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**19 MAY 2022**

(Paper No. 156)

\* 8010 REVENUE NSW COLLECTION OF PARKING FINES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) With regard to the work of Revenue NSW in collecting parking fines on behalf of Cessnock City Council:
- (a) Each year, for the past 10 financial years, what is the total value of parking fines issued by Cessnock City Council and subsequently processed and collected by NSW Revenue on behalf of Cessnock Council?
- (b) Each year, for the past 10 financial years, what is the total number of parking fines issued by Cessnock City Council and subsequently processed and collected by NSW Revenue on behalf of Cessnock Council?
- (c) Each year, for the past 10 financial years, what has been the annual processing fee charged by Revenue NSW against the total quantum of parking fines pursued by Revenue NSW on behalf of Cessnock City Council?

Answer—

(1)

(a)

Financial Year	Value Issued	Value Resolved
2012/2013	\$169,713	\$157,998
2013/2014	\$159,414	\$150,528
2014/2015	\$129,658	\$123,672
2015/2016	\$232,262	\$219,536
2016/2017	\$258,882	\$243,012
2017/2018	\$315,676	\$294,286
2018/2019	\$297,492	\$275,144
2019/2020	\$470,228	\$403,657
2020/2021	\$369,132	\$305,783
2021/2022 (to 19 May 2022)	\$589,276	\$268,377

(b)

Financial Year	Number Issued	Number Resolved
2012/2013	858	813
2013/2014	931	888
2014/2015	711	692
2015/2016	1206	1160
2016/2017	1634	1569
2017/2018	1518	1442
2018/2019	1221	1140

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2019/2020	1879	1674
2020/2021	1524	1331
2021/2022 (to 19 May 2022)	2382	1223

- (c) Revenue NSW receives a fee for service from clients. This fee is based on a cost recovery model. The amount of this fee is commercial-in-confidence between Revenue NSW and its clients.

**7 JUNE 2022**

(Paper No. 157)

- \* 8065 UHF RADIOS IN POLICE AND SES VEHICLES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Considering when Police and SES services assisted with a search operation 56kms from Bourke on 10 May 2022 and no UHF radios were installed in the emergency vehicles, can the Minister advise when NSW Police and SES services will have UHF radios installed in each vehicle to support emergency rescues?
- (2) When will NSW Police and SES services have handheld radios to enable their staff to communicate with Rural Fire Service (RFS) and rural landholders during these events?

Answer—

I am advised that:

All NSW State Emergency Service Vehicles are fitted with Government Radio Network Connected Radios. These Radios facilitate access to the Public Safety Network and NSW SES Private Mobile Radio (PMR) Networks where available and UHF SIMPLEX Radio to Radio outside coverage footprints.

Some NSW SES Road Crash Rescue Vehicles are fitted with separate UHF Citizen Band Radios where a need has been demonstrated.

NSW SES are also rolling out five Public Safety Network ‘Cells on Wheels’ across the state that can tactically augment, or replace the Government Radio Network where and when required for multiple users.

Questions relating to the NSW Police Force are matters for the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Paul Toole MP, in his capacity as Minister for Police.

- \* 8066 FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM—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) Can the Minister advise whether round 4 of the Governments’ Fixing Local Roads Program is being considered?
  - (a) If yes, when will this be announced?

Answer—

I am advised:

Round 4 of the Fixing Local Roads Program is expected to be released this year, with an exact date subject to confirmation.

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\* 8067 LIQUIDATION OF YOUPLA GROUP FUNERAL FUND—Mr Roy Butler 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have been affected by the Liquidation of YOUPLA, what measures do you have in place to ensure those who have been paying into YOUPLA for funeral support will be subsidised?
- (2) How quickly could this subsidy be provided to families who require monetary support to bury their loved ones?
- (3) Has the Minister investigated alternative options for funeral insurance for the Aboriginal population?

Answer—

- (1) I acknowledge the financial and emotional impact the collapse of Youpla Group has had and will continue to have on many families. There are currently no subsidies in place. I have raised the issue with the previous Australian Government and will reiterate my concerns with the new Government including the Minister for Indigenous Australians. I understand the Australian Government have also committed to action on the issue and note the importance of taking a national approach in the interests of fairness to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nationally who have been affected by the Youpla Group going into liquidation. The Department of Premier and Cabinet, including Aboriginal Affairs NSW, and other parts of the NSW Government are also having ongoing discussions on how to ameliorate the impact of the collapse of Youpla.
- (2) There are no subsidies in place.
- (3) Aboriginal people can access insurance through mainstream providers. Mob Strong Debt Help, who are part of the Financial Rights Legal Center, can be contacted to provide advice to people impacted by the liquidation of Youpla including on options for future insurance.

\* 8068 UNPLANNED POWER OUTAGES IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) What is the contingency plan to ensure an uninterrupted power service for Barwon constituents?
- (2) Considering the cost of purchasing a generator and fuel, what strategies do you have planned to minimise the disruption of Essential Energy's unplanned power outages?
- (3) Do these unplanned power outages affect your staff in the field?
  - (a) If so, what strategies are you implementing to keep them safe?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Essential Energy takes its responsibility to provide a safe and reliable power supply seriously. Unfortunately, uninterrupted power supply cannot be guaranteed because power outages are often caused by external factors such as wildlife, storm activity and vehicle accidents.
- (2) Essential Energy is minimising the disruption of unplanned power outages through a number of strategies including raising vegetation control standards, installing advanced sensing devices that isolate outages to a smaller part of the network, investing in all-terrain vehicles to reach network faults in difficult terrain and having local staff covering a 24 hour 7 day roster located in the communities they serve.
- (3) Essential Energy has policies and procedures in place to keep staff safe at all times.
  - (a) Essential Energy's policies and procedures include fatigue management, working with electrical equipment and road safety. These comprise using a digital hazard identification

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tool to enable real time capture of applicable hazards, in-vehicle monitoring systems with back-to-base escalation capability, 24 hour 7 day locally supported control rooms monitoring staff members, a field portal for real time mapping and customer information, appropriate escalation protocols and a buddy system so team members rarely work alone on emergency responses.

- \* 8069 ALLOCATION OF A RESIDENCE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

How many people in the electorate of Canterbury are currently awaiting allocation of a residence under the Department of Family and Community Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the current social housing waitlist (including in the Canterbury Allocation zone) is available at the Expected Wait Time dashboard:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

- \* 8070 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OWNED HOUSES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) How many houses are owned under the Department of Family and Community Services in the electorate of Canterbury?

(a) How many of these houses are currently vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

Social Housing properties across New South Wales are owned and maintained by Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), which is administered by the Minister for Homes. Questions related to ownership of LAHC properties would be more appropriately directed to Minister Roberts.

- \* 8071 NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) Regarding houses currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services in the Electorate of Canterbury:

(a) How many houses in Campsie 2194 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?

(i) How many of these are standalone houses?

(ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?

(iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?

(iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?

(v) How many of the houses in Campsie 2194 are currently vacant?

(b) How many houses in Canterbury 2193 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?

(i) How many of these are standalone houses?

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- (ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?
- (iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
- (iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
- (v) How many of the houses in Canterbury 2193 are currently vacant?
- (c) How many houses in Kingsgrove 2208 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?
  - (i) How many of these are standalone houses?
  - (ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?
  - (iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
  - (iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
  - (v) How many of the houses in Kingsgrove 2208 are currently vacant?
- (d) How many houses in Roselands 2196 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?
  - (i) How many of these are standalone houses?
  - (ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?
  - (iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
  - (iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
  - (v) How many of the houses in Roselands 2196 are currently vacant?
- (e) How many houses in Earlwood 2206 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?
  - (i) How many of these are standalone houses?
  - (ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?
  - (iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
  - (iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
  - (v) How many of the houses in Earlwood 2206 are currently vacant?
- (f) How many houses in Belmore 2192 are currently owned under the Department of Family and Community Services?
  - (i) How many of these are standalone houses?
  - (ii) How many of these are 1-bedroom homes?
  - (iii) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
  - (iv) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
  - (v) How many of the houses in Belmore 2192 are currently vacant?

Answer—

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\* 8072 MAINTENANCE BACK LOG FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What is the current maintenance back log for public housing in Canterbury as at 9 June 2022?
  - (a) Are there any plans or strategies to reduce the back log?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been no reported backlog maintenance by the Audit Office of NSW since 2015.

\* 8073 AVERAGE WAIT TIMES FOR HOUSING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Regarding average waiting times for residents seeking housing:
  - (a) What is the average waiting time for residents seeking housing within the CS06 (Canterbury) area in 2021?
    - (i) In 2022?
  - (b) What is the average waiting time for residents seeking tenancy transfer within the CS06 (Canterbury) area in 2021?
    - (i) In 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The expected wait times for social housing are published on the Expected Waiting Time dashboard.

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>.

\* 8074 INCREASING HOUSING IN CANTERBURY—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What are the current plans by the Government to increase housing in the Canterbury electorate?
  - (a) How many new public houses are planned for Canterbury 2193?
    - (i) When can these be expected?
  - (b) How many new public houses are planned for Campsie 2194?
    - (i) When can these be expected?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is currently delivering 29 new fit for purpose social housing dwellings across two projects in the Canterbury electorate. Both of these projects are located in Campsie, with one in construction and the other in detailed design phase.
  - (a) There are presently no new social housing dwellings planned for Canterbury. However, LAHC is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets, including in Canterbury, to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout New South Wales.



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- (b) As at June 2022, 21 new social housing dwellings are under construction at Vicliffe Avenue, Campsie and are due to be completed by late 2022. A further project in Campsie comprising eight new social homes will commence construction in early 2023.

\* 8075 KAMAY FERRY WHARVES PROPOSAL BEACH IMPACT—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering the Kamay Ferry wharves Project Proposal, Botany Bay, I have been advised that the Conceptual Site Model in the ‘Targeted site investigation’ makes no reference to health impacts on surrounding beaches and their users. Are there any dangers towards the safety of these beaches?

- (a) If so, what would the dangers entail?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) has considered the Proponent’s assessment on the monitoring of beaches within Botany Bay and the water quality in Botany Bay and the lower Georges River swimming sites. The Department does not consider there to be unacceptable dangers to the safety of these beaches.

\* 8076 KAMAY FERRY WHARVES PROPOSAL SEARS REQUIREMENTS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Considering the Kamay Ferry wharves Project Proposal, Botany Bay, I have been advised that the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has stated ‘The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the supporting Targeted Sited Investigation (TSI) and Preliminary Site Investigation (PSI) reports have not satisfactorily addressed the requirements of the Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) as the nature and extent of contamination have not been fully assessed.’ Is Planning intending to action the EPA’s suggestion of a Detailed Site Investigation to address the SEARs requirements?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Planning and Environment consulted directly with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding Targeted Site Investigation and Preliminary Site Investigation reports, following receipt of the Response to Submissions. The EPA has provided recommendations to the Department.

\* 8077 KAMAY FERRY WHARVES PROPOSAL CONTAMINANT SAMPLES—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Considering the Kamay Ferry wharves Project Proposal, Botany Bay, I have been advised that the contaminant Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) has been identified by investigators as a particular concern in Botany Bay. With only one marine location being sampled for PFAS at both La Perouse and Kurnell with no samples taken in from sediment, does Planning believe the samples taken were sufficient to adequately identify contaminants?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) has considered the Proponent’s assessment of soil and water contamination. The Department consulted with the NSW Environment Protection Authority on the Environmental Impact Statement and Response to Submissions, including the soil sampling undertaken to support the Proponent’s soil and water assessment.

\* 8078 KAMAY FERRY WHARVES PROPOSAL WHARF LENGTH—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Considering the Kamay Ferry wharves Project Proposal, Botany Bay, I have been advised that the project was meant to be a ‘reinstatement’ of previous wharves and that the previous wharf at La Perouse was about

20m long. Further, when the Urban Design and Landscape Plan was released, the proponent states that ‘the wharf at La Perouse is proposed to extend about 100 metres from the shore’. It is then stated in the EIS that the proposed length of the wharf is 180m. Does Planning consider the changing length of the proposed wharf misleading to the public?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment considers the assessment documents provide sufficient details to provide the public an adequate description of the project. Questions related to changes in the proposed design should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

\* 8079 KAMAY FERRY WHARVES PROPOSAL TEXT—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Considering the Kamay Ferry wharves Project Proposal, Botany Bay, I have been advised that in the Urban Design and Landscape Plan, on the plans of the proposed wharf, there is text that is coloured to match the background, i.e. blue text on a blue background. Does this text have any relevance to the proposed plan?

(a) Was there any reason the text was blended into the background of the plans?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Planning and Environment is unable to identify the issue raised by the Member for Maroubra in the Urban Design and Landscape Plan.

\* 8080 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) Will you provide the names of the schools in the Murray electorate that have not had their installation of air-conditioning completed under the Cooler Classrooms Program?

(a) By what date will installation of the air conditioning be completed at each school?

Answer—

There are 49 schools in the Murray electorate which have had installation of air conditioning under the Cooler Classrooms Program completed or have been assessed as having fit-for-purpose systems in eligible learning spaces and libraries. The status of the remaining projects are as follows:

School	Project status	Anticipated completion
Barham High School	Tender under review	Term 1, 2023
Barham Public School	Tender under review	Term 1, 2023
Coleambally Central School	Tender	Term 1, 2023
Parkview Public School	Tender	Term 1, 2023
Barooga Public School	Delivery	Term 1, 2023
Berrigan Public School	Delivery	Term 3, 2022
Edward Public School	Delivery	Term 1, 2023
Finley High School	Delivery	Term 1, 2023
Finley Public School	Delivery	Term 1, 2023
Murrumbidgee Regional High School	Design to commence following Stage 2 facilities upgrade project	To be determined

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- \* 8081 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL REPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

Given the University of New South Wales amended the timeline of the Murrumbidgee Regional High School report due to COVID-19 restrictions, when is final report now due?

Answer—

The final report is available at:

<https://murrumbidgee-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doi/sws/schools/m/murrumbidgee-h/www/news/2022/7/evaluation-of-griffith-secondary-school-reform---final-report.html>

- \* 8082 GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE ICE INQUIRY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—  
By what date will the Government release its response to the findings and recommendations of the Ice Inquiry?

Answer—

I am advised:

In response to the Inquiry's recommendations, the Government has already announced that it will not be:

- Decriminalising illicit drugs
- Introducing pill testing at music festivals
- Establishing any more drug injecting rooms
- Opening the existing one to pregnant women
- Allowing needle exchange programs in prisons

The Ice Inquiry recommended the expansion of the Drug Court, which is proven to reduce reoffending. The Government has done that, by announcing the establishment of a Drug Court in Dubbo and associated residential rehab facilities to support Drug Court participants.

The Government is carefully considering the remainder of the Inquiry's 109 recommendations.

- \* 8083 ABORIGINAL FLAG ON THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE—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) Why is the Aboriginal flag still not flying on the Sydney Harbour Bridge permanently, despite the Premier announcing on Australia Day this year that it would be?
- (2) What specific work has been done by Transport for NSW to fly the flag permanently since the Premier made the announcement?
- (3) From which date is the Aboriginal flag expected to be flown permanently on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 11 July 2022, the Aboriginal flag is now flying permanently on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

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\* 8084 PROVISIONS FOR THREE WHEEL MOTORCYCLE LICENCE—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—

- (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?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

People with paraplegia can apply for a licence to drive a three-wheeled Special Mobility Vehicle. In New South Wales, three-wheeled vehicles are considered as motorcycles and are registered as such.

Further information about Special Mobility Vehicle rider licence is available on the Service NSW website.

\* 8085 PROVISIONS FOR THREE WHEEL MOTORCYCLE LICENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (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?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

People with paraplegia can apply for a licence to drive a three-wheeled Special Mobility Vehicle.

A three-wheeled Special Mobility Vehicle is a vehicle that an individual with a disability can operate from their wheelchair. To ride a Special Mobility Vehicle, the individual must either have a Special Mobility Vehicle learner rider licence or Special Mobility Vehicle condition X118 attached to their existing driver or rider licence. In New South Wales, three-wheeled vehicles are considered as motorcycles and are registered as such.

Further information about Special Mobility Vehicle rider licence is available on the Service NSW website.

\* 8086 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG 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—

What is the maintenance backlog for schools in the Liverpool electorate as at 1 June 2022?

Answer—

The Government is investing an additional \$1.2 billion in planned maintenance through the 2022/23 Budget. This takes the total investment to \$2.2 billion over the next four years.

The funding will address high priority maintenance and keep students learning in some of the best school facilities in Australia. Works such as ceiling repairs, floor renewals, roof replacements, pavement repairs and painting are some examples of work.

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\* 8087 BAIL ACT MONITORING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the make-up of the Bail Act Monitoring Group?  
(a) How often has the Bail Act Monitoring Group met since 1 January 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Bail Act Monitoring Group includes representatives from:

- the Department of Communities and Justice
- the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Corrective Services NSW
- NSW Police Force
- The Office of Director of Public Prosecutions
- Legal Aid NSW
- Aboriginal Legal Service
- Supreme Court of NSW
- Children’s Court of NSW
- Local Court of NSW
- the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

(a) The Bail Act Monitoring Group has met three times since 1 January 2022.

\* 8088 COVID-19 VACCINATION TO IN-PATIENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

What is the current policy of Liverpool Hospital in relation to the provision of COVID-19 vaccination to in-patients?

Answer—

Liverpool Hospital provides COVID-19 vaccinations for identified in-patients in a process managed by the South Western Sydney Local Health District Vaccination Team. I am advised that suitable in-patients are identified on admission and if they would like to receive COVID-19 vaccination, formal consent is progressed and the Vaccination Team is advised. Details are recorded in the appropriate immunisation database.

\* 8089 SNAKES 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—

On how many occasions in 2021 and 2022 have snakes been reported on the premises of public schools in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

For 2021 and to date in 2022, there have been no incidents of snakes reported on school premises in the Liverpool electorate to the Department of Education’s Incident Report and Support Hotline.

Schools should report snakes on premises where there is danger or risk that could significantly affect the health, safety and wellbeing of individuals in line with the Department’s Incident Notification and

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Reporting policy and procedures. Not all snakes identified would represent a danger and therefore schools would not need to report all sightings.

- \* 8090 STATION ACCESS FROM CONCOURSE TO TICKET GATES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What plans are there if any to improve access from the concourse to the ticket gates at Liverpool Railway Station for those with mobility issues?

Answer—

I am advised:

More than \$2.2 billion has been committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated transport infrastructure. These upgrades are delivered through Transport for NSW's Transport Access Program and other infrastructure programs.

Liverpool Station currently provides independent access for customers and lifts are available between bus stand, street level and station, and between the station concourse and the platforms.

- \* 8091 EVENT FUNDING TO LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Did Destination NSW provide funding of \$750,000 to Liverpool City Council for the Starry Sari Night event in May 2022?

(a) If yes:

(i) What exactly was the money spent on?

(ii) What process was undertaken to verify the expenditure occurred?

(b) If no:

(i) How much funding, if any, was provided?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Destination NSW did not provide funding of \$750,000 to Liverpool City Council for the Starry Sari Night event in May 2022.

- \* 8092 RECRUITMENT FOR LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

When will the recruitment process to replace the CEO of Liverpool City Council commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Neither I nor the Office of Local Government has any role in the recruitment of councils' general managers. Any questions about the status of a recruitment process for a council's general manager would be more appropriately directed to the council concerned.

- \* 8093 PART FUNDING FOR LIVERPOOL COUNCIL EVENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Did the Department of Planning and Environment partly fund the Starry Sari Night event conducted in May 2022 by Liverpool Council?

