by fires and vandalism:
- (a) On what date is the damage expected to be fully repaired and replaced?
- (b) Has there been any losses that are not covered by insurance?
- (i) If so, what is the value of these losses?
- (c) What support will the Government provide to ensure the programs delivered by the SACC can still be delivered until their building is replaced?

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Answer—

- (1) (a) Following a security incident at the school on 20 March 2022, all remediation work necessary to ensure the school could be re-occupied was completed on 23 March 2022, and the school was operational from 24 March 2022. It is expected that all remediation work will be completed before the end of Term 2, 2022.
- (b) No
- (c) Since the fire, the Department of Education has provided additional financial support to support the programs that are delivered through the highly valued Irrawang Public School Thou-Walla Family Centre. This support will also help replace learning resources and items that were lost in the fire.

As an interim arrangement, the Principal of Irrawang Public School and the Schools As Community Centre program facilitator have worked collaboratively to secure program support, transport and use of space with the local support of the Learning Terrace Child Care Centre, the Warlga-Ngurra Family and Community Hub and Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services. This joint planning will enable existing programs to operate and ensure a smooth transition between off-site and on-site program delivery.

- * 7637 SCHOOL BRIEFING PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

When will the Education Minister allow the Member for Port Stephens a departmental briefing regarding the provision of secondary schooling in Port Stephens, as formally requested in November 2021?

Answer—

As has been previously canvassed, secondary students in the Port Stephens electorate are well serviced by the existing Irrawang High School, Hunter River High School and Tomaree High School. To accommodate future growth in the area, the NSW Government is investing in upgrades at Irrawang High School and Hunter River High School, delivering fit-for-purpose learning spaces and core facilities. As part of the planning process, completed concept designs of the proposed upgrades will be available for feedback. More details and updates will be made available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au>

The Department of Education is committed to working together with school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students and will continue to monitor enrolment demand in this area.

Should further information in addition to that already supplied be required by the Member, a briefing can be facilitated.

- * 7638 HINTON FLOOD RECOVERY SUPPORT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

What State and Commonwealth disaster recovery support is available for residents and property owners in Hinton and surrounding areas significantly impacted by the March 2022 flood event?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Residents and property owners in Hinton and surrounding areas may contact Service NSW on 13 77 88, or visit service.nsw.gov.au/floods to see the full range of programs that are available to assist with recovery from the March 2022 floods event.

- * 7639 SES RESPONSE TO HINTON FLOODS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

On what date did the NSW State Emergency Service first respond to the March 2022 flood event in Hinton, within the Port Stephens Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The first Request for Assistance in Hinton during the March 2022 flood event was received and responded to by NSW SES on 7 March.

- * 7640 KOALA LISTING—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

Given the Commonwealth Government's recent decision to list koalas as endangered, what action will the Government now take to ensure koalas are officially recognised as endangered through all state Government processes?

Answer—

- (1) The decision to change the conservation status of the koala under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 from vulnerable to endangered is a matter for the independent NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee.

- * 7641 POLICE RESPONSE TO HINTON FLOODS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

On what date did NSW Police first respond to the March 2022 flood event in Hinton, within the Port Stephens Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 8 March 2022.

- * 7642 RESILIENCE NSW CONTACT WITH PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Premier—

On what date was Resilience NSW first in contact with Port Stephens Council regarding the March 2022 flood event?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Hon Steph Cooke MP in her capacity as the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery.

- * 7643 RESILIENCE NSW HINTON FLOODS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Premier—

On what date did Resilience NSW first become aware of the March 2022 flood event in Hinton, within the Port Stephens Local Government Area?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Hon Steph Cooke MP in her capacity as the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery.

- * 7644 CONTRACTING SERVICES EMPLOYED BY SERVICE NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) What types of contracting services does Service NSW Wetherill Park employ?

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- (a) What is the total number of contractors employed?

Answer—

- (1) Hygiene Officers and Trainees

- (a) Service NSW Wetherill Park employs 5 contractors

- * 7645 TRANSACTIONS AT SERVICE NSW WETHERILL PARK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

How many transactions are carried out at the Service NSW Centre in Wetherill Park on average per day?

Answer—

Service NSW Centre Wetherill Park serves the following number of customers (on average) daily:

Weekdays: 519 customers served

Saturdays: 293 customers served

(Data based on March 2022 average volumes).

- * 7646 LOCATION OF A NEW SERVICE NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

What measures does the Government use to calculate the location of a new Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

Service NSW identifies potential new Service Centre site locations by conducting a modelled approach that analyses factors and measures such as:

- Growth opportunities that consider trends in population, customer demand and Service NSW transactional growth within LGAs.
- Network optimisation that balances the allocation of existing resources and Service NSW points of presence.
- Social opportunities and needs within Local Government Areas.

- * 7647 MITIGATING LONG QUEUES AT SERVICE NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

What measures is the Government using to mitigate the long queues at the Wetherill Park Service NSW Centre?

Answer—

Service NSW monitors customer experience metrics on a daily basis to identify high wait times. Changes in resources are made as required to ensure adequate resources are rostered to meet customer demand. Due to unscheduled leave and role vacancies within the Service Centre, this has influenced current wait times at the Wetherill Park Service Centre. Service NSW are actively recruiting to fill vacancies across the network to assist with customer demand.

- * 7648 STAFF MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT SERVICE NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) How many staff members are employed at the Service NSW Centre in Wetherill Park?

- (a) How many of these staff members are working on site each day?
- (b) How many are full-time equivalent (FTE)?
- (c) How many are part-time equivalent (PTE)?

Answer—

- (1) 47
 - (a) Average number of staff on site – weekdays: 35 and Saturdays: 18
 - (b) 41
 - (c) 6

* 7649 NEW TEACHERS EMPLOYED AT FAIRFIELD PUBLIC 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—

- (1) How many new teachers were employed in Fairfield Public schools in 2022?
 - (a) How many in 2021?
 - (b) How many in 2020?
 - (c) How many in 2019?
 - (d) How many in 2018?

Answer—

- (1) Staffing in all NSW public schools is determined by the teacher staffing entitlement formula. This is a state-wide process that ensures all schools are suitably staffed, and is reflective of the class sizes described in the Staffing Agreement between the Department and the NSW Teachers Federation.

As at 21 April 2022, schools in the Fairfield state electorate had a reduction of 9.1 teaching entitlement FTE from the previous year.

- (a) A reduction of 39.6 entitlement FTE
- (b) An increase of 16.9 entitlement FTE
- (c) An increase of 0.1 entitlement FTE
- (d) An increase of 11.0 entitlement FTE

The data used in this response is extracted from the iSeries Enrolment and Entitlement system and is the total teaching full-time equivalent (FTE) as at Revised phase in years 2017-2022 at schools in the Fairfield state electorate. The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers is sourced from the Workforce Profile as at 30 June. The Workforce Profile data is submitted to the Public Service Commission in June each year. 2022 data will not be available until later in the year.

* 7650 TEACHERS LEAVING THE PROFESSION—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—

- (1) How many teachers in Fairfield primary schools have left the profession in 2022?
 - (a) How many in 2021?
 - (b) How many in 2020?
 - (c) How many in 2019?
 - (d) How many in 2018?

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Answer—

The Department cannot answer this question. The Department is not the only employer of teachers in NSW and its systems do not capture the details of any former employees' subsequent employment with another education provider.

The Department continuously seeks to improve data quality regarding the teaching workforce and our processes to support strategic workforce planning.

- * 7651 IMPROVE RETENTION RATE OF TEACHERS IN 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—

What plans does the Government have to improve the retention rate of teachers in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

NSW has a very high retention rate of 97.8 per cent. The median tenure of teachers in NSW is 12 years – the second highest within the public service after police (12.5 years).

The NSW Department of Education remains committed to building on this strong retention rate through a range of initiatives. For example:

- Continued support through the Beginning Teacher Support Funding program,
- The provision of a quality and consistent induction to teaching, supported by the Strong Start Great Teachers framework,
- The Quality Time Program, which is focused on ways the Department can use its centralised resources to improve systems and processes,
- Numerous supports through the Being Well framework to assist teachers with managing stress, and
- Provision of the Department's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - Supporting You, which provides personalised and confidential counselling services for all staff and their immediate family members on managing stress.

- * 7652 STEPS IN ENCOURAGING A TEACHING CAREER—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—

What steps is the Government taking to encourage people to pursue a teaching career in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

The \$125 million NSW Teacher Supply Strategy is an evidence-based plan to continue to attract and grow quality teachers, with the right subject qualifications, to locations where they are most needed.

The Department is currently testing and refining creative content designed by industry experts, and plans to launch its first promotional campaign mid-2022 to drive people to choose teaching as a career.

Campaigns will aim to raise the profile of teaching as a desirable career choice and increase awareness and public perceptions of teaching as a respected and valued profession.

The Government is also working with the Commonwealth to implement the recommendations of the Quality Initial Teacher Education Review, which found that potential teachers are being deterred by misinformation about the profession.

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* 7653 COURT ORDERED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering Independent Medical Examinations (IME) are required to settle disputes relating to Workers Compensation claims and that, on January 11 to protect people from COVID-19, the Personal Injury Commission (PIC) announced an interim pause in personal medical assessment and have since extended the pause for unvaccinated people, can the Minister explain why IME-appointed doctors are unable to perform assessments on unvaccinated patients when they are already exposing themselves to the risk of COVID-19 daily in their own private practices?
- (2) Would the Minister consider approving appointments for unvaccinated patients who are willing to undergo PCR and Rapid tests before their appointment?
- (3) Many unvaccinated patients who are unable to finalise ongoing Workers Compensation claims are struggling financially, would the Minister consider making a subsidy available to these patients until they can attend their medical examination?

Answer—

(1)

The Personal Injury Commission takes its Work Health and Safety responsibilities seriously extends to the Commission's Medical Assessors and the people attending proceedings arranged by the Commission.

The Commission's safety settings are designed to protect all parties involved in a medical assessment, including doctors, their staff and the claimant attending. The Commission's staff, Members, Merit Reviewers as well as the Medical Assessors have a vaccination mandate. It is reasonable that the same COVID-safety requirement extends to the people attending the Commission.

The Commission communicated, reviewed and updated its position regarding safety requirements for in-person medical assessments throughout the pandemic including periods of suspending in-person medical assessments during stay-at-home orders, and in response to surges in case numbers in the community cases. On recommencing in-person appointments, the Commission has maintained a risk-based approach to guide the safety settings required for future appointments. Vaccination has been at the foundation of those settings, consistent with the Government's response to this pandemic.

The requirements for attending in-person appointments are detailed on the Commission's website and expressed in both a procedural direction and a protocol for the conduct of appointments.

The Commission has taken steps to allow matters to proceed wherever that has been safe to do so. This has included conducting most of the psychiatric examinations by videoconference and, where possible and with consent, physical assessments on the papers or by videoconference. Unfortunately, the complex nature and requirements of these important decisions often require an in-person assessment so that technical measurements and observations can be made. An in-person medical assessment takes at least an hour, conducted in a confined space and by definition breaches physical distancing.

The Commission's medical assessments are not the same as clinical or treatment services provided by medical practitioners. The Commission, as well as other Courts and Tribunals determined this distinction during the coronavirus pandemic. The Commission advises me that these settings will next be reviewed and updated in June 2022. This review will include setting parameters for those claimants and workers with a contra-indication for vaccination.

(2)

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The current settings at the Commission require workers to be vaccinated, submit a negative result on a Rapid Antigen Test and wear a mask at in-person medical assessments. As you are aware, the combination of these COVID-safe practices keeps spread and risk of transmission low. The Commission has consulted about these risk settings with stakeholders and it has their support knowing they will be reviewed in June 2022.

The Commission, along with any other agency or business in New South Wales, is required to set their own settings to ensure a COVID-safe environment that controls the risks peculiar to each setting. Currently there are delayed cases requiring medical assessment due to the suspension of in-person examinations. Our Medical Assessors are supporting this endeavour with many providing additional appointments.

To avoid further delays of appointments due to covid infections, the commission is committed to minimising the risk to Medical Assessors, in order to avoid cancellation of appointments.

(3)

The cost of providing a subsidy to people unable to attend medical examinations would need to be carefully considered, including how this would be funded. As the current requirement for vaccination is due to be reviewed and potentially updated in June 2022, it would be premature to consider such a policy shift at this time.

I note that the current vaccination requirements only apply, of course, to in-person assessments. The PIC will continue to use alternative methods for assessments wherever possible, including conducting assessments by audio-visual link, 'on the papers' or a combination of both, if the Medical Assessor is satisfied that this is appropriate, and the parties agree to this method.

* 7654 HEAVY VEHICLES TRAVELLING THROUGH SMALL TOWNS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering Tottenham is a small village in New South Wales with a population of 320 people and has a bypass to re-direct B-doubles, road trains and heavy vehicles around their town, and that trucks are now travelling through the town, at higher than the recommended speed putting the community at risk, can the Minister look at introducing a regulation directing heavy vehicle traffic to use designated bypasses in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

All roads in and through Tottenham are managed by Lachlan Shire Council and as such access decisions for high productivity vehicles are made by Lachlan Shire Council.

Where appropriate, trucks can already be directed to use a particular route through the use of 'no trucks' signs under rule 104 of the Road Rules 2014 and as such the introduction of a blanket regulation directing heavy vehicle traffic to use designated bypasses is unnecessary.

Heavy vehicle speeding, irrespective of the road or vehicle size, is unsafe and against the law. NSW Police enforce speed compliance on all roads in New South Wales.

* 7655 VEHICLE CLEARANCE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

(1) Considering that in late December 2021 AIS inspectors performing vehicle clearance assessments within Barwon were unable to upload information to the RMS website, leaving constituents in flood prone areas with unregistered/uninsured vehicles, would the Minister consider giving similar extension times to those given during COVID-19 for Western New South Wales communities?

(2) What strategies does the Minister have in place to ensure these outages don't reoccur?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon. Samuel Faraway MLC

* 7656 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE ACQUISITION OF FORMER POLICE BARRACKS IN WILCANNIA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering that in 2020 the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) acquired the former Wilcannia Police barracks with the intention to redevelop the buildings into homes for Elders, and that in consultation with the community development approval was obtained in June 2021 with completion expected by June 2022, can the Minister confirm that the AHO has procured a construction partner?
 - (a) Can the Minister confirm that the project will be completed by June 2022?
 - (b) Can the Minister also provide an update on the progress of this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

A builder was appointed by the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) for the redevelopment of the former Police Barracks in Wilcannia in November 2021. The appointment followed an open tender process.

Construction works have been underway for some time and are advancing well. The builder has already completed the demolition of internal linings, external cladding, and extensive asbestos removal.

The scope of works has increased to now include a full roof replacement, after removal of linings has unearthed fire damage to the roof being more extensive.

Whilst work is continuing, the roof replacement now means a Section 4.55 modification to the approved development application is required. This is currently being finalised ahead of an urgent submission to Central Darling Shire Council. As a result, practical completion is now forecast for September 2022 with the homes expected to be available for tenancy in October 2022.

* 7657 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING FOR FAMILIES ACROSS BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering that in August 2021 the former minister announced funding for 20 new houses for families across Barwon, including eight in Broken Hill, five in Wilcannia, five in Walgett and two in Lightning Ridge, will the minister honour the previous Minister's commitment?
 - (a) If so, what progress has been made to realise these homes?
 - (b) If not, what plans do you have to address overcrowding in social housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work is underway to honour the AHO's commitment to deliver new homes across a range of communities in the Barwon electorate. To date, seven homes have been completed (two in Lightning Ridge and five in Walgett). A further seventeen homes are currently under construction.

In 2021/22 AHO is delivering new homes across Barwon as follows:

Community	Units	Status as at end-March 2022
Bourke	1	Acquisition undergoing upgrade prior to tenancy
Brewarrina	1	Contract awarded - construction pending

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Broken Hill	8	Contract awarded - construction pending
Lightning Ridge	2	Complete
Narrabri	2	Off-site construction underway
Walgett	5	Complete
Wilcannia	5	Redevelopment of former Police Barracks underway
Total	24	

Additionally, planning is underway for fourteen additional homes to be built across Barwon by AHO in 2022/23. These are: two homes in Bourke, four in Brewarrina, three in Cobar and five in Wilcannia. These homes will be delivered through both Economic Recovery and annual AHO Capital Program funding.

* 7658 BUSINESS CASE FOR QUANTUM TERMINAL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Was a business case prepared for Quantum Terminal?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, was the business case prepared internally or contracted?
 - (c) What was the value of the business case contract and who was the successful contractor?
 - (d) What was the predicted occupancy rate used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?
 - (e) What was the predicted rental income used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?
- (2) What are the budgeted annual operating costs of Quantum Terminal?
- (3) How many desks were leased and what was the total rental income at Quantum Terminal in:
 - (a) December 2021?
 - (b) January 2022?
 - (c) February 2022?
 - (d) March 2022?

Answer—

I am advised;

- (1) No. The Quantum Terminal makes use of an existing government asset within Tech Central to provide affordable space for technology companies and has been established to support startups in the quantum computing, artificial intelligence and high-performance computing sectors.

The Government is committed to delivering 25,000 square metres of affordable space for startups and scaleups over the next five years around Central Station. The Quantum Terminal helps achieve this vision.
- (2) Transport for NSW manages the budget for the Quantum Terminal.
- (3) JLL operates the Quantum Terminal. The contract is managed by Transport for NSW.

* 7659 GARNISHEE ORDERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) In relation to your answer to LA Q7185:

- (a) Given Revenue NSW provided Local Government Area-related data on infringement notices for breaching COVID-19 public health orders in answers to Budget Estimates Supplementary Questions Portfolio Committee No. 1 – Finance and Small Business on 26 November 2021 (question 12), why is data on garnishee orders per LGA not available?
- (b) Given LGA-related data was provided in the Supplementary Questions referenced above, can you please provide a breakdown per Local Government Area of garnishee orders issued in each year of 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2020 which covers the following details:
 - (i) How many garnishee orders were issued?
 - (ii) How many people were issued with garnishee orders?
 - (iii) What was the total value of garnishee orders?
 - (iv) What was the total amount recovered by garnishee orders?
 - (v) What was the monetary range of garnishee orders issued?
 - (vi) What was the average value of garnishee orders issued?
 - (vii) How many complaints were received about garnishee orders?
 - (viii) How many requests for refunds of garnishee orders were received?
 - (ix) How many refunds were granted and what was the total amount refunded?
 - (x) What was the average value of refunds issued?
 - (xi) How many garnishee orders resulted in accounts with a zero balance or negative balance?
 - (xii) How many garnishee orders were issued to recipients of Centrelink payments?
 - (xiii) Which Government department or agency was the source of the original debt that resulted in a garnishee order?
 - (a) What percentage of the original debts related to parking fines?
 - (b) What percentage of the original debts related to speeding offences?
 - (c) What percentage of the original debts related to failure to vote?
 - (d) What percentage of the original debts related to fare infringements on public transport?
 - (e) What percentage of the original debts related to unpaid taxes?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Data on garnishee orders by Local Government Area is not available because Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data on garnishee orders by Local Government Area as this has no relevance to its responsibilities.
- (b) Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data on garnishee orders by Local Government Area.

* 7660 QUANTUM TERMINAL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Given the answer to LA 7183, in relation to the appointment of JLL to operate the Quantum Terminal by the Transport Asset Holding Entity:
 - (a) What contract was in place for JLL to run the expressions of interest process for the Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) What was the value of the contract?

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- (ii) What is the contract duration?
- (b) What contract is in place for JLL to operate the Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) What is the value of the contract?
 - (ii) What is the contract duration?
 - (iii) Are there any performance criteria in the contract that requires JLL to maintain a certain occupancy rate at Quantum Terminal?
 - (iv) If so, what is the required occupancy rate?
 - (v) If not, why doesn't the contract include safeguards to ensure taxpayers are getting value for money in the operation of Quantum Terminal?
- (c) What are the budgeted annual operating costs of Quantum Terminal?
- (d) How many desks were leased and what was the total rental income at Quantum Terminal in:
 - (i) December 2021?
 - (ii) January 2022?
 - (iii) February 2022?
 - (iv) March 2022?
- (e) Was a business case prepared for Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, was the business case prepared internally or contracted?
 - (iii) What was the value of the business case contract and who was the successful contractor?
 - (iv) What was the predicted occupancy rate used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?
 - (v) What was the predicted rental income used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport.