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- (a) If yes;
  - (i) How much funding was provided?
  - (ii) What processes did your Department implement to confirm proper expenditure of the money?

Answer—

I am advised this is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

\* 8094 DISTANCE-BASED TOLLING FOR THE M5—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) On 3 May 2022, the Premier said that "distance based tolling makes a lot of sense" (Daily Telegraph, 3 May 2022). Has the Minister's Office or Department made any preliminary assessment for a distance-based tolling scheme for the M5?
  - (a) If yes, will the Minister make it public?
  - (b) Will the Minister rule it out?

Answer—

I am advised:

Consideration of the future operating state of New South Wales toll roads continues to be subject to the ongoing review by Treasury in consultation with Transport.

\* 8095 DISTANCE-BASED TOLLING IN SPECIFIC REGIONS—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) On 3 May 2022, the Premier said that "distance based tolling makes a lot of sense" (Daily Telegraph, 3 May 2022). What will be the cost per kilometre under a distance-based tolling scheme for the M5, specifically for the following regions:
  - (a) King Georges Road entry/exit to Henry Lawson Drive exit, East Hills?
  - (b) King Georges Road entry/exit to Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank?
  - (c) Southern Cross Drive Sydney Central Business District (CBD) to River Road exit, Revesby?

Answer—

I am advised:

Consideration of the future operating state of New South Wales toll roads continues to be subject to the ongoing review by Treasury in consultation with Transport.

\* 8096 SUPPORT FOR COMMUTERS—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—

Considering that New South Wales road tolls increased by four per cent in the last year, with another two per cent rise set for July, what is the Minister doing to support road commuters in Western and South Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to reducing cost of living pressures faced by families and small businesses across New South Wales, including families living in Western and South Western Sydney.

That is why on 7 June 2022, we announced a new toll relief program which will allow around half a million New South Wales motorists to receive money back into their pockets, with motorists in Western and

South Western Sydney benefiting the most. Under the new relief program, motorists will receive a 40 per cent rebate for tolls incurred once they spend more than \$375 in a year with the maximum annual benefit for each customer being \$750.

For tolls incurred up to 30 June 2022, road users can continue to receive vehicle registration relief until 30 June 2023. For tolls incurred from 1 July 2022, customers can access the new program and will receive their first rebate payment in early 2023, followed by quarterly payments.

- \* 8097 DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS APPROVED—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

How many disaster relief grants have been approved for people affected by the recent floods in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As at 11 July 2022, 24 disaster relief grants, worth \$134,667, have been approved and paid out to eligible residents affected by the recent floods in South Western Sydney.

- \* 8098 TOTAL OF PAYMENTS TO FLOOD AFFECTED RESIDENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

What is the total dollar amount of disaster relief payments made to residents affected by the recent floods in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As at 11 July 2022, 24 disaster relief grants, worth \$134,667, have been approved and paid out to eligible residents affected by the recent floods in South Western Sydney.

- \* 8099 PROCESSING TIME FOR RELIEF PAYMENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

What is the average length of time for the processing of disaster relief payments for residents affected by the recent floods in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Resilience NSW is working with Revenue NSW to process Disaster Relief Grant applications. Once an application is approved, disaster relief grant payments are made in 3-5 days.

- \* 8100 ORGANISED CRIME BRIEFING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

(1) In light of recent organised crime shootings in Western and South Western Sydney, did the Minister receive a briefing about warnings given last December by NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Stuart Smith regarding a rise in gang and gun violence in Sydney?

(a) If so, when?



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Answer—

I was sworn in as Minister for Police on 21 December 2021 and received an initial briefing on gangland crime on 23 December.

- \* 8101 ACTION IN RESPONSE TO ORGANISED CRIME WARNINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

In light of recent organised crime shootings in Western and South Western Sydney, what action did the Minister take in response to warnings given by NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Stuart Smith?

Answer—

On 23 June 2022, the NSW Government unveiled plans to introduce the state's toughest laws to tackle money laundering, unexplained wealth and the use of encrypted devices by organised crime groups.

The NSW Government is committed to upholding public safety, and these legislative reforms will give police even greater power to dismantle organised criminal networks.

- \* 8102 PROTECTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

What is the Minister doing to protect the safety of South Western Sydney residents from any future gang and gun violence?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to upholding and improving public safety by maintaining strict controls on the possession and use of firearms, and promoting the safe and responsible storage and use of firearms.

The NSW Police Force launched Strike Force Hawk in October 2021, to disrupt crime and reduce the instances of firearm and other violent crime in South Western Sydney.

To date, Operation Hawk has resulted in the arrest of 404 offenders, with 1,256 charges laid.

It has seized \$3 million in cash, \$9 million of total value drugs seized and 84 firearms since its inception.

- \* 8103 FLOOD REINSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

Did the Government in recent months raise with the former Commonwealth Government my suggestion of a Flood Reinsurance Scheme for the Northern Rivers region, which would be underwritten by the Commonwealth like the Northern Australia Cyclone Reinsurance Pool?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery.

- \* 8104 REBUILDING LISMORE TAFE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

Will the Government guarantee that the Lismore TAFE College will be rebuilt following the February 28 2022 flood event and subsequent March flood?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW is committed to supporting the community of Lismore. Investigations and planning for the remediation of the TAFE NSW Lismore campus is progressing. However, given the extent of the damage, the campus will remain closed for a significant period.

Classes from TAFE NSW Lismore campus have been relocated to TAFE NSW Wollongbar or Ballina campuses or to Southern Cross University, Lismore.

Free bus travel has been organised for Lismore students to travel to Wollongbar or Ballina campuses. Some students have been provided with fuel vouchers where bus travel has not been a suitable option.

- \* 8105 PARTNERSHIP WITH TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Is the Government interested in partnering with Tweed Shire Council in its proposed Tweed Land Swap No.2 which would relocate commercial businesses from high-risk flood zones in the Tweed to flood-free employment lands within the Council-owned Quarry Road industrial subdivision in Murwillumbah?

Answer—

I am advised: this question should be referred to the Hon. Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional New South Wales.

- \* 8106 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR FLOOD AFFECTED ELECTORATES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Will the Government give special consideration for the four flood-affected electorates of the Northern Rivers – Lismore, Clarence, Ballina and Tweed – to have their per electorate Community Building Partnership Program (CBPP) lifted from \$400,000 to a one-off \$1million?

Answer—

I am advised:

As you know, my Government is fully committed to investing in and strengthening the communities of the Northern Rivers.

The New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments have committed an estimated \$3.5 billion to help the communities impacted by the recent floods.

Since March 2022, this includes more than 30 funding packages as part of our flood recovery effort. Some examples include:

- Through the joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), 60 impacted councils have received \$1 million dollars each, amounting to \$60 million in total for immediate assistance.
- In the 2022-23 Budget, the Government committed to the single biggest investment ever in the New South Wales State Emergency Service (SES), with \$132.7 million going towards its infrastructure, resources and staffing. As part of the \$132.7 million investment, the Government is ramping up the SES's presence in the Northern Rivers, with a new Incident Control Centre to be built and staffed in Lismore.

Applications for the Community Building Partnership 2022 round closed on 10 June 2022. There were 3068 applications submitted across New South Wales, including the Northern Rivers. Successful projects will be announced in December 2022.

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- \* 8107 FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Will the Government make a funding contribution to the Commonwealth's Anchor Business Support Package to help Norco rebuild its flood-damaged ice-cream factory in South Lismore, thereby securing more than 230 local jobs?

Answer—

On 29 June 2022, the NSW Government advised the Commonwealth it would top-up the Anchor Business Support Package with an extra \$15 million.

Further information about the application process is available here:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-recovery-programs/storm-and-flood-recovery/anchor-business-support-grant-program/anchor-business-support-grant-program-fags>

- \* 8108 HEALTH RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health—

What recruitment programs are in place to meet the Government's election commitment made in February 2019 to deliver 284 extra nurses and midwives, 32 doctors, 38 allied health staff and 50 hospital support workers across the electorate of Lismore by the end of this current Parliamentary term?

Answer—

Workforce allocation decisions are made by the Ministry of Health in consultation with local health districts on an ongoing basis. Staff are not deployed on the basis of electorate boundaries.

- \* 8109 LANDCOM FUNDING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—

Will the Government provide \$7.5 million in funding to enable Landcom to develop a total of 66 affordable townhouses on two parcels of land owned by Lismore City Council in Cynthia Wilson Drive, East Lismore, and Bristol Circuit, Goonellabah?

Answer—

This question would be better directed to the Minister for Planning and Homes.

- \* 8110 RESPONSIBILITY OF REGIONAL ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Has any further progress been made to deliver on the Government's 2019 election promise to take back responsibility for 15,000 kilometres of regional roads, specifically for the four local government areas which fall within the electorate of Lismore?

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.

Following delivery, the Government will review the recommendations contained within the final report.

- \* 8111 PAYMENT PROGRAMS TO FLOOD AFFECTED NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

Is the Government considering extending to flood-affected non-government schools on the Northern Rivers its program of payments to eligible public school teachers, support staff, students and families who lost resource materials during the floods earlier this year?

Answer—

The Government's Education Flood Recovery Package included payments to public school students and teachers to support replacement of essential school items and education equipment and resources. As the primary funder of government schools, school components of the support package were made available to students and staff at government schools. This funding, however, is in addition to suite of funding made available to individuals and businesses in flood-affected communities by the Government, and the existing disaster payments from the Commonwealth Government.

The Department of Education is considering extension of this financial support to staff and students in non-government schools. It has also been raised with the Commonwealth Government, as the majority funder of non-government schools.

- \* 8112 POLICE RESIDENCES - KIAMA AND KANGAROO VALLEY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) With respect to police residence buildings in the Kiama Electorate:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of the police residence in Terralong Street Kiama?
    - (i) Does this residence hold heritage value?
  - (b) Is the Minister aware of calls by the local community to invest money into restoring this heritage building?
  - (c) Will the Minister ask Police Property to consider repairing and refurbishing this police residence?
  - (d) Can the Minister advise when the repair of the Kangaroo Valley Police Residence will conclude and be re-opened for use?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (i) The Kiama police residence is listed on the State Heritage Register as Local Environmental Plan Listing no. I151. The Gazette date is 16 December 2011.
  - (b) Property NSW, Land and Housing Corporation and the Department of Planning and Environment manage the maintenance of the police residential portfolio. This question should be directed to those agencies for response.
  - (c) I refer to the answer to (1)(b) as this a matter for the abovementioned agencies.
  - (d) The refurbishment of Kangaroo Valley Police Residence was completed by the end of June 2022.
- \* 8113 A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CALDERWOOD—Mr Gareth Ward 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 respect to the Government's program of investment in new schools:

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- (a) Is the Minister aware for the need of a new Primary School in Calderwood?
- (b) Is the Minister aware that the southern Illawarra is the second-largest growth area in New South Wales?
- (c) Will the Minister ask Education Infrastructure NSW to consider planning for a new primary school at Calderwood?
  - (i) If yes, will the Minister consider securing land as a matter of priority?

Answer—

The Department of Education is currently monitoring population and development trends in the Calderwood and West Dapto areas so it can plan to meet local enrolment needs. This includes consultation with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and local councils, to plan for school infrastructure as required and ensure future needs have been considered and land reservations have been made to support education needs. A developer has entered into a voluntary planning agreement with the Government to provide sites for potential future schools.

In the short to medium term, numerous strategies can be used to manage fluctuating enrolment demand. Reviewing school intake areas can improve or balance utilisation across schools in a local area.

\* 8114 INFRASTRUCTURE SKILLS LEGACY HUB AND PRODUCTIVITY BOOT CAMP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) With respect to the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Hub and Productivity Boot camp:
  - (a) What is the future of the hub?
  - (b) Will the hub be used to develop skills of local students on future highway and other Government infrastructure projects?
  - (c) How many students are currently engaged in local infrastructure projects in the Shoalhaven via the hub?
  - (d) What is the future for the productivity boot camp in the Shoalhaven?
  - (e) Will the Government continue to fund the boot camp in the next NSW budget?
  - (f) How many more years will the Government commit to funding the productivity boot camp?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a), (b) and (c) the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Hub on the Princes Highway is owned by the construction contractor with Transport for NSW as the agency responsible.
- (d) The current contract is extended until July 2023.
- (e) For the Shoalhaven Productivity Bootcamp an additional \$792,629 was granted in April 2022, extending the contract to July 2023.
- (f) An independent program evaluation of Productivity Bootcamp Campbelltown and Nowra has commenced. The findings and recommendations of the independent evaluation will be taken into account in considering the future of Productivity Bootcamp.

\* 8115 POLICE RESIDENCE KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward 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) With respect to the police residence in Terralong Street, Kiama:

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- (a) Can the Minister confirm that the property known as the police residence in Terralong Street Kiama is subject to an active aboriginal land claim?
  - (b) Can the Minister confirm when a determination as to this land claim will be made?
  - (c) Will the Minister commit to expediting a decision around this land claim?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water and the question is best directed to Minister Anderson for a response.

\* 8116 STRONGS ROAD ROUNDABOUT AND SIGNAGE—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) In relation to Strongs Road:
  - (a) Further to my written representations on this matter, will the Minister consider beautifying the roundabout on Strongs Road and improving signage as part of the Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade?
  - (b) Will the Minister be available to visit on-site to hear the concerns of local residents?
  - (c) Is the Minister aware that with the construction of the bridge at Strongs Road, there is currently a lack of signage on the Princes Highway to direct motorists going south to turn off at Jaspers Brush Road to access Strongs Road?
  - (d) Is the Minister aware of requests for modifications to be undertaken to blend the roundabout with plants and shrubs to make it more aesthetically appropriate for the local surroundings?
  - (e) What discussions has the Minister with his Department?
  - (f) What discussions has Transport for NSW had with Shoalhaven City Council and local residents to attempt to resolve these matters?

Answer—

I am advised:

The work on the roundabout was consistent with the detailed design that was displayed to the community in March 2017.

Transport for NSW has installed additional signage to address community concerns. The additional signage advises motorists that access to Strongs Road is available via Jaspers Brush Road for the newly constructed Strongs Road interchange.

Transport for NSW also consulted with Shoalhaven City Council in relation to the request for landscaping of the roundabout at Strongs Road. Shoalhaven City Council supports Transport for NSW's decision for the roundabout to remain concreted.

\* 8117 WARILLA AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Given the Government's announcement that it will build a new ambulance station at Warilla:
  - (a) Can the Minister confirm that this is an additional station, not a replacement station?
  - (b) Will the Minister commit to retaining Oak Flats Ambulance Station?
  - (c) Will the new Warilla Ambulance Station come with additional ambulance officers?

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Answer—

On 5 June 2022 the NSW Government announced it will deliver 30 new ambulance stations, including at Warilla, as part of the 2022-23 Budget. Additional staff will be recruited to these new stations.

I am advised there are no current plans to change the operations of Oak Flats Ambulance Station.

\* 8118 TEACHER NUMBERS—Mr Gareth Ward 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 respect to teacher numbers in the Kiama electorate:
- Can the Minister confirm the number of FTE primary and secondary school teachers by school?
  - Can the Minister advise of any teacher shortages at each public and secondary school?
  - Can the Minister advise of any plans to address teacher shortages in my electorate?
  - Will the Government commit to retaining and attracting more teachers to the profession by scrapping the 2.5% wage cap for teachers as part of wage renegotiations?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Total teaching FTE at all schools (primary and secondary schools and schools for specific purposes) in the Kiama state electorate as at 10 June 2022 is 578.7 FTE.

Summary of teaching FTE as at 10 June 2022 at schools in Kiama state electorate:

School Name	Revised 2022 10 June 2022
Albion Park Public School	30.8
Berry Public School	15.8
Bomaderry Public School	32.3
Cambewarra Public School	16.3
Shoalhaven Heads Public School	11.3
Falls Creek Public School	2.6
Gerringong Public School	26.8
Jamberoo Public School	8.5
Kangaroo Valley Public School	4.8
Kiama Public School	23.6
Nowra Hill Public School	8.6
Albion Park Rail Public School	27.8
Illaroo Road Public School	31.4
Minnamurra Public School	26.6
Mount Terry Public School	38.2
School Name	Revised 2022 10 June 2022
North Nowra Public School	16.3
Tullimbar Public School	28.5
Havenlee School	11.4
Kiama High School	67.3
Bomaderry High School	68.4

Albion Park High School	81.6
	<b>578.7</b>

- (1) (b) In the Kiama electorate no aggregate teacher shortages were seen in 2021 and there were more available teachers than total aggregate demand in both primary and secondary settings.
- (1) (c) The Department has developed the NSW Teacher Supply Strategy, a \$125 million Government investment into attracting more quality teachers into the profession.

The Strategy is an evidence-based plan to attract more quality teachers into the profession across New South Wales. The Strategy's three key priorities are:

- growing the workforce;
- retraining and upskilling more teachers in high-demand subjects and specialist areas; and
- boosting the supply of teachers in regional and remote communities.

The strategy is in addition to an existing spend of approximately \$38 million per year to boost teacher supply and \$15 million to implement priority initiatives in response to the review into the Rural and Remote Incentives Scheme.

Building on our existing pipeline of teachers, the Strategy will deliver 3,700 teachers with the right subject qualifications placed in locations of need over the next 10 years. This includes delivering 1,600 of these teachers over the first five years of the Strategy.

- (1) (d) The Department is a public sector agency and is required to conduct award negotiations in accordance with NSW Wages Policy. On 6 June 2022, the Government announced they would be making an adjustment to the wages cap as part of the budget process. The Department will conduct award negotiations, including the quantum of salary increases, in accordance with any changes made by the Government to the wages policy.

\* 8119 DRIVING THROUGH FLOOD WATERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Given the number of people rescued from vehicles during wet weather events this year:
- (a) Do current laws deter drivers from driving through flood waters?
- (2) Will the Minister consider proposing new laws that make it illegal to deliberately and recklessly drive through flood waters?
- (a) If yes, will the Government consider imposing a fine on those who do so?
- (b) If the Government does agree to new laws to deter driving through flood waters, will the Minister consider hypothecating all funds raised back to the State Emergency Services?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW Government uses legislation, penalties, and proactive prevention campaigns, such as NSW State Emergency Service's "If its flooded, forget it" campaign, to deter drivers from entering flood waters. There are existing penalties that may be applied for driving into flood waters under the Roads Transport Act 2013, Roads Act 1993, Road Rules 2014, and Roads Regulation 2018 for reckless driving, disregard for road closed signs and barriers, or disregard for directions from authorised traffic controllers.

\* 8120 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL PARAMEDICS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to the Government announcement of 2,000 additional paramedics:



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- (1) How many of this new paramedic cohort will be assigned to the Kiama Electorate?
- (2) How many of this new paramedic cohort will be assigned to the Illawarra- Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (3) Will any additional paramedics coming to the Kiama electorate be deployed in the 2022/23 financial year?
  - (a) If no, when will they be fully deployed?
- (4) Will any additional paramedics coming to the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District be deployed in the 2022/23 financial year?
  - (a) If no, when will they be fully deployed?
- (5) Will the operational expenditure of the NSW Ambulance budget be expanded to cover the costs of the additional paramedics?
  - (a) If yes, will the 2022/23 NSW State Budget increase to cover 2000 FTE paramedics this year?
  - (b) If no, where is the additional funding coming from?
- (6) Will the Government lift the wages of NSW Paramedics above the 2.5% wages cap in the 2022/23 financial year?
- (7) Are paramedics in New South Wales the lowest paid in Australia?
- (8) In order to attract 2,000 more paramedics to the profession in New South Wales, does the Minister have plans to increase the pay of paramedics to make them the highest paid of their profession in any jurisdiction in Australia?