* 7661 SAFework INSPECTORS—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many inspectors are based in the Northern Rivers region?
 - (a) Which office are they based in?
- (2) How many inspectors are based in the Hawksbury region?
 - (a) Which office are they based in?
- (3) What role are SafeWork inspectors playing in assisting businesses affected by flooding to ensure their workplaces are safe?
- (4) How many businesses have been assisted with resolving WHS issues at workplaces resulting from flood damage?
- (5) What other role is Safework undertaking to support businesses in the flood affected areas?
- (6) Who has oversight of these operations and where are they based?

Answer—

- (1) and (1)(a)

As at 1 April, ten SafeWork NSW Inspectors including one Manager are located in the Northern Rivers region at office locations in Ballina and Coffs Harbour. More broadly, in the northern regions of New South Wales, SafeWork NSW has an additional 33 people, who are being deployed to the Northern Rivers as required to assist the local teams. From 4 April, an additional five Inspectors are assisting, including a specialist Asbestos Inspector and a specialist Health Inspector.

- (2) and (2)(a)

There are no inspectors specifically located in the Hawkesbury region, however there are officers based in the Greater Sydney region who hold SafeWork NSW authorities (174 based in Parramatta and 37 based in Gosford).

- (3) SafeWork NSW inspectors are strongly supporting the recovery efforts in New South Wales' flood affected Northern Rivers region through a coordinated response from the Ballina and Coffs Harbour offices.

Communities significantly impacted that SafeWork NSW is supporting include:

- Ballina Office region - Lismore, Ballina, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads,
- Mullumbimby, Casino, Kyogle, Coraki, Woodburn, Broadwater and Wardell.
- Coffs Harbour Office region - Yamba and Maclean.

There is an emergence of related health and safety harms, including mould, hazardous chemicals, alienated LPG cylinders and biological hazards. SafeWork NSW inspectors are supporting make-safe efforts in these areas.

Following the community/volunteer clean up, there has been a significant increase in PCBU's undertaking high risk work activities, including licenced asbestos removal, electrical work, work at heights, mobile plant, and demolition.

SafeWork NSW inspectors are undertaking asbestos removal and demolition verifications for subject properties utilising existing audit tools and support from the specialist SafeWork NSW Asbestos and Demolition Team. Inspectors are deployed jointly within a local geographic area to work individually and address harms relevant to their directorate, providing cross-directorate support when required.

SafeWork NSW inspectors are also providing advice for workers and consumers on how to safely undertake recovery efforts, including supporting people in decision-making around engaging reputable builders and tradespeople and frontline promotion of key messaging regarding scams and contractor licencing to consumers.

- (4) As at 11 April 2022, 213 businesses have been assisted with WHS issues at workplaces resulting from flood damage.
- (5) In addition to monitoring and enforcing compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, SafeWork NSW Inspectors are providing advice and resources, participating in disaster recovery centres, promoting and qualifying eligible businesses for the small business rebate (\$1000), and providing exemptions and waivers to affected customers.

SafeWork NSW has a dedicated webpage

(<https://www.safework.nsw.gov.au/resourcelibrary/blogs/blogs-accordions/dealing-with-a-natural-disaster>) that contains information for employers and workers about what to do before, during and after a natural disaster and how to stay safe during floods. This is supported by social media.

- (6) Operations on the ground are led by the Manager SafeWork NSW Construction Northern New South Wales.

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* 7662 VACANT GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many Government-owned properties in New South Wales are currently vacant?
- (2) Will you commit to an audit of all Government-owned properties that are currently vacant to identify maintenance and remediation needs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 21 March 2022, there are currently 2,624 vacant NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

According to the Australian Government Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022, as at 30 June 2021, the recorded percentage of public housing dwellings occupied in NSW was 98 per cent. This is higher than the 96.8 per cent national average for public housing.

LAHC is unable to report on the vacant properties it owns that are managed by community housing providers.

As at 4 April 2022, the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) advises that it had a total of 143 vacant properties to be relet. This includes 79 properties managed by the DCJ and 64 properties managed by Aboriginal and mainstream Community Housing Providers.

Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) own a state-wide portfolio of 208 properties of which 21 are currently vacant.

Vacancies within the PDNSW portfolio exist for a range of reasons including:

- assets currently being sold (3)
 - asset surplus to government requirements and scheduled for disposal (12)
 - assets that form part of PDNSW's redevelopment projects including vacant land (5), and
 - those damaged by recent flood events (1).
- (2) LAHC routinely carries out maintenance through planned maintenance programs, including vacant restoration of properties that will be relet, to meet the requirements of clean, safe and habitable condition in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW), and LAHC's Asset Performance Standards for Existing Dwellings.

All vacant properties which are identified for ongoing tenancies are inspected to identify maintenance requirements to bring them to standard, if required.

The AHO ensures that every vacant property is assessed at the end of each tenancy through completion of an 'outgoing' Property Condition Report and technical inspection to determine maintenance needed prior to relet. There are business as usual processes in place to audit vacant properties to identify maintenance and remediation needed.

In line with TPP19-07 Asset Management, PDNSW has an active program to further develop its existing asset register containing condition and compliance information relating to the entire owned asset portfolio. This information has been modelled within the PDNSW Asset Management Systems to inform a program of required renewal and maintenance works, with the associated costs, which is reflected in the PDNSW Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP). This information was submitted to NSW Treasury under a New Planning Policy submission seeking funding to allow delivery of the required works from the 22/23 budget.

* 7663 SNOWY HYRDO LEGACY FUND—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

(1) Of the \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund:

(a) How much of the Fund has been spent?

(i) What has it funded?

Answer—

I am advised as of 31 March 2022:

(1)(a) \$142.5 million has been spent while more than \$1 billion has been publicly committed by the NSW Government.

(i) This information is available online via: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/snowy-hydro-legacy-fund>

* 7664 VACANT GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) How many Government-owned social and affordable properties are vacant in the Murray electorate?

(2) How many Government-owned key worker (health/police/teacher) properties are vacant in the Murray electorate?

(3) How many Government-owned commercial properties are vacant in the Murray electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As of 31 March 2022, there are 18 vacant properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned and managed by the Department of Communities and Justice in the Murray electorate. The majority of properties are either undergoing maintenance or will be redeveloped to deliver new social housing.

According to the Australian Government Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022, as at 30 June 2021, the recorded percentage of public housing dwellings occupied in NSW was 98 per cent. This is higher than the 96.8 per cent national average for public housing.

LAHC is unable to report on vacant social and affordable housing properties it owns that are managed by community housing providers (CHPs).

The Aboriginal Housing Office as of the 19 April 2022 had 3 vacant social housing properties to be relet in the Murray electorate.

(2) As at 31 March 2022, there are 47 vacant teacher and police housing properties in the Murray electorate. The majority of these properties are being held for known recruitment with the balance undergoing maintenance or divestment. The Aboriginal Housing Office has no key worker properties in the Murray electorate.

(3) LAHC and the AHO do not own commercial properties in the Murray electorate.

Property & Development NSW (PDNSW) own 14 commercial office accommodation properties within the Murray Electorate. Only one of the 14 sites is currently vacant, being 392-394 Hay Street, Deniliquin.

The property at 392-394 Hay Street, Deniliquin is a former Local Land Services building that is being divested by PDNSW due to it being considered surplus government property following its review in the Government Property Exchange.

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* 7665 MATERNITY WARD AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many midwives and nurses working at the Griffith Base Hospital maternity ward have resigned between 28 March 2021 and 28 March 2022?
- (2) Did the Clinical Midwife Educator resign from Griffith Base Hospital in March 2022?
 - (a) If so, what was the reason for the resignation?
- (3) How many full-time midwives are employed at Griffith Base Hospital as at 28 March 2022?
- (4) How many midwifery vacancies need to be filled before the Griffith Base Hospital maternity ward is fully staffed?
- (5) Was there an occasion in March 2022 when only two midwives were rostered on during a night shift due to chronic staff shortages?
- (6) How many reports of bullying have been made via the Incident Information Management System (IIMS) at Griffith Base Hospital between 28 March 2021 and 28 March 2022?
- (7) What steps have been taken to combat bullying by senior Murrumbidgee Local Health District management?
- (8) What have Murrumbidgee Local Health District identified as the key reasons for the high staff turnover at Griffith Base Hospital?

Answer—

(1 – 2)

Two Registered Midwives have resigned in the time period mentioned. The Clinical Midwifery Educator resigned effective 1 May 2022 to relocate interstate.

(3 – 5)

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. The roster for March 2022 was staffed in accordance with the required staffing profile. There was one occasion of unplanned leave at short notice on a night duty shift which that was not able to be replaced. An on-call midwife was ready to be called in if additional clinical support was required on the shift.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across the District.

(6 – 8)

No reports of bullying have been reported to hospital management or recorded in the Incident Information Management System.

Exit interviews have identified the most common reasons for turnover are for personal reasons (relocation to family, retirement) and professional and career development and progression.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is committed to providing a safe and respectful workplace for all workers. The NSW Health Code of Conduct provides the standards of behaviour and conduct that are expected of staff at all times. All complaints about bullying and/or grievances or concerns, are treated seriously and acted on promptly.

* 7666 CONTINUITY OF CARE—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many New South Wales local area health services are offering continuity of care from a midwife covering the antenatal, birthing and postpartum periods?
- (2) How is the current continuity of care model being delivered in public hospital settings?

- (3) How many mothers were able to access this continuity of care model from 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021?
- (4) Will there be a review to look at New South Wales's rate of caesarean sections, which rose to 36 per cent of all births in New South Wales in 2020?

Answer—

(1–3)

NSW Health supports a variety of models of care to increase continuity of midwifery care.

An updated NSW Health Maternity Care Policy will be released during 2022. Whilst NSW maternity services already have strongly embedded continuity of care models, the policy will guide local health districts in their development of sustainable programs that address specific local needs, including Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse women and families.

(4)

I am advised that in NSW the elective caesarean section rate has increased from 18.4 per cent in 2011 to 23.3 per cent in 2020, reflecting a trend seen in developed countries internationally. Comparatively, emergency caesarean section rates have remained relatively stable over the past decade at around 13 per cent. This information is publicly available in the NSW Mothers and Babies Report 2020.

* 7667 ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has any expenditure been made from the Asbestos Removal Program to schools located within the State electorate of Liverpool for the period 1.1.20 to date?
- (a) If so, which schools?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure schools are safe and compliant.

The Department maintains school asbestos registers with information about the existence and location of any known or presumed asbestos-containing materials on school sites, based on advice from qualified hygienists.

When the presence of hazardous materials is reported, immediate action is taken by the Department to protect public health, including isolating the area and engaging a licensed contractor to investigate, monitor and remediate the site to SafeWork NSW safety standards.

Since 1 January 2020, asbestos remediation activities have been undertaken at the following schools in the Liverpool electorate:

Bass Hill Public School
Granville South Public School
Hammondville Public School
Ingleburn Public School
Punchbowl Public School
Carramar Public School
Beverly Hills North Public School
Cabramatta West Public School
Chester Hill North Public School

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Yennora Public School
Campbelltown North Public School
Sherwood Grange Public School
Busby Public School
Smithfield West Public School
Fowler Road School
Ajuga School
Punchbowl Boys High School
Birrong Girls High School
Wiley Park Girls High School
Bringelly Public School
Condell Park High School
Guise Public School
Holroyd High School
Holroyd School
Rossmore Public School
Wiley Park Girls High School
Chester Hill High school
Concord High School
Macquarie Fields Public School

- * 7668 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CYBER SECURITY POLICY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

How many local government areas have implemented the Local Government Cyber Security Policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government continues to work with Cyber Security NSW, in consultation with councils across New South Wales, to develop and deploy final guidelines, which will support councils in adopting a cyber security policy tailored to their Local Government Area. The final guideline is expected to be completed this year.

- * 7669 WAIT TIMES IN AMBULANCES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

Please provide the total hours per quarter since 1.7.19 that patients waited in an ambulance outside the emergency department at Liverpool hospital after arriving by ambulance and before being admitted to emergency department care.

Answer—

The Bureau of Health Information website reports on time to transfer of care of a patient from ambulance to emergency department from 2010 onward. Results are searchable by hospital or by local health district. See <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

- * 7670 COVID CASES IN SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many COVID cases were there in schools in New South Wales for:
- (a) The week commencing 21 March 2022?
- (b) The week commencing 14 March 2022?

Answer—

In relation to case numbers in classrooms and schools, confirmed cases of COVID-19 are reported to Service NSW in line with community settings and all confirmed cases are no longer reported centrally to the Department. Information regarding confirmed cases in the community can be sought through the NSW Government website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/data-and-statistics>

In relation to teacher absences please refer to LC QON 8587.

- * 7671 TEACHING POSITIONS IN LIVERPOOL SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

Which schools located within the state electorate of Liverpool as at 1.3.2022 had more than 20 per cent of teaching positions vacant and/or filled by casual staff?

Answer—

As at 1 March 2022, none of the schools located within the state electorate of Liverpool had more than 20 per cent of teaching positions vacant.

- * 7672 STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

What were the student attendance rates at schools within the electorate of Liverpool since the commencement of the current school year?

Answer—

The average attendance rate in Term 1 2022, for NSW public schools in the Liverpool electorate is as follows:

Level of schooling	Average percentage of students attending school on site
Primary (K-6)	82%
Secondary (7-12)	73%

Student attendance rates in Term 1 2022, have been affected by a range of factors such as the COVID-19 pandemic, flooding and adverse weather events.

- * 7673 PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

How many teachers, assistant principals, deputy principals, principals, and school staff at schools within the state electorate of Liverpool did not provide proof of vaccination against COVID to the Department of Education?

Answer—

As at 31 March 2022, NSW Department of Education identified:

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Of the 1708 permanent and temporary staff across the 25 New South Wales public schools in the state electorate of Liverpool, 11 staff or 0.6 per cent had not attested their vaccination status and three staff or 0.2 per cent had attested as not vaccinated.

* 7674 APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) How many applications were received as of 30 June 2021 from residents within the electorate of Liverpool for:
- (a) Commercial Landlord Hardship fund?
 - (b) Residential Tenancy Support payment?
 - (c) Support for accommodation providers?
 - (d) Land tax COVID-19 relief?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Nil. Application commenced November 2021
 - (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Small Business and Fair Trading.
 - (c) Nil. Application started in September 2021
 - (d) Land Tax Relief is completed by Revenue NSW and should be directed to the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations

* 7675 PAWNBROKER LICENCES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

How many pawnbrokers licences have been issued to holders within the Liverpool Local Government area?

Answer—

As at 30 March 2022, there are two current pawnbroker licence holders with the postcode 2168, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2178, 2179, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2565 or 2745.

* 7676 APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise how many applications have been made for the New South Wales Individual Disaster Relief Grant between 22 February and 28 March 2022 across New South Wales?
- (a) How many of these applications were lodged specifically by residents of the Bankstown and East Hills electorates?
 - (b) How many of these applications have since been granted?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 21 April 2022, Resilience NSW has received approximately 1,576 applications for the Disaster Relief Grant. 33 applications have been received from residents in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area which are currently undergoing assessment.

* 7677 APPLICATIONS FOR STORM AND FLOOD DISASTER RECOVERY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise how many applications have been made for the New South Wales February and March 2022 Storm and Flood Disaster Recovery Small Business Grant?
 - (a) How many of these applications were lodged by businesses from the Bankstown and East Hills electorates?
 - (b) How many of these applications have been granted?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 21 April 2022, Service NSW have received approximately 13,015 applications for the Storm and Flood Disaster Recovery Small Business Grant. Service NSW have received 1,066 applications from the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area. Of these, 720 applications are currently in progress and 52 have been granted.

* 7678 SCHOOLS CONSIDERED NON-OPERATIONAL DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise how many schools in the Bankstown electorate were considered non-operational as a consequence of the floods?
 - (a) Which schools were impacted?

Answer—

- (1) Of New South Wales public schools located in the electorate of Bankstown, one school, Wattawa Heights Public School, was made non-operational as a consequence of the floods.

* 7679 SCHOOLS SUFFERING DAMAGE DUE TO FLOODS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise how many schools in the Bankstown electorate suffered damages as a result of the floods?
 - (a) Which schools were impacted?

Answer—

- (1) As at end March 2022, 24 schools in the Bankstown electorate reported damage as a result of the major wet weather event affecting Sydney and many areas of regional and rural New South Wales.
 - (a) Impacted schools are listed in the table below.

School
Bankstown Girls High School
Bankstown Hospital School
Bankstown North Public School
Bankstown Public School
Bankstown Senior College
Bankstown South Infants School

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Bankstown West Public School
Bass High School
Bass Hill Public School
Birrong Boys High School
Birrong Girls High School
Birrong Public School
Chester Hill High School
Chester Hill North Public School
Chester Hill Public School
George Bass School
Karningul School
Regents Park Public School
Rowland Hassall School
Sefton High School
Sefton Infants School
Villawood East Public School
Wattawa Heights Public School
Yagoona Public School

* 7680 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL REPAIRS ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has the Department of Education undertaken an assessment of the repairs required across schools within the electorate of Bankstown as a result of the recent March flooding?
 - (a) How many schools require urgent repairs as a result of the recent flooding?
 - (b) What is the time frame for these repairs?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) As at end March 2022, 24 schools required assessment for urgent repairs.
 - (b) All permanent or temporary repairs to all minor damage are now complete. These schools were fully operational for the start of Term 2 2022. The following two schools require further works.
 - Repairs to roofs at Bankstown Senior College are forecast to be completed by the end of 2022, however all buildings remain operational.
 - Significant damage occurred at Birrong Boys High School. A loss adjuster has been contracted and roofs on Blocks B, E and F are forecast to be replaced by the end of 2022. There are sufficient teaching spaces to accommodate classes at the school.

* 7681 T3 BANKSTOWN LINE CANCELLATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) On how many occasions was the T3 Bankstown Line cancelled across the months of February and March 2022?
- (a) Can you confirm that on every occasion a bus replaced the cancelled train?
- (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website. During February and March 2022, scheduled trackwork took place on the T3 Bankstown Line on several occasions. On each occasion rail replacement buses were provided as alternative transport for customers.

* 7682 SUPPLY/DEMAND GAP FOR TIMBER—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Government completed a current analysis to determine the supply/demand gap for timber?
- (a) Are there any plans/costings to address it?
- (b) Will this information be made public?

Answer—

Since the 2019/20 bushfires, the NSW Government has continued to support the salvage of timber where possible from fire-affected areas and drive accelerated replanting programs. The salvage harvesting effort has been complemented by the NSW Government's \$46 million equity injection to Forestry Corporation to support re-establishing plantations, expanding production nurseries to increase seedling production and repairing infrastructure and roads damaged by fire.

The Forestry Corporation is currently working under a direction from the former Deputy Premier to divert selected softwood log exports to domestic markets over the next three years. That direction will result in an additional 270,000 tonnes of timber entering the domestic supply chain.

Other actions from the NSW Government to support the timber industry (including addressing timber shortages) have included:

- \$41.8 million in approved Bushfire Industry Recovery Package sector development grants
- \$10 million for haulage of fire-affected timber and \$15 million for storage assistance (with complementary Commonwealth assistance). NSW successfully negotiated a one-year extension with the Commonwealth for haulage subsidy claims (now expiring June 2022)
- Low interest loans from the Forest Industries Innovation Fund (including an increase in the loan cap from \$3 million to \$5 million)
- Exploration of alternative timber supplies for domestic needs in NSW (including timber previously exported as noted above)
- Actively promoting the expansion of private native forestry

* 7683 TIMBER HOUSING FRAMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Given Master Builders Australia and the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), recently revealed an expected shortfall of 250,000 housing timber frames nationally by 2035, with over 50,000 in New South Wales, have you met with your Federal and State colleagues to develop a comprehensive response?

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- (a) If yes, please provide details of your meetings and any discussions.

Answer—

I am in regular contact with all of my colleagues to discuss an array of policy areas. New South Wales Ministerial diaries are publically published quarterly on the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet's website.

- * 7684 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With the New South Wales housing construction industry facing a shortfall of over 50,000 timber frames which will have dire consequences for the housing and building sector, what plan have you developed to mitigate the shortfall?

Answer—

Over recent times a combination of events has resulted in the disruption of normal timber supply chains. The 2019-20 bushfires impacted large areas of NSW, affecting softwood and hardwood timber plantations as well as native forests managed for multiple uses including renewable timber production. In conjunction with this there has been a rapid increase in demand for structural timber from our growing construction sector and fewer timber imports due to international trade pressures that have or will impact supply.