Answer—

(1 – 4)

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce on the basis of electorate or local health district boundaries.

(5)

I refer the Member to the relevant NSW Government announcement made on 5 June 2022.

(6)

I refer the Member to the relevant NSW Government announcement made on 6 June 2022.

(7 – 8)

Salary rates between different states are not directly comparable. Paramedic pay rates interstate can include a reference to an aggregated wage, which includes ‘rolled up’ salaries that include components for allowances, shift loadings, penalties and/or overtime payments. NSW Ambulance paramedics receive additional payments for allowances and overtime, and these increase the average take home pay of each paramedic. Comparing the base wage of NSW paramedics with aggregated rates in other states is unreliable.

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(Paper No. 158)

\* 8121 EXCESSIVE NOISE PENALTIES—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in New South Wales between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by:

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- (a) NSW Police?
  - (b) Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) officials?
  - (c) Local council rangers?
- (2) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by:
    - (a) NSW Police?
    - (b) EPA officials?
    - (c) Local council rangers?
  - (3) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Lake Macquarie LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by:
    - (a) NSW Police?
    - (b) EPA officials?
    - (c) Local council rangers?
  - (4) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Central Coast LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by:
    - (a) NSW Police?
    - (b) EPA officials?
    - (c) Local council rangers?

Answer—

Questions 1 a, 2a, 3a and 4a should be referred to the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Toole MP, for NSW Police to respond.

Questions 1 c, 2c, 3c and 4c should be referred to the Minister for Finance and Minister for Employee Relations, the Hon Damien Tudehope MLC, for Revenue NSW to respond.

Regarding EPA issued penalties, I am advised:

- (1) (b) Two
- (2) (b) Zero
- (3) (b) Zero
- (4) (b) Zero

\* 8123 RESTRICTIONS ON CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM—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—

- (1) Why has your Government restricted rural and remote children's access to materials from the Creative Kids program by removing pre-recorded lessons and stand-alone art/craft kits from the program?
- (2) Will your Government consider extending the Creative Kids eligibility criteria to all families with children aged 12 months and above?

Answer—

- (1) No restrictions have been placed on regional or remote families accessing the Creative Kids Program.

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All NSW parents, guardians and carers can claim an annual \$100 voucher per eligible school aged child to put towards the cost of creative lessons and learning experiences with registered providers.

Art kits and pre-recorded lessons were temporarily introduced in 2020 in response to COVID-19 restrictions. This was an important measure which allowed children to continue their creative participation in a range of activities while in person learning was not permitted. With COVID-19 restrictions since lifted, it is now appropriate that the focus of Creative Kids is face to face learning to optimise learning and creative outcomes.

There are over 1,300 regionally based providers running eligible programs for local communities. If a child based in regional NSW is unable to access their preferred activities from locally based providers, accessing live and interactive online programs through a provider based elsewhere in NSW is an option.

- (2) A primary objective of the Creative Kids Program is to increase the participation of school-enrolled children in creative and cultural activities. Therefore, providers participating in the program must deliver structured lessons with clear learning outcomes that support creative development for children aged 4.5 to 18.

The NSW Government will continue to consider all requirements of the program, including age eligibility criteria, to ensure that the program remains fit for purpose, and delivers on the NSW Government's objectives and the needs of the people of NSW.

- \* 8124 RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will your Government extend the Active Kids eligibility criteria to all families with children aged 12 months and above?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) There are no plans to extend eligibility for the current Active Kids program.

- \* 8125 NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

In relation to Narara Public School, please advise what has been done to ensure students in the school catchment who walk to school can cross the Pacific Highway safely?

Answer—

Please refer this question to the Minister for Transport.

- \* 8126 PROPOSED WORKS TO INCREASE TRAIN RUNNING TIMES—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) Considering the proposed works to increase the running time of trains on the main north line on the Central Coast, please advise:
- (a) When plans for the works will be made publicly available?
  - (b) When will works commence?
  - (c) Will the works impact on the upgrade of Tuggerah Railway Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the upgrade between Tuggerah and Wyong has commenced, and consultation with the community and other local stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the planning and design of the project. Site investigations are scheduled to commence before the end of 2022.

Transport for NSW takes an integrated approach to infrastructure delivery to ensure different projects located within the same areas are coordinated. The project teams responsible for various projects along the Northern Corridor are working together to minimise impacts and ensure provisions are made for future works in the area.

Also, in the 2022-23 NSW Budget, the Government has committed a further \$500 million to go towards the first stage of delivery of the Northern Corridor, helping build two new electrified rail tracks between Tuggerah and Wyong, new platforms and station upgrades, new bridges including over the Wyong River and safeguarding future fast rail connections to the north and south, subject to agreement with the new Commonwealth Government.

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(Paper No. 159)

\* 8127 SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY—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 families receive the School Drive Subsidy?
- (2) How many families are eligible to receive the School Drive Subsidy?
- (3) How many children are covered by the School Drive Subsidy?
- (4) How many children are eligible to receive the School Drive Subsidy?
- (5) How many families are participating in the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (6) How many families are eligible to participate in the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (7) How many children are covered by the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (8) How many children are eligible to receive the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (9) How many families which are receiving the School Drive Subsidy are eligible for the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (10) How many families which are receiving the School Drive Subsidy are receiving the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (11) How much money is allocated each year from the School Drive Subsidy?
- (12) How much money is actually spent in the School Drive Subsidy?
- (13) How much money has been allocated for the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?
- (14) How much money has actually been spent in the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Currently, there are 6,371 families that receive the School Drive Subsidy.
- (2) Eligibility is based on the unique circumstances for each family and customers registering for the scheme. TfNSW does not hold details of the total eligible cohort.

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- (3) Currently, there are 12,322 children covered by the School Drive Subsidy.
- (4) Eligibility is based on the unique circumstances for each family and customers registering for the scheme. TfNSW does not hold details of the total eligible cohort.
- (5) Currently, there are 73 families that are participating in the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot.
- (6) Eligibility is based on the unique circumstances for each family and customers registering for the scheme. TfNSW does not hold details of the total eligible cohort.
- (7) Currently, there are 81 children that are covered by the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot.
- (8) and (9) Eligibility is based on the unique circumstances for each family and customers registering for the scheme. TfNSW does not hold details of the total eligible cohort.
- (10) Currently, there are 21 families that receive both the School Drive Subsidy and the Pre-School Drive Subsidy.
- (11) Currently, the budget for the School Drive Subsidy is \$18 million per annum.
- (12) For 2021-2022 financial year (as at 17 June), \$9,891,520.28 has been spent on the School Drive Subsidy.
- (13) \$2 million has been allocated for the Pre-School Drive Subsidy Pilot including implementation and administration costs.
- (14) This data is not available until after Semester 1, 2022 closes on 1 July 2022.

\* 8128 SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY PARENT PORTAL—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 long does it take to register a student on the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal?
- (2) What is the average wait time for changes to data on the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal to take effect?
- (3) How many enquiries are received each year in relation to the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal?
- (4) What is the average wait time for responses to queries in relation to the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal?
- (5) Is there are dedicated rural and remote liaison officer for the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average time it takes to register a student on the School Drive Subsidy portal is 10 minutes.
- (2) The average time for changes to be made depends on the nature of the individual transaction. Some changes take effect immediately and more complex changes can take up to 6 weeks.
- (3) There have been 309 School Drive Subsidy enquires regarding the parent portal over the past 12 months.
- (4) The average wait time for responses to queries in relation to the School Drive Subsidy Parent Portal is 10 business days.
- (5) Transport for NSW has two staff assigned in the team with detailed knowledge of the School Drive Subsidy scheme, insights into how this supports our customers and some of the unique circumstances for our rural and regional customers.

\* 8129 NURSING STAFF HOURS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Since the new Maitland Hospital opened and staffing levels were reset from 5.5 nursing hours per patient day (NHPPD) to 6 NHPPD:
  - (a) Are all wards of the hospital operating under the 6NHPPD model?
    - (i) If not, what wards are not operating under that model and for each area, please indicate what model they are working on?
  - (b) How many shifts have not run at the full capacity since the commencement?
    - (i) Please disaggregate by ward.

Answer—

- (1) In 2019 the Government committed to investing in a further 5,000 nurses and midwives over four years under a then-record \$2.8 billion boost to frontline staff. The Government also committed to increasing the Nursing Hours per Patient Day (NHPPD) requirement to 6.0 over four years in medical and surgical wards in Peer Groups B and C hospitals.

\* 8130 PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT BEDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many paediatric emergency department beds are currently at the new Maitland Hospital?
  - (a) How many are funded?
- (2) When will Maitland Hospital receive funding to open paediatric emergency department beds?
- (3) How many paediatric emergency department beds are currently at other hospitals in the Hunter New England Local Health District? Please disaggregate by hospital.

Answer—

(1. – 3.)

Children and young people can access high quality emergency care at all Hunter New England Local Health District hospitals, including Maitland Hospital. The District operates in a networked approach, which includes tertiary services available through the specialised Children's Hospital at John Hunter Hospital. All emergency department presentations are triaged, treated and either discharged home or referred to the most appropriate service where required.

Funding of emergency departments is based on activity, not beds. The new Maitland Hospital has been future proofed in line with expected population growth. The facility has capacity to offer up to 80% more beds and treatment spaces, inclusive of additional dedicated paediatric emergency department (ED) beds, which will become available as needed.

\* 8131 NSW STAY VOUCHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) How many people from the Maitland Local Government area have applied for the NSW Stay Voucher?
- (2) How many people from the Maitland Local Government area have had their application for a NSW Stay Voucher approved?
- (3) How many vouchers have been used by people in the Maitland Local Government Area?
- (4) How many vouchers have been used at businesses located in the Maitland Local Government Area?

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- (5) How many vouchers across the state have been used by people for businesses within their same Local Government Area of usual residence?

Answer—

- (1) As of June, 22,907 people in the Maitland LGA applied for the NSW Stay Voucher.
- (2) As of June, 22,907 people in the Maitland LGA had their applications approved for the NSW Stay Voucher.
- (3) As of June, 4,287 vouchers have been redeemed.
- (4) As of June 941, vouchers were redeemed at businesses in Maitland LGA.
- (5) Across NSW 12,176 vouchers have been redeemed within a person's own LGAs.

- \* 8132 MAITLAND HOSPITAL PATIENT PRESENTATIONS AND EARLY DISCHARGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patients attended the Maitland Hospital Emergency Department (ED) for each month from February 2019 to May 2022?
- (2) What was the average wait time for access to a treating Physician in Maitland hospital ED for each month from February 2019 to May 2022?
- (3) How many presenting patients to Maitland Hospital ED have left without being seen by a treating Physician (ie: after being triaged) for each month from February 2019 to May 2022?

Answer—

Patients who present to an emergency department (ED) are prioritised to ensure those with the most urgent conditions are treated first.

Presentations and wait time data for Maitland Hospital ED is available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

- \* 8133 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the standard number of Emergency Department (ED) Nurses rostered across all ED shifts at Maitland Hospital?
- (2) When did the rostering of an additional ED Nurse to every shift at Maitland Hospital Commence?
  - (a) With the addition of an extra ED Nurse on shift what is the average patient to nurse ratio in ED?
  - (b) How many ED Nursing shifts have not run at the full capacity plus the additional ED Nurse since the commencement?
- (3) When will the rostering of an additional ED Nurse to every shift at Maitland Hospital conclude?
- (4) What is the current average wait time for access to a treating Physician in Maitland hospital ED?
- (5) Since the addition of an extra ED Nurse how many presenting cases to Maitland Hospital ED have left without being seen by a treating Physician?

Answer—

(1. – 3.)

The emergency department (ED) at Maitland Hospital is staffed in accordance with the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award. The Award contains nursing workload

principles that support decision making regarding staffing levels. The Award also contains specific provisions regarding ED staffing arrangements.

(4. – 5.)

Admissions, presentation and wait time data for Maitland Hospital ED is available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

Wait times in the ED are continually monitored and reviewed to ensure patients receive safe, timely and high-quality care.

\* 8134 ADDITIONAL PARAMEDICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) In relation to the Government announcement of 2,000 additional paramedics:

(a) How many will be assigned to the Maitland Electorate?

(i) When will they commence?

(b) How many will be assigned to the Hunter New England Local Health (HNEH) District?

(i) Is this in addition to the 10 paramedics that you recently advised were coming to the HNEH District?

(ii) When will they commence?

Answer—

(1. a. – b.)

On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget to provide NSW Ambulance with funding for 1,858 extra paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, 52 nurses and 8 doctors.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce on the basis of electorate or local health district boundaries. NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

\* 8135 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—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) When will the successful tender for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass works be announced?

(a) Is construction still on track to commence in the second half of 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

\* 8136 ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) With regards to the recent announcement that there will be additional ambulance stations constructed across New South Wales to help cope with an increasing demand, how many, if any, ambulance stations will be constructed in the Cessnock electorate?

(a) If yes, how many?

(i) Where and when will they be constructed?

(b) If no, why not?



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Answer—

- (1) On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget for NSW Ambulance to recruit 2,128 new staff and open 30 more stations.

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage, when making decisions about future ambulance services. Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

\* 8137 STATE FOREST, NATIONAL PARK AND RESERVE ACCESS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) With regard State Forests, National Parks and Reserves that are located in the Hunter Region and are open to the public:
- (a) How many are accessible by 4WD vehicles only?
- (i) Which ones?
- (b) How many are accessible by both 4WD and 2WD vehicles?
- (i) Which ones?
- (c) How many are required to be closed to the public due to poor conditions on a regular basis i.e. wet weather?
- (i) Which ones?
- (d) Are any scheduled for remedial works within the 2022-2023 financial year to improve accessibility and safety?
- (i) If yes, which ones?
- (e) Were any scheduled for remedial works within the 2021-2022 financial year to improve accessibility and safety?
- (i) If yes, which ones?
- (ii) If yes, was the work completed as scheduled?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) The Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands does not maintain specific data for 4WD and 2WD access to Crown Reserves. There are about 2,900 Crown Reserves across the Hunter Region.
- (b) Registered vehicles may lawfully use any Crown land, including a Crown road where registered motor vehicles are authorised. Some Crown land is not accessible to all forms of motor vehicles. This is generally to protect environmental or cultural assets, protect infrastructure such as fire trails or to minimise land use conflict e.g. noise or public safety. Signage and/or fencing can be implemented by Crown Lands or the Crown land manager for the purpose of identifying areas that are not open to all forms of vehicle access.
- (c) Crown Reserves are managed by a network of Crown Land Managers and Statutory Land Managers or directly by Crown Lands. Crown Lands does not hold consolidated data on vehicle access closures across the reserve estate.
- (d) As above.

- (e) The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund provides funds to support the maintenance and improvement of Crown land to benefit the community. Crown land managers can apply for funding which may be used to support improvements to reserves such as access upgrades.

Local Councils are also eligible to apply to Transport for NSW for funding to repair Crown roads damaged by the 2021 and 2022 natural disaster flood events.

\* 8138 OPTIONAL DISENGAGEMENT SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) With regard the Optional Disengagement Scheme (ODS) which opened for applications in January 2022 and was offered to eligible police officers:
- (a) How many applications were received as at 30 April 2022?
- (i) How many applicants were successful?
- (ii) Have successful applicants already left the police force?
- (1) If yes, how many?
- (2) Will their positions be replaced within their Local Area Commands?
- (b) What are the maximum number of successful applications to be approved over the life of the scheme?
- (c) Is there a cut-off date for applications to be submitted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 467.
- (i) 217.
- (ii) Yes.
- (1) 217.
- (2) (a-b) Recruitment action commenced in the majority of cases prior to the officers exiting, as part of a planned recruitment strategy to minimise the impact across the NSW Police Force. The number of policing positions within Police Area Commands are not impacted by the Optional Disengagement Scheme (ODS).

Under the ODS, the number of eligible applicants who can exit each financial year may vary in accordance with an officer's years of service and rank and the funding available. Planning is currently underway for the next round of ODS expressions of interest in 2023.

\* 8139 REPORTED ASSAULTS ON THE TRANSPORT NETWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With regard the number of reported assaults on the transport network:
- (a) How many reports were made each year from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2021 on:
- (i) Trains?
- (ii) Buses?
- (iii) Ferries?
- (b) How many reports led to charges being laid each year from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2021 on:
- (i) Trains?

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- (ii) Buses?
- (iii) Ferries?
- (c) How many of the above assaults occurred when there was security personnel on the mode of transport?
- (d) How many of the above assaults occurred when there was no physical security personnel on the mode of transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

As a matter of operational security, it is not appropriate to disclose security arrangements or deployments in detail. Transport for NSW continues to work with the NSW Police Force in order to manage security risks and maintain the safety and security of New South Wales commuters.

\* 8140 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With regards to the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme:
  - (a) How many applications have been received from residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
  - (b) How many applications were approved for residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
  - (c) How many trips were claimed by residents of the Cessnock electorate for the maximum subsidy of \$60 per trip annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) What was the average annual total claim for residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\* 8141 MEN'S DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mr Clayton Barr 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) With regards to domestic and sexual violence shelters for men in New South Wales as at 1 January 2022:
  - (a) How many men shelters are there?
  - (b) Are any located in the Hunter?
    - (i) If yes, how many?
  - (c) How many men shelters have opened since 1 January 2015?
    - (i) How many of these are State Government funded?
  - (d) How many men shelters have closed since 1 January 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not fund shelters specifically for male victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

DCJ funds specialist homelessness services (SHS) which operate under a no wrong door policy, and therefore men at risk of or experiencing homelessness can present to any SHS service and will be supported to find the appropriate service response, including crisis accommodation.

In the Hunter, DCJ funds the Matthew Talbot Homeless Service for men at risk of or experiencing homelessness, which provides accommodation in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie LGAs.

DCJ also funds Local Support Services, part of the Safer Pathway program, to support male victim-survivors of domestic and family violence with safety planning, risk assessment and referrals to other services, including referral to suitable accommodation options.

\* 8142 STAY NSW VOUCHERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) Since the introduction of Stay NSW Vouchers:
  - (a) How many residents have applied on their Service NSW app?
  - (b) How many residents in the Cessnock electorate have applied?
  - (c) How many of the vouchers have been used for accommodation as at 30 May 2022?
  - (d) How many have been used in the Cessnock electorate?
  - (e) Which electorates have seen the strongest use of the vouchers?
  - (f) How many of the vouchers are projected not to be redeemed at the expiration of the program?

Answer—

Data as of 9 June 2022 – All data captured at a Local Government Area (LGA) Level, Data is Cessnock LGA

- (1)
  - (a) Approximately 1.4 million people have applied for the Stay NSW Vouchers on the SNSW App.
  - (b) As of June 14,487 people in the Cessnock LGA applied for the NSW Stay Voucher.
  - (c) As at 30 May 2022, 233,877 vouchers were redeemed for accommodation.
  - (d) As at June, 4,520 vouchers have been redeemed in the Cessnock LGA.
  - (e) The top 5 Local Government Areas for redeeming Stay NSW vouchers are: Central Coast, Lake Macquarie, Blacktown, Wollongong, and Sutherland Shire.
  - (f) Service NSW does not hold this information.