Recent flooding has saturated soils and significantly damaged infrastructure in the north of the State. Forestry Corporation will only resume harvesting operations on Crown timber lands when conditions in these areas improve and when sustainable harvesting can be managed.

The NSW government has been working with Forestry Corporation to organise the diversion of selected softwood log exports to domestic markets over the next 3 years, which will result in an additional 270,000 tonnes of timber entering the domestic supply chain. This is maintaining jobs in regional towns and supplying the NSW community with the renewable timber it needs. To support the recovery of long-term softwood supply, Forestry Corporation has commenced an accelerated replanting program, tracking ahead of its schedule to fully restock fire-affected plantations by 2027. This program will see Forestry Corporation invest around \$41 million a year in replanting. Forestry Corporation production nurseries in Tumut and Grafton have been expanded and record numbers of seedlings have been planted state-wide.

There is no simple answer to the question of timber supply, as it will take time to regrow the trees lost to the bushfires. Industry, with NSW Government support, is adapting to the pressures of supply through accessing wood from outside normal timber supply zones, which is making the existing supply chain network more complex. The NSW Government through the Forestry Corporation of NSW does not directly supply retail outlets. Forestry Corporation supplies wood to its timber processing customers and is only one supplier amongst others that forms part of the broader timber industry in NSW. As each situation will be unique, it is recommended retailers discuss any supply issues with their normal timber suppliers.

- * 7685 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package by residents in the Bankstown electorate?
- (a) Of these applications, how many were approved?
- (b) Of these applications, how many were rejected?
- (c) To 22 February 2022, what is the total amount of funding support provided to residents of the Bankstown electorate through residential tenancy support programs?

Answer—

- (1) Seven hundred and fifty two (752).
- (a) Seven hundred and twenty six (726).

- (b) Twenty six (26) applications.
- (c) Applications for the Residential Tenancy Support Payment closed on 31 December 2022. The total amount paid to approved applicants in the Bankstown electorate to 22 February 2022 was \$1,874,467.62.

Note: Two additional payments were made after 22 February 2022. The total amount paid to approved applicants in the Bankstown electorate to the end of the Program was \$1,880,267.62

* 7686 MENTAL HEALTH SPORTS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

(1) In relation to the \$2.8 million Mental Health Sports program:

- (a) How many clubs have applied for the grants?
- (b) When will the successful clubs be announced?
- (c) When will the money be sent to the Sports clubs?

Answer—

(1) (a) – (c)

Applications under the Mental Health Sports Fund Grants Program closed on 20 March 2022 and the assessment process is currently underway.

For probity reasons and to maintain the integrity of the assessment process, the precise number of sporting clubs that have applied for grants cannot be disclosed.

The successful applicants will be announced in May 2022, and will receive funding after entering into a funding agreement, which is anticipated to occur in May 2022.

* 7687 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE CALLS—Mr Ryan Park 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 was the total number of calls received by the New South Wales Domestic Violence Helpline from:
- (a) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020?
 - (b) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?

If the information is publicly available please supply link to website.

Answer—

I am advised:

Data regarding the number of calls to the NSW Domestic Violence Line is available in the Department of Communities and Justice's Annual Reports: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports.html>

* 7688 MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND RECOVERY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) In relation to the 25 'Safeguards' - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Response Teams across New South Wales:
- (a) How many teams have been hired as at 29th March 2022?
 - (b) How many Full time equivalent (FTE) are employed in each team?
 - (c) Which Local Health Districts (LHD) have these teams been allocated to?

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- (d) How many teenagers have been assisted by the new teams?
- (2) In relation to the 57 mental health Response and Recovery Specialists across regional and rural New South Wales:
- (a) How many specialists have been hired as at 29th March 2022?
- (b) Which LHD's have these specialists been allocated to?

Answer—

- (1) (a-d)

The Safeguards Teams will be progressively rolled out in three tranches over four years, including funding for 10 teams in 2021-22. As at 29 March 2022, half of the teams are operational while recruitment for the remainder is being finalised. Each team has been funded for 8.0 FTE.

In the first tranche, funding for Safeguards teams have been allocated to Central Coast, Hunter New England, Illawarra Shoalhaven, Mid North Coast, Murrumbidgee, Northern New South Wales, Northern Sydney, South Eastern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Western New South Wales, Western Sydney.

- (2)

- (a) There are currently 42.6 FTE mental health Response and Recovery Specialists across regional and rural New South Wales.
- (b) Response and Recovery Specialists have been allocated to eleven LHDs:
- Southern New South Wales
 - Murrumbidgee
 - Hunter New England
 - Northern New South Wales
 - Mid North Coast
 - Illawarra Shoalhaven
 - Nepean Blue Mountains
 - Central Coast
 - South Western Sydney
 - Western New South Wales
 - Far West

* 7689 MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE CALLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What was the number of calls received by the NSW Mental Health Helpline from:
- (a) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020?
- (b) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?

Answer—

From 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, there was a decrease of one per cent in the number of phone calls received by the NSW Mental Health Helpline compared to the same period in 2019. Between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 there was a two percent increase compared to the same period in 2020.

* 7690 FIRE AND RESCUE STATIONS OFFLINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) In relation to Fire and Rescue NSW taking stations off line:
 - (a) Are any of the following stations planned to be taken off line: Corrimal, Balgownie, Coledale, Thirroul, Helensburgh or Scarborough?
 - (b) If so, when?
- (2) Can the Minister guarantee that these stations will never be taken off line in 2022 and 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The decision to take an appliance temporarily offline is an operational decision made at the discretion of Fire and Rescue NSW. Under Commissioner Order 2019-20 a fire appliance is only temporarily taken offline due to unforeseen circumstances.

* 7691 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme:
 - (a) What was the total number of kilometres reimbursed in 2019/20 and 2020/21?
 - (b) How many nights' accommodation was reimbursed in 2019/20 and 2020/21?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Approximately 100,000,000 kilometres.
 - (b) Approximately 500,000 nights' accommodation.

* 7692 ENHANCED RECOVERY AFTER SURGERY PROTOCOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to review or consider introducing Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols in New South Wales?
 - (a) When did this occur?
 - (b) What were the outcomes?
- (2) Will the Government introduce ERAS protocols for elective knee and hip replacement surgery in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, Why not?
- (3) Will the Government fund a pilot study of ERAS protocols in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Is the Government including ERAS as part of its Leading Better Value Care program to refocus on value-based health care?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Given hospitals in New South Wales are dealing with significant resource pressures due to COVID-19, with reports of Emergency Departments and ICUs regularly requiring ward beds, why isn't the Government considering ERAS protocols as part of the solution to improve the value of health care and increase available beds for elective surgery and ED/ICU requirements?

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Answer—

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Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) is part of the Elective Surgery Action Plan, which has a focus on value-based care in elective surgery. The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) is currently undertaking a pilot of the colorectal ERAS model. Further to this, the ACI are also collecting experiential evidence and resources for sites who have already implemented ERAS to identify which other subspecialties could have ERAS embedded across New South Wales.

(2)

Orthopaedics is one subspecialty area that has been identified as suitable for ERAS implementation. The ACI has recently released the Same-day hip and knee joint replacement surgery key principles document which is available on the ACI website.

(5)

Many hospitals have already implemented local ERAS models and their experience is informing the statewide approach currently under active consideration.

* 7693 EUROBODALLA MORUYA HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) In relation to the purchase of the site for the new Eurobodalla Hospital and the Minister's reflections made on the integrity of local health advocates:

(a) Will the Minister confirm the purchase of the hospital site is not finalised?

(b) Will the Minister confirm:

(i) The statements made in Moruya in February 2022 claiming negotiations with the site owner had been underway for 13 months are untrue?

(ii) The owner received the first offer on 3 November 2021?

(c) Will the Minister withdraw and correct accusations made in Moruya in February 2022 that Eurobodalla health advocates lied and were acting without integrity by highlighting the purchase of the land was not finalised?

Answer—

The Health Administration Corporation (HAC) acquired the site for the new Eurobodalla Hospital on 19 April 2022 under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act (Just Terms Act).

HAC commenced engaging with the former landowner in December 2020 as per the Just Terms Act, under which HAC was required (for at least six months) to make genuine attempts to acquire the site by agreement from the former landowner before giving a proposed acquisition notice (PAN) under the Just Terms Act.

This engagement facilitated HAC undertaking necessary due diligence, which informed the extent of land required and compensation payable by HAC for the land, and included related discussions and negotiations with the landowner. Engagement continued up until HAC acquired the site.

As part of the process set out above, HAC engaged with the landowner on compensation payable for the land, but no agreement was reached. The compensation payable by HAC to the former landowner for the site will now be determined by the Valuer-General of NSW under the Just Terms Act, and it would be inappropriate to make any further comment now that this process has commenced.

* 7694 ALDAVILLA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) In relation to the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre at Aldavilla:

(a) How many nurses are rostered on during the day shift in the hospital?

- (b) How many nurses are rostered on during the night shift in the hospital?

Answer—

Local health districts and specialty health networks vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs at any point in time. I am advised the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network provides health services at the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre seven days a week.

- * 7695 HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN RIVER REMEDIATION WORK—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What remedial work has the Government undertaken in the Hawkesbury-Nepean River following a 2019 report from Western Sydney University researchers that found parts of the river were 'susceptible to periods of elevated faecal contamination'?
- (2) Has monitoring of the river quality occurred?
- (a) If so, when and where?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that sewage utilities continually inspect and repair all parts of the wastewater network to fix leaks, remove blockages, maintain equipment, and improve treatment processes. Leaks from private sewer systems and septic tanks as well as stormwater runoff containing domestic pet waste, also contribute to periods of elevated faecal contamination in the river.
- (2) I am advised the Department is working with Hawkesbury City Council to regularly monitor water quality in the Hawkesbury-Nepean River.
- (a) Two popular swimming sites, Windsor Beach and Yarramundi Reserve, are monitored weekly from October to April, and monthly from May to September to assess microbial water quality. An additional five sites (Windsor Bridge, Riverside Oaks, Lower Portland, Wisemans Ferry and Macdonald River) in the mid-upper Hawkesbury River are monitored for ecological health on a monthly basis.

- * 7696 VILLAWOOD TOWN CENTRE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Has any developer approached the Government for supporting Transport infrastructure in their development precincts in the Villawood Town Centre?
- (a) If yes, what has been requested?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer you to the response to LA 7348.

- * 7697 VILLAWOOD TOWN CENTRE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With the increase in population in the Villawood Town Centre and the construction of high-rise apartments, is the Government working with developers to provide residents with supporting transport infrastructure?
- (a) If yes, what type of infrastructure will be provided to commuters in the Villawood Town Centre?

Answer—

I am advised

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I refer you to the response to LA 7347

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* 7698 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) For each of the following buildings in the Maitland electorate, please indicate the value and date of the last major renovation/capital works over \$50,000 for Fire and Rescue NSW since 2011:
 - (a) On Call fire stations?
 - (b) Permanent fire stations?
 - (c) Day Stations?
 - (d) Offices?
 - (e) Training Facilities?
 - (f) Warehouses?
 - (g) Other Properties (please specify)?
- (2) For each of the following equipment assets in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA), please indicate the value and date of the last major upgrade or acquisition (over \$10,000) for Fire and Rescue NSW since 2011:
 - (a) Pumpers (Class 2 & 3)?
 - (b) Tankers (Class 1)?
 - (c) Aerial Appliances?
 - (d) Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAPS)?
 - (e) Specialist and Support?
 - (f) Community Fire Units (CFU) Trailers?
 - (g) Minor Fleet?
- (3) How many fires were there in the Maitland LGA in the 2020-21 year, please disaggregate by:
 - (a) Structure?
 - (b) Rubbish?
 - (c) Bush/Grass?
 - (d) Vehicle?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)-(2) Information about the allocation of Fire and Rescue NSW's capital funding is set out in the NSW Budget Papers, available online at www.budget.nsw.gov.au

(3) In line with the Government Policy on Open Data, Fire and Rescue NSW publishes incident data on its webpage. This can be found at: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9376

* 7699 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE BY NSW SES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) What was the total number of request for assistance incidents attended between 2016-17 and 2020-21 in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) by NSW SES?

(a) Please disaggregate for each year by financial year and:

- (i) Storm Incidents?
- (ii) Flood Incidents?
- (iii) Water rescues?
- (iv) In-water flood rescues?
- (v) Vehicle crash with injuries and/or rescue of victim(s) from vehicle?
- (vi) Vehicle crash with no injuries?
- (vii) Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator/escalator?
- (viii) Confined space rescue?
- (ix) High angle and vertical rescue?
- (x) Rescue of victim(s) from a building?
- (xi) Other incidents requiring rescue?
- (xii) Animal rescues?

Answer—

I am advised that:

NSW SES attended a total of 1,456 requests for assistance between 2016-17 and 2020-21 in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA), of which 1,409 were storm and flood related. NSW SES also responded to 107 support requests for assistance (RFA) in this period within the Maitland LGA, from other emergency agencies where they were the lead or combat agency.

* 7700 TOTAL FUNDING FOR FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) What was the total quantum of funding for each of the following line items in the 2020-21 Financial year for Fire and Rescue NSW in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA);

(a) Salaries and wages (including annual leave):

- (i) Brigades?
- (ii) Retained Firefighters?
- (iii) Administrative & Technical Staff?
- (iv) Overtime?
- (v) Redundancy Payments?

(2) What was the total quantum of funding for Fire and Rescue NSW in the Maitland LGA as per question (1) (a) for the following financial years:

- (a) 2019-2020?
- (b) 2018-2019?
- (c) 2017-2018?

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Answer—

I am advised that:

Fire and Rescue NSW financial statements are set out in its annual reports, published online at www.fire.nsw.gov.au

* 7701 PRISON HEALTHCARE ACCESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections—

- (1) For New South Wales private prisons, and disaggregated by security classification level (AA, A1, A2, B, C1, C2, C3, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, E1, E2, L), what is the average length of custodial sentence?
- (2) For all answers in question (1), please advise the average wait time to access:
 - (a) Counselling services?
 - (b) Psychiatric services?
 - (c) Intervention programs or other rehabilitation programs?
 - (d) Drug and alcohol addiction therapies?
 - (e) Any other mental health services?
 - (f) GP or other medical services?
 - (g) Educational programs HSC or equivalent?
 - (h) TAFE or other equivalent vocational qualifications?
 - (i) University or other equivalent tertiary qualifications?
 - (j) Non-vocational training programs?
- (3) For New South Wales public prisons, and disaggregated by security classification level (AA, A1, A2, B, C1, C2, C3, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, E1, E2, L), what is the average length of custodial sentence?
- (4) For all answers in question (3), please advise the average wait time to access:
 - (a) Counselling services?
 - (b) Psychiatric services?
 - (c) Intervention programs or other rehabilitation programs?
 - (d) Drug and alcohol addiction therapies?
 - (e) Any other mental health services?
 - (f) GP or other medical services?
 - (g) Educational programs HSC or equivalent?
 - (h) TAFE or other equivalent vocational qualifications?
 - (i) University or other equivalent tertiary qualifications?
 - (j) Non-vocational training programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (3)

Average inmates custodial sentence length in years on 30 March 2022

	Private Prisons*	Public Prisons**
A1	-	22.3
A2	10.6	13.2
AA	-	21.5
B	5.8	7
C1	6.6	7
C2	4.9	5.4
C3	8	7.9
CAT1	-	6.2
CAT2	4.8	2.9
CAT3	10	4.7
CAT4	18.3	12.7
CAT5	-	-
E1	6.7	6.5
E2	3.8	3.7

Note: * Private Prisons (managed centres) include Junee, Parklea, Clarence and John Morony Correctional Centres.

**Public Prisons include all public correctional centres but excludes John Morony Correctional Centre

*** Average sentence length is based on aggregate sentence term and excludes inmates with an indeterminate or life sentence.

- (2) (a) (b) (d) (e) (f) and (4) (a) (b) (d) (e) (f)

Inmate health data is held by the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health), which falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health.

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has joint responsibility for counselling and addiction therapies with Justice Health. CSNSW does not capture data on waiting list times in the manner requested. An explanation of CSNSW's assessment of inmate needs and sequencing of program and service delivery is provided in the next answer.

- (2) (c) (g) (h) (i) U) and (4) (c) (g) (h) (i) (j)

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Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) does not capture data on waiting list times for intervention and education programs in the manner requested. The length of sentence of the inmate may inform the sequence and timing of programs and services offered to inmates.

CSNSW assesses and identifies relevant risks and needs of offenders, before referring offenders to custody based criminogenic programs or education and employment opportunities. Inmates have their needs assessed on entry to custody and a case plan is developed which identifies the interventions the inmate requires. This works to ensure that eligible inmates receive the right intervention at the right time of their sentence to reduce the risk of return to custody.

Generally, candidates for programs are prioritised according to their earliest possible release date. However, there are a number of factors that impact when an inmate is offered a place in a program, such as classification, motivation, mental health and conduct. Offenders may also be required to complete particular programs identified in the case plan before commencing others.

* 7702 SES FUNDING AND VOLUNTEERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the total quantum of funding for each of the following line items in the 2020-21 Financial year for SES NSW in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA);
 - (a) Salaries and wages (including annual leave):
 - (i) Staffing?
 - (ii) Overtime?
 - (iii) Redundancy Payments?
- (2) What was the total quantum of funding for SES NSW in the Maitland LGA as per question (1) (a) for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2018-2019?
 - (c) 2017-2018?
- (3) How many volunteers were engaged in the Maitland LGA during the 2020-21 financial year for the NSW SES?
 - (a) What was the actual number of people who volunteered?
 - (b) What was the total number of volunteer hours?
- (4) What was the total actual number of volunteers for the NSW SES in the Maitland LGA for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2018-2019?
 - (c) 2017-2018?
- (5) What was the total number of volunteer hours for the NSW SES in the Maitland LGA for each of the following financial years?
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2018-2019?
 - (c) 2017-2018?
- (6) What was the quantum of expenditure on training for NSW SES Volunteers in the Maitland LGA for each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2020-2021?
- (b) 2019-2020?
- (c) 2018-2019?
- (d) 2017-2018?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW State Emergency Service's (SES) financial statements are set out in its annual reports, published online at www.ses.nsw.gov.au

There are 77 volunteers in the Maitland SES Unit. The Maitland SES unit had 81 members at 30 June 2018, 70 members at 30 June 2019, and 92 members at 30 June 2020.

The NSW SES does not keep records of specific volunteer hours. Volunteering hours will differ dramatically depending on a variety of factors, such as significant weather events, training and calls for assistance from other emergency service agencies

* 7703 RESCUE INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the total number of rescue incidents attended between 2016-17 and 2020-21 in the Maitland Local Government Area by Fire and Rescue NSW?
 - (a) Please disaggregate for each year by financial year and:
 - (i) Vehicle crash with injuries and/or rescue of victim(s) from vehicle?
 - (ii) Vehicle crash with no injuries?
 - (iii) Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator/escalator?
 - (iv) Confined space rescue?
 - (v) High angle and vertical rescue?
 - (vi) Rescue of victim(s) from a building?
 - (vii) Other incidents requiring rescue?
 - (viii) In-water flood rescues and water rescues?
 - (ix) Animal rescues?

Answer—

I am advised that:

In line with the NSW Government Policy on Open Data, Fire and Rescue NSW publishes incident data on its webpage. This can be found at: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9376

* 7704 MEDICAL CATEGORY INCIDENTS ATTENDED BY SES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the total number of medical category incidents attended between 2016-17 and 2020-21 in the Maitland Local Government Area by Fire and Rescue NSW?
 - (a) Please disaggregate for each year by financial year and:
 - (i) Assist Ambulance?
 - (ii) Community First Responder?

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- (iii) Concern for Welfare?
- (iv) Medical emergency access?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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* 7705 HAZMAT INCIDENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the total number of HAZMAT incidents attended between 2016-17 and 2020-21 in the Maitland Local Government Area by Fire and Rescue NSW?
 - (a) Please disaggregate for each year by financial year and:
 - (i) Where HAZMAT is the cause, or there is a HAZMAT element in the response (eg: motor vehicle crash with a fuel spill)?
 - (ii) Minor Fuel or other flammable liquid spill/leak – 200 litres or less?
 - (iii) Major fuel or other flammable liquid spill/leak – 201 litres or more?
 - (iv) Power line down, power line arcing?