\* 8143 PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING RENTALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) With regards to private rentals:
  - (a) Has New South Wales considered placing a rental increase cap on rent rises as it is in force in other states?
    - (i) If yes, when?
    - (ii) If no, why not?
- (2) With regards to public housing rentals:

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- (a) Does New South Wales have a rental increase cap on rent rises?
- (i) If yes, when?
- (ii) If no, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Existing provisions within the Residential Tenancy Act 2010 place limits on the frequency of rent increases, with most rental agreements restricted to one increase every twelve months. The Act also enables tenants to challenge excessive rent increases.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones, Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

\* 8144 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regards to the recent announcement that there will be additional 2,000 emergency services personnel made up of approximately 1,850 paramedics and approximately 200 ambulance support staff, nurses, and doctors, will any of these additional staff will be allocated to the Cessnock electorate?
- (a) If yes, where will they be stationed?
- (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

(1. a – b)

On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget to provide NSW Ambulance with funding for 1,858 extra paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, 52 nurses and 8 doctors.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce on the basis of electorate boundaries. NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

\* 8145 CASULA HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) In relation to Casula High School:
- (a) What is the 2022 enrolment cap?
- (b) What is the current enrolment figure?
- (c) How many teaching spaces are currently located in demountables?
- (d) What capital works are planned to upgrade the school and provide new teaching spaces to replace demountables?
- (e) When was the last time capital works were funded at the school, including details of the work involved and funding amounts?

Answer—

- (a) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales public school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales public schools. Schools are able to adapt to

fluctuating enrolments though the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces. The 2022 enrolment cap for Casula High School is 1,060 students.

- (b) The current enrolment figure for Casula High School is 1,212 students.
- (c) There are currently eight teaching spaces located in demountables.
- (d) The Government is continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across New South Wales.

The Department of Education works with other government agencies and local councils to monitor population and development trends that help deliver educational infrastructure to meet New South Wales' enrolment needs. The Department uses projections to estimate the number of students due to enrol in New South Wales public schools in the short, medium and long term to plan where to build new schools or provide extra spaces at existing schools.

The Department retains a stock of demountable buildings including classrooms, libraries, science labs, toilets and staff rooms. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and are regularly refurbished both on and off school sites. Schools make requests for demountable accommodation based on need and student numbers. Decisions are taken locally by school principals as to how the demountable facilities are best used by the school.

- (e) Recent capital projects at Casula High School in 2021-22 financial year:
  - \$223,000 for upgrade works to main internal access road and bin pickup area. Works to commence end of June 2022.
  - \$59,500 for vision works for vision impaired student. Works completed May 2022.
 Planned maintenance expenditure at Casula High School between 2017 - 2022
  - \$4,500,000 on replacement of concrete external movement areas, roof replacement, painting and replacement of floor coverings.

\* 8146 CASULA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) In relation to Casula Public School:
  - (a) What is the 2022 enrolment cap?
  - (b) What is the current enrolment figure?
  - (c) How many teaching spaces are currently located in demountables?
  - (d) What capital works are planned to upgrade the school and provide new teaching spaces to replace demountables?
  - (e) When was the last time capital works were funded at the school, including details of the work involved and funding amounts?

Answer—

- (a) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales public school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales public schools. Schools are able to adapt to fluctuating enrolments though the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces. The 2022 enrolment cap for Casula Public School is 578 students.
- (b) The current enrolment figure for Casula Public School is 840 students.
- (c) There are currently 13 teaching spaces located in demountables.

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- (d) The Government is continuing its program to deliver 160 new and upgraded schools to support communities across New South Wales.

The Department of Education works with the NSW Government, other government agencies, local councils and developers to monitor population and development trends that help deliver educational infrastructure to meet New South Wales' enrolment needs. The Department uses projections to estimate the number of students due to enrol in New South Wales public schools in the short, medium and long term to plan where to build new schools or provide extra spaces at existing schools.

The Department retains a stock of demountable buildings including classrooms, libraries, science labs, toilets and staff rooms. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and are regularly refurbished both on and off school sites. Schools make requests for demountable accommodation based on need and student numbers. Decisions are taken locally by school principals as to how the demountable facilities are best used by the school.

- (e) Recent capital project expenditure at Casula Public School 2019-22
- \$44,300.00 to complete a safety upgrade to electrical switchboards.
  - \$330,000.00 on replacement of concrete external movement areas and internal and external painting.

\* 8147 PENSIONER CONCESSIONS ON COUNCIL RATES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) When was the pensioner concessions on council rates last increased?
- (2) Has the Government considered increase the concession?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The existing pensioner concession has been maintained since 1989.
- (2) Having considered IPART's Review of the Rating System, the Government has ruled out implementing recommendations that would adversely impact vulnerable members of the community, such as pensioners, or have a substantial financial impact on taxpayers or the broader community.

\* 8148 CERTIFICATE III CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AT RICHMOND TAFE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) When will the temporary suspension of Certificate III Conversation and Land Management at Richmond TAFE be lifted?
- (2) What is being done to ensure that the temporary suspension of Certificate III Conservation and Land Management at Richmond TAFE is lifted as soon as possible?
- (3) Has any action been taken or is planned to be taken to limit the impact of the temporary suspension on employers such as Hawkesbury City Council?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW is offering the new national training package qualification, the Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, at Richmond TAFE in Semester 2 2022, following the successful recruitment of qualified part-time casual teachers.

- (2) Delivery of the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management at TAFE NSW Richmond concluded as the course was replaced by the new Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management qualification.
- (3) Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management is currently open for enrolment at Richmond campus for Semester 2 2022.

\* 8149 SPECIAL COMMISSION DRUG INQUIRY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Has the Government acted on the recommendations of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug "Ice" report in the 26 months since was published?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) When will the Government implement the recommendations of the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug "Ice"?
- (3) When will the Government deliver its final response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug "Ice" report?

Answer—

I refer to the Member to my response to LA QON 8082.

\* 8150 NEWCASTLE BUS CANCELLATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many bus services have been cancelled by Keolis Downer in the past 6 months?
  - (a) How many of these services were cancelled due to COVID-19?
  - (b) How many of these services were cancelled for other reasons?
  - (c) How many abatements have been claimed for cancelled services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) From December 2021 to May 2022, 1,174 bus services were cancelled.
  - (a) Of these, 966 were cancelled due to COVID-19.
  - (b) Of these, 208 were cancelled due to other reasons including operational issues and accidents.
  - (c) Operator performance against Key Performance Indicators are commercial-in-confidence.

\* 8151 RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR INTERSTATE TEACHERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

What recruitment and accreditation processes does your department use to employ experienced and qualified interstate teachers?

Answer—

Interstate and international teachers must meet the same rigorous requirements of all New South Wales teachers.

This includes being accredited as a teacher in New South Wales, which requires interstate or international teachers to have their qualifications verified by NESAs or undertake additional study.



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Public school teachers must also meet the requirements of the Department's approval to teach process, including interviews and suitability assessments.

- \* 8152 CLINICAL SERVICE PLAN - DENILIQUN HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

When will Murrumbidgee Local Health District develop a Clinical Service Plan for Deniliquin Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the member to the response provided to LA 7738.

- \* 8153 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION SCHEME ELIGIBLE TREATMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

Under the Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS), will the Minister add Psychiatry and Psychology treatment to the Eligible Specialist Medical Treatment list?

Answer—

- (1) I refer the member to the response provided to LA 7738.

- \* 8154 GRIFFITH AS A SPECIFIED AREA FOR THE DRUG COURT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—

Given Griffith is not a specified catchment area for referral to the Drug Court, nor is the Griffith District Court within the catchment area, will you consider gazetting Griffith as a specified catchment area for the Drug Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government continues to consider opportunities to further expand the Drug Court, including to regional areas.

- \* 8155 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR AMBULANCES TO WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

In each month of 2021/22 to 9 June 2022, what was the average wait time for ambulances waiting to be admitted to Westmead Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) Time to transfer of care data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>.

- \* 8156 NEW AMBULANCE STAFF—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In light of the Premier's announcement that NSW Ambulance will recruit 2128 new staff how many staff will be based in:

- (a) The Sydney South Sector?
- (b) The Sydney North Sector?
- (c) Fairfield ambulance station?
- (d) Bankstown ambulance station?

- (e) Liverpool ambulance station?
- (f) Parramatta ambulance station?
- (g) Auburn ambulance station?

Answer—

- (1) On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget to provide NSW Ambulance with funding for 1,858 extra paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, 52 nurses and 8 doctors. NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

\* 8157 TRIPLE 000 CALLOUTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Can you provide the number of times a 000 ambulance callout was made in each of the following localities during 2021:
  - (a) Granville NSW 2142?
  - (b) Holroyd NSW 2142?
  - (c) Westmead NSW 2145?
  - (d) Wentworthville NSW 2145?
  - (e) Greystanes NSW 2145?
  - (f) Merrylands NSW 2160?
  - (g) Merrylands West NSW 2160?
  - (h) Guildford NSW 2161?
  - (i) Guildford West NSW 2161?
- (2) What was the average response time for ambulance services in each of the localities in (1)?
- (3) Do these response times meet the minimum New South Wales standards for ambulance response times?

Answer—

(1. – 3.)

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>.

\* 8158 AMBULANCE STATIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many paramedics were at Fairfield Ambulance Station for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (2) How many paramedics were at Bankstown Ambulance Station for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (3) How many paramedics were at Auburn Ambulance Station for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (4) How many paramedics were at Parramatta Ambulance Station for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?

Answer—

(1. – 4.)

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NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across the state, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW. This is consistent with the operational practices of ambulance services throughout Australia and overseas,

\* 8159 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) Considering your answer to LA 7612 concerning M4 tolls, why does the Government not keep records of the total amount paid by residents of the Granville electorate in tolls for using the M4 motorway since the toll was reintroduced?
- (2) If the Government does not have information about the total amount paid by residents of the Granville electorate in tolls for using the M4 motorway since the toll was reintroduced then how can it estimate the total value of the toll cashback scheme announced by the Premier on 7 June 2022?

Answer—

- (1) Toll account providers are not required to share this data with Government.
- (2) The toll cashback scheme total value estimate is based on combined spend on eligible roads for eligible accounts.

\* 8160 FAIR TRADING COMPLAINT—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

In relation to my correspondence to you dated 25 January 2022 and follow-up correspondence dated 25 February 2022 concerning complaint number 10776466 to Fair Trading, when will a reply be provided?

Answer—

I am advised that Fair Trading contacted the complainant directly in February 2022 and that the complainant was satisfied with the advice provided at that time. A response to assist the Member's understanding of the action taken by Fair Trading was dispatched.

\* 8161 NSW YOUTH WEEK 2022—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) In relation to Youth Week 2022, what total funding was provided by the Government to support Youth Week?
- (2) How many activities were undertaken in New South Wales during youth week?
- (3) How many activities were undertaken in each Local Government Area (LGA) during youth week?
- (4) How many young people were engaged in activities in New South Wales during youth week?
- (5) Which Government agencies actively supported Youth Week through secondment of staff, financial support or workplace based activities?

Answer—

I refer to my response to Question on Notice 7852.

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\* 8162 SERVICE NSW CENTRE TRANSACTIONS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) In each of the last three years what proportion of payments at Service NSW centres were made by:
- (a) Cash?
  - (b) Card or non-cash methods?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 2020 - 17%  
2021 - 15%  
2022 - 10%
  - (b) 2020 - 83%  
2021 - 85%  
2022 - 90%

\* 8163 AMBULANCE INCIDENT RESPONSE AND WAIT TIMES—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many incidents did NSW Ambulance respond to in the Sydney West Sector for the financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22 (as at 7 June 2022)?
- (2) How many incidents did NSW Ambulance respond to in the Sydney North Sector for the financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22 (as at 7 June 2022)?
- (3) How many incidents did NSW Ambulance respond to in the Western Sydney Local Health District for the financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22 (as at 7 June 2022)?
- (4) How many incidents did NSW Ambulance respond to in New South Wales for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?

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- (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22 (as at 7 June 2022)?
- (5) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 7 June 2022:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (6) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2021:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (7) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2020:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (8) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 7 June 2022:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (9) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2021:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (10) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2020:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?

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- (11) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 7 June 2022:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (12) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2021:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (13) What was the average response time from receipt of triple zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months before 30 June 2020:
- (a) Across New South Wales?
  - (b) Across Sydney West Sector?
  - (c) Across Sydney North Sector?
  - (d) Across Western Sydney Local Health District?

Answer—

(1. – 13.)

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\* 8164 SOCIAL HOUSING SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Sydney electorate have been sold since LA Q 6035?
- (2) How many of these properties are located in:
  - (a) Surry Hills?
  - (b) Darlinghurst?
  - (c) Kings Cross/Potts Point?
  - (d) Woolloomooloo?
  - (e) Paddington?
  - (f) Woollahra?
  - (g) Millers Point or Dawes Point?
  - (h) Pyrmont?
  - (i) Ultimo?
- (3) What properties in the Sydney electorate are currently planned for sale?
  - (a) Are these properties tenanted?

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- (4) How will the Government determine when the properties will be listed for sale?
- (5) How will the Government ensure social housing levels in the Sydney electorate do not reduce in line with social housing property sales?
- (6) Does the Government remain committed to retaining social housing in the Sydney electorate at current levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Two social housing residential dwellings have been sold in the Sydney state electorate between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021. Sales information in respect of the 2021-22 financial year will not be available until release of the audited financial statements.
- (2) Both sales occurred in the suburb of Paddington. No sales occurred in the other suburbs listed in the question.
- (3) Currently one property in the Sydney electorate is planned for sale. It is located at 164 Victoria St, Potts Point.
  - (a) No.
- (4) The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) continually reviews the suitability of its property portfolio to ensure it meets the needs of the social housing system. When properties go to market is dependent on property condition and availability.
- (5) Consideration is given to wait lists and demand profiles for construction of new housing across all local government areas across the State.
- (6) The Government is working to ensure more and better-quality social housing will be delivered in the inner city of Sydney whilst balancing housing need across the State.

\* 8165 CIGARETTE BUTTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the October 2021 World Wildlife Fund research report on cigarette butt costs and impacts?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of clean-up costs and impacts on animals, plants and soil in New South Wales?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of options for preventing these impacts including mandatory product stewardship and banning plastic filters?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to progress reform to prevent damage from cigarette butt waste?
- (5) What further action is planned?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government broadly supports the recommendations in the report and is already prioritising action to reduce cigarette butt litter through actions in the NSW Plastic Actions Plan and the NSW Litter Prevention Strategy. The research in the WWF report generally aligns with NSW EPA research on this topic which indicates cigarette butts remain one of the most littered items in NSW and across Australia. The EPA provided information to the researcher during the compilation of the WWF report on NSW programs aimed at reducing cigarette butt litter.
- (2) The EPA conducts research into the costs and impacts of litter, including direct and indirect costs of litter. This research is available on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/litter-and-illegal-dumping/about-littering/litter-research>

- (3) As part of the NSW Plastics Action Plan the NSW Government will investigate a new extended producer responsibility scheme that will make tobacco companies take responsibility for the litter impacts of their products, including cigarette butts. This work will align with the Australian Government's recently announced taskforce on cigarette butt litter.
- (4) The NSW Plastics Action Plan was released in June 2021. Action 4 of the plan commits to tackling cigarette butt litter, specifically "The NSW Government will investigate a new extended producer responsibility scheme that will make tobacco companies take responsibility for the litter impacts of their products."

In late November 2021, the Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Bill 2021 was passed by the NSW Parliament. Under Part 3 of Bill, the NSW Government has the ability to consider Product Stewardship controls, with tobacco filters having the opportunity to be considered as a regulated product.

The Australian Government has a standing action under its National Plastics Plan. One of the actions was for "The Australian Government to initiate an industry-led cross-sectoral stewardship taskforce to reduce cigarette butt litter in Australia and consider potential stewardship schemes".

The first recommendation in the WWF report was to place cigarette butts/filters on the product stewardship priority products and projects list for 2021-22. The Australian Government received a large number of submissions to add tobacco filters to the Minister for the Environment's priority list of products. The Priority List for 2022-23 is pending release by the Australian Government.

- (5) Under the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041, the NSW Government has committed to reducing litter by 60 per cent by 2030 and plastics litter by 30 per cent by 2025. Under the Strategy, \$38 million of funding has been allocated to litter programs commencing July 2022.

The NSW Government has developed a Cigarette Butt Litter Prevention Program to reduce cigarette butt littering behaviour. The program includes guidelines and resources for stakeholders to tackle local cigarette butt litter hotspots, a grants program and a broader behaviour change campaign. In December 2021, \$378,954 in grant funding was approved for 10 projects in 44 smoking areas across NSW.

\* 8166 7-STAR ENERGY EFFICIENCY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Does the Government support minimum 7-Star energy efficiency standards for new homes in the Building Ministers' Forum?
- (2) What advocacy has the Government carried out in this forum to support higher standards in the National Construction Code?
- (3) What action will the Government take through the Building Ministers' Forum to ensure early adoption of 7-Star energy efficiency standards?

Answer—

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 supported and contributed to the development of (and consultation on) the proposed changes to the residential energy efficiency provisions in the National Construction Code (NCC). This includes the proposal to increase the minimum thermal performance of new homes.

In NSW, the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) primarily regulates the minimum energy efficiency standards (including thermal performance) of new housing. BASIX is also supported and complemented by certain energy efficiency provisions of the NCC.

Questions relating to BASIX are a matter for the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.



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\* 8167 ELECTION DISINFORMATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

- (1) Noting increasing reports about disinformation and foreign influence threats, what processes is the Government putting in place to prevent impacts on the 2023 New South Wales election?
- (2) What plans does the Government have for the NSW Electoral Commission to proactively explain and educate voters about the integrity of New South Wales elections?
- (3) What plans does the Government have for the NSW Electoral Commission to provide a register of disinformation similar to the Australian Electoral Commission's 2022 election register?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to prevent New South Wales elections and democracy being disrupted or threatened by disinformation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) To protect the integrity of elections, the Electoral Act 2017 (the Electoral Act) regulates how electoral material can be printed, published, distributed and displayed during the regulated period for NSW State elections. Breaking electoral material laws during the regulated period for an election is a criminal offence.

The Electoral Act also requires electoral material that is to be distributed on election day to be registered. Electoral material must meet strict criteria to be registered. This helps to ensure, for example, that electoral material is appropriately authorised and compliant with electoral legislation.

The Electoral Funding Act 2018 makes provision for the disclosure, capping and prohibition of certain political donations and electoral expenditure for parliamentary election campaigns. This includes, for example, requiring donors to have a legitimate link with Australia.

I am advised by the NSW Electoral Commission that:

- The Electoral Commissioner is the Chair of the Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand (ECANZ) and has been leading ECANZ's engagement with the Digital Industry Group Inc (DiGi) to develop a protocol to address the challenges of disinformation around elections and to respond effectively to allegations of breaches of NSW (and other Australian) legislation and online platform's policies that apply to electoral material in the online environment. A protocol for the recent Australian federal election was adopted by the Australian Electoral Commission and DiGi and may form the basis for similar arrangements for the State general election in March 2023.
- The NSW Electoral Commission is also continuing to work closely with Cyber NSW, the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) and other relevant state and federal agencies around intelligence sharing and guidance in preparing for and responding to any serious risks or incidents.

In the exercise of their functions, neither the Electoral Commissioner nor the Electoral Commission are subject to the control or direction of the responsible Ministers.

- (2) Under section 10(2)( e) of the Electoral Act 2017, the NSW Electoral Commission may promote public awareness of electoral matters that are in the general public interest by means of education and information programs.

I am advised by the NSW Electoral Commission that:

- The Electoral Commissioner is aware that false information about elections circulating and gaining traction in the broader community has the capacity to negatively impact confidence in the electoral process and the results of elections. Ongoing monitoring and moderation of social media during the recent council election period was utilised by the NSW Electoral Commission to manage the impacts of disinformation and misinformation in that context.

- Learnings from the 2021 Local Government elections and the Australian Electoral Commission's recent experience of the 2022 federal election are under review, which will form the basis for the NSW Electoral Commission's social media and education strategy around disinformation and misinformation for the March 2023 election. The NSW Electoral Commission will be deploying available resources to encourage NSW voters to rely on its website and social media channels for truthful information about the election and democratic processes in the state.
- (3) I am advised by the NSW Electoral Commission that:
- The NSW Electoral Commissioner advises that the Electoral Commission has set up ongoing media and social media monitoring to better understand the extent of disinformation and misinformation as it applies to the NSW electoral landscape. The reach of this monitoring exercise and the ability of the NSW Electoral Commission to respond to all instances of the spread of disinformation or misinformation is constrained, however, by the resources that are available to it.
  - The adoption of a register similar to that published by the Australian Electoral Commission for the 2022 federal election is under consideration. A decision on whether it is appropriate or effective to implement such a register for the March 2023 election will be made after consulting with the AEC about its experience at the recent federal election.
- (4) It is noted that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters is currently inquiring into the adequacy of the funding allocation of the NSW Electoral Commission for the 2023 State General Election, and in particular, taking into account the latest advice around issues of electoral integrity arising from foreign interference in elections. The Government will carefully consider any recommendations made by the Committee.
- \* 8168 PETS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) What action has the Government taken to ensure pet owners and transport operators know they can travel with them on public transport since LA Q 5882?
  - (2) Has the Government made further changes to the Passenger Transport Regulation 2017 to improve access to public transport for pets to travel with their owner?
  - (3) What further action is planned?
  - (4) Will the Government trial relaxing requirements to help pet owners travel including to access veterinary treatment for their loved animals?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on travelling with assistance animals and pets is publicly available on the [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) website.

The Passenger Transport Regulation 2017 specifies that pets are currently allowed on light rail, bus and ferry public passenger vehicles if they are suitably confined in a box, basket or other container.

An animal that is trained to alleviate the effects of their carer's disability is allowed to travel on all public transport services in New South Wales as an assistance animal, provided the animal possesses an Assistance Animal Permit issued by Transport for NSW.

To receive an Assistance Animal Permit, the owner of the animal must provide evidence to satisfy the eligibility criteria and behavioural standards required in the application form which can be accessed on the [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info) website.

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\* 8169 AUSTRALASIAN RECYCLING LABEL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government support the evidence-based Australasian Recycling Label program that informs consumers about clear and easy-to-understand instructions on how to correctly dispose of all parts of a product's packaging?
- (2) What steps has the Government taken to encourage or require producers to use this labelling scheme?
- (3) What other strategies does the Government use to ensure consumers are informed about recycling options for all packaging?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to provide accurate recycling information on packaging and consumers to recycle correctly?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government supports the use of well recognised and evidence-based labelling to provide clear and consistent information to consumers about the correct way to dispose of packaging. The Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) program is a good example of labelling that meets these outcomes.
- (2) The NSW Government is working closely with the Australian Government and the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) to manage the impact of packaging on the environment through a national co-regulatory framework.

The ARL program is available exclusively to APCO members. Members are strongly encouraged and supported by APCO to include the ARL on all their packaging. As membership to APCO is voluntary, the NSW Government cannot mandate the use of the ARL on brand owners who are not members of APCO.

Under the co-regulatory framework, liable brand owners who are not members of APCO are regulated by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) under Part 8 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulations 2014. Under these regulations, brand owners are required to ensure consumers of their packaging are made aware of how to deal with packaging material. This includes information on how to reuse or recycle packaging materials.

- (3) The NSW Government has a number of strategies to inform and support consumers with recycling options.

There is a network of 97 community recycling centres across the State that accept household hazardous waste such as paints, oils, gas bottles, household batteries. Some centres may also accept other types of materials such as cardboard, polystyrene and soft plastic packaging.

The EPA also provides support to small and medium enterprises through the Bin Trim program. Bin Trim provides free assistance to NSW businesses to minimise waste sent to landfill, maximise recycling on site and consider more sustainable packaging solutions. Further detail about the Bin Trim program is available on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/business-government-recycling/bin-trim>

Artwork for standard recycling signs and plastic recycling symbols is available on the EPA website and can be used to promote correct use of recycling facilities such as bins at events, workplaces and at home. Further information is available here: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/business-government-recycling/standard-recycling-signs>

- (4) Under the NSW Plastics Action Plan, the NSW Government commits to strengthening product stewardship for packaging brand owners to improve the outcomes for packaging in NSW. This includes:

- leveling the playing field by strengthening requirements for brand owners who are not members of APCO, bringing obligations for non-APCO members in line with actions expected of APCO members.
- reviewing industry progress against the National Packaging Targets by 2024, with consideration to mandating targets or setting design standards to address issues (such as labelling requirements) if sufficient progress is not ade.

\* 8170 RETROFITTING SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Since 2008, how many Land and Housing Corporation social housing properties in the Sydney electorate have been retrofitted to provide:
  - (a) Ceiling and wall insulation and door seals?
  - (b) Energy efficient lighting, appliances and hot water?
  - (c) Water efficient appliances and fixtures?
- (2) How many Land and Housing Corporation social housing properties in the Sydney electorate does the Government plan to retrofit for improved sustainability:
  - (a) Over the next year?
  - (b) Over the next five years?
- (3) When does the Government expect to retrofit all social housing properties in the Sydney electorate to comply with the ‘Good Design for Social Housing’ and ‘Land and Housing Corporation Dwelling Requirements’ standards as referenced in LA Q 7562?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has not retrofitted ceiling and wall insulation or door seals at properties in the Sydney electorate since 2008, as properties located in cool climatic areas have been prioritised for these programs.
  - (b) LAHC has retrofitted over 4,200 LED lights in common areas of 32 unit complexes in the Sydney electorate since 2008. LAHC has not conducted hot water heater retrofit programs for properties in the Sydney electorate.
  - (c) LAHC has engaged Sydney Water to retrofit water efficient appliances in 252 units in the Sydney electorate in the past 18 months through its WaterFix Program.
- (2) (a) & (b) LAHC has not finalised implementation plans for sustainability retrofit programs for 2022/23.
- (3) LAHC uses the ‘LAHC Dwelling Requirements’ and ‘Good Design for Social Housing’, as its standards for new LAHC dwellings. Programs to retrofit existing LAHC properties to improve sustainability are prioritised based on funding availability, climatic zones, building age and type, type and age of existing appliances, reduction in carbon emissions, tenant utility bill savings and improvements to thermal comfort.

\* 8171 GRAFFITI CONTROL ACT REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

Noting that the Discussion Paper for the review of the Graffiti Control Act 2008 was published in 2019 and community comment closed in February 2020, what is the Government’s timetable for possible reform?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The statutory review of the Graffiti Control Act 2008 is ongoing. The Government is carefully considering all stakeholder submissions received as part of this review.

\* 8172 PAY IN FRANCHISED BUS REGIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Does failing to accurately pay transport workers constitute a breach in contract on the part of private bus operators where bus services are franchised?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW received complaints from private transport workers regarding payroll issues in regions where bus services have been franchised?
  - (a) If so, how many?
- (3) How is the Government monitoring and acting to transport workers operating buses in these regions are being accurately paid?

Answer—

I am advised:

Operators are responsible for all activities involving their employees.

Pay issues or alleged breaches of the relevant award or other industrial instrument are a matter for operators and their employees and representatives. Complaints of that nature would generally be directly allocated to the Private Bus Operator to be answered.

The contracts require operators to comply with the relevant laws. Where they consider it appropriate, either party may refer such matters to a relevant court or tribunal, in accordance with the terms of the relevant industrial instrument and other employment law.

\* 8173 RIDE SHARE HAIL FARES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How does the Government, Transport for NSW and/or the Point to Point Commissioner monitor instances of ride share vehicles illegally accepting kerbside trips or trips for cash?
- (2) How many reports of both (a) illegal kerbside pickups and (b) cash jobs have been reported in each of the past three financial years?
- (3) What is the Government doing to further manage these practices?

Answer—

I am advised:

Safety is the Point to Point Transport Commissioner's top priority. The Commissioner prosecutes a range of offences under the Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016 and Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Regulation 2017.

The Commissioner administers and enforces point to point transport law, including the safety risks posed by touting and soliciting, through a mixture of compliance and education. This includes safety campaigns to educate drivers and passengers about the law and steps they should take to improve their safety.

The Commissioner's compliance team has recently expanded with the employment of regionally based authorised officers. The Compliance Team undertakes both covert and overt compliance inspection of the point to point transport vehicles and fines or prosecutes drivers caught touting or soliciting for passenger services.

In the past three years, the Point to Point Transport Commissioner has successfully prosecuted seven individuals for touting and soliciting offences.

To further manage these practices, the Commissioner and Transport for NSW are installing smart CCTV cameras at select taxi ranks across NSW, strengthening passenger and driver safety by identifying unsafe behaviour and illegal use of taxi ranks.

\* 8174 TRANSDEV PENALTIES - ALL SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Has Transdev, the operator of Sydney's ferry network been subject to any penalties from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) as a result of not meeting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) required for all the services it is contracted to deliver?
- (2) How much has Transdev had to pay in fines to TfNSW as a result of not meeting KPI's across the ferry network?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is Commercial in Confidence.

\* 8175 TRANSDEV PENALTIES - MANLY FERRIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Has Transdev, the operator of Sydney's ferry network been subject to any penalties from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) as a result of not meeting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) required for the Manly service?
- (2) How much has Transdev had to pay in fines to TfNSW as a result of not meeting KPI's on the Manly Service?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is Commercial in Confidence.

\* 8176 WASTE MANAGEMENT IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Corrections—

What work is being done to support and extend recycling, food organics garden organics, and other waste mitigation measures in New South Wales Correctional facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) has strategies in place in correctional centres across the state to reduce landfill and support recycling. CSNSW's Waste Management Plan focuses on recycling, reuse and treatment of waste with an aim to reduce the landfill generated by correctional centres.

CSNSW Corrective Services Industries (CSI) operates business units and service industries within correctional centres, and supports the sorting of waste and educating staff and inmates on appropriate disposal.

Each correctional centre in New South Wales is equipped with paper, cardboard, and metal recycling, as well as co-mingle (plastics) and general waste facilities.

Specific initiatives include:

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- two dedicated CSI waste/recycling business units operating at South Coast and Mid North Coast Correctional Centres. A Recycling Framework currently being developed will consider the roll out of further waste/recycling business units in more correctional centres across NSW;
- worm farms at many correctional centres are used as a means to dispose food waste, producing a fertiliser by-product that is used on the grounds of those centres; and
- a new inmate meal menu has been developed and new production equipment purchased with the aim of improving food quality and efficiency of production. A trial of this new menu is underway at Mid North Coast Correctional Centre which is showing up to 70% reduction in food waste.

A number of other initiatives are being trialled, including polystyrene recycling and a food waste dehydrator system that turns food waste into a nutrient-rich fertiliser, operating at Long Bay Correctional Centre.

CSNSW also offers inmates traineeships (Certificate III) and part-qualification skill sets in waste management at five correctional centres in New South Wales.

\* 8177 BATEMANS BAY BRIDGE FEATURE LIGHTING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Were there any safety concerns that led to the decision to not install feature lighting on the new Batemans Bay Bridge?
- (2) What are the other limitations of installing feature lighting at this time?
- (3) What is the estimated financial cost of installing feature lighting now that the provision for such lighting has been installed?
- (4) What was the costs of installing the provisioning for such lighting?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to activate this lighting given the cost of installing its provisioning?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW did consider feature lighting on the Batemans Bay Bridge as part of the development of the project. After investigation, it was decided that feature lighting will not be included at this time due to various impacts, including some safety concerns relating to access and carrying out maintenance required on the system.

Transport for NSW is unable to advise costs for feature lighting, as any costs would need to go to market for quotation. However, local road lighting has been installed on the new bridge.

\* 8178 BATEMANS BAY SEA PLANES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What facilities are available as part of the new Batemans Bay Bridge and associated pontoon to accommodate the use of sea planes?
- (2) What plans are being considered to accommodate the use of sea planes in Batemans Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

\* 8179 NEW INTERCITY FLEET MODIFICATIONS COST—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Is the following evidence given under oath in budget estimates by Mr Sharp and Mr Collins regarding the costs of the proposed modifications to the Maryung or New Intercity Fleet Trains true and correct;
  - (a) Mr Sharp’s statement that “The actual physical costs [of the NIF] are something we've been working on with the unions and suppliers. We have landed a position on that. That's in the Cabinet paper. It's nowhere near \$1 billion.”
  - (b) Mr Collins’ statement that “As the secretary indicated, the figure for the infrastructure and the train modifications is a lot less than \$1 billion.”

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for Mr Sharp and Mr Collins.

\* 8180 NEW INTERCITY FLEET MODIFICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

Has the Secretary of the Department of Transport Mr Rob Sharp, the Chief Operations Officer Mr Howard Collins or any other public servant at Transport for NSW provided advice to the Minister for Industrial Relations that the cost of modifying the Maryung or New Intercity Fleet Trains, is \$1 billion or more?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations.

\* 8181 TASKFORCE REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What was the outcome of the report of the Interagency Improving the Timelines of Coronial Procedures Taskforce received by you on 7 June 2021?
  - (a) What further work, if any, has been performed by the Taskforce since 7 June 2021?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the October 2021 Progress Report on the Improving the Timeliness of Coronial Procedures Taskforce, which stated on page 20 that:

The work plan at Appendix A summarises the status of Taskforce actions. As most Taskforce initiatives are either complete or in an implementation phase, the Taskforce will cease meeting regularly in 2021, reconvening in late 2021 to assess the impact of its initiatives.

The Coronial Services Committee (CSC) will have oversight of ongoing streams of work after 2021, as well as monitoring compliance with the timeliness standards. The CSC is an interagency committee chaired by the State Coroner and includes senior representatives from coronial service providers, including NSW Police, DCJ and Forensic Medicine. The committee meets quarterly and aims to continuously improve the delivery of coronial services to deceased persons, their families, and loved ones.

Consistent with this approach, the Taskforce’s work concluded in late 2021 and the Coronial Services Committee subsequently assumed ongoing oversight of Taskforce initiatives.

As outlined in the October 2021 Progress Report on the Improving the Timeliness of Coronial Procedures Taskforce on page 4, performance improvements since the Taskforce was established included:



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- 137 fewer deceased persons transported from rural or regional New South Wales to a Forensic Medicine facility in 2020/21 compared to 2018/19
- 40% in median time from admission to postmortem examination for reduction rural and regional cases.

\* 8182 INCREASING ORGAN DONATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Considering the Government Plan 2012 entitled "Increasing Organ Donation in New South Wales", please advise:
- (a) Has the plan resulted in increased organ donation?
  - (b) Will the plan be reviewed and updated?
  - (c) What steps are currently being undertaken to increase organ donation in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
  - (b. – c.)

The Australian Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) leads a national program to increase organ and tissue donation. New South Wales is committed to the national program. More information on OTA's Strategic Plan 2021-22 to 2024-25 and its key objectives is publicly available at [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.au).

\* 8183 PROPOSED LISAROW AMBULANCE STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Considering the proposed Lisarow Ambulance Station, please advise:
- (a) Where will the station be located?
  - (b) When will construction commence?
  - (c) Will the community be consulted on the location?
  - (d) How many staff and ambulance vehicles are proposed for the station?

Answer—

(1. a – d)

On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget for NSW Ambulance to recruit 2,128 new staff and open 30 more stations, including one at Lisarow.

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage, when making decisions about future ambulance services. The new station's specific location and construction timeframes will be confirmed as planning progresses. Community engagement will be carried out as part of the planning process.

Final staffing allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations.

\* 8184 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Noting that the total number of social housing dwellings in The Entrance electorate has declined over the last 10 years, will the Government build more social and affordable housing in The Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout New South Wales, including in The Entrance electorate and on the Central Coast.

On the Central Coast, LAHC has recently delivered 41 new social housing dwellings at Beane Street, Gosford producing approximately 80 local jobs.

- \* 8185 ROUNDABOUT LOCATED AT WYONG ROAD AND BROOKE AVENUE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

I refer to your answer to LA Q6943 printed in Question and Answer Paper #138 regarding the roundabout at Wyong Road and Brooke Avenue, what is the status of the works?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is finalising its feasibility investigation for a pedestrian island in Brooke Avenue, including design options.

- \* 8186 FUNDING FOR STATE ROADS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government provide additional funds to Central Coast Council to allow Council to maintain state roads in the Council area, particularly to allow Council to better maintain vegetation on verge and medians?

Answer—

I am advised:

Additional funding was provided to Central Coast Council in 2021/2022 to help the Council remove some vegetation, noting that changes to vegetation remain Council's responsibility.

- \* 8187 RAPID BUS SERVICES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—  
What is the progress on implementing the "feasibility of introducing" rapid bus services for Metro Wollongong, as is mentioned in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has commenced preliminary investigations into improving bus services across Metro Wollongong. Preliminary investigations are expected to be completed in 2023.

- \* 8188 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ROUNDTABLE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Has the Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable, noted as Action 8, in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 been convened?

(a) If not:

(i) Why not?

(ii) On what date will it be convened?

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- (b) If so, when was it convened?
- (i) Which stakeholders and organisations were invited to attend it?
  - (ii) What was the outcome of the roundtable?
  - (iii) What actions were required from the roundtable?
  - (iv) What was the timeframe agreed for the implementation of these actions?
- (2) What is the progress on the implementation of each Objective, each Action, and each Strategy published in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable (Roundtable) has been convened and has met 3 times.
- (1) (b) The Roundtable was established in December 2021.
- (i) The Roundtable membership is as follows:
    - DPE - Land and Housing Corporation
    - DPE – Local and Regional Planning
    - DPE – Aboriginal Housing Office
    - DPE – Housing Strategy
    - Office of Local Government
    - Department of Communities and Justice
    - Department of Regional NSW
    - Wollongong City Council
    - Shellharbour City Council
    - Kiama Municipal Council
    - Shoalhaven City Council
    - Housing Trust
    - Southern Cross Community Housing
    - Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation
    - Urban Development Institute of Australia
    - Property Council
    - Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council
    - Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council
    - Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council
    - Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council
    - Crown Lands
    - Southern Youth Family Services
    - Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation

- Business Illawarra
  - (ii) The Roundtable has finalised a Terms of Reference and will meet 4 times a year on an ongoing basis. Additional meetings may be requested by members as needed.
  - (iii) The Terms of Reference identifies the Roundtable will:
    - provide a forum to discuss housing affordability and affordable and social housing options (including affordable rental housing) in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region including:
      - o shared insights/experiences
      - o recent programs/initiatives/research
      - o barriers to increasing supply
    - identify collaborative actions to support the supply of affordable and social housing.
  - (iv) Identification of actions – and associated timeframes, milestones and monitoring – will be ongoing.
- (3) The implementation of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 is guided by the Implementation Plan 2021-2026. The Implementation plan outlines the governance structure and actions for implementation. An overview is provided below:
- (a) The Coordination and Monitoring Committee (CMC) was re-established in 2021, and prioritises the actions for delivery.
  - (b) Membership of the CMC includes the Department of Planning and Environment, councils and other state agencies and follows an agreed terms of reference.
  - (c) The Department of Planning and Environment does not play a role in implementing strategies as they act as guidance for councils when undertaking strategic planning and preparing local plans (including planning proposals).
  - (d) The CMC has identified the priority in which each action under the plan is to be delivered over the 5-year period.
    - (i) Action 4 and Action 8 have been marked as completed by the CMC.
    - (ii) Action 1 and Action 3 have commenced and are completed under a staged program for delivery over the next 4 years.
    - (iii) Action(s) 2, 5, 6, 7 and 9 have not formally commenced, but are planned to be delivered over the next 4 years.
  - (e) The CMC reports on the status of each collaboration activity, however, the Department of Planning and Environment does not lead their implementation. Each collaboration activity refers to an ongoing program and their status is outlined below:
    - (i) Collaboration activities 1, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are in progress.
    - (ii) Collaboration activities 2, 3, 4, and 7 are in the process of being planned and resourced.