Answer—

I am advised that:

In line with the NSW Government Policy on Open Data, Fire and Rescue NSW publishes incident data on its webpage. This can be found at: www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9376

* 7706 SES BUILDING RENOVATION AND ASSET UPGRADES SINCE 2011—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) For each of the following buildings in the Maitland electorate, please indicate the value and date of the last major renovation/capital works over \$50,000 for the State Emergency Service since 2011:
 - (a) Rutherford Depot?
 - (b) Metford Headquarters?
 - (c) Other Properties (please specify)?
- (2) For each of the following equipment assets in the Maitland LGA, please indicate the value and date of the last major upgrade or acquisition (over \$10,000) for the State Emergency Service since 2011:
 - (a) Light Storm Vehicles (\$185,000 approximate value)?
 - (b) Medium Storm Vehicles (\$245,000 approximate value)?
 - (c) Medium Rescue Vehicles (\$360,000 approximate value)?
 - (d) Heavy Rescue Vehicles (\$420,000 approximate value)?
 - (e) General Purpose Vehicles (\$90,000 approximate value)?
 - (f) Bowloader Vessels & Trailers (\$145,000 approximate value)?
 - (g) Tandem Axle GP Trailers (\$11,000 approximate value)?
 - (h) Single Axle GP trailers (\$10,000 approximate value)?

- (i) Any other items of equipment (please specify quantity of each different type of equipment and approximate value)?

Answer—

I am advised that:

NSW State Emergency Service's capital budget for 2021-22 is \$47.3 million. Information about the allocation of NSW State Emergency Service's capital funding is set out in the NSW Budget Papers, available online at www.budget.nsw.gov.au. The following vehicles have been delivered to the Maitland SES Unit since 2011.

Fleet Asset	Delivered
General Purpose Vehicle Gen 1	2018
General Purpose Vehicle	2012
Vessel - Rigid Inflatable Boat	2011
Vessel - Rigid Inflatable Boat	2011
Vessel - Rigid Inflatable Boat	2011
Command Vehicle	2011

* 7707 GREENER PUBLIC SPACES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Regarding the Government's Greener Public Spaces Priority, how many new open green spaces are being considered as part of this plan for the electorate of Canterbury?
 - (a) Where are these spaces being considered within the electorate?
 - (b) What community consultation has been undertaken by the Government, regarding these spaces?
- (2) Regarding the Greener Public Spaces Priority community consultation survey, how many respondents were from the electorate of Canterbury?
 - (a) What multicultural resources were used in the delivery of this survey?
 - (b) How was the community notified about this survey?
 - (c) How many respondents did this survey have in total?
- (3) Considering the Greener Public Spaces Priority aims to increase the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes' walk of open space by 10 per cent by 2023;
 - (a) Under the current trajectory of the plan, what percentage of homes in Campsie 2194 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (b) What percentage of homes in Earlwood 2206 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (c) What percentage of homes in Hurlstone Park 2193 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (d) What percentage of homes in Belmore 2192 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (e) What percentage of homes in Belfield 2191 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (f) What percentage of homes in Clemton Park 2206 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?
 - (g) What percentage of homes in Roselands 2196 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?

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- (h) What percentage of homes in Canterbury 2193 will be within 10 minutes' walk of open space?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Greener Public Spaces Premier's Priority aims to improve walkable access to public space across the urban areas of New South Wales by 10% between July 2019 and June 2023. Set out below are the projects being delivered through Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) programs that will contribute to the Priority in the electorate of Canterbury:

LGA	Funding Program	Project Summary Description	Community Consultation
Canterbury Bankstown	Everyone Can Play, Department of Planning & Environment	Northcote Park Playground Upgrade (260 Waterloo Road, Greenacre), completed June 2021	Community consultation was undertaken by the local council
Canterbury Bankstown	Everyone Can Play, Department of Planning & Environment	Flinders Slopes PlaySpace (Henry Lawson Drive, Lansdowne) completed June 2021	Community consultation was undertaken by the local council
Canterbury Bankstown	Metropolitan Greenspace, Department Planning & Environment	Cooks River Wayfinding Signage Project (Cooks River Foreshore located within central business city), to be delivered in January 2023	Community consultation was undertaken by the local council as a part of the Metropolitan Greenspace Project 2019 – Cooks River Spatial framework. The project was identified as a priority following this engagement.
Canterbury Bankstown	Streets as Shared Spaces, Department Planning & Environment	Streets as Rooms for Living: Micro Rooms (Bankstown, Campsie, Earlwood, Padstow, Georges Hall, Belmore, Narwee, Revesby, Chester Hill), to be delivered in 2022	Community consultation undertaken by the local council
Canterbury Bankstown	Your High Streets, Department Planning & Environment	Lakemba Ramadan Lights (Haldon Street, Lakemba), to be delivered in 2022	Community consultation undertaken by the local council

Canterbury Bankstown	Open Streets, Department	Campsie Street Festival (Beamish Street, Amy	Community notified of road closure and
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	Planning & Environment	Street, Anzac Square), to be delivered in May 2022	community event promotion
Canterbury Bankstown	Summer Night Fund, Department Planning & Environment	Movies Under the Stars (Paul Keating Park, The Mall Bankstown), to be delivered in April 2022	Community event promotion
Canterbury Bankstown	Greening our City Grant Program, Department Planning & Environment	City of Canterbury Bankstown Street Tree Planting and Urban Canopy Renewal (to plant 690 trees to increase canopy cover in areas with little to no cover), to be delivered in June 2022	Community consultation undertaken by the local council
Canterbury Bankstown	Greening our City Grant Program, Department Planning & Environment	Urban Heat Response Canopy Growth Program (800 trees will be planted across entire LGA including Bexley Road Reserve and along streets having been identified as having the highest heat vulnerability index), to be delivered in December 2022	Community consultation undertaken by the local council
Canterbury Bankstown	2021 Free Tree Giveaway, Department Planning & Environment	Bunnings Free Tree Giveaway (340 households participated in the program and a total of 736 trees were registered), delivered in December 2021	No community consultation undertaken
Canterbury Bankstown	2021 Free Tree Giveaway, Department Planning & Environment	Indigigrow Free Tree Giveaway (173 houses participated in the program and a total of 477 trees were registered), delivered in December 2021	No community consultation undertaken
Canterbury Bankstown	2022 Free Tree Giveaway, Department Planning & Environment	Bunnings Free Tree Giveaway (367 households participated in the program and a total of 593 trees were registered), delivered in March 2022	No community consultation undertaken

Canterbury Bankstown	Public Spaces Legacy Program,	Paul Keating Park Precinct (providing enhanced tree coverage,	Community consultation undertaken by the local council
	Department Planning & Environment	integrated seating, improved connections and destination playspace in Bankstown Central Business District), to be delivered in 2022	

- (2) The number of respondents of the community consultation survey that were from the electorate of Canterbury are outlined below:

Survey Year	Number of respondents	Respondent postcodes within electorate
2020 survey	32 out of 1815 respondents	2193, 2991, 2196, 2206, 2209
2021 survey	21 out of 2149 respondents	2192, 2193, 2194, 2196, 2206, 2209

- (a) No multicultural resources were used in the delivery of this survey.
- (b) The survey was promoted on social media including LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Subscribers to the Public Space email were also individually notified about the survey by Electronic Direct Mail.
- (c) 3,694 respondents over the 2020 and 2021 surveys.
- (3) Within the 'urban areas' of New South Wales (those defined for the purposes for the Premier's Priority Greener Public Spaces, which includes Canterbury) in Greater Sydney, approximately 1.67M homes are currently within 10 minutes' walk of an open space, being over 97 per cent of homes. In the 2019 Pulse Report the Greater Sydney Commission found that 65 per cent of residents are within a 400-metre walk (which corresponds to 5-minute walk) of an open space. This is indicative using best available data and we continue to refine to improve accuracy.

The Department collects data each quarter from government agencies on completed projects that contribute to the Priority, so does not have a complete forward program of all open and public spaces being delivered by postcode from now to June 2023.

* 7708 COOKS RIVER NATIVE FLORA—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Regarding the Cooks River between Bayview Avenue Bridge and Punchbowl Road Bridge, has the Government conducted a study on the numbers and health of native flora along the Cooks River in the past 24 months?
- (a) How many species of native flora along the Cooks River has the Government identified?
- (b) What local risks, such as pollution and flood events, do these species' face?
- (c) What has the Government done to protect these species?
- (d) How many of these species are listed as endangered?

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Answer—

(1) No.

- (a) There have been no native flora surveys along the Cooks River between Bayview Avenue and Punchbowl Road Bridge. The Department does not have specific information on the number of native flora species occurring within this area.

The Government is supporting the Cooks River Alliance to prepare a Cooks River Coastal Management Program (CMP). An assessment of catchment wide terrestrial species and communities will be undertaken as part of Stage 2 of the CMP.

- (b) Native flora species along the Cooks River between Bayview Avenue Bridge and Punchbowl Road Bridge may face the following risks:

- flooding, noting that vegetation such as mangroves and deep-rooted grasses are well adapted to withstand most flood events and some plants such as paper barks and swamp mahoganies welcome occasional inundation
- debris, which can become tangled in twigs and snag on branches
- contaminants, which may temporarily impact some plants
- fast flowing floodwater, which can dislodge plants.

- (c) Vegetation along the Cooks River corridor between Bayview Avenue Bridge and Punchbowl Road Bridge is protected through various State and local planning instruments. The Cooks River Catchment CMP will identify suitable management options for high priority biodiversity degradation and habitat disturbance issues and coastal risks.

- (d) While there have been no native flora surveys, from Bionet records and a mapping project completed in 2016 the Department is aware that the corridor contains:

- *Melaleuca deanei*, a flora species listed as vulnerable under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)
- Cooks River/Castlereagh Ironbark Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion, a threatened ecological community listed as endangered under the BC Act
- Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest of the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions, a threatened ecological community listed as endangered under the BC Act and EPBC Act.

* 7709 COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Regarding the Coastal Management Program currently being developed for the Cooks River, how much funding has been allocated to implementing this program in 2021?

- (a) How much funding has been allocated to implementing this program in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Cooks River Alliance and its member councils, in consultation with the Government, are developing the Cooks River Catchment Coastal Management Program (CMP), which is expected to be completed in 2024.

Following the CMP's finalisation and certification, councils will be eligible to apply for funding under the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program to implement eligible actions included in the CMP.

See answer to Question on Notice 7481 for further information.

* 7710 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS—Ms Sophie Cotsis 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) In 2021, what projects have been implemented by the Department to resurface the following:
 - (a) Canterbury Road at Campsie 2194?
 - (b) Canterbury Road at Canterbury 2193?
 - (c) Canterbury Road at Belmore 2192?
 - (d) What projects have been planned and implemented in 2022?
- (2) In 2021, what projects have been implemented by the Department to resurface Bexley Road at Earlwood 2206?
 - (a) What projects have been planned and implemented in 2022?
- (3) In 2021, what projects have been implemented by the Department to resurface Moorefields Road, at Kingsgrove 2208?
 - (a) Moorefields Road at Roselands 2196?
 - (b) What projects have been planned and implemented in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's maintenance contractor routinely inspects and maintains state roads across the region on an ongoing basis.

- (1) Transport for NSW's maintenance provider has undertaken numerous projects on Canterbury Road at Campsie, Canterbury, Belmore and surrounding suburbs, including numerous pothole repairs; replacement of two sections of concrete pavement next to 384 Canterbury Road, Campsie; and the scheduled replacement of a concrete slab at Canterbury Road, Punchbowl.

Transport for NSW's maintenance provider will continue to routinely inspect Canterbury Road to identify and rectify defects, as required.
- (2) Transport for NSW's maintenance provider has recently completed resurfacing work on Bexley Road, between Kingsgrove Avenue and Homer Street, and will continue to routinely inspect Bexley Road to identify and rectify defects, as required.
- (3) Moorefields Road, Kingsgrove is a local road, within the remit of Canterbury – Bankstown Council and as such is not maintained by Transport for NSW.

* 7711 POT HOLE COMPLAINTS—Ms Sophie Cotsis 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) How many complaints have been made by residents of the electorate of Canterbury regarding pot holes on State owned roads in 2022?
 - (a) How many of these complaints have resulted in an inspection by the Department?
 - (b) How many of these complaints have resulted in the potholes being filled?
 - (c) How many of these complaints have resulted in the resurfacing of some or all of the road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not hold this information in this form.

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- * 7712 JONDARYAN AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering Griffith's Jondaryan Avenue is a state funded road, will you provide funding for a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Jondaryan Avenue and Yambil Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

On State Roads, certain criteria must be met before a pedestrian crossing is considered, including suitable location, vehicle count and pedestrian numbers.

Transport for NSW has deemed Jondaryan Avenue and Yambil Street unsuitable for the placement of a pedestrian crossing as there are four lanes of traffic, roundabouts and low pedestrian numbers.

- * 7713 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING REGULATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

(1) Will the Government rescind the motion to disallow the Water Management (General) Amendment Regulation 2021, which was passed by the NSW Legislative Council on 24 February 2022?

(a) If so, by what date does the Government intend to rescind this motion?

(2) Why did the Government introduce this floodplain harvesting regulation while parliament was not sitting and without consulting with Lower Darling and Southern Basin communities?

(3) Will the Government introduce another floodplain harvesting regulation while parliament is not sitting?

(a) If so, by what date does the Government intend to introduce this motion?

(4) Given that the Government's floodplain harvesting regulation has been disallowed three times, what steps with the Government now take to ensure floodplain harvesting is regulated and within legal limits?

Answer—

(1) Notice of motions are given via a formal notice of motion, not via Question on Notice.

(2) The regulation was tabled by the former Minister.

(3) Answers to questions on notice do not foreshadow future decisions of Government.

(4) Licensing and measuring floodplain harvesting within legal limits remains the focus of the Government despite the recent disallowance. The Government response to the Select Committee recommendations is due for release before 15 June 2022.

- * 7714 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Of the \$13.72 million of funding allocated to the Aboriginal Housing Office under the Interim Indigenous Expenditure Report, how many houses will be built in the Murray electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The \$13.72m is not referenced or identified within the Interim Indigenous Expenditure Report.
- However, the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is aiming to deliver seven new homes in the Murray region for the 2021/22 year.

- This includes four homes in Griffith, one home in Wentworth, one home in Buronga and one home in Dareton.

* 7715 MV SUPPLY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Why was the planned sailing of the MV Supply to the Birdons Shipyard at Port Macquarie suspended?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW reviewing the scope of works for the refurbishment of the MV Supply?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (3) Is Transport for NSW committed to the life extension refit of the MV Supply?
- (4) When is this work due to be undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised

Due to the MV Charlotte currently being on the slipway at Birdon's Port Macquarie shipyard, the planned sailing of the MV Supply was postponed.

Transport for NSW is awaiting further information on the MV Charlotte life extension project before making further decisions in relation to MV Supply program of works.

* 7716 RAIL INDUSTRY WORKER CARD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) What steps has Transport for NSW taken to ensure that all employees of the following security contractors engaged by Sydney Trains and employed to guard Sydney Trains sites possess a valid Rail Industry Worker Card:
 - (a) Certis Australia?
 - (b) Falkon Group?
 - (c) WSFM Group?
- (2) How many incidents of non-compliance regarding failure to possess a valid Rail Industry Worker Card have occurred and have involved guards employed by the following security contractors:
 - (a) Certis Australia?
 - (b) Falkon Group?
 - (c) WSFM Group?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Sydney Trains conducts quarterly field assurance audits.
- (2) None.

* 7717 SECURITY GUARD COMPLIANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) What steps has Transport for NSW taken to ensure that all of the following security contractors are compliant with the relevant employment legislation and standards that apply to security guards:
 - (a) Certis Australia?
 - (b) Falkon Group?

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(c) WSFM Group?

Answer—

I am advised

Security Guard Services have obligations of industry and employment legislation and relevant contract and subcontract awards.

* 7718 SECURITY GUARD PAYMENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) What steps has Transport for NSW taken to ensure that the following security contractors are not paying their employees by cash in hand:

(a) Certis Australia?

(b) Falkon Group?

(c) WSFM Group?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains undertake an audit of compliance with relevant employment legislation.

* 7719 T2 INNER WEST AND LEPPINGTON LINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) In each of the past five years, on how many instances has the T2-Inner West and Leppington Line been closed for maintenance?

(a) How does this compare to closures on other lines?

(2) What has been the total amount expended on maintenance and upgrades of the T2 Inner West and Leppington line in:

(a) 2017-2018?

(b) 2018-2019?

(c) 2019-2020?

(d) 2020-2021?

(e) 2021-2022 to 30 March 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(2) Information is available in the Transport for NSW annual reports.

* 7720 TEMPE STATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) What are the current works being undertaken by Transport for NSW on the stairs at Tempe Station?

(2) How long have the stairs been closed for public access?

(3) What is the expected timeframe for works to be completed at Tempe Station and for the stair case to be opened again?

(4) Why has work been delayed for such a significant amount of time?

(5) When will the Government install lifts at Tempe Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current works at Tempe Station are focused on the repair and maintenance of the footbridge and stairs. The stairs have been closed from April 2021 and expected to conclude mid 2023, subject to availability of resources and track access.

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, compliance with the associated Public Health Orders, as well as adverse weather events contributed to delays in refurbishment timeframe.

Tempe station will continue to be considered as a future project as part of the Transport Access Program.

* 7721 WARREN ROAD, MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen 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 was the length of time it took for Traffic Signals approval to be granted for works on Warren Road and Illawarra Road to make Warren Road one-way from the time Inner West Council applied?
- (2) What is the standard length of time it takes for approval to be granted?
- (3) What is the reason for the delay in this instance?
- (4) What other delays in approvals from Transport for NSW have delayed construction on this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The detailed design review commenced in December 2020 and Transport for NSW has been working with Council since then to progress the Warren Road works. Information is publicly available on Inner West Council's website: https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/warren-road-marrickville-improving-traffic-and-safety?tool=news_feed#tool_tab

* 7722 FREDERICK STREET, ASHFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen 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) Given the recent tragic and fatal accident on the pedestrian crossing on Frederick Street, what action is being taken by Transport for NSW to improve safety at this location and along Frederick Street?
- (2) What investigations have taken place between 2017, when a teenager was hit at the same location, and now?
- (3) Will the Minister meet with local members, council and residents to discuss the matter?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is conducting a detailed safety review to investigate safety improvement opportunities. The review will consider the road condition, signage, visibility, speed limits and any other factors that may have contributed to the fatal accident. Transport for NSW has already undertaken to upgrade the line marking and signage at the location as a priority to improve delineation and advance notification approaching the pedestrian crossing.

In 2018, Transport for NSW upgraded the existing pedestrian crossings in Frederick Street near John and Henry Streets. These upgrades improved safety by moving the crossings away from the intersection, calming traffic and reducing the crossing distance for pedestrians.

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An investigation by NSW Police into the fatal pedestrian crash on Frederick Street is underway, Transport for NSW awaits the findings of this report.

* 7723 MOULD IN PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Across New South Wales, how many reports of mould have been made to the maintenance line serving tenants of public and community housing in each of the past three months?
 - (a) How many have been actioned and completed?
 - (b) How many are outstanding?
 - (c) What has been the total cost of resolving these issues?
 - (d) What has been the average wait-time?
- (2) Across the Summer Hill electorate, how many reports of mould have been made to the maintenance line serving tenants of public and community housing in each of the past three months?
 - (a) How many have been actioned and completed?
 - (b) How many are outstanding?
 - (c) What has been the total cost of resolving these issues?
 - (d) What has been the average wait-time?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) reports that there were 319 reports of mould to the maintenance line between 1 January 2022 and 31 March 2022.
 - (a) 318.
 - (b) One and works are in progress.
 - (c) \$163,761.
 - (d) 16 days.
- (2) LAHC reports that there were 2 reports of mould in the Summer Hill electorate between 1 January 2022 and 31 March 2022.
 - (a) Two.
 - (b) Nil.
 - (c) Nil cost as they both related to the removal of surface mould which is the tenant's responsibility.
 - (d) 13 days.

LAHC does not maintain community housing providers data regarding the reporting of mould. The Registrar of Community Housing is responsible for registering, monitoring and regulating community housing providers in New South Wales.

* 7724 SMARTPHONE USE IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Leong 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 policies are in place in New South Wales public primary and high schools regarding the use of or access to personal smartphones while at school?

- (a) Do any of these policies relate to smartphone use or access while the student is outside of the classroom?

Answer—

The Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services policy has been used by NSW public schools to guide technology use since Term 1, 2020.

The policy covers student use of digital devices (personal or school provided) and online services in school-related settings, specifically on school grounds, at school-related activities and outside of school where there is a clear and close connection between the school and student conduct.

Primary school students must not use digital devices during class, at recess and at lunch unless approved by a principal or teacher. Exemptions may be granted by a principal or teacher, including allowing students to use a device for an educational purpose, or as part of a reasonable adjustment for student learning and wellbeing.

Secondary school principals, in consultation with their school community, have the flexibility to make decisions regarding student use of digital devices and online services in all school-related settings, including at recess and lunch.

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- * 7725 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many applications were received for the residential tenancy support package by residents in the Maitland electorate?
- (a) How many were approved?
- (b) How many were rejected?
- (c) What is the total amount of funding support provided to residents of the Maitland electorate through residential tenancy support programs as at 24 February 2022?

Answer—

- (1) Forty four (44).
- (a) Forty three (43).
- (b) One.
- (c) \$104,209.05 was paid up to and including 24 February 2022.

- * 7726 HOUSING IN THE MAITLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many people were on the total waiting list for public housing in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) as at 24 February 2022?
- (2) How many people were on the priority waiting list for public housing in the Maitland LGA as at 24 February 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Expected Waiting Times dashboard provides data as at 30 June 2021 on the number of general and priority applicants on the Social Housing Waitlist in the NN03 - Maitland Allocation Zone: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

* 7727 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How many claims have been received from the Maitland Local Government Area for the Home Building Compensation Fund in the 2022 Financial year?
 - (a) What was the ‘trigger event’ for each claim?
 - (b) How many claims were approved?
 - (i) What was the average processing time?
 - (ii) What was the longest processing time?
 - (c) How many claims were denied?
 - (i) Why were they denied?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 96 claims as at 11 April 2022.
 - (a) Insolvency has been the trigger in the majority of claims. Other triggers have been disappearance, and some are still to be determined.
 - (b) 82 claims as at 11 April 2022.
 - (i) 81 calendar days.
 - (ii) 142 calendar days.
 - (c) 4 claims.
 - (i) Notified outside of legislative timeframes.

* 7728 CESSNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOLS—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—

- (1) With regard primary schools in the Cessnock electorate, how many schools had vacant/unfilled positions as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2021?
 - (b) 24 March 2022?
- (2) Of the schools with vacant/unfilled positions, how many positions does this equate to as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2021?
 - (b) 24 March 2022?
- (3) How many of the vacant positions are:
 - (a) Full-time?
 - (b) Part-time?
- (4) How many positions are vacant due to previous position-holders choosing to remain unvaccinated?
- (5) How many positions are vacant due to applicants choosing to remain unvaccinated?

Answer—

It should be noted that the dates selected are not analogous. Vacancies rates fluctuate across schools and throughout the year. In 2022, vacancies include new Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instructional (APCI) roles.

- (1) (a) 1
- (1) (b) 14
- (2) (a) 1
- (2) (b) 18
- (3) (a) As at 28 June 2021 – 1; As at 24 March 2022 – 9
- (3) (b) As at 28 June 2021 – 0; As at 24 March 2022 – 9
- (4) and (5)

Where a vacancy has occurred on account of the teacher submitting a separation, the teacher is not required to advise the reason they are separating. No existing declared vacancies are the result of a substantive occupant being dismissed due to not meeting COVID vaccination requirements.

* 7729 TRADESPERSON COMPLAINTS AND/OR DISPUTES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) With regard NSW Fair Trading and tradesperson complaints and/or disputes received, how many complaints have been received each year from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2021?
- (2) How many complaints proceeded to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) each year from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2021?
 - (a) How many were ruled in favour of the complainant?
 - (b) How many were ruled in favour of the respondent?
- (3) What is the minimum dollar amount or value of a complaint and/or dispute required for Fair Trading to investigate alleged breaches?

Answer—

- (1) A search of NSW Fair Trading complaint database has identified the following number of residential building complaints from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2021:

Calendar Year	Number
2016	9043
2017	9125
2018	8223
2019	8262
2020	7526
2021	5864

- (2) This question should be directed to the Attorney General.
- (3) There is no minimum dollar amount that activates a Fair Trading investigative response. When Fair Trading assesses a matter and decides to investigate it, considerations about breaches of legislation it regulates, the severity of the trader's conduct, any adverse history, and the harm or damage caused are considered to ensure Fair Trading takes the most appropriate and proportionate action. In all

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cases, the investigation details are recorded so they can be considered if the trader comes under notice in the future.

* 7730 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regard Cessnock District Hospital Emergency Department and the availability of doctors since 1 October 2021, how many General Practitioner (GP) Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) are contracted to attend?
 - (a) How many of these attended over this period?
 - (b) How many shifts were GP VMOs unable/unavailable to attend over this period?
- (2) How many Resident Medical Officers (RMO) are contracted to attend?
 - (a) What are the contracted shifts per week?
 - (b) What are the contracted hours per shift?
 - (c) How many shifts were RMOs unable/unavailable to attend over this period?
- (3) Are there any other Medical Officers (Doctors) contracted to attend?
 - (a) If yes, what is their position?
 - (b) What are their contracted shifts per week?
 - (c) How many shifts were they unable/unavailable to attend over this period?

Answer—

I am advised that an appropriate number and mix of senior and junior emergency medicine medical officers are rostered on duty at the Cessnock District Hospital Emergency Department at any given time. Rostering is informed by data on expected emergency department activity to ensure that clinical resourcing can meet demand. Additional medical officers are deployed if there is a surge in presentations or an emergency medicine medical officer is required to take unexpected leave.

* 7731 EXEMPTIONS AT SUPERMARKETS TO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) During the period when Public Health Orders (PHO) made face masks mandatory in all retail including supermarkets, did any supermarket chains apply for an exemption from this PHO at any time during this period?
 - (a) If yes, which supermarkets?
 - (i) Were any exemptions granted?
- (2) Did any other retail businesses or retail chains apply for an exemption from this PHO at any time during this period?
 - (a) If yes, which businesses or retail chains?
 - (i) Were any exemptions granted?

Answer—

NSW Health receives a large amount of correspondence from businesses and organisations. To gather and report this data for the purposes of answering whether any relevant exemption applications were received would be an inappropriate diversion of resources away from core health functions.

I am advised, however, that no exemptions to mandatory face mask requirements have been granted to supermarkets or other retail premises.

* 7732 VOTING IN THE CESSNOCK AND LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier—

- (1) How many 'Failure to Vote' notices have been sent in relation to the Local Government Elections held on 4 December 2021 in:
 - (a) Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA)?
 - (b) Lake Macquarie LGA?
- (2) How many voters have returned notices advising they voted at Cessnock Pre-poll?
 - (a) Was the problem on various days or only particular days ie 22 November 2021?
- (3) How often were number of votes verified against number of voters at each of the pre-polls in the Cessnock LGA and Lake Macquarie LGA:
 - (a) Daily?
 - (b) Weekly?
 - (c) After 4 December?
- (4) Were discrepancies found in any of the verified counts in (3)?
 - (a) Was the reason for the discrepancies found?
 - (i) What were they?

Answer—

- (1) Apparent failure to vote penalty notices were issued to 6,335 electors in the Cessnock LGA and 20,212 electors in the Lake Macquarie LGA.
- (2) As of 8 April 2022, 35 electors in the Cessnock LGA had responded to apparent failure to vote notices that they had voted at a pre-poll voting office, including 28 electors at the Cessnock pre-poll, 4 electors at the Kurri Kurri pre-poll and 3 electors at the Branxton pre-poll. The processing of failure to vote notices and responses is not expected to be finished for a number of weeks.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner may withdraw a penalty notice if he is satisfied that an elector who initially appears not to have voted has in fact done so at a particular venue on a particular date. For that reason, the penalty notices of the above 35 electors in the Cessnock LGA were withdrawn after they responded to the notice.

A response to an apparent failure to vote notice may be provided via the Electoral Commission's online portal at: <https://novote.elections.nsw.gov.au/>. Other ways to respond to these notices are set out on the notices issued to electors.

There were intermittent outages of the NSW Electoral Commission's electronic mark off system used at pre-polls on several days during the 2021 local government elections.

- (3) A daily reconciliation was conducted at every pre-poll in New South Wales of the number of ballot papers issued to electors and the number of electors marked off the roll as having voted.
- (4) Yes. The Electoral Commissioner considers the differences are most likely the result of mark-offs not being recorded properly through the electronic mark-off system, due to both the intermittent system outages experienced and administrative errors by pre-poll staff making manual records of mark-offs during those outages.

* 7733 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regards to school zone flashing lights and the 'report back to base' system, what is the minimum time frame once the 'report back to base' system has been triggered due to a faulty light/s for the light/s to be made operational once again.

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- (2) What is the maximum time frame once the 'report back to base' system has been triggered due to a faulty light/s for the light/s to be made operational once again.
- (3) How many reports have been made across New South Wales via the 'report back to base' system during:
 - (a) 2020;
 - (b) 2021;
 - (c) Until this day in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW typically responds to network faults within 24-48 hours.

The numbers below represent unique reports, noting that an individual sign may report a fault on more than one occasion:

- (a) 2020 – 11,823
- (b) 2021 – 13,069
- (c) 2022 – 4,309 (to 31 March 2022).

* 7734 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS IN THE HUNTER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regards mobile speed cameras in the Hunter Region, what were the maximum number of cars operating daily since 1 January 2022 in:
 - (a) Cessnock Electorate?
 - (i) Cessnock Local Government Area?
 - (ii) Lake Macquarie Local Government Area?
 - (iii) Singleton Local Government Area?
 - (b) Charlestown Electorate?
 - (c) Lake Macquarie Electorate?
 - (d) Maitland Electorate?
 - (e) Newcastle Electorate?
 - (f) Port Stephens Electorate?
 - (g) Swansea Electorate?
 - (h) Upper Hunter Electorate?
 - (i) Wallsend Electorate?
- (2) What are the maximum number of hours that speed cameras can operate on a daily basis?
 - (a) Is there an earliest start time they can commence?
 - (b) Is there a latest finish time they can finish?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW does not hold this information by electorate.

A mobile speed camera vehicle may be deployed at multiple locations throughout an enforcement session. Transport for NSW uses a software system to generate a randomised schedule for mobile speed camera enforcement and deployment across the State.

Mobile speed cameras can operate 24-hours per day, 7 days a week, provided the vehicle is stationary and has its rooftop sign deployed. The mobile speed camera program is intended to provide network-wide speeding deterrence and operates on the 'anywhere, anytime' principle.

* 7735 RURAL AND REGIONAL SEATBELT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regard the Rural and Regional Seatbelt Program which has recently completed, how many of the more than 2,500 buses fitted with seatbelts are in the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) How many different bus companies are involved?
 - (b) Did any bus companies apply and have their applications declined/rejected?
 - (i) If yes, why?
- (2) How many rural electorates have had buses successfully fitted with the seatbelts?
 - (a) Which electorates?
- (3) How many regional electorates have had buses successfully fitted with seatbelts?
 - (a) Which electorates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has fitted seatbelts to five buses operated under Rural and Regional Bus Service Contracts in the Cessnock electorate. These buses are operated by Saxby's Singleton Charters Pty Ltd and Linq Buslines Pty Limited.

At present, the Rural and Regional Seat Belt Program does not extend to areas classified as Outer Metropolitan. This has resulted in some buses within the Cessnock electorate being fitted with seat belts while other buses are not required to have seat belts under this program.

* 7736 DIRECT ROUTES TO THE MAITLAND HOSPITAL AT METFORD—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Now that the Maitland Hospital located at Metford is open and operating, have direct bus routes been allocated and authorised from Cessnock, Kurri Kurri or Branxton?
 - (a) If yes, what are the bus numbers and times?
 - (b) If no, why not?
- (2) Is there a shuttle service available from the Metford Train Station for patients and/or visitors who catch a train as Google Maps advises the walking distance between the Station and Maitland Hospital is 2.8 kilometres?
 - (a) If yes, how often does it run and what times?
 - (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The Maitland Hospital is serviced by bus routes 188 and 189 which provide connections with existing bus and train networks, including bus services from Cessnock, Kurri Kurri and Branxton at Stockland East Hills. Further timetable information is available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (2) There is no shuttle service between Metford Station and the new Maitland Hospital. Bus route 188 was introduced to connect the Maitland Hospital with the existing train network at Victoria Street Station. These connections are timetabled to meet trains and take into consideration shift rotations for Hospital staff.

* 7737 ARREST BY FIXATED PERSONS INVESTIGATION UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Did the Fixated Persons Investigations Unit (FPIU) arrest of friendlyjordies producer Kristo Langker follow all the "rigorous policies and procedures relating to the investigation" required of all FPIU matters, including being "triaged for assessment and review through the Anti-Terrorism and Intelligence Group", as per the Government's answer to 6175?
 - (a) If not, will you refer the arrest of Kristo Langker to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission for an independent investigation?

Answer—

I am advised:

The procedures by the investigators mistakenly considered the investigation as a continuance of a previously approved investigation, not as a separate incident.

In relation to the officers involved in the arrest, an investigation in accordance with Part 8A of the Police Act 1990 was commenced, with the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission actively monitoring the investigation. Please refer to the response to Question on Notice 7564 for more information.

* 7738 IPTAAS - PSYCHOLOGY ELIGIBLE SPECIALIST TREATMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Why are rural residents who travel to another town for an appointment with a psychologist not eligible for the Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme?
- (2) When a rural resident needs to travel to another town for counselling or a psychologist appointment, what assistance does the Government provide them?
- (3) Will the Minister add psychology treatment to the Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme Eligible Specialist Medical Treatment list?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

(1 – 3)

Psychiatry is an eligible specialist medical treatment under Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS). In the case of psychology, patients may be eligible for IPTAAS subsidies if they consult a psychologist at an allied health clinic which fulfils the IPTAAS eligibility criteria for approval as a highly specialised health service. A list of these clinics can be found in the IPTAAS Assessment Guidelines.

* 7739 DENILQUIN HOSPITAL CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

(1) Has the Murrumbidgee Local Health District developed a Clinical Service Plan for Deniliquin Hospital?

(a) If not, by what date will a Clinical Service Plan be developed?

(b) By what date will the Clinical Service Plan be published online and accessible to the public?

Answer—

(1) The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is progressing work on a Clinical Services Plan for Deniliquin Hospital in 2022. A draft plan is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2022. The draft plan will be available for public consultation.

* 7740 COMMUNITY SPORT RECOVERY PACKAGES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) How many housing maintenance works requests were placed with the Land and Housing Corporation in each of the following years:

(a) 2021/22 to 31 March 2022?

(b) 2020/21?

(c) 2019/20?

(d) 2018/19?

(e) 2017/18?

(f) 2016/17?

(g) 2015/16?

(2) How many housing maintenance works requests were placed with the Land and Housing Corporation in the Granville electorate each of the following years:

(a) 2021/22 to 31 March 2022?

(b) 2020/21?

(c) 2019/20?

(d) 2018/19?

(e) 2017/18?

(f) 2016/17?

(g) 2015/16?

(3) How long is the standard waiting period until works are finalised?

(4) What was the Land and Housing Corporation's budget for housing maintenance in each of the following years:

(a) 2021/22 to 31 March 2022?

(b) 2020/21?

(c) 2019/20?

(d) 2018/19?

(e) 2017/18?

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- (f) 2016/17?
- (g) 2015/16?
- (5) What was the Land and Housing Corporation's budget for housing maintenance in Granville in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021/22 to 31 March 2022?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2019/20?
 - (d) 2018/19?
 - (e) 2017/18?
 - (f) 2016/17?
 - (g) 2015/16?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The approximate number of housing maintenance works requests placed with the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is:
 - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022? 447,196
 - (b) 2020/21 599,058
 - (c) 2019/20 647,144
 - (d) 2018/19 732,728
 - (e) 2017/18 632,177
 - (f) 2016/17 643,647
 - (g) 2015/16 data is not available.
- (2) The number of housing maintenance works requests placed with the LAHC in the Granville electorate is:
 - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 6,346
 - (b) 2020/21 9,525
 - (c) 2019/20 10,227
 - (d) 2018/19 11,878
 - (e) 2017/18 9,970
 - (f) 2016/17 full year data is not available.
 - (g) 2015/16 data is not available.
- (3) In accordance with the LAHC's Asset Maintenance Services Contract, maintenance requests are assessed and performed by the maintenance contractor using the Criticality Repairs Matrix (CRM) with the timeframes specified. Under the CRM, maintenance is prioritised based on safety and risk associated (e.g. frail aged and disabled, WHS/health and hygiene, security, major components failure etc).

LAHC expects that its maintenance contractors deliver the maintenance work within the established timeframes set by the CRM.
- (4) LAHC's budget for housing maintenance was:

- (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 \$384m
- (b) 2020/21 \$502m
- (c) 2019/20 \$404m
- (d) 2018/19 \$450m
- (e) 2017/18 \$489m
- (f) 2016/17 \$517m
- (g) 2015/16 \$494m

The Government has provided an additional \$200 million to deliver more significant maintenance and upgrades to LAHC owned properties during 2020/21 and 2021/22.

- (5) The total budget for housing maintenance is not available by electorate.

* 7741 ESSENTIAL WORKERS HOUSING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Given its proximity to Westmead Hospital, the Parramatta Central Business District and other state Government agencies, what is the Government specifically doing to address housing affordability for essential workers in the Granville electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Government is currently considering a range of initiatives seeking to address housing supply and affordability in New South Wales. While this work is ongoing and not yet finalised, it may include rezonings, unblocking infrastructure bottlenecks which limit supply, provision of more affordable, social and key worker housing, working more closely with local government and investigating the feasibility of innovative home ownership and rental models such as shared equity and rent-to-buy. In addition, Housing 2041 – the NSW Housing Strategy includes an action to review the provision of housing across New South Wales for frontline workers and work on this has commenced.

* 7742 LEARNER DRIVERS IN GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn 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 is the backlog of learner drivers who have held a learner drivers licence for at least 12 months as at 29 March 2022?
- (2) How many learner drivers have held a drivers licence for the following time periods at 29 March 2022?
 - (a) 11 Months?
 - (b) 10 months?
 - (c) 9 months?
 - (d) 8 months?
 - (e) 7 months?
 - (f) 6 months?
- (3) What is the longest time period that a learner driver licence has been held without having accessed a driving test in Granville as at 29 March 2022?

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Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.

* 7743 PERSONAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

(1) In relation to:

- (a) Postcode area 2142;
- (b) Postcode area 2145;
- (c) Postcode area 2150;
- (d) Postcode area 2160;
- (e) Postcode area 2161;
- (f) Cumberland Local Government Area:
 - (i) What is the total amount in fines in personal infringement notices issued for breach of public health orders between 15 December 2021 and 1 April 2022?
 - (ii) What is the percentage paid of the fines referred to above?
 - (iii) What is the total amount outstanding as at 1 April 2022 of the fines referred to above?
 - (iv) How many fines were subsequently waived?

Answer—

(1) (a) to (e) (i to iv)

	2142	2145	2150	2160	2161
Number of fines issued	591	811	508	820	756
Value of fines issued	\$497,300	\$692,800	\$377,740	\$708,300	\$662,960
Number of fines paid	119	159	76	142	98
Value of fines paid	\$94,420	\$125,880	\$54,580	\$104,300	\$74,140
Number of fines under management*	153	222	117	302	296
Value of fines under management	\$136,349	\$185,713	\$80,310	\$249,237	\$265,457
Number of fines cautioned or withdrawn	14	11*	25	16*	14
Value of fines cautioned or withdrawn	\$12,000	\$9,200*	\$19,200	\$14,000*	\$11,700
Number of fines overdue**	294	381	252	331	324
Value of fines overdue	\$232,971	\$336,438	\$194,574	\$302,740	\$278,131

Data is as at 1 April 2022 for all COVID-19 Penalty Notices issued between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2022.

*Fines under management include those on an active payment plan or a Work and Development Order.

**Overdue fines are those where an overdue fine has been issued but is not subject to active payment plan or an active Work and Development Order.

***In the answer to QoN 7342 the number and value of fines cautioned or withdrawn for postcodes 2145 and 2160 was inadvertently transposed. As at 1 March 2022, there were 10 fines valued at \$8,200 cautioned or withdrawn for postcode 2145 and 15 fines valued at \$13,000 cautioned or withdrawn for postcode 2160.