\* 8189 DESALINATION PLANT IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) What progress has been made on the establishing a desalination plant in Wollongong?
  - (a) Has a site selection process been completed?
    - (i) If not, what factors are delaying this process?

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- (ii) If so, when will the Government announce a decision?  
(b) What is the timeframe for the delivery of the desalination plant?

Answer—

Sydney Water is currently assessing preliminary planning options for rainfall-independent supply augmentation, system resilience and water security options. This includes how to best manage system risks associated with drought, reliability, resilience and climate change impacts.

No decisions have been made regarding the preferred water supply augmentation options at this time.

A final decision will be guided by the recommendations presented to Cabinet and in consultation with all stakeholders.

\* 8190 EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION HOURS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What are the factors that led the Minister to abandon his proposed extension of construction hours?
- (2) Which stakeholders did the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) consult in the consideration of extending construction days?
  - (a) Please list the stakeholders and a summary of their concerns.
- (3) Was Local Government NSW and individual councils consulted and what was the summary of their concerns?
- (4) Is the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development - Construction Work Days) Order 2022 now permanently rescinded?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The original Ministerial Orders were crucial to helping an industry critical to New South Wales' economic recovery get back on its feet. Since 1 April 2022, construction hours returned to being determined by a consent authority as a condition of development consent. Consent authorities are best placed to approve construction hours for each development and can allow construction on weekends when appropriate.
- (2) Over the last two years, the Department has considered feedback from a range of stakeholders including councils, peak bodies, industry representatives and the community.
  - (a) The feedback from stakeholders included noise and amenity concerns, managing compliance, and supporting economic recovery.
- (3) As part of the broader assessment of temporary COVID measures, Local Government NSW and individual councils were consulted, and concerns were raised about managing compliance and noise and amenity impacts.
- (4) Yes.

\* 8191 FLASHING LIGHTS ON SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—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) On what basis is the installation of flashing lights on school zone signs determined?
- (2) Are there prioritisations made for schools which are:
  - (a) On major roads with speed limits over 50km/hr?

- (b) On roads frequently used by large trucks and industrial vehicles?
- (3) Is there current plans or consideration for the installation of flashing lights on the school zone signs on Shellharbour Road at Kemblawarra Public School?
  - (a) If so, when will these lights be installed?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) All schools in NSW have at least one set of flashing lights. Transport for NSW uses a risk model to consider factors including speed limits over 50km/h or a road frequently used by large trucks and industrial vehicles.
- (3) Currently, Kemblawarra Public School has flashing lights on Northcliffe Drive and Illawarra Street, Port Kembla.

\* 8192 APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS—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?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to LA 7833.

\* 8193 HOSPITAL STAFF RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many of the 10,148 full time equivalent staff to be recruited to hospitals and health services over the next four years, as announced on 6 June 2022, will be allocated to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD)?
- (2) How many of the new a) nurses, b) midwives, c) doctors, d) pathologists, e) pharmacists, f) allied health professionals and g) support and ancillary staff will be allocated to Wollongong Hospital?
- (3) By what date and year will the new recruits in (1) and (2) (a)-(g) be available for service in the ISLHD?
- (4) If the Minister is unable to answer these questions, why is this the case?

Answer—

(1. – 4.)

On 6 June 2022 the Government announced that a record 10,148 full-time equivalent staff will be recruited to hospitals and health services across the State over four years.

Local health districts are responsible for ensuring adequate skilled staff are available to deliver clinical services. This includes recruitment and onboarding of workforce including but not limited to medical, nursing and allied health.

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Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

\* 8194 SPECTACLES PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) The NSW Spectacles program eligibility criteria specifies you must "have financial assets less than \$500 (if single) or \$1000 (if married/partnered or parent/guardian)". Given this constraint:
- (a) How many applications have been successful since the programs introduction?
  - (b) How many applications were successful in New South Wales during the 2020-21 financial year?
  - (c) How many applications were submitted from the Wollongong electorate during the 2020-21 financial year?
  - (d) How many applications were successful in the Wollongong electorate during the 2020-21 financial year?
  - (e) How was the amount \$500 (if single) or \$1000 (if married/partnered or parent/guardian) determined?
    - (i) What considerations were made?
  - (f) Will the Government be making considerations to change the asset limit on the program in the 2022-23 financial year?
    - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) A total of 1,961,302 vision aids have been delivered by the program since 1992.
- (b) The number of successful applications in NSW in 2020/21 was 37,329.
- (c) Data for the NSW Spectacles program is collected by local government area (LGA), not electorate. The state division of Wollongong encompasses postcodes in Wollongong LGA and one postcode in Shellharbour LGA.  
In 2020/21, 1,290 applications were received in Wollongong LGA and 421 in Shellharbour LGA.
- (d) For Wollongong LGA, 1,187 were successful, for Shellharbour 347 were successful.
- (e) The NSW Government determines the NSW Spectacles Program guidelines including the asset test.
- (f) A review of the program's eligibility criteria, including current asset limits of \$500 (if single) or \$1,000 (if married/partnered or parent/guardian), is due to commence in 2022/23. Findings of the review will inform any program eligibility changes.

\* 8195 NEW AMBULANCE RECRUITS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many of the 2,128 new recruits for NSW Ambulance will be allocated to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (ISLHD)?
- (2) How many of the new recruits will be:
  - (a) Paramedics?
  - (b) Ambulance support staff?

- (c) Nurses?
- (d) Doctors?
- (3) By what date and year will the new recruits in (1) and (2) (a)-(d) be available for service in the ISLHD?
- (4) How many paramedics will be allocated to the new Ambulance Station at Fairy Meadow?
- (5) If the Minister is not able to answer these questions, why is this the case?

Answer—

(1. – 5.)

On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget to provide NSW Ambulance with funding for 1,858 extra paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, 52 nurses and 8 doctors.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce on the basis of local health district boundaries. NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

I am advised that decisions relating to assignment of staff at the new Fairy Meadow station are still being assessed. Final allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations.

\* 8196 HYLTON-MOORE AFL CLUBHOUSE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many rooms in the Hylton-Moore AFL Clubhouse in East Gosford are currently being tested for methane gas emissions?
  - (a) When did each of those tests commence?
  - (b) When will testing be finalised?
- (2) Are the levels of methane within safe parameters to continue using the sporting facility?
- (3) Who is the person in Central Coast Council who is receiving test results?
- (4) Who will be responsible for remediation work to ensure the AFL Club can continue using their Clubhouse in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Central Coast Council has advised the EPA that there are eight rooms currently being tested for methane gas emissions.
  - (a) The EPA understands that monthly monitoring has been conducted since June 2021, and more targeted continuous monitoring within the Clubhouse since February 2022.
  - (b) Testing will be finalised when the EPA accredited site auditor determines it is no longer necessary.
- (2) The EPA understands that the Clubhouse was temporarily closed and the sporting fields remained open. On the EPA accredited site auditor's review of the most recent risk assessment, the methane levels are acceptable enough for the Clubhouse to reopen with limited use, under established risk management controls.
- (3) The Project Manager Closed Landfills at Central Coast Council receives test results.



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(4) Central Coast Council is responsible for remediation work.

\* 8197 AGEING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION FUNDING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How much funding was provided to the Ageing and Disability Commission in:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (2) How many meetings has the current Minister for Disability Services had with the Ageing and Disability Commissioner?
- (3) How many meetings did the former Minister for Disability Services, the Hon. Alister Henskens have with the Ageing and Disability Commissioner?
- (4) How many times has the Minister attended a monthly meeting of the NSW Disability Council?
- (5) How many times did the previous Minister for Disability Services, the Hon. Alister Henskens attend a monthly meeting of the NSW Disability Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) 2019-20 -\$7,867,500.
  - (b) 2020-21 -\$8,214,000 (note: this figure includes \$700,000 of additional one-off project based funding).
  - (c) 2021-22 -\$7,418,000.
- (2) My office, my Department and I regularly engage with the Ageing and Disability Commissioner.
- (3) This question should be directed to the former Minister.
- (4) My office, my Department and I regularly engage with the NSW Disability Council, including by attending council meetings.
- (5) This question should be directed to the former Minister.

\* 8198 REBATES FOR FAMILIES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Considering the 2021-22 Family Energy Rebate, how many families have applied in:
  - (a) Terrigal?
  - (b) Gosford?
  - (c) The Entrance?
  - (d) Wyong?
  - (e) Swansea?
- (2) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to people living in the electorates of:
  - (a) Terrigal?
  - (b) Gosford?

- (c) The Entrance?
  - (d) Wyong?
  - (e) Swansea?
- (2) Considering the 2021-22 Low Income Household Rebate, how many families have applied in:
- (a) Terrigal?
  - (b) Gosford?
  - (c) The Entrance?
  - (d) Wyong?
  - (e) Swansea?
- (3) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to people living in the electorates of:
- (a) Terrigal?
  - (b) Gosford?
  - (c) The Entrance?
  - (d) Wyong?
  - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

(1-4)

I am advised that the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) will publish the 2021-22 NSW Energy Social Programs Annual Report (the Report) in early 2023 on its website: [www.energy.nsw.gov.au/government-and-regulation/legislative-and-regulatory-requirements/social-programs-energy-code](http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/government-and-regulation/legislative-and-regulatory-requirements/social-programs-energy-code).

The Report will provide data on the total number of customers and total amount of rebates paid for the Family Energy Rebate and Low Income Household Rebate by State Electorate District in 2021-22.

\* 8199 KOALAS IN PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Considering the NSW Koala Strategy lists Port Stephens as one of the 19 ‘Populations for immediate investment’:
- (a) What will this ‘immediate investment’ include?
    - (i) When will it be delivered?
  - (b) Why is Port Stephens not one of the 8 regional partnerships to be established under this part of the Strategy?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Investment is already underway and will include protecting and restoring habitat and mitigating threats such as vehicle strikes and dog attacks.
- (b) The six partnerships identified in the strategy are in regions that are delivering management responses to protect koalas and where existing efforts would benefit from more coordinated and strategic delivery. The strategy notes that two more partnerships will be identified, which may cover the Port Stephens area.

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\* 8200 NEW SOUTH WALES KOALA STRATEGY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Regarding the NSW Koala Strategy:
- (a) Why is Port Stephens not included in any of the ‘10 strong holds for intensive action’ across the New South Wales?
- (b) Why is Port Stephens not included in the 31 ‘populations prioritised for filling key knowledge gaps and delivering local actions’?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The analysis to identify strongholds was informed by available data and expert elicitation. The analysis assessed a number of variables including koala population estimates, security of tenure, estimated population resilience, threats (including bushfire threat) and development pressure.
- The top ten populations identified through this analysis were classified as strongholds. Port Stephens was not one of these populations.
- (b) Port Stephens is identified as one of 19 populations for immediate investment because we have a good understanding of the population size and distribution, habitat values, and threats.
- The remaining 31 populations, prioritised to fill key knowledge gaps and deliver local actions, were identified because there are gaps in our knowledge about their population status, genetics and health.

\* 8201 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUBJECTS AVAILABLE—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—

Which Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects are taught in Fairfield Local Government Area schools across State, Catholic and Independent sectors?

Answer—

The following Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications are delivered in schools in the Fairfield Local Government Area.

Qualification ID	Qualification Name
BSB10115	Certificate I in Business
BSB20115	Certificate II in Business
CPC20211	Certificate II in Construction Pathways
CUA30313	Certificate III in Assistant Dance Teaching
CUA30415	Certificate III in Live Production and Services
FSK20113	Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
ICT10115	Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
ICT30118	Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
SIR10116	Certificate I in Retail Services
SIR30216	Certificate III in Retail
SIS20319	Certificate II in Sport Coaching

SIS20513	Certificate II in Sport Coaching
SIS30519	Certificate III in Sport Coaching
SIT10216	Certificate I in Hospitality
SIT20316	Certificate II in Hospitality
SIT20416	Certificate II in Kitchen Operations

- \* 8202 TOTAL NUMBER OF ENROLLED STUDENTS IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUBJECTS—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 are the number of total enrolled students in each of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in Fairfield Local Government Area schools across State, Catholic and Independent sectors?

Answer—

A breakdown of enrolments in Vocational Education and Training (VET) subjects in the Fairfield Local Government Areas is provided in the attached table.

- \* 8203 TEACHER RETRAINING TO BE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEACHERS—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 the Fairfield Local Government Area schools across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have re-trained to be Vocational Education and Training (VET) teachers in the following years:
- 2022?
  - 2021?
  - 2020?
  - 2019?
  - 2018?
  - 2017?
  - 2016?
  - 2015?

Answer—

The number of government school teachers from the Fairfield LGA trained between 2015 and 2022 in delivery of VET courses is below. The Department of Education does not hold data for non-government school sectors.

Year	Number of teachers retrained
2022*	7
2021	20
2020	31
2019	15
2018	20
2017	12
2016	9

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2015	12
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\* 8204 STUDENTS IN THE ARTEXPRESS EXHIBITION—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the ARTEXPRESS exhibition in the following years?
- (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2019?
  - (e) 2018?
  - (f) 2017?
  - (g) 2016?
  - (h) 2015?

Answer—

- (a) 2022 – Not yet selected
- (b) 2021 – 7 public school students, 2 non-government school students
- (c) 2020 – 7 public school students
- (d) 2019 – 11 public school students, 1 non-government school student
- (e) 2018 – 4 public school students
- (f) 2017 – 6 public school students, 1 non-government school student
- (g) 2016 – 2 public school students
- (h) 2015 – 4 public school students

\* 8205 STUDENTS IN THE INTECH EXHIBITION—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the InTech exhibition in the following years?
- (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2019?
  - (e) 2018?
  - (f) 2017?
  - (g) 2016?
  - (h) 2015?

Answer—

Final selections for the InTech exhibition are the responsibility of the Institute of Technology Education.

The NSW Education Standards Authority provides nomination data to the Institute of Technology Education but does not keep records on the final selections.

The Institute of Technology Education does not currently maintain comprehensive records of selections for previous years.

The nominees for 2022 will not be selected until completion of the 2022 HSC.

\* 8206 STUDENTS IN THE ENCORE PERFORMANCE—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the ENCORE performance in the following years?

(a) 2022?

(b) 2021?

(c) 2020?

(d) 2019?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2017?

(g) 2016?

(h) 2015?

Answer—

No students were selected for Encore between 2015 – 2022 from Fairfield LGA.

\* 8207 STUDENTS IN ONSTAGE PERFORMANCES—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the OnStage performances in the following years?

(a) 2022?

(b) 2021?

(c) 2020?

(d) 2019?

(e) 2018?

(f) 2017?

(g) 2016?

(h) 2015?

Answer—

(a) 2022 - 0

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- (b) 2021 - 0
- (c) 2020 - 0
- (d) 2019 - 0
- (e) 2018 - 0
- (f) 2017 - 0
- (g) 2016 - 0
- (h) 2015 - 6 public school students

\* 8208 STUDENTS IN THE SHAPE EXHIBITION—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the Shape exhibition in the following years?
- (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2019?
  - (e) 2018?
  - (f) 2017?
  - (g) 2016?
  - (h) 2015?

Answer—

- (a) 2022 0 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (b) 2021 1 student selected from Fairfield LGA
- (c) 2020 0 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (d) 2019 0 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (e) 2018 2 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (f) 2017 0 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (g) 2016 0 students selected from Fairfield LGA
- (h) 2015 1 student selected from Fairfield LGA

\* 8209 STUDENTS IN THE CALLBACK PERFORMANCE—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 Fairfield Local Government Area school students across State, Catholic and Independent sectors have been chosen for the Callback performance in the following years?
- (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2020?

- (d) 2019?
- (e) 2018?
- (f) 2017?
- (g) 2016?
- (h) 2015?

Answer—

- (a) 2022 – Not yet selected
- (b) 2021 - 0
- (c) 2020 - 0
- (d) 2019 - 0
- (e) 2018 - 0
- (f) 2017 - 2 public school students
- (g) 2016 - 0
- (h) 2015 - 2 public school students

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\* 8210 OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE NSW POLICE TRANSPORT COMMAND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) With regard the NSW Police Transport Command:
  - (a) How many dedicated police officers were assigned to the command as at:
    - (i) 30 June 2014?
    - (ii) 30 June 2015?
    - (iii) 30 June 2016?
    - (iv) 30 June 2017?
    - (v) 30 June 2018?
    - (vi) 30 June 2019?
    - (vii) 30 June 2020?
    - (viii) 30 June 2021?
- (2) With regard Transport Officers who commenced their responsibilities on 13 May 2013:
  - (a) How many Transport Officers were assigned to the command as at:
    - (i) 30 June 2014?
    - (ii) 30 June 2015?
    - (iii) 30 June 2016?
    - (iv) 30 June 2017?
    - (v) 30 June 2018?



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- (vi) 30 June 2019?
- (vii) 30 June 2020?
- (viii) 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The number of dedicated authorised police positions allocated to the Command as at 30 June each year:
    - (i) 481
    - (ii) 610
    - (iii) 610
    - (iv) 610
    - (v) 593
    - (vi) 595
    - (vii) 595
    - (viii) 595

\* 8211 IVANHOE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS—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 some students at Ivanhoe public school are travelling 120km per day in private transport to attend school, with fuel prices increasing, and the importance and requirement for all children to be educated, what contingency plan do you propose for those families who are struggling with the cost of driving their child/children to school when there is not an alternative?
- (2) Would the Minister consider utilising a bus, that is surplus to the needs of another Government organisation, in place of purchasing a new vehicle?
- (3) Is the school bus subsidy (per km) capped, concerning those students who are travelling long distances to attend school?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The School Drive Subsidy is available to eligible families to offset some of the costs associated with private vehicle usage by providing a fixed per kilometre rate. The rate is adjusted annually and is currently \$0.70 per kilometre for travel by car, or \$0.35 per kilometre for travel by motorcycle or boat. Payments are made for travel between the home and either a transport pick-up point where the child can join a school bus service or to the school.
- (2) Transport for NSW needs to ensure that public passenger buses are operated by accredited operators and that the buses comply with Australian Design Rules and Transport for NSW technical specifications.  

Vehicles procured by accredited operators are required to meet these standards, however vehicles owned by other agencies may not comply with Transport for NSW's operating specifications.
- (3) The School Drive Subsidy is not capped per kilometre.

\* 8212 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) How many Dine NSW and Discover NSW vouchers are currently unused in Barwon?
- (2) How many Discover NSW Vouchers have been donated to charities or community groups?
- (3) Considering not all rural towns or villages within Barwon have attractions for redeeming a Discover NSW voucher, leaving those constituents disadvantaged - especially the aged - would you consider having a combined voucher that allows the constituent to choose their preference; whether to Dine NSW or Discover NSW, thereby giving everyone a choice and supporting their local community?

Answer—

- (1) Service NSW collects data by Local Government Area. Barwon electorate is composed of the following LGA's: Bourke Shire, Brewarrina Shire, Narrabri Shire, Walgett Shire, Warrumbungle Shire, Coonamble Shire, Gilgandra Shire, Warren Shire, Bogan Shire, Lachlan Shire, Cobar Shire, Central Darling Shire, the City of Broken Hill, and Unincorporated Far West Region.
  - (a) Information about unused vouchers for the above Local Government Areas can be found on the Service NSW performance dashboard: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/performance-dashboard/covid-19-support-programs-statistics>
- (2) Service NSW does not hold this information.
- (3) This question should be redirected to the NSW Treasurer.

\* 8213 THE CURRENT BIRTHRATE PLUS SYSTEM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Considering the Birthrate Plus Maternity Staffing (BPMS) system currently counts babies as the patient of the mother, not of the midwife, will the system be reviewed and updated supporting the need for ratios as a priority?
- (2) Will the review of BPMS adopt counting newborns as patient numbers when determining reasonable workloads in postnatal wards?

Answer—

(1. - 2.)

Birthrate Plus® is an evidence-based midwifery staffing methodology which provides a framework to calculate the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) midwives required to meet the needs of women for midwifery care throughout pregnancy, labour and birth and the postnatal period for the mother and her baby.

The complexity of care for a mother and baby is a fundamental component of the staffing methodology, and mothers and babies that have higher levels of acuity or interventions during labour and birth produce higher scores in the methodology. This includes an assessment of the baby's health at birth and complications during pregnancy that mean a baby will need more care after birth.

I am advised that NSW Health is not proposing to review the existing methodology.

\* 8214 NOISE POLLUTION CAMPAIGN—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) When was the last noise pollution campaign enacted by NSW Police?

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- (a) What was the duration of the last noise pollution campaign enacted by NSW Police?
- (b) How many infringements were issued by NSW Police during their last noise pollution campaign?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Each Traffic and Highway Patrol Command across the NSW Police Force has dedicated Police Officers and proactive strategies in place to deal with noise from modified vehicles.

The NSW Police Force recently conducted Operation Trance, which specifically targeted defective and excessively noisy vehicles, as well as drink, drug, dangerous driving and anti-social behaviour. The operation was conducted using combined resources across a number of Local Government Areas, targeting car enthusiast areas with excessively noisy vehicles and referral for inspection by the Environment Protection Authority.

- (b) As these are matters that are part of routine compliance procedure across each Traffic and Highway Patrol Command data cannot be provided in relation to a noise pollution campaign.

\* 8215 EDMONDSON PARK FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Health—

- (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?

Answer—

(1. a. i. – iii.)

On 5 June 2022 the Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget for NSW Ambulance to recruit 2,128 new staff and open 30 more stations.

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage, when making decisions about future ambulance services.

NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand in the area for future decisions about ambulance coverage.

\* 8216 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Can you provide an itemised breakdown of how many students residing in the suburb of Edmondson Park are enrolled at each of the following schools:
- (a) Prestons Public School?
  - (b) Dalmeny Public School?
  - (c) Bardia Public School?
  - (d) Denham Court Public School?
  - (e) Casula Public School?
  - (f) Casula High School?
  - (g) Ingleburn High School?
  - (h) Robert Townson High School?
  - (i) Lurnea High School?
  - (j) John Edmondson High School?

Answer—

- (1) As of 23 June 2022:
- (a) There are 183 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Prestons Public School.
  - (b) There are 52 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Dalmeny Public School.
  - (c) There are 109 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Bardia Public School.
  - (d) There are 17 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Denham Court Public School.
  - (e) There are 19 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Casula Public School.
  - (f) There are 100 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Casula High School.
  - (g) There are five students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Ingleburn High School.
  - (h) There are two students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Robert Townson High School.
  - (i) There are seven students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at Lurnea High School.
  - (j) There are 36 students residing in Edmondson Park enrolled at John Edmondson High School.

Note: the new 1,000 place Edmondson Park Public School is due to open in 2023 and is currently accepting enrolments. Work is continuing on delivery of the new high school in Edmondson Park.

\* 8217 GYMNASIUM CONSTRUCTION AT MURRUMBIDGEE HIGH SCHOOL SITES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

When will the gymnasium for the Griffith and Wade sites of Murrumbidgee Regional High School be constructed?

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Answer—

Funding for Stage 2 of the Murrumbidgee Regional High School upgrade project was approved in the 2021-22 NSW Budget. Stage 2 of the project is in the early planning stage, and is expected to include a multipurpose hall at both the Griffith and Wade sites.

The project design is being finalised and procurement of key consultants is underway. Delivery of the project is subject to a construction schedule that will be confirmed by the construction contractor once the main works contract has been awarded.

- \* 8218 RECRUITMENT PROCESSES FOR INTERSTATE TEACHERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

What recruitment and accreditation processes does your department use to employ experienced and qualified interstate teachers?

Answer—

Please refer to response under LA QON 8151.

- \* 8219 COMPENSATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL WATER METERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

Will your Government compensate farmers who are compulsory required to upgrade to digital water metres?

Answer—

New South Wales' non-urban metering rules became law in 2018 and the NSW Government is fully committed to rolling out metering rules across New South Wales as this Government understands that metering protects water users' property rights and ensures we know whether water is being taken according to the rules – in turn protecting water sources from over extraction and river systems from harm.

The NSW Government has provided numerous financial programs to offset the financial impact on water users of installing metering equipment.

The NSW and Commonwealth Government have jointly committed \$18 million for a telemetry rebate program for water users who install compliant telemetry equipment. The rebate will be applied as a \$975 credit on water users' bills when they install metering equipment that connects to the NSW Government telemetry system.

The NSW Government also provides loans to meet the cost of carrying out capital works, including metering, that benefit the long-term profitability of businesses under the NSW Farm Innovation Fund.

Farmers can also access the instant asset write off scheme provided by the Commonwealth Government. Under this scheme, farmers can deduct the full purchase price of assets such as metering equipment up to \$150,000 from their taxable income.

The NSW Government is also providing \$14.6 million to upgrade the government owned meter fleet to ensure these meters comply with the metering standards.

The Commonwealth Government has also funded the roll out of metering equipment for irrigators who floodplain harvest across 50 sites in the northern basin.

- \* 8220 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN EMBEDDED NETWORKS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

(1) Is it possible for an individual residential customer in an embedded network to access a cheaper contract from an authorised retailer?

- (2) How can a residential customer in an embedded network do this when the incoming network has to a) first accept and b) install metering equipment at the customer's cost?
- (3) What actions has the Government taken to better enable residential customers in embedded networks to change providers?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not all customers in embedded networks require new metering equipment to be installed at the premises to access retail competition. Customers should consult with their embedded network operator and preferred retail provider on the necessary arrangements for their premises.
- (3) The Government has engaged in a range of reform processes to deliver improved retail competition outcomes for embedded network customers, including implementing the recommendations of the statutory review of the NSW Strata Schemes Management Act 2015.

\* 8221 DISASTER RELIEF AND SUPPORT FOR SPORT AND RECREATION CLUBS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Which individual or individuals will assess eligibility for disaster relief financial assistance?
- (2) Which individual or individuals is the decision maker on whether to approve a grant or loan?
- (3) Do sport and recreation clubs and associations need to be a) incorporated or b) have an ABN to apply for disaster relief financial assistance?
- (4) What evidence will be required by applicants concerning costs of clean up, removal of debris and/or restoring essential facilities, equipment or other assets that have been damaged or destroyed by a disaster?
- (5) When will applications for grants and loans close?
- (6) Will sport and recreation clubs and associations be eligible for Natural Disaster risk reduction grants?
- (7) What funding is allocated to the marketing and promotion of disaster relief financial assistance for sport and recreation clubs and associations?
- (8) What marketing and promotion of disaster relief financial assistance for sport and recreation clubs and associations will be undertaken in languages other than English?

Answer—

I am advised that:

There is a range of disaster assistance available to Sporting and Recreation Clubs, including recovery grants and concessional loans. Eligibility criteria and evidence requirements for the recovery grants or loans for sporting and recreation clubs are set out in the NSW Natural Disaster Assistance Guidelines 2021, available online at [www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/nsw-disaster-assistance-guidelines-dag-2021.pdf](http://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/nsw-disaster-assistance-guidelines-dag-2021.pdf).

Details of the available disaster recovery assistance may be found at [www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support](http://www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-relief-and-support).

Details of disaster risk reduction grants are available at [www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw/disaster-risk-reduction-fund](http://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw/disaster-risk-reduction-fund)

Disaster assistance programs provided by the NSW Government do not include an allocated budget for marketing and promotion. Information, including about disaster recovery support, on the Government websites is available in multiple languages to support community members who speak languages other than English, as is guidance about how to access free interpreting services via the National Translating and Interpreting Services.

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\* 8222 BACKLOG OF LEARNER DRIVER TESTS—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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is a total of 207,217 learner drivers who have held their learner licence for at least 12 months. TfNSW does not hold data on the reasons why a learn driver has held a licence for longer than 12 months and could be due to a variety of factors.
  - (2)
    - (a) 11 months - 15,326
    - (b) 10 months - 14,646
    - (c) 9 months - 13,863
    - (d) 8 months - 8,834
    - (e) 7 months - 2,264
    - (f) 6 months - 3,944.
  - (3) 60 months. Transport for NSW does not hold data on the reasons why a learner driver has not accessed a test.
- \* 8223 MERRYLANDS RMS PAYMENTS—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) In each of the last three years of operation at the Merrylands RMS office what proportion of payments were made by:
    - (a) Cash?
    - (b) Card or non-cash methods?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

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\* 8224 ORGANISATION SUPPORT PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What total base funding was provided to State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (SSODs) in:
  - (a) 2001-02?
  - (b) 2011-12?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (2) What funds were allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) in:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (3) What funds allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) remain unacquitted for:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (4) Who was the decisionmaker for each of the grants in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised that over the years, State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) have received 'base funding' under various grant programs, including the Sport Development Program, and the Organisational Support Program:

- (1)
  - (a) \$1,976,500 in base funding was awarded as State Association Grants.
  - (b) \$2,135,000 in base funding was awarded to NSW State Sporting Organisations in 2011/12.
  - (c) \$2,450,000 in base funding was awarded to NSW State Sporting Organisations in 2021/22, when including supplementary funding the total funding to SSOs in 2021/22 was \$30,840,223.

(2.- 3.) The Organisation Support Program supports NSW State Sporting Organisations and Peak Bodies by providing operational funding to develop their sport and recreation activities at all levels and to assist them achieve performance outcomes detailed in their business plans.

(4) The Organisation Support Program is approved by the Minister for Sport.

\* 8225 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES GRANTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) What grant programs applicable to regional youth received applications in:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (2) What funds were allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) in:
  - (a) 2019-20?



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- (b) 2020-21?
- (c) 2021-22?
- (3) What funds allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) remain unacquitted for:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (4) Who was the decisionmaker for each of the grants in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Regional Youth

- \* 8226 CITY DISTRICT PLANS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the status of the development of each City District Sport and Recreation Participation Strategy and Sport and Recreation Facility Plan which "Our Greater Sydney 2056" indicated would be prepared in 2018 and 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

The State Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2042, which sets out the priorities to meet the future needs of New South Wales and the establishment of the Greater Cities Commission provides the opportunity to refresh current plans.

- \* 8227 CITY DISTRICT PLANS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

What is the status of the development of each City District Sport and Recreation Participation Strategy and Sport and Recreation Facility Plan which "Our Greater Sydney 2056" indicated would be prepared in 2018 and 2019?

Answer—

I am advised, this is a matter for the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney. The matter of "Our Greater Sydney 2056" is for the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

- \* 8228 MAJOR EVENTS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Julia Finn 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 Western Sydney in 2022?
  - (a) If so, what events are they?
  - (b) If so, where will they be located?
  - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Driving continued growth in the Western Sydney visitor economy is vital to meeting the NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 target of \$65 billion in total visitor expenditure in New South Wales by 2030 and will support the Government's vision for New South Wales to be the premier visitor economy of the Asia Pacific.

Details of major events to be held in Western Sydney in 2022 that have been secured through Destination NSW follow.

Western Sydney Event Calendar 2022: 1 January – 30 June 2022

Event name	Date	Venue
ATP Cup: Group Stage and Finals	1-9 January	Ken Rosewall Arena and Qudos Bank Arena Sydney Olympic Park
Sydney Tennis Classic	9-15 January	Tennis Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
NRL Indigenous All Stars v NZ Māori	12 February	CommBank Stadium, Parramatta
Hockey Masters Invitational Event – Men's #1	25-27 February	Hockey Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
Hockey Masters Invitational Event – Men's #2	18-29 March	Hockey Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
Sydney SuperNight	4-6 March	Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek
Socceroos v Japan (FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifier)	24 March	Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Australian Track and Field Championships 2022	26 March-3 April	Athletics Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
Australian Rowing Championships 2022	28 March-3 April	Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith (cancelled due to water contamination)
World Time Attack Challenge	1-2 April	Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek
Sydney Royal Easter Show	8-19 April	Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park
Barcelona FC v A-League All Stars	25 May	Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Motorsport Australia Championships	27-29 May	Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek
State of Origin 2022, Game 1	8 June	Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Australian Little League Baseball Championships	8-13 June	Milton Park, Macquarie Fields
True Grit and 24 Hour "Enduro" Titles	25-26 June	Dargle Farm, Lower Portland

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Event	Date	Venue
HallyuPopFest	13-14 August	Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park
Duel in the Pool (Aust v USA)	20-21 August	Swimming Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
SOUND WEST	20-28 August	Parramatta
Australian Open Short Course Swimming Championships (part of Duel in the Pool)	24-27 August	Swimming Centre, Sydney Olympic Park
Valleyways	10 September	Onslow Park, Camden
FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022	22 September - 1 October	Qudos Bank Arena and Quay Centre Sydney Olympic Park
IRONMAN 70.3 Western Sydney	25 September	Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith
Sydney Super Cup - Celtic FC v Everton FC	20 November	Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park
Sydney Super Cup - Everton FC v Western Sydney Wanderers FC	23 November	CommBank Stadium, Parramatta

Destination NSW will continue to work with stakeholders to secure new events for Western Sydney to help cement the reputation of Sydney and NSW as the events capital of the Asia Pacific.

\* 8229 REGIONAL GAP YEAR—Ms Julia Finn 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 that in answer to LC QON 7981 asked by the Hon Mick Veitch MLC the Government does not know how many people have taken up a regional gap year:
  - (a) How will the Government assess whether the initiative is successful if they do not know how many participants are involved?
  - (b) Will the Government take any action to fill its knowledge gap concerning the initiative?
  - (c) What targets have been set by the Government in relation to the scheme?
  - (d) Will the initiative be extended beyond 2020-21 and 2021-22?
  - (e) How many Regional Gap Year jobs were advertised on the [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au) website?
  - (f) How many Regional Gap Year jobs were advertised in total?

Answer—

- (1) The Regional Gap Year initiative is an awareness raising campaign responding to the travel restrictions triggered by COVID-19. Its aim was to supplement the seasonal labour force in regional New South Wales communities, which had previously depended on international workers, and promote travel into regional communities by young people finishing high school.
  - (a) Although the campaign does not facilitate tracking of seasonal job applications or young people travelling for a gap year in regional New South Wales, the campaign's success has

been measured by social media engagement and web visitation. The 2021-22 social campaign reached 1.95 million people, generating 15,979 clicks through to the dedicated website with sentiment ranging from positive to neutral.

- (b) Given the removal of interstate and international border restrictions, and the return of overseas workers, the need for Government intervention has weakened. The Office for Regional Youth will undertake consultation with the Regional Youth Taskforce to further develop the role of the NSW Government in ongoing support of regional gap year experiences for regional young people.
- (c) Target metrics were not developed as this campaign was initiated during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, when social distancing measures and travel restrictions were in place. The campaign's social media engagement targeted young people aged 17-24 living in both metro and regional New South Wales as well as a broader audience of parents and communities in New South Wales.
- (d) The current web campaign will remain in place, pending the advice received from the Regional Youth Taskforce, any subsequent research required to guide appropriate services provided by the NSW Government, and responsible use of resources to this end.
- (e) The NSW Government's Regional Gap Year website is not a jobs board. It is a central point for information on taking a gap year in regional New South Wales. The site links to seasonal jobs boards for industries with opportunities for entry-level roles for young adults, in industries such as agriculture, childcare, hospitality, cleaning and construction. These jobs boards are also available for job seekers who permanently reside in the local area. As such, it is not possible to measure how many applications are from gap year travellers or other applicants. As several of these sites are proprietary to non-NSW Government entities, we do not have overall job application figures.
- (f) Jobs boards linked from the NSW Government's Regional Gap Year campaign website may be the proprietary property of a number of different private and industry entities, therefore we do not have figures that capture all seasonal job ads which appeared during the campaign period.

\* 8230 MULTI-SPORT COMMUNITY FACILITY FUND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund:
  - (a) Were outcomes advised to successful applicants in May 2022?
  - (b) If yes, what are the Applicant Organisation names, Project Titles, Project Descriptions and Grant Amounts of each successful application?
  - (c) If not, when will applicants be advised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) Successful applicants were advised of the outcomes of the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund 2021/22 in June 2022.
  - (b) Details of successful applicants have been published on the Office of Sport's website: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/multi-sport-community-facility-fund/multi-sport-community-facility-fund-2021-22-grant>
  - (c) N/A

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\* 8231 2022 UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the 2022 UCI Road World Championships -Wollongong Legacy Partnership Program (Round 4):
  - (a) Were projects approved by the UCI Local Organising Committee in May 2022?
  - (b) If yes, what are the Applicant Organisation names, Project Titles, Project Descriptions and Grant Amounts of each successful application?
  - (c) If not, when will applications be approved?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) There is no Round 4 of the UCI Road World Championship Wollongong 2022 Legacy Partnership Program. The third and final round of the program was recently completed.
  - (a) Successful projects for Round 3 of UCI Road World Championship Wollongong 2022 Legacy Partnership Program were approved by the Local Organising Committee in May 2022.
  - (b) Details of the successful applications including the organisation name, project titles, brief project description and grant amounts can be found at –  
<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/2022-uci-road-world-championships-%E2%80%93-wollongong-legacy-partnership-program>
  - (c) Not applicable.

\* 8232 MINISTERIAL MEETINGS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Who have you met since your appointment as Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney on 21 December 2021?
- (2) Since the Department of Premier and Cabinet has not published Minister's Diary Disclosures for any meetings since 31 December 2021, when will this information be publicly available?

Answer—

This information is publically available and can be found at:

<https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/publications/ministers-diary-disclosures/>

\* 8233 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 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not capture data regarding the number of maintenance issues raised during a Client Service Visit.

- (a) This question will need to be referred to the Hon. Anthony Roberts, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes. As maintenance on social housing properties is the responsibility of the NSW Land and Housing Corporation.

- \* 8234 APPLICATIONS FOR LAND TAX COVID-19 RELIEF—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

How many applications were received as at 30 June 2021 from residents within the electorate of Liverpool for Land Tax Covid-19 relief?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not collect or hold data by electorate.

- \* 8235 LAND CLAIMS UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

On what basis are some land claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act prioritised?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department considers requests for priority assessments from Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs), local government, State authorities and members of the public.