Q1 (f) (i to iv)

Revenue NSW does not collect data by Local Government Area

* 7744 FIREFIGHTING WORKFORCE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) How has the Government responded to an increase in the Firefighting workforce attrition rate of 1.6 per cent to 4.4 per cent?
- (2) How many on-call fire-fighters were available in the Metropolitan West Area on:
 - (a) 1 April 2022?
 - (b) 1 July 2021?
 - (c) 1 July 2020?
 - (d) 1 July 2019?
 - (e) 1 July 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) I refer to the response to Question on Notice 7194.
- (2) On the dates requested, the number of on-call firefighters available in the Metropolitan West area was as follows:
 - (a) 183
 - (b) 201
 - (c) 227
 - (d) 200
 - (e) 176

* 7745 COLONIAL FRONTIER MASSACRES—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—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of findings of the joint Guardian and University of Newcastle Colonial Frontier Massacres Digital Map Project showing widespread conflict and planned massacres in a deliberate attempt to eradicate Aboriginal people and Indigenous resistance to colonisation?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the documented evidence of at least 64 massacres in New South Wales between 1794 and 1926, with evidence of 1,751 Aboriginal deaths and only eight colonial deaths?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the documented evidence that almost half of these massacres were carried out by police and Government forces?

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- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure wide community knowledge and understanding of genocidal massacres against First Nations people in New South Wales?
- (5) What action will the Government take to formally acknowledge, apologise for and compensate First Nations people?

Answer—

The Government acknowledges the important work that Professor Lyndall Ryan and researchers at the University of Newcastle are undertaking to tell the often-hidden stories of frontier massacres across Australia.

This research continues to inform the work of Government agencies, including Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

The Government continues to support a number of opportunities to encourage broader community understanding of frontier conflict and massacres of Aboriginal people, including through the protection of significant sites and education initiatives.

Heritage NSW is currently considering a nomination to list the Appin Massacre site on the State Heritage Register. Significant sites from frontier conflict are recorded in the Aboriginal Heritage

Information Management System, while some sites, including the Mount Dispersion Massacre site near Euston where at least seven Aboriginal people were murdered in 1836, are protected as declared Aboriginal Places.

In June 2021, a cultural space and amphitheatre was opened at the State Heritage listed Myall Creek Massacre Memorial site following support from the Government. This will assist the Friends of Myall Creek educate the wider community about the tragic history of Myall Creek and other massacres across New South Wales and Australia.

Frontier conflicts, including the Myall Creek Massacre, are also included in the NSW History and Aboriginal Studies syllabus, providing the opportunity for high school students to gain an understanding of this part of New South Wales history.

In May 2021 the Australia Museum presented 'Unsettled', an exhibition featuring Aboriginal-told stories of frontier conflict and massacres, and of the ongoing impacts on Aboriginal people and communities.

The Government has supported a recommendation of the Legislative Council Review of the Heritage Act to explore the establishment of an Aboriginal War Memorial Museum, in consultation with Aboriginal communities, to commemorate the Frontier Wars and massacre sites.

* 7746 RUSHCUTTERS CREEK SEWAGE POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) How many reports has Sydney Water received about sewage outflows into Rushcutters Bay Creek and Rushcutters Bay over the past 10 years?
 - (a) What causes these outflows?
- (2) Is it true that sewerage and stormwater systems in this precinct are not separated, allowing cross contamination?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to prevent these sewage outflows and pollution of the creek and bay?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to prevent sewage pollution in Rushcutters Creek and Rushcutters Bay?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water has received 38 reports in the past decade where impact to, and subsequent clean-up of Rushcutters Bay Creek was recorded.
- (2) No, the systems are separated.

- (3) Sydney Water is currently delivering its wet weather overflow abatement program for 2020-24, to address high risk category overflow points identified as part of its Environment Protection Licence.
- (4) Sydney Water is currently delivering its wet weather overflow abatement program for 2020-24, to address high risk category overflow points identified as part of its Environment Protection Licence.

* 7747 BIKE KITCHENS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) What support does the Government provide for community bike workshops or 'bike kitchens', which offer tools, second hand parts and bikes, and free help with repairs?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to provide funding, advice or practical help for local communities to establish and operate bike kitchens?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bike kitchens or bike workshops are predominantly community-based or local council-led initiatives.

Under the Local Government Road Safety Program, Transport for NSW has provided funding through the Council Road Safety Officers to run bike safety programs which include workshops to assist with bicycle maintenance.

* 7748 BOARDING HOUSE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What review has the Government carried out into regulation and enforcement since the 2012 Boarding Houses Act?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the effectiveness of current regulation following the tragic deaths and fire in Newtown?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to improve regulation and enforcement to better protect vulnerable boarding house residents?

Answer—

- (1) A statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012 was concluded in late 2020 with the report tabled in Parliament on 6 August 2020. The Department of Customer Service and Department of Communities and Justice are implementing the recommendations.
- (2) Large boarding houses require planning permission to operate and are subject to fire safety requirements under planning laws, as well as specific density, hygiene, light and ventilation standards under the Local Government Act 1993 and Public Health Act 2010. The recently completed review of the Boarding Houses Act has also recommended explicit fire safety and overcrowding requirements in the Shared Accommodation Act that will replace the Boarding Houses Act, supported by new compliance and enforcement powers for Fire and Rescue NSW.
- (3) The 'Shared Accommodation Bill' is being drafted in line with the recommendations of the statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act.

* 7749 SOCIAL HOUSING CLIENT SERVICE VISITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What is the Government's policy about client service visits for social housing tenants?
 - (a) What is the purpose of these visits?
- (2) What proportion of tenants have been visited across New South Wales, and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney over the past five years?

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- (3) What proportion of client service visits identified health and welfare needs across New South Wales and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney?
 - (a) How many referrals were made for tenant support?
 - (b) How did the Government ensure necessary support was provided?
- (4) What proportion of client service visits identified maintenance needs across New South Wales and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney?
 - (a) How many referrals were made for repairs/maintenance?
 - (b) How did the Government ensure this work was carried out?
- (5) What proportion of visits carried out identified the tenant's accessibility needs were not being met in their current property across New South Wales and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney?
 - (a) How many of these tenants were transferred to accessible homes or had their accessibility needs addressed?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to expand and develop the client service visits program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) conducts client service visits (CSVs) on public and Aboriginal housing tenancies, in accordance with the provisions of the

Residential Tenancies Act 2010.

As per the Tenancy Policy Supplement, DCJ conducts CSVs face to face and virtually, to keep up to date with tenancy management needs. These tenancy management needs include:

- Finding out about problems a tenant may be experiencing with their tenancy.
- Identifying if tenants need to be referred to support services.
- Ensuring that a tenant aged over 60, or 45 if Aboriginal, has been contacted.
- Updating DCJ Housing's information about the condition of the property.
- Confirming that both the tenant and DCJ Housing are meeting their obligations.

Information regarding the proportion of tenants who have been visited across New South Wales, and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney over the past five years is not publicly available.

Information concerning the number of tenants who have transferred to assessable homes or had their accessibility needs addressed is not publicly available.

DCJ does not hold data in relation to the following questions: 3, 3a, 3b, 4, 4a and 5

Question 4(b) will need to be directed to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes as this falls within his portfolio responsibility.

DCJ will continue to monitor the CSV program, to ensure it meets the needs of clients and the NSW Land and Housing Corporation.

* 7750 MICRO BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What is the rationale for the Government not providing financial support for micro businesses with turnover under \$75,000 to be excluded from financial support for the latest round of COVID small business support in response to the Omicron wave?

- (2) What action has the Government taken to ensure micro businesses can survive business losses and remain viable into the future?

Answer—

- (1) During the Delta outbreak, New South Wales provided considerable financial support to microbusinesses through the 2021 COVID-19 Microbusiness Grant. New South Wales was the only Australian state to provide a support package to businesses with turnover less than \$75,000.

The economic impact of Omicron was less severe than Delta and far fewer businesses were shut down or had activities restricted under the Omicron Public Health Orders compared to the Delta Public Health Orders.

Given this, the 2022 Small Business Support Program sought to provide support that was commensurate to the economic impact of Omicron. Applications for this program closed on 29 April 2022.

- (2) The Government understands some microbusinesses with less than \$75,000 turnover have been impacted by the Omicron outbreak. Other supports are available to these businesses, including the:
- (a) Small Business Fees and Charges Rebate which has increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000, with eligible employing businesses able to use the rebate against 50 per cent of the cost of rapid antigen tests, and
 - (b) Business Connect program which offers free advice to support businesses to navigate COVID-19-related challenges.

* 7751 REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Noting high rates of unemployment amongst refugees and asylum seekers while many businesses are struggling to get workers during the pandemic, what action has the Government taken to facilitate matches to mutual benefit?
- (2) What practical information and advice does the Government provide to private employers to support employment of refugees and asylum seekers?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide or fund to support refugees and asylum seekers into training and employment?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to help match refugees with job vacancies?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology.

* 7752 ACCESS TO DENTAL TREATMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What are the current waiting times for treatment at public dental health services?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme and increased access to dental services through use of vouchers at private dentists?
 - (a) Does the Government plan to expand this scheme?
- (3) What progress has been made with the Commonwealth Government to "improve public dental services through the National Partnership Agreement and to negotiate long term, sustainable funding arrangements for public dental services, including extension to the Commonwealth Child Dental Benefit Scheme" as referred to in LA Q 1451?
- (4) What other action has the Government taken to improve access to dental treatment during COVID-19 restrictions?

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(5) What further action will the Government take to improve access to dental treatment?

Answer—

(1 – 5)

Public dental services are prioritised in emergency situations and for patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Patients with urgent dental conditions are given immediate appointments and are not placed on a waiting list. Waiting list data is regularly updated and can be accessed at www.health.nsw.gov.au

The Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme (OHFFSS) is available for districts to use at their discretion, based on availability of resources and patient clinical and/or social needs. I am advised practitioners can apply to join the program at any time.

A joint jurisdictional working group has been established at the direction of the Health Ministers' Meeting to progress work to recommend long term, sustainable Commonwealth funding arrangements for public dental services. NSW Health is actively engaged in this process. A one year extension to the Federation Funding Agreement funding for Adult Dental services (formerly the National Partnership Agreement) was included in the 2022-23 Federal budget. Public sector access to the Child Dental Benefits Scheme has been extended until 31 December 2022.

NSW Health is committed to providing safe and efficient public dental services within COVID-19 restrictions. This has included developing additional infection control and risk management guidelines, procedures for utilising teledentistry models of care where appropriate, and reconfiguring service models to maximise patient flow and adhere to social distancing requirements.

* 7753 DEFIBRILLATORS IN SPORTING GROUNDS, VENUES AND CLUBS—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many sporting grounds or venues in the Strathfield electorate have a defibrillator available on site?
- (2) How many sporting clubs and associations in the Strathfield electorate applied to the Defibrillator Grant Program run by the Government?
- (3) How many Defibrillator Grants were awarded to applicants in the Strathfield electorate?
- (4) Given the importance of a rapid response to cardiac arrest, what additional support will the Minister provide to ensure that all our local sporting grounds, venues and clubs have life-saving defibrillators and are properly trained to use them?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) There is no comprehensive directory of Automated Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) in the Strathfield electorate.
- (2) Five.
- (3) Five.
- (4) Sporting clubs can apply for grants toward purchase of an AED under the Local Sport Grants Program administered by the Office of Sport.

* 7754 WILD DOG ATTACKS TO LIVESTOCK—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What additional resources and plans does the Government have in place to deal with the increasing rate of wild dog attacks to livestock and wildlife in the Lismore electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Wild dogs are identified as a priority pest in the North Coast Regional Strategic Pest Animal plan (RSPAMP) which is the strategic pest plan that includes the Lismore electorate.

All land managers have a General Biosecurity duty under the Biosecurity Act 2015 to control wild dogs on their land.

Local Land Services (LLS) are the lead agency in coordinating pest animal and wild dog management programs, advice and assistance to land managers.

Following the Bushfires in 2019 the Government invested a further \$2 million and the Commonwealth Government over \$1 million into additional pest management control projects in bushfire impacted areas on the North Coast:

- (a) LLS targeted wild dogs and foxes, leading the largest aerial baiting program in New South Wales in 2020 across Northern Tablelands and North Coast LLS regions, with 200,000 baits distributed.
- (b) North Coast LLS deployed 12 wild dog trappers across the region, removing 150 wild dogs from problem areas.
- (c) In the Lismore electorate over 4188 baits were distributed to 462 holdings.

Across the North Coast region predation reports dropped from 357 in 2017 to 166 in 2021.

The Lismore electorate shows a decline from 75 predation reports from 2017 to 36 reports in 2021.

The North Coast LLS continues to work with land managers, both public and private, to promote proactive nil tenure wild dog management programs across the region and to respond quickly to wild dog attacks.

* 7755 WOLLONGONG HARBOUR MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Further to LA Q7453, please provide:
- (a) Details of the projects that comprise the \$570,000 implementing the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan and the cost of each of these projects?
 - (b) The details of future projects planned to implement the Wollongong Harbour Master Plan, their estimated cost and estimated date of completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project cost of \$500,000 is for the Wollongong Harbour Slipway Upgrade, with \$70,000 for the Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed public pontoon on the central pier.

The Wollongong Harbour Master Plan project information is publicly available.

* 7756 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering the Dine and Discover Vouchers issued to residents of the Wollongong local government area:
- (a) How many dining vouchers have been issued since the program commenced?
 - (b) How many discover vouchers have been issued since the program commenced?
 - (c) How many dining vouchers have been claimed since the program commenced?
 - (d) How many discover vouchers have been claimed since the program commenced?
 - (e) How many people were eligible to be issued vouchers under the program?

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Answer—

*Data is from the Dine and Discover NSW Program as at April 2022

- (1) Considering the Dine and Discover Vouchers issued to residents of the Wollongong local government area:
- (a) 438,624 Dine vouchers have been issued.
 - (b) 438,593 Discover vouchers have been issued
 - (c) 258,256 Dine Vouchers have been claimed
 - (d) 146,289 Discover Vouchers have been claimed
 - (e) 171,235 (From published ABS data sources)

* 7757 PARENTS NSW VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering the Parents NSW Vouchers issued to residents of the Wollongong local government area:
- (a) How many vouchers have been issued since the program commenced?
 - (b) How many voucher applications have been rejected since the program commenced?
 - (i) What were the top three reasons for the rejections in (b)?

Answer—

*Data is from the Parents NSW Vouchers Program as per April 2022

- (1)
- (a) 10,967 Parent NSW Vouchers have been issued since the program commenced
 - (b) Service NSW does not have the rejected reasons on the voucher issued.
 - (i) Service NSW does not have the rejected reasons on the voucher issued.

* 7758 EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Has the Government made changes to SEPP 65 to permit the provision of EV charging infrastructure for all new apartment buildings to include all appropriate definitions and details?
- (a) If so, what are those changes?
 - (b) If not, when will the Government make these changes?
- (2) Is the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) aware of NSW local government DCPs where provision has been made for the installation of EV charging infrastructure in new building developments?
- (3) Which DCPs have been changed to incorporate this?
- (4) Has DPE given consideration to the provision of kerbside charging infrastructure?
- (a) If so, what is the outcome of that consideration?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) What changes to planning instruments are required to implement the provision of kerbside charging infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) and (b) There is no change proposed to SEPP 65.
- (2) Yes, we are aware that some councils have incorporated consideration into planning controls such as DCPs. While this is not an exhaustive list, we are aware of:
 - Woollahra Development Control Plan 2015 (Amendment 9). This came into effect in 2020 to support access to EV charging points in all new residential and non-residential developments.
 - Waverley Council – Amendment 7, Section 8.8.
 - North Sydney Council – Commercial and mixed use developments.
 - City of Sydney is working on changing planning controls to enable EV infrastructure in new developments as well as retrofitting existing buildings.
 - The City of Parramatta is introducing EV-ready controls through growth centre Development Control Plans (DCPs) – amendment anticipated second half of 2022.
- (3) As above.
- (4) (a) and (b) Councils ultimately control the roll out of kerbside parking infrastructure and the Government is committed to working with local government to provide kerbside parking for EVs as outlined by Action 2 of the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy.
- (5) A detailed study has not been developed to identify what changes to planning instruments would be required as councils are leading by example and have plans to install and update the kerbside parking infrastructure, they are responsible for, and guidance for third parties. For example, Northern Beaches council has an EV Charging Infrastructure Plan

* 7759 AUDIT OF EV CHARGING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Has the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) undertaken an audit of all available data on Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, when was the audit undertaken?
 - (i) What was found?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Has DPE commenced consultation on how best to incorporate EV charging infrastructure provision in all New South Wales new buildings with interested parties?
 - (a) If so, when did these consultations commence?
 - (b) If so, which stakeholders have been consulted?
 - (c) If so, what was the outcome of those consultations?
 - (d) If not, why not?
- (3) What options are available on how best to incorporate EV charging infrastructure provision in New South Wales' older buildings?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) I am advised that an audit of available data on electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in New South Wales was undertaken in 2021.

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- (i) As of 22 February 2022, there were 223 public fast charging points of 50 kilowatts and above across 120 locations in New South Wales.

There are almost 400 optimal zones for the construction of EV fast-charging stations in New South Wales over the next 10 years. The audit also identified that more than 3000 fast-charging plugs are likely needed across the State by 2030.

A master plan has been developed from these findings and includes a forecast where the demand for those plugs will most likely exist.

- (b) Not applicable.

- (2) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.
- (3) The Government has recently released guidance and supporting tools aimed at owners, tenants, building managers and strata managers to help educate and guide them through the process of retrofitting existing buildings to be EV-ready. This provides an easy to use, trusted source of information on the many aspects that need to be considered when retrofitting apartment or commercial buildings to be EV ready.

The materials contain information on the various solutions for EV charging in multi-tenanted buildings, the responsibilities of tenants, owners, strata managers and owner corporations, a series of guides and templates to help navigate the process, an EV infrastructure costing estimation tool and a series of case studies highlighting EV charging infrastructure in buildings. These materials can be found at <https://www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/reducing-emissions-nsw/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-ready-buildings>

* 7760 SEPP INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Has the Government made changes to SEPP Infrastructure to permit the provision of community battery infrastructure for all new apartment buildings and dwellings to include all appropriate definitions and details?
- (a) If so, what are those changes?
- (b) If not, when will the Government make these changes?
- (2) Is the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) aware of NSW local government DCPs where provision has been made for the provision of community development infrastructure in new building developments?
- (3) Which DCPs have been changed to incorporate this?
- (4) Has DPE given consideration to the provision of community battery infrastructure?
- (a) If so, what is the outcome of that consideration?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (5) What changes to planning instruments are required to implement the provision of community battery infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Several trials involving community solar batteries in New South Wales have only recently begun. These trials have been developed by distribution networks Ausgrid and Enova. The Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) will consider the State policy regarding community batteries after the conclusion of these trials.
- (2) The Department does not have a role in the approval of council Development Control Plans.

- (3) At the trial locations, no changes to Councils' Development Control Plans have been made.
- (4) State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 facilitates flexible and orderly planning pathways for essential infrastructure in NSW, including electricity infrastructure. The Department recently amended this policy to respond to changes in technology and consumer demand, including provisions for household solar batteries. Following completion of the community solar battery trials, the Department may consider whether further amendments to this policy are warranted.
- (5) No changes are required to the planning system to implement the provision of community battery infrastructure because the installation of such systems can be applied for through a development application to the relevant local council. Local councils can include planning and design guidelines for uses such as community batteries in their Development Control Plans. Following completion of the trials, the Department may consider whether the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 can be amended to provide additional planning pathways and matters to consider for such development.

* 7761 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

(1) Further to LA Q7116:

- (a) How many residents in each of the following postcodes were issued with COVID-19 infringement notices for breaching any requirements of the Public Health Orders since those orders were first imposed:
 - (i) 2500?
 - (ii) 2502?
 - (iii) 2505?
 - (iv) 2506?
 - (v) 2518?
 - (vi) 2525?
 - (vii) 2530?
- (b) What was the total amount of revenue raised by the issue of the infringement notices in (a)?
- (c) How many of the infringement notices in (a) were subsequently referred to court?
- (d) How many of the infringement notices in (a) have been referred for debt collection?

Answer—

POSTCODE	2500	2502	2505	2506	2518	2525	2530
Individuals fined	363	121	54	94	149	49	181
Number of fines	472	139	65	119	182	54	208
Value of fines	\$60,600	\$13,860	\$4,000	\$11,200	\$23,340	\$11,200	\$33,900
Court elections	19	3	Nil	4	5	7	8
Overdue fines*	303	87	36	68	116	42	126

Data is as at 1 April 2022 for all COVID-19 Penalty Notices issued between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2022.

*Overdue fines are those where an overdue fine has been issued but is not subject to an active payment plan or an active Work and Development Order.

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* 7762 FAIRY MEADOW AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Further to LA Q6453:
- (a) Has the site selection process for Fairy Meadow ambulance station been completed?
 - (i) If so, has the site been acquired?
 - (ii) If not, when will it be completed?
 - (b) How long will the ambulance station in (a) take to design and construct?
 - (c) By what date is the station expected to be operating?
 - (d) How many staff will be stationed at the new Fairy Meadow ambulance station?

Answer—

I am advised the site selection process for the new Fairy Meadow ambulance station is underway. Delivery timeframes will be determined once the location has been identified and planning has further progressed. Final staffing allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations.

* 7763 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Considering the First Lap voucher program, please provide:
- (a) The number of First Lap vouchers applied for in the following postcodes:
 - (i) 2500?
 - (ii) 2502?
 - (iii) 2505?
 - (iv) 2506?
 - (v) 2518?
 - (vi) 2525?
 - (vii) 2530?
 - (b) The number of First Lap vouchers that have been issued in each of the postcodes in (a)?
 - (c) The number of First Lap vouchers rejected in each of the postcodes in (a)?
 - (d) The total value of the vouchers provided in (b)?
 - (e) The total number of vouchers and total value of the vouchers issued under the program?

Answer—

*Data is from the First Lap Voucher Program as at April 2022

- (1) (a) For First lap program, Service NSW only captures successful voucher applications
- (b) The number of First Lap vouchers that have been issued in each of the postcodes in (a)?
 - (i) 2500 - 739
 - (ii) 2502 - 246
 - (iii) 2505 - 97
 - (iv) 2506 - 159
 - (v) 2518 - 439

- (vi) 2525 - 364
- (vii) 2530 - 955
- (c) For First lap program Service NSW only captures successful voucher applications
- (d) As the vouchers are of \$100 value, the voucher volumes issued is multiplied by \$100
 - (i) 2500 - \$73900
 - (ii) 2502 - \$24600
 - (iii) 2505 - \$9700
 - (iv) 2506 - \$15900
 - (v) 2518 - \$43900
 - (vi) 2525 - \$36400
 - (vii) 2530 - \$95500
- (e) 196,537 total number of First Lap vouchers have been issued at a value of \$19,653,700

* 7764 FUNDING FOR OYSTER GROWERS AND PRODUCERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much was received in grant funding to oyster growers and producers in the Brisbane Water and Hawkesbury River in 2020, 2021 and 2022?
- (2) What was the total sum of the of flood relief received by oyster growers and producers in the Brisbane Water and Hawkesbury River in 2020, 2021 and 2022?

Answer—

- (1) The following table includes Primary Producer Natural Disaster Assistance administered by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) and received by oyster growers and producers in Brisbane Waters and the Hawkesbury River in 2020, 2021 and 2022 from the RAA. Data is current at 12 April 2022.

Grant type	2019-200	2020-2021	2021-2022
Bushfire Supply Chain Support Grant	\$240,000	n/a	n/a
Storms and Floods Feb/March 2021 Special Disaster Grant up to \$75k	n/a	\$15,000	\$248,451
Storms and Floods Feb/March 2021 Feb/March 21 Supply Chain Support Grant	n/a	n/a	\$25,000
Severe Weather and Flooding February 2022 Special Disaster Grant up to \$75k	n/a	n/a	\$15,000
Total	\$240,000	\$15,000	\$288,451

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- (2) The total amount of funding received in grants by oyster growers in 2022 is still unknown as both the Special Disaster Grant and Rural Landholders Grant for primary producers and landholders are still open.

The total sum of the flood relief, as of 12 April 2022, received by oyster growers and producers in Brisbane Waters and the Hawkesbury River in 2020, 2021 and 2022 from the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) is \$303,451.

* 7765 AVERAGE TIME FOR PATIENT TRANSFER—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What was the average time for patients to be transferred from paramedics to hospital staff within 30 minutes at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) Every month in 2018?
 - (b) Every month in 2019?
 - (c) Every month in 2020?
 - (d) Every month in 2021?
 - (e) Every month in 2022?

Answer—

The Bureau of Health Information website reports on time to transfer of care of a patient from ambulance to emergency department from 2010 onward. Results are searchable by hospital or by local health district. See <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

* 7766 DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE STAFF—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) What is the number of employees currently working for the Department of Customer Service?
- (2) What is the number of employees who have undertaken Aboriginal cultural training?
- (3) What is the percentage of employees at the Department of Customer Service who identify as disabled?
- (4) What percentage of senior management at the Department of Customer Service who identify as disabled?

Answer—

- (1) As of 31 March, there were 11,556 public sector employees in the Department of Customer Service.
- (2) 1689 Department of Customer Service staff have completed Aboriginal cultural awareness training.
- (3) The Department of Customer Service is required to report staffing and remuneration details through Annual Reports. I refer the Member to the publicly available Annual Report.
- (4) The Department of Customer Service is required to report staffing and remuneration details through Annual Reports. I refer the Member to the publicly available Annual Report.

* 7767 STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SASS STAFF—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—

- (1) What is the number of students, teacher staff and SASS staff members for each of the following schools in each of the following years:
- (a) Somersby School:
 - (i) 2012?

(ii) 2013?

(iii) 2014?

(iv) 2015?

(v) 2016?

(vi) 2017?

(vii) 2018?

(viii) 2019?

(ix) 2020?

(x) 2021?

(b) Mangrove Mountain School:

(i) 2012?

(ii) 2013?

(iii) 2014?

(iv) 2015?

(v) 2016?

(vi) 2017?

(vii) 2018?

(viii) 2019?

(ix) 2020?

(x) 2021?

(c) Kulnura Public School:

(i) 2012?

(ii) 2013?

(iii) 2014?

(iv) 2015?

(v) 2016?

(vi) 2017?

(vii) 2018?

(viii) 2019?

(ix) 2020?

(x) 2021?

(d) Peats Ridge Public School:

(i) 2012?

(ii) 2013?

(iii) 2014?

(iv) 2015?

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- (v) 2016?
- (vi) 2017?
- (vii) 2018?
- (viii) 2019?
- (ix) 2020?
- (x) 2021?

Answer—

- (1) Note, all non-teaching staff numbers are provided in the response below. This includes staff employed under the Crown Employees (School Administrative and Support Staff) Award, and other school support staff employed under the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

(a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Students	80	80	74	70	70	63	53	61	62	49
Teaching staff	5	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	5
Non-teaching staff	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	4	3

- (b) Note: Mangrove Mountain Public School closed in December 1978. The response below is provided for Central Mangrove Public School.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Students	79	68	56	67	76	72	61	49	44	47
Teaching staff	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	6
Non-teaching staff	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	1

(c)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Students	91	73	76	74	60	68	57	46	36	34
Teaching staff	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	4
Non-teaching staff	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

(d)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Students	56	45	44	43	39	41	24	26	16	15
Teaching staff	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	4	2	3
Non-teaching staff	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

* 7768 TRAIN TRIPS BETWEEN GOSFORD AND WOY WOY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many trips occurred from Gosford Train Station to Woy Woy Train Station from 2018 to 2021?

- (2) How many trips occurred from Woy Woy Train Station to Gosford Train Station from 2018 to 2021?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- * 7769 DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET STAFF—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Premier—

- (1) What is the number of employees currently working for the Department of Premier and Cabinet?
- (2) What is the number of employees who have undertaken Aboriginal cultural training in each?
- (3) What is the percentage of employees at the Department of Premier and Cabinet identify as disabled?
- (4) What percentage of senior management at the Department of Premier and Cabinet identify as disabled?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information in relation to staff can be found in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's annual reports.

- * 7770 TRAVEL OF RESIDENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many residents of the Gosford, The Entrance, Terrigal, Wyong and Swansea electorates travelled through the:
 - (a) NorthConnex:
 - (i) Every month of 2020?
 - (ii) Every month in 2021?
 - (iii) Every month in 2022?
 - (b) The Cross City Tunnel:
 - (i) Every month of 2020?
 - (ii) Every month in 2021?
 - (iii) Every month in 2022?
 - (c) The Harbour Bridge:
 - (i) Every month of 2020?
 - (ii) Every month in 2021?
 - (iii) Every month in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

- * 7771 BUCKETTS WAY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

On 25 February 2019, the then Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight said “Roads like the Bucketts Way, we’re going to take those roads back,” in reference to the Government’s promise to transfer 15,000

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kilometres of regional roads to the State. Can you please provide an update on when the Bucketts Way will be transferred to the State under this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 28 February 2022, applications for the full round of the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review closed. Applications to this round are confidential.

The Independent Panel will assess each application against the eligibility requirements, program outcomes, objectives and strategic principles. The Panel is planning to deliver its final report to the Government in the third quarter of this year.

* 7772 **ITALIA ROAD INTERSECTION**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) The Commonwealth Government recently announced \$7.2 million to plan for an upgrade to Italia Road and the Pacific Highway. The Commonwealth's infrastructure summary identifies the location of the project at both Italia Road and Medowie Road. Is the Government involved with this project?

(a) What kind of interchange is being considered for this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is reviewing the announcements in the recent Federal Budget for projects in New South Wales, including Italia Road, and will consider State funding as part of the 2022-23 State Budget process.

* 7773 **MYALL WAY INTERSECTION**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the Commonwealth Government has recently committed \$600,000 to upgrade the Myall Way and Pacific Highway intersection:

(a) Is this project identical or additional to the previously advised upgrade in LA Q5745?

(b) What will the upgrades involve?

(c) Will flashing lights be installed for both direction of travel on the Pacific Highway?

Answer—

I am advised

The \$600,000 in Commonwealth Government funding does relate to LA5745. Transport for NSW is planning safety upgrades to include the installation of Vehicle Activated Signage to target southbound vehicles on Pacific Highway, new sign posting, installation of new roadside safety barriers and improved sight distance.

* 7774 **ROAD RECLASSIFICATION IN PORT STEPHENS**—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

How many kilometres of roads in Port Stephens will be reclassified as part of the Government's 2019 election commitment to transfer 15,000 kilometres of regional roads to the State?

Answer—

I am advised:

Applications for the full round of the Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer closed on 28 February 2022.

The Independent Panel will assess each application against the eligibility requirements, program outcomes, objectives and strategic principles. The Panel is planning to deliver its final report to the Government in the third quarter of this year.

* 7775 COVID BOOSTER RATES IN SCHOOL CHILDREN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the percentage of primary school children aged 5-12 in New South Wales that have received the Covid-19 booster vaccination?
- (2) What is the percentage rate for school children aged 5-12 in Fairfield Fairfield Local Government area schools?

Answer—

(1 – 2)

A booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine is not currently recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) for children aged 5 to 11 years or 12 to 15 years.

* 7776 VACCINATION HUBS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will the Government consider establishing vaccination hubs in New South Wales primary schools to combat the spread of COVID-19 among children under 16 years?
 - (a) If so, when will these vaccination hubs begin operation?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (c) If yes, will the vaccination hubs be in a mobile format or located at a school?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health advises that they do not have vaccination hubs in primary schools.

NSW Health advises vaccinating children aged 5-11 years is a vastly different and more complex scenario than vaccinating adults or even 12-15-year-olds. I understand the significant challenges associated with the five to 11 year old age group include:

- parent's or carer's preference that a trusted and known health care provider administers the vaccine
- the preference by the parent or carer to be present
- additional time required for the child and parent or carer to have confidence to proceed with vaccination.

NSW Health held a roundtable with paediatric and vaccination experts from primary care, NSW Health and the tertiary education sector, who did not support COVID-19 vaccination hubs in primary schools.

NSW Health advises they may offer specific in-reach activities where there is a need identified for particular secondary schools or communities.

* 7777 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES NEAR SCHOOLS—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—

- (1) Have schools in the Fairfield electorate been considered for the installation of flashing light traffic calming measures on the pedestrian crossings near their schools?
 - (a) If so, which schools have been considered?

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Answer—

I am advised:

While some schools within the Fairfield electorate are located on state roads managed by Transport for NSW, the majority are on local roads managed by local councils. On state managed roads, all crossings near schools are controlled by signals or have pedestrian bridges.

* 7778 UPGRADES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES—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—

(1) Have any roads in the Fairfield electorate been allocated funding for upgrades for traffic calming measures?

(a) If so, which roads?

(b) If so, how much funding has been allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over \$1.2 million has been allocated across eight road safety projects in the Fairfield Electorate in the 2021-22 financial year.

This funding will support the installation of traffic calming signals and pedestrian refuges and are designed to improve pedestrian and bicycle rider safety. These upgrades are on a number of local roads in Fairfield, including Canley Vale Road, Meadows Road, Polding Street, Railway Parade and St Johns Road.

* 7779 ROADS NEAR GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—

What is being done to upgrade the traffic calming measures on the roads in and around Old Guildford Public School?

Answer—

I am advised:

While Woodville Road is a State Road, all other roads surrounding Old Guildford Public School are local roads managed by Fairfield City Council.

Woodville Road currently has a 40km/h school zone and a signal operated pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Orchardleigh Street. Importantly, there is also a fixed speed camera located within the school zone on Woodville Road.

* 7780 MAJOR EVENTS IN SOUTH WEST SYDNEY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Has the Government planned for any major events to be held in South West Sydney in 2022?

(a) If so, what events are they?

(b) If so, where will they be located?

(c) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government, through its visitor economy and events agency, Destination NSW, has planned two major events to be held in South West Sydney in 2022:

Event	Suburb	Date
Australian Little League Baseball Championships	Macquarie Fields	08-13-Jun-22
Valleyways	Camden	10-Sep-22

New initiatives such as Great Southern Nights have been implemented to support live music and visitor economy recovery. In 2022, the Great Southern Nights program featured 39 events in Western Sydney, seven of which were in South West Sydney, as outlined below.

Venue	Suburb	Date	Headline Artist
Bankstown Sports Club	Bankstown	08-Apr-22	Kate Ceberano
Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre	Casula	09-Apr-22	Lara Dabbaqh
The Mill Hotel	Milperra	18-Mar-22	KTIME
The Mill Hotel	Milperra	08-Apr-22	Yo Mafia
Liverpool Catholic Club	Prestons	19-Mar-22	Never Ending 80s
Liverpool Catholic Club	Prestons	26-Mar-22	Karise Eden
Liverpool Catholic Club	Prestons	09-Apr-22	Live Baby Live INXS show

- * 7781 WETHERILL PARK SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

Which languages other than English can customers access at the counter at Service NSW Centre at Wetherill Park?

Answer—

Customers can transact in 7 different languages within the Wetherill Park Service Centre, including English. Other languages spoken by staff at the Wetherill Park Service Centre include Assyrian, Chaldean, Arabic, Spanish, Maltese and Lao. Customers can also book interpreter services.

- * 7782 MOBILE SERVICE NSW—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

(1) Has Service NSW provided mobile services to the Fairfield and Cabramatta Central Business Districts in 2022?

(a) In 2021?

(b) In 2020?

Answer—

(1) Not at this stage

(a) No

(b) No

- * 7783 FUNDING TO COMMUNITY GROUPS—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—

Has the Government allocated any funding to community groups in the Fairfield Electorate for programmes dealing with domestic or family violence?

(1) If so, which community groups have received funding?

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(2) If so, how much funding has each community group received?

Answer—

I am advised:

Multiple community groups operating in the Fairfield local government area receive domestic and family violence funding from multiple Department of Communities and Justice programs.

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7784 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regard school crossing supervisors:
 - (a) How many school crossing supervisors are employed across the Cessnock electorate?
 - (i) Which schools have school crossing supervisors?
 - (b) How many vacant school crossing supervisor positions are there currently in the Cessnock electorate?
 - (i) Which schools have vacant positions?
 - (c) Have all vacant positions been advertised?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If yes, what is the average time to fill the vacant position from time of advertisement until commencement of employment?
 - (d) Have any positions been vacant for:
 - (i) More than 3 months?
- (2) Which schools?
 - (ii) More than 6 months?
- (3) Which schools?
 - (e) Are school crossing supervisors paid for by:
 - (i) Individual schools?
 - (ii) School zones?
 - (iii) NSW Department of Education?
 - (iv) Transport for NSW?

7785 VEHICLE CLEARANCE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that in late December 2021 AIS inspectors performing vehicle clearance assessments within Barwon were unable to upload information to the RMS website, leaving constituents in flood prone areas with unregistered/uninsured vehicles, would the Minister consider giving similar extension times to those given during COVID- 19 for Western New South Wales communities?
- (2) What strategies does the Minister have in place to ensure these outages do not reoccur?

- 7786 WEILMORINGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—

Considering Weilmoringle Public School is one of the smallest and most remote schools in Barwon and New South Wales, with six children and one classroom teacher, who is also the Principal and Assistant and who recently became sick causing the school to close due to no other teacher being available, what does the Minister have in place to rectify this issue so the school stays open and the children are not disadvantaged?

- 7787 AUSTRALIAN UNITY'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE HOME CARE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

Considering Australian Unity is contracted by LiveBetter to provide home and aged care services in parts of rural New South Wales and that patients recently discharged from hospital have been unable to obtain home care packages due to a lack of trained and qualified medical officers, what obligation does Australian Unity have to provide medical services to home and aged care patients under their contract with LiveBetter?

- 7788 QUANTUM TERMINAL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) Given the answer to LA 7183, in relation to the appointment of JLL to operate the Quantum Terminal by the Transport Asset Holding Entity:
 - (a) What contract was in place for JLL to run the expressions of interest process for the Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) What was the value of the contract?
 - (ii) What is the contract duration?
 - (b) What contract is in place for JLL to operate the Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) What is the value of the contract?
 - (ii) What is the contract duration?
 - (iii) Are there any performance criteria in the contract that requires JLL to maintain a certain occupancy rate at Quantum Terminal?
- (1) If so, what is the required occupancy rate?
- (2) If not, why doesn't the contract include safeguards to ensure taxpayers are getting value for money in the operation of Quantum Terminal?
 - (c) What are the budgeted annual operating costs of Quantum Terminal?
 - (d) How many desks were leased and what was the total rental income at Quantum Terminal in:
 - (i) December 2021?
 - (ii) January 2022?
 - (iii) February 2022?
 - (iv) March 2022?
 - (e) Was a business case prepared for Quantum Terminal?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) If so, was the business case prepared internally or contracted?

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- (iii) What was the value of the business case contract and who was the successful contractor?
- (iv) What was the predicted occupancy rate used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?
- (v) What was the predicted rental income used when calculating the cost-benefit ratio?

7789 WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLAND AUTHORITY NEWSLETTER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the Western Sydney Parkland Authority April 2022 community newsletter, issued via email:
 - (a) Has SVSR Pty Ltd signed on to be involved in the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility (AMRF)?
 - (b) What involvement with SVSR Pty Ltd have with the AMRF?
 - (c) Has a formal tenancy agreement, partnership agreement or research collaboration agreement been entered into with SVSR Pty Ltd for the AMRF?
 - (d) What was the total cost to produce the video titled “How the Advanced Manufacturing Facility (AMRF) can help grow local industry” that was embedded in the community newsletter?
 - (e) How many local manufacturing businesses has the Western Sydney Parkland Authority met with in relation to the AMRF?
 - (f) How many local manufacturing businesses have signed on to be a part of the AMRF?

7790 PARK AND RIDE CAR PARKS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) In relation to Transport Park&Ride car parks:
 - (a) Are parking fees paid to Transport for NSW?
 - (i) If not, to which agency or private entity are the fees paid?
 - (b) Are parking fees collected to help cover the cost of construction of the car parks?
 - (c) Are parking fees collected to help cover the cost of operating the car park?
 - (d) What other reasons are parking fees collected for, other than reasons listed in (b) and (c)?
 - (e) What is the reason Opal single trip tickets are not accepted at Transport Park&Ride car parks?

7791 EDMONDSON PARK FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Given the suburb of Edmondson Park will have about 7500 dwellings and a population of 20,000 when complete;
 - (a) Are there any plans to build a fire station in the suburb?
 - (i) If so, when will the fire station be delivered?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (iii) What feasibility studies or investigations have been carried out to determine the need for a fire station in Edmondson Park and what was the outcome?
 - (b) Are there any plans to build an ambulance station in the suburb?

- (i) If so, when will the ambulance station be delivered?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (iii) What feasibility studies or investigations have been carried out to determine the need for an ambulance station in Edmondson Park and what was the outcome?

7792 POLICE STATION AT EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Given the suburb of Edmondson Park will have about 7500 dwellings and a population of 20,000 when complete, are there any plans to build a police station in the suburb?
 - (a) If so, when will the police station be delivered?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) What feasibility studies or investigations have been carried out to determine the need for a police station in Edmondson Park?
 - (a) What was the outcome of those studies or investigations?

7793 BUSINESS NAME EXPIRY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) Was the Business Name “Revenue NSW” (ABN 819 138 301 79) allowed to expire on 24 March 2022?
 - (a) If so, why?

7794 DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE EMPLOYEES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade that was established on 1 April 2022:
 - (a) What is the total number of employees?
 - (b) How many employees are designated as non-executive?
 - (c) How many employees are designated as Senior Executives?
 - (i) How many of those were employed in non-executive positions in other Government agencies before the establishment of the Department?
 - (d) How many employees are designated Senior Executive Band 1?
 - (i) What is the job title for each Senior Executive Band 1 employee?
 - (ii) How many were employed at a level below Senior Executive Band 1 in other Government agencies before the establishment of the Department?
 - (iii) Have any “within band” remuneration adjustments been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 1 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 1 employees received a within band remuneration adjustment?
 - (iv) Have any “above band” remuneration adjustments been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 1 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 1 employees received an above band remuneration adjustment?

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- (e) How many employees are designated Senior Executive Band 2?
 - (i) What is the job title for each Senior Executive Band 2 employee?
 - (ii) How many were employed at a level below Senior Executive Band 2 in other Government agencies before the establishment of the Department?
 - (iii) Have any “within band remuneration adjustments” been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 2 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 2 employees received a within band remuneration adjustment?
 - (iv) Have any “above band” remuneration adjustments been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 2 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 2 employees received an above band remuneration adjustment?
- (f) How many employees are designated Senior Executive Band 3?
 - (i) What is the job title for each Senior Executive Band 3 employee?
 - (ii) How many were employed at a level below Senior Executive Band 3 in other Government agencies before the establishment of the Department?
 - (iii) Have any “within band remuneration adjustments” been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 3 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 3 employees received a within band remuneration adjustment?
 - (iv) Have any “above band” remuneration adjustments been made to the salaries of Senior Executive Band 3 employees?
 - (1) If so, how many Senior Executive Band 3 employees received an above band remuneration adjustment?

7795 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN THE MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—

Of the 200 affordable homes that the Government recently announced, how many will be allocated to the Murray electorate?

7796 NSW AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD), how many NSW Ambulance vehicles service the population?
 - (a) Where is each ambulance based within the MLHD?
- (2) What is the average NSW Ambulance response time within the MLHD?
- (3) What is the average time taken for NSW Ambulance to return to station after responding to incidents in other towns?
- (4) What percentage of the NSW Ambulance times is taken up for non-emergency patient transport?
- (5) What factors are considered when reviewing NSW Ambulance resources within the MLHD?
- (6) Is the proximity to a major highway a factor that is considered when reviewing NSW Ambulance resources within the MLHD?

7797 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

Of the 17 new homes in the Far West area being constructed under the \$20 million of funding allocated for large Aboriginal families, in what locations will these homes be built?

7798 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT OF YANGA NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What opportunities are provided for in the current Yanga Conservation Management Plan for engaging with the local community in the day-to-day operation of Yanga National Park?
- (2) Who are the current members of the local management committee for Yanga National Park?
 - (a) Is this management committee currently active?
 - (b) How are members of this committee selected?
 - (i) How often are they appointed?
- (3) Why has the Government failed to properly maintain Yanga Homestead and other historic buildings, allowing these to deteriorate?
- (4) Why does the Government not allow locals to collect felled timber and sell it for firewood?
 - (a) Would the Government consider allowing the sale of firewood in the future?

7799 NSW AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD), how many NSW Ambulance vehicles service the population?
 - (a) Where is each ambulance based within the MLHD?
- (2) What is the average NSW Ambulance response time within the MLHD?
- (3) What is the average time taken for NSW Ambulance to return to station after responding to incidents in other towns?
- (4) What percentage of the NSW Ambulance times is taken up for non-emergency patient transport?
- (5) What factors are considered when reviewing NSW Ambulance resources within the MLHD?
- (6) Is the proximity to a major highway a factor that is considered when reviewing NSW Ambulance resources within the MLHD?

7800 CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHWEST METRO PROJECT—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many residents of the Lakemba electorate are employed in the construction of the Southwest Metro project?
- (2) How many apprentices from the Lakemba electorate are employed in the construction of the Southwest Metro project?

7801 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Due to vaccine mandates, how many School Crossing Supervisors have been terminated or stood down in New South Wales?

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- (a) Due to vaccine mandates, how many School Crossing Supervisors have been terminated of stood down in the electorate of Lakemba?
 - (2) How has the Government addressed vacant positions in School Crossing Supervisors?
 - (a) How many of the vacant positions have been filled by the Government across New South Wales?
 - (b) How many of the vacant positions have been filled by the Government across the Electorate of Lakemba?
- 7802 TOLL RELIEF PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- (1) What is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Granville electorate since the M4 toll was reintroduced?
 - (2) What is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA) since the M4 toll was reintroduced?
 - (3) What is the total expended on the Government's Toll Relief program for residents of the Parramatta LGA electorate since the M4 toll was reintroduced?
- 7803 LEARNER DRIVERS IN GRANVILLE—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—
- (1) What is the backlog of learner drivers who have held a learner drivers licence for at least 12 months as at 29 March 2022?
 - (2) How many learner drivers have held a drivers licence for the following time periods at 29 March 2022?
 - (a) 11 Months?
 - (b) 10 months?
 - (c) 9 months?
 - (d) 8 months?
 - (e) 7 months?
 - (f) 6 months?
 - (3) What is the longest time period that a learner driver licence has been held without having accessed a driving test in Granville as at 29 March 2022?
- 7804 SOCIAL HOUSING CLIENT SERVICE VISITS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) What proportion of client service visits identified maintenance needs across New South Wales and in the Sydney electorate or inner Sydney?
 - (a) How did the Government ensure this work was carried out?
- 7805 REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—
- (1) Noting high rates of unemployment amongst refugees and asylum seekers while many businesses are struggling to get workers during the pandemic, what action has the Government taken to facilitate matches to mutual benefit?

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- (2) What practical information and advice does the Government provide to private employers to support employment of refugees and asylum seekers?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide or fund to support refugees and asylum seekers into training and employment?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to help match refugees with job vacancies?
- 7806 RURAL WOMEN'S HIDDEN TREASURE HONOUR ROLL—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Considering the Rural Women's Hidden Treasure Honour Roll which recognises the impact of women who volunteer their time to keep their communities strong and healthy, why have no names been added to the Honour Roll since 2020?
- (a) Is the Minister aware that no rural women have been added to the honour roll since 2020?
- (b) Why has the volunteer work of rural women not been recognised since 2020?
- 7807 HOMELESSNESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) The 2016 Census shows that homelessness in New South Wales has increased at the fastest rate of any state, with homelessness among women increasing by 32 per cent, and homelessness among women aged between 65 and 74 years increasing by 78 per cent. Similarly, the NSW Homelessness Strategy states that between 2013-14 and 2016-17, New South Wales saw an 88 per cent growth in the number of women over the age of 55 years accessing homelessness services. What is the Government's approach to reducing the numbers of women facing homelessness?
- (2) How many frontline women's refuges there are across New South Wales as part of the Homelessness Services?
- (a) What is the total funding to these services from the overall \$2.7 billion in the Stronger Communities cluster?
- (3) Considering, the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 highlighted older women as a focus area for targeted housing options, what strategies have been put in place to lower the risk of homelessness in this high risk group?
- (4) What is the Government doing to address rental affordability, especially as it affects low income women, older women and girls?
- 7808 DULWICH HILL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL APPROVAL—Ms Jo Haylen 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—
- When will Traffic Control Signals (TCS) approval be granted for the upgrade of the pedestrian crossing at Dulwich Hill Station?
- 7809 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY SUPPORT PAYMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- How many applications were received as of 30 June 2021 from residents within the electorate of Liverpool for Residential Tenancy Support payments?
- 7810 PROVISIONS FOR THREE WHEEL MOTORCYCLE LICENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Will you introduce provisions that allow for people with paraplegia to apply for a licence to drive a three wheel motorcycle (similar to the provisions in other states) rather than rely on the exemption process currently in place?

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- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when?

7811 PROCEEDINGS REGARDING DAMAGE TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What progress has occurred in the proceedings against the person arrested and charged on 17 June 2020 with inter alia Malicious Damage by Fire and Aggravated Break Enter and Commit Serious Indictable Offence concerning burning down of Liverpool Council Chambers in Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool?

7812 HEAVY FABRICATION ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

Will you make representations to Federal Authorities to allow non-apprentices to enrol in courses for Heavy Fabrication Engineering qualifications so that current non-apprentice workers can upskill?

7813 HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

How many health and safety requests as referred to in Answer to LA Question 6713 were referred to the Asset Maintenance Service contractor by the NSW Land and housing Corporation after a report by an MP in the period 1.7.20 - 31.10.21?

7814 BOARD MEETINGS ATTENDANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

How many Board meetings have each of the individuals on the Board of Governors of the Law and Justice Foundation attended from 1.1.18 to 5.4.22?

7815 GREGORY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) When will construction of the proposed Gregory Hills Public School actually commence?
- (2) When will the construction be complete?

7816 FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN INVESTIGATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) What further developments have occurred in relation to the investigation into the burning down of Liverpool Council Chambers in Hoxton Park Rd, Liverpool since a person was arrested and charged on 17 June 2020?
 - (a) Has anyone else been arrested or charged in relation to this matter apart from the person referred to above?

7817 ORAN PARK FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

When will construction of the proposed Oran Park Fire Station actually commence?

7818 DETAILS OF SIX MATTERS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What are the details of the allegations in the six matters referred to in the Answer to Question no. 7503 in relation to which the Director of Public Prosecutions declined to prosecute?

7819 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan 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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- (1) In relation to stage 4 and 5 of the upgrade to the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and West Gosford please advise:
- (a) What is the current stage of planning for the works?
 - (b) When will construction begin on these works?
- 7820 **ROUNDAABOUT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF WYONG ROAD, TUGGERAH AND BRYANT AND RELIANCE DRIVE**—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (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?
- 7821 **WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT TRIAL**—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- Could the Minister please advise which criteria it used to determine the eligible Local Government Areas selected for the NSW Washing Machine Replacement Trial?
- 7822 **WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT TRIAL IN CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN**—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- Considering the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area's (LGA) unemployment rate was recorded as 8.8 per cent in October 2021, higher than the state average of 5.7 per cent, could the Minister advise why the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA was not selected for the NSW Washing Machine Replacement Trial?
- 7823 **SYDNEY SOUTHWEST METRO**—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Was the decision by the Government to open the Sydney Southwest Metro in stages was made due to a budget blow out?
- (a) If so, what is the revised cost of the Sydney Southwest Metro project?
- 7824 **BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL SITE**—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—
- Could the Minister advise whether he has been advised by the Minister for Health, health bureaucrats or any of his own executive TAFE staff of the possibility that the Bankstown TAFE site (or, part thereof) will be earmarked for the new Bankstown Hospital?
- 7825 **SYDNEY CITY AND SOUTHWEST METRO**—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- Given that the Government is considering opening the Chatswood to Sydenham section of the Sydney City and Southwest Metro prior to the completion of the Bankstown to Sydenham Metro, will the Government consider bringing forward the partial restoration of the Liverpool-City via Regents Park service given it will utilise existing infrastructure?

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7826 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

Given there has been speculation that the new Bankstown Hospital will be built on the Bankstown TAFE site, why have you as the Minister for Skills and Training not come out publicly to confirm that the future of the Bankstown TAFE site will be secure and remain entirely for the purposes of TAFE and vocational education?

7827 BANKSTOWN SPORTS COMPLEX—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Will the findings of NSW Health's investigation into the Bankstown Sports Complex as a potential site for the new Bankstown Hospital, including the exact location of any potential hazardous material, be released?

(a) Did the NSW Health report identify the same hazardous materials as the report commissioned by Canterbury-Bankstown Council this year?

(b) Were there any hazardous material detected on the site of Bankstown Senior College?

7828 BANKSTOWN SPORTS COMPLEX SITE REMEDIATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Considering Canterbury-Bankstown Council's revelation that friable asbestos, lead and Polychlorinated Biphenyls were detected under the Bankstown Sports Complex, what steps have you taken to ensure that the site will be adequately remedied?

7829 HAZARDOUS WASTE AT BANKSTOWN SPORTS COMPLEX—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

Considering Canterbury Bankstown Council's revelation that friable asbestos, lead and Polychlorinated Biphenyls were detected under the Bankstown Sports Complex, what steps have you taken to ensure that students and teachers are not impacted by hazardous waste?

7830 BULLI AND THIRROUL TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Ryan Park 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) In relation to the Bulli and Thirroul Traffic Improvements:

(a) Can you please provide an update on the status of the works?

(b) What works are newly planned?

(c) When will the changes to Memorial Drive be completed?

(d) What changes are scheduled for 2022/2023?

7831 TEACHER RETENTION AND ATTRITION—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) As at May 10th 2022, how many vacancies are there for teachers who are qualified to teach specialist subjects such as Industrial Technology Timber and Chemistry across the three Sydney Secondary College campuses in Leichhardt, Balmain and Blackwattle Bay?

(a) Where such qualified teachers are not available, what strategies does the Department of Education employ to ensure students of these high schools continue to receive high quality lessons in these subject areas, and that their studies are not disadvantaged?

- (b) Where such qualified teachers are not available, what steps has the Department of Education taken to recruit suitably qualified replacement staff?

7832 200 EXTRA HOMES - DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE - LISMORE—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—

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

7833 SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully 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) Of the 10 applications for school crossing guards made in the Wollongong Local Government Area within the 2020-21 financial year, how many were successful?
- (a) Of those that were not successful, what was the basis for their rejection?
- (2) How many schools in the Wollongong Local Government Area currently operate without a full-time crossing guard?
- (3) How many applications have been received for school crossing guards since the beginning of the 2022 school year in the Wollongong Local Government Area?

7834 TRAVEL OF RESIDENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch 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) How many residents of the Gosford, The Entrance, Terrigal, Wyong and Swansea electorates travelled through the:
- (a) NorthConnex:
- (i) Every month of 2020?
- (ii) Every month in 2021?
- (iii) Every month in 2022?
- (b) The Cross City Tunnel:
- (i) Every month of 2020?
- (ii) Every month in 2021?
- (iii) Every month in 2022?
- (c) The Harbour Bridge:
- (i) Every month of 2020?
- (ii) Every month in 2021?
- (iii) Every month in 2022?

7835 TRAIN TRIPS BETWEEN GOSFORD AND WOY WOY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many trips occurred from Gosford Train Station to Woy Woy Train Station from 2018 to 2021?

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- (2) How many trips occurred from Woy Woy Train Station to Gosford Train Station from 2018 to 2021?

7836 SEVEN MILE BEACH—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With respect to the Seven Mile Beach Plan of Management;
- (a) Will the Minister instruct his agency to prioritise the development of a new plan of management for Seven Mile Beach so that work on a new plan of management can commence in this financial year?
 - (i) If not, when will this work commence?
 - (b) What action will the Minister take to ensure that walking tracks already being utilised will be formalised for the public to ensure these tourist attractions can be formalised?
 - (c) Will the Seven Mile Beach Plan of Management be the first priority for the south east of New South Wales?

7837 HOUSING NUCLEAR SUBMARINES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) With respect to the Commonwealth Government announcement to look at three options for housing nuclear submarines:
- (a) Has the New South Wales Government made representations to the Commonwealth Government about this matter?
 - (b) Will the Government commit to Port Kembla being the Government's preferred site for housing new nuclear submarines?

7838 PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to upgrading the Princes Highway:
- (a) When will the Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway Upgrade have dual carriage way open, permanently, in both directions?
 - (b) When will tenders be let for the Jervis Bay Road Interchange?
 - (c) Will all pre-construction work on the Jervis Bay Road interchange be complete by the end of the 2022 calendar year?
 - (d) What work is currently being undertaken to progress the Nowra Bypass?
 - (e) What funding has been allocated in 2021/22 from within the Transport budget to progress the Nowra Bypass?
 - (f) Will the Government propose any funding in the 2022/23 NSW State Budget to the Nowra Bypass?

7839 CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With respect to climate change;
- (a) What is the Government doing to reduce omissions in a sustainable and affordable way?
 - (b) What targets does the Government seek to meet with respect to climate change?
 - (c) What grants are available to encourage businesses and individuals to play their part in reducing the impacts of climate change?
 - (d) What is the total annual cost, and over the forward estimates, of climate change policies?

7840 NEW SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With respect to the new Shellharbour Hospital:
 - (a) When will tenders be let?
 - (b) When will pre-construction commence?
 - (c) Will the head (main construction) tender be awarded by the end of this year?
 - (d) How many additional nurses and doctors will be working in this hospital when it opens?
 - (i) Can you provide a breakdown?
 - (e) Will the Ministry ensure that the main contract has targets for local jobs, local trainees and apprentices, local aboriginal people and women in non-traditional roles?
 - (f) What are the service categories that will be on offer at this hospital?
 - (i) Which services will be available at the new Shellharbour Hospital that are not available at the current Shellharbour Hospital?
 - (g) What is the estimated time that the new hospital will be open to the public?
 - (h) Is there any consideration to moving any nearby ambulance stations alongside the new Shellharbour Hospital?

7841 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN THE ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With respect to mental health supports in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD):
 - (a) How many full time FTEs are dedicated to supporting mental health services in the current financial year?
 - (i) Can the Ministry provide a breakdown of the broad areas of support that these staff provide?
 - (b) How many full time FTEs were dedicated to supporting mental health services in the ISLHD in the 2019/20 financial year?
 - (c) What work is the ISLHD doing by way of outreach support to communities around the health district?
 - (d) How is the ISLHD coordinating with Commonwealth funded services such as headspace to provide critical services across the district?

7842 RAIL LINE BETWEEN KIAMA AND BOMADERRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to the upgrade of the rail line between Kia ma and Bomaderry:
 - (a) Has a tender been let for the passing loop at Toolajooa?
 - (i) If not, when it will it be let?
 - (b) When is the passing loop at Toolajooa due to be complete?
 - (c) When will the replacement trains for the Endeavour Class carriages be serving the South Coast Line?
 - (d) Will the introduction of the passing loop at Toolajooa and the introduction of new carriages result in more commuter rail services on the South Coast Line?

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- (e) Will every electric service departing from, and arriving at Kiama station be met by a commuter rail service once the Toolajooa passing loop is complete?
- (f) Will the new hybrid rolling stock be used for any service between Bomaderry and Sydney without the need to change at Kiama?
- (i) If not, is the intention to continue to require passengers to change at Kiama Station?

7843 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) With respect to the Government's commitment to ensure people with disability comprise 5.6 per cent of the public service by 2025:
 - (a) Does the Government remain committed to this target?
 - (b) Has the target changed in the course of this Parliamentary term?
 - (c) What is the breakdown by department of the percentage of public servants with disabilities for this financial year?
 - (d) Will the Government provide a dashboard, updated monthly, of people with disabilities employed in each Government Department?

7844 SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With respect to the proposed upgrade of Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital:
 - (a) When will tenders be let?
 - (b) When will pre-construction commence?
 - (c) Will the head (main construction) tender be awarded by the end of this year?
 - (d) How many additional nurses and doctors will be working in this hospital when it opens?
 - (i) Can you provide a breakdown?
 - (e) Will the Ministry ensure that the main contract has targets for local jobs, local trainees and apprentices, local aboriginal people and women in non-traditional roles?
 - (f) What are the service categories that will be on offer at this hospital?
 - (i) Which services will be available at the upgraded Shoalhaven Hospital that are not currently available?
 - (g) When is it estimated that the upgraded hospital will be open to the public?

7845 RESILIENCE NSW CONTACT WITH PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

On what date was Resilience NSW first in contact with Port Stephens Council regarding the March 2022 flood event?

7846 RESILIENCE NSW HINTON FLOODS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

On what date did Resilience NSW first become aware of the March 2022 flood event in Hinton, within the Port Stephens Local Government Area?

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