The Department is working with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and LALCs to deliver outcomes which are important to both parties. Under the Department's LALC20 project, LALCs have been invited to identify their priority claims so that these can be expedited. The project allows LALCs to prioritise the return of lands that are most important to their communities for social, economic, cultural and or spiritual reasons.

- \* 8236 FAIR TRADING COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

How many Fair Trading compliance inspections have been undertaken under the Residential Apartment Buildings (RAB) (Compliance and Enforcement) Act in the Liverpool Council area since 1 November 2020?

Answer—

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- \* 8237 PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (GENERAL) REGULATION 2021—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

(1) Will you expand the meaning of "higher use" in the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021 to include habitat and ecosystem services?

- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is currently reviewing the framework for regulating native forest biomaterial. The EPA is considering if the meaning of "higher use" needs to be expanded to consider habitat and ecosystems services, including to ensure greater alignment with the environmental rules that apply to native forestry operations, the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals and Private Native Forestry Codes.

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- \* 8238 APPLICATIONS FOR 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 1 May 2022 from residents within the electorate of Liverpool for Residential Tenancy Support payments?

Answer—

Four hundred and thirty (430) applications were received from residents in the Liverpool electorate.

- \* 8239 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORONIAL INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections—

(1) Have the recommendations from the Coronial Inquest into the death of Tane Chatfield at Tamworth Correctional Centre directed at Corrective Services NSW been adopted and implemented?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available through the Government Responses to Coronial Recommendations page of the Department of Communities and Justice website.

Please note that the status of recommendations 2 and 4 arising from the Coronial Inquest into the death of Tane Chatfield is now ‘complete.’ The information available through the Government Responses to Coronial Recommendations page of the Department of Communities and Justice website will be updated in due course.

- \* 8240 IMPROVING POLICE RESPONSE TIMES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

(1) Is the Government taking any steps or measures to improve police response times in the electorate of Liverpool?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If yes, what steps?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a)-(b)

The NSW Police Force continuously monitors response times to ensure they are meeting required benchmarks. The Liverpool City Police Area Command (PAC) has a number of local strategies in place to ensure compliance with those benchmarks. These include:

- live monitoring of calls for assistance,
- reclassifying calls for assistance as required,
- having multiple mobile supervisors in place to coordinate responses,
- employing a 24/7 Duty Officer to provide an additional layer of monitoring, and to ensure deployments are timely, and
- conducting a regular review of response agreements, crime and response trends, and other emerging issues.

\* 8241 FUNDING FOR SES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the total quantum for funding for SESNSW in the Liverpool Local Government Area for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-2019?
- (b) 2019-2020?
- (c) 2020-2021?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW State Emergency Service uses a centralised model where costs are captured at an Agency or Zone level rather at the unit level to ensure strengthened and streamlined financial governance

\* 8242 CAPITAL FUNDING FOR 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—

What is the capital funding for each school in the Liverpool electorate for the current financial year?

Answer—

Capital funding for school major works projects at Department of Education schools is outlined in the NSW 2022-23 Budget Papers.

Schools will also receive funding throughout the financial year to support minor capital works projects.

The 2022-23 Budget provides funding for the following school major works projects within the Liverpool electorate:

School Name	\$ Funding Allocation
Liverpool Boys and Girls High School Upgrade	\$2.5 million
Liverpool West Public School Upgrade	\$3.22 million
Liverpool West Public School Upgrade – Stage 2	\$9.67 million
Mainsbridge School (new school through relocation)	\$6,000
New school in the Liverpool electorate	\$34.18 million

\* 8243 AIR PURIFIERS 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 and which Department of Education schools within the state electorate of Liverpool have received requests for air purifiers to be put in place?
- (a) How many and which of these requests have been declined?

Answer—

The Government is delivering a \$100 million air quality assurance program to support ongoing improvements to air quality in New South Wales schools. The program has several components including the provision of air purifiers across New South Wales schools and the installation of permanent automatic fresh air ventilation systems to complement natural ventilation.



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The Department of Education took steps to ensure sufficient natural ventilation including a comprehensive audit of all New South Wales public schools and in seeking expert advice from building services consultants Steensen Varming. Air purifiers were provided as required with additional air purifiers made available for use at the discretion of principals as a supplementary measure to natural ventilation.

All schools within the Liverpool electorate have been issued with a supply of air purifiers.

A range of safety measures have been in place in schools including rapid antigen testing, vaccinations, physical distancing, additional servicing and cleaning of air conditioning systems, use of masks, adapting lessons to teach in smaller groups, additional hygiene supplies and enhanced cleaning.

The Department remains committed to proactively investigating and implementing measures to ensure New South Wales public schools continue to operate safely.

\* 8244 BANKSTOWN CITY PLAZA REMEDIATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

(1) Given your announcement that the Metro City and Southwest project will be opened in stages, what impact will this have on the building at Bankstown City Plaza which was destroyed by an arson attack on 17 December 2020?

- (a) When will the building be remedied?
- (b) Why is the building still cornered off almost a 1.5 years after the fire?

Answer—

I am advised:

The lessee of the fire-damaged building at Bankstown City Plaza has sought and obtained development approval for the remediation and reconstruction of the building and is undertaking improvements.

\* 8245 HAWKESBURY RIVER FERRY SERVICES—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) For the following Hawkesbury River ferry services of Portland, Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek and Sackville:

- (a) How often are ferries taken off of these waterways for maintenance?
- (b) How many ferries have been taken off of the river?
- (c) What is the cost per year of ferry maintenance for each of the following ferries:
  - (i) Portland?
  - (ii) Wiseman's?
  - (iii) Webbs Creek?
  - (iv) Sackville?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

\* 8246 CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

(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?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020–2030 is the foundation for the Government’s action on climate change mitigation. It outlines the Government’s plan to grow the economy, create jobs and reduce the cost of living through strategic emissions reduction initiatives across the economy.

Major emissions reductions initiatives under the Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020–2030 include the:

- NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, which will deliver a modern energy system for the State and unlock investment in renewable energy
- Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program, which will help reduce emissions from NSW’s industrial sector and invest in new clean technologies for the future
- NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy, which will accelerate the uptake of electric vehicles
- NSW Hydrogen Strategy, which will support the growth of a hydrogen industry
- NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, which will reduce emissions through better waste and materials management
- NSW Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program, which will support farmers and land managers across the State to access environmental markets, reduce their emissions and enhance biodiversity on their land alongside production.

- (b) The Government has a target of reducing the State’s emissions by 50 per cent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels and the State achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

- (c) Grants are available to encourage businesses and individuals to play their part in reducing the impacts of climate change across. Examples (not exhaustive) include grants available under the following Government initiatives:

- Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program
- Business Decarbonisation Program
- NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy
- Accelerating Net Zero Buildings
- NSW Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program.

- (d) The Government announced the total annual cost of its climate change policies, including total forward estimated expenditure, in the 2022–23 budget. More information is available in 2022–23 Budget Paper 2 at <https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/>.

\* 8247 HOUSING NUCLEAR SUBMARINES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to the Commonwealth Government announcement to look at three options for housing nuclear submarines:

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Commonwealth Government announced the ports of Brisbane, Newcastle and Port Kembla as options to berth part of Australia's future nuclear powered submarine fleet to supplement their homeport in Western Australia.
  - (a) At the request of the Commonwealth Government, the Government has engaged with the Department of Defence to support their assessment of a preferred port.
  - (b) The Government will work with the Department of Defence to understand their detailed considerations in selecting a preferred port.

\* 8248 FERRY MANUFACTURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With respect the new Emerald Class and River Class Ferries:
  - (a) Where were they manufactured?
  - (b) Who undertook the procurement?
  - (c) Was the procurement undertaken by the franchisee or Transport for NSW?
  - (d) What percentage of components for the ferries were manufactured in Australia?
  - (e) Have the passengers on the Circular Quay to Parramatta Ferry had to stand down off the open deck to avoid hitting their heads on overhead bridges since 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The River Class vessels were predominantly constructed in Indonesia, with final fit out and commissioning work taking place in Newcastle and Sydney. The second generation Emerald Class vessels were predominantly constructed in China, with final fit out and commissioning work taking place in Port Macquarie and Sydney.
- (b) and (c) The shipbuilder, Birdon Marine, was engaged by Transdev Sydney Ferries as part of its tender response to the Sydney Ferries operations and maintenance contract Request for Tender (RFT).  
Transport for NSW evaluated responses to this RFT process holistically in terms of the overall value for money offered for customers and taxpayers.
- (d) Around 80% of the equipment value was sourced from Australian suppliers, and around 70% of the total program engineering and procurement budget was spent with Australian suppliers.
- (e) The upper (rooftop) deck of the ferry is not open to customers for one stop between Parramatta and Rydalmere. At no point during the journey are customers at any risk of injury due to low overhead bridges.

\* 8249 NEW INTERCITY FLEET—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With respect to 2014 announcement in relation to the new inner-city fleet:
  - (a) Did any Australian company bid to tender for the manufacture of the New InterCity Fleet?
    - (i) If yes, who tendered?
  - (b) Did any overseas manufacturer offer to manufacture the new InterCity Fleet trains in Australia?
    - (i) If yes, what was their bid cost and timeframe to undertake the work?
  - (c) Did any overseas manufacturer offer to assemble the New InterCity Fleet trains in New South Wales?
    - (i) If yes, was the assembly plant subsidised by New South Wales taxpayers and at what cost?
  - (d) Was an overseas company in the final shortlist to build and assemble the New InterCity Fleet in New South Wales?
    - (i) If yes, what was the company?
  - (e) Were the original specifications for the new InterCity Fleet trains altered to accommodate people with disability?
    - (i) If yes, what were those changes?
  - (f) Have you or your department considered a separate Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and separate workforce to drive, operate and guard the new InterCity Fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. The list of tenderers is publicly available.
  - (b) to (d) Specific details of tenders are commercial-in-confidence.
  - (e) The Mariyung fleet was designed to comply with the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport. In 2018, as part of the detailed design process, Transport for NSW engaged a range of customers, including those with specific needs, such as disability groups, travellers with luggage and parents with prams to inform the final design.
  - (f) NSW Train link is seeking to renew its Enterprise Agreement with its employees through bargaining. Employees under the NSW Trainlink Enterprise Agreement will operate the new fleet along with the current NSW Trainlink fleet as part of its accreditation with the National Rail Safety Regulator.

\* 8250 MINISTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) In light of your public statements that Transport for NSW is no longer going to procure trains, buses and ferries from any overseas manufacturer:
  - (a) Will the trains for the new Western Sydney Airport Metro be manufactured in Australia?
  - (b) Will the trains for the Metro West be manufactured in Australia?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Sydney Metro is running a highly competitive tendering process to get the best value for NSW taxpayers.

The supply and delivery of the new metro trains for Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport will form part of the Stations, Systems, Trains and Maintenance contract (SSTOM). Three organisations have been shortlisted to tender for the SSTOM package and the contract is expected to be awarded towards the end of 2022.

The supply and delivery of the new metro trains for Sydney Metro West will form part of the future Trains and Signalling contract. This procurement process is yet to commence and further information will be available following the award of the contract.

The final delivery strategy for Sydney Metro West is subject to ongoing refinement, including engagement with industry and input from Government.

\* 8251 ROAD STORAGE FACILITY—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 a storage facility on the corner of Meroo Road and the Princes Highway:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of the facility?
  - (b) Has the Minister been made aware of local concerns about the recent relocation of the facility?
  - (c) Why was the facility moved from a site near no local residents to directly opposite homes?
  - (d) How much did the move cost?
  - (e) Who authorised the move?
  - (f) Will the Minister meet with concerned resident and consider moving the facility back to its previous location?
  - (g) Is the Minister aware that the facilities were not disclosed in the detailed design on either side of the highway that was presented and is currently still being presented on the flyover simulation displayed on the Berry to Bomaderry information website?
  - (h) Is the Minister aware that none of the local residents were consulted about the creation of the site?
  - (i) Is the Minister aware that Meroo Road carries many trucks that use the industrial estate in Berry and the added risk that this poses?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
  - (b) Correspondence was received from the Member in relation to the maintenance facility.
  - (c) The new location, on the eastern side of the highway, has better flood immunity, is closer to the highway and has easier access. It also provides efficient use of vacant land owned by Transport for NSW.
  - (d) There was no additional cost associated with relocating the facility.
  - (e) The move was authorised by Transport for NSW.
  - (f) I refer to the response provided in part (c) of this answer.
  - (g – h) The location of the maintenance facility was shown in the April 2015 Community Update that was distributed to adjoining properties as well as surrounding suburbs. It was also

included in the 2017 Addendum Review of Environmental Factors (REF) which was on public display before construction started. Following the release of the April 2015 update, no submissions were received regarding the revised location of the maintenance facility.

The flyover simulation was produced for illustrative purposes and was primarily designed to show the road alignment and predicted traffic volumes.

- (i) The location of the maintenance facility does not result in any additional risk to traffic using Meroo Road. Access to the facility has been designed to meet all relevant road design requirements. Section 6.1 of the 2017 Addendum REF assesses the construction, operation and traffic impacts of the maintenance facility and identified negligible traffic impacts.

\* 8252 TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With respect to the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE):
  - (a) What involvement does TAHE's board and management have in relation to negotiations over their new InterCity fleet assets?
  - (b) What are the costs to New South Wales taxpayers of this arrangement?
  - (c) Given TAHE is meant to be a profitable corporation, what are the costs to TAHE of this arrangement?
  - (d) Is the Government compensating TAHE for its financial costs?
  - (e) What are TAHE's costs with respect to the new InterCity fleet in the current year?
  - (f) What exposure has your department's budget had to these costs, including any compensation to TAHE?
  - (g) What interaction has your office or your department had with the NSW Auditor General in relation to her review of the total state sector accounts for 2021/22 with respect TAHE?
  - (h) Can the Minister provide evidence of these interactions by tabling the documents?
  - (i) What percentage and dollar increase has occurred in TAHE's staff costs in the current financial year?
  - (j) What was the FTE for TAHE in 2020/21 compared to this financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\* 8253 THIRD FLAG POLE ON THE HARBOUR BRIDGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With respect the procurement and delivery of a third flag pole on the harbour bridge:
  - (a) Whose idea was this?
  - (b) Was consideration given to replacing the State Flag with the Aboriginal flag?
  - (c) What is the anticipated cost?
  - (d) Who undertook the cost assessment?
  - (e) Will Australian steel be used when manufacturing the flag pole?
  - (f) Will the flag pole be made in Australia?

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- (g) What percentage of workers employed in the manufacture and erection of the flagpole are aboriginal people?
- (h) What is the Minister's departmental target for aboriginal employees?
- (i) Is the Minister's department meeting this target?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

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- \* 8254 SPECIALIST MEDICAL REPORTS FOR DRIVING LICENCES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Due to long wait periods to see medical specialists, will the Minister review the policy for specialist medical reports for people in rural areas, and allow them to obtain medical reports for driving licences from General Practitioners, Clinicians or Psychologists?

Answer—

I am advised:

Assessing Fitness to Drive guidelines outline the current requirements for specialist medical reports and are a nationally adopted arrangement that is incorporated into NSW legislation: clause 60(1)(c) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017.

The current approach taken by Transport for NSW is consistent with other states/territories in its application of the national arrangements.

- \* 8255 AGRICULTURE TEACHERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES HIGH SCHOOLS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) For each high school in the Murray electorate:
  - (a) How many Agriculture teachers are employed?
  - (b) How many have school based farms?
  - (c) Do the schools have additional budget to manage the farms?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Balranald High School - two Agricultural teachers are employed  
Barham High School – one Agricultural teacher is employed  
Coleambally High School – one Agricultural teacher is employed  
Coomo High School – no Agricultural teacher is employed  
Deniliquin High School – three Agricultural teachers are employed  
Finley High School – two Agricultural teachers are employed

Hay War Memorial High School - one Agricultural teacher is employed

Hillston Central School - one Agricultural teacher is employed

Leeton High School – one Agricultural teacher is employed

Murrumbidgee High School - two Agricultural teachers are employed

Tooleybuc Central High School - one Agricultural teacher is employed

Yanco Agricultural High School – five Agricultural teachers are employed.

- (b) Eight schools have school-based farms, and three schools have “Ag plots”.
- (c) Yes. Schools that have farms provide an allocation within the school budget to ensure the study of Agriculture is resourced appropriately.

Schools that have farms are also eligible for staffing in the form of a Farm Assistant allocation.

- \* 8256 WYANGALA DAM BUSINESS CASE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

When will the business case for Wyangala Dam be made public?

Answer—

Comprehensive project information for the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising project, as well as key information from the Final Business Case, will be provided as part of the Environmental Impact Statement, which will be publicly exhibited following completion of the Final Business Case. The Final Business Case for the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising project is due for completion in 2023.

- \* 8257 CANCER SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made about the level of funding for cancer services compared to community need?
- (2) What gaps have been identified?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to:
- (a) Provide additional cancer-specific counsellors?
- (b) Provide financial counsellors for people with cancer?
- (c) Increase subsidies to reduce the out-of-pocket costs to access cancer treatment?
- (d) Improving access to clinical trials for cutting-edge cancer treatments?

Answer—

The Government makes a significant investment in cancer services and will continue to do so to implement the NSW Cancer Plan 2022-2027. In 2022-23, around \$175 million will be provided to the Cancer Institute NSW to prevent and reduce the impact of cancer and to improve outcomes for people affected by cancer.

Since 2011, the Government has also invested more than \$310 million in cancer research through the Cancer Institute NSW.

The 2022-23 NSW Budget also committed an additional \$149.5 million over 4 years to expand the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS). This includes funding for increasing subsidy rates and expanding eligibility criteria. This will benefit more than 45,000 people in rural and regional NSW to access health care, including cancer treatment and non-commercial clinical trials.



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\* 8258 THERMAL BATTERIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of research showing significantly increased efficiency of thermophotovoltaic technology that could provide 50 per cent efficiency, which was demonstrated to be feasible in 2020?
- (2) What support is the Government giving to development and practical implementation of these new technologies?
- (3) What programs does the Government provide to educate the community and encourage community support of thermal batteries?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has not made any specific assessment of research into thermophotovoltaic technology.
- (2) In March 2020, the Government established the Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program to reduce emissions and support development of emerging clean technologies. Clean Technology Innovation is one of three focus areas within this program, providing up to \$195 million in direct grants and other financial measures to accelerate efforts in emerging clean technology research, development and commercialisation across New South Wales.

The development and practical demonstration of thermophotovoltaic technologies may be eligible for consideration as part of a competitive grants process.

- (3) The Government does not have any specific initiatives to educate the community and encourage community support for thermal batteries.

\* 8259 PROTECTING NATIVE HABITAT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With regard to the review of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021:
  - (a) To what extent will the definition of 'higher value use' be expanded to protect forest residue that provides habitat or ecosystem services from being burnt for power?
  - (b) As part of the review, what assessment is being made on the habitat value and carbon sink value of:
    - (i) Smaller regrowth trees?
    - (ii) Defective trees (forest residue trees not suitable for logging)?
    - (iii) Old hollow logs left on forest floors left from previous logging operations?
  - (c) What calculations are being done into greenhouse gas emissions from burning the carbon stored in these "forest residue" items?
  - (d) To what extent is the Government committed to ensuring state forests are protected for native habitat and carbon sequestration?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) The current review of the Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation) is not proposing any changes to the rules for burning of native forest biomaterials for electricity generation. The EPA is reviewing these rules separately.  
  
Habitat and ecosystems services will be considered, including to ensure the Regulation aligns with the environmental rules that apply to native forestry operations, including the

Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOAs) and Private Native Forestry Codes (PNF Codes).

- (b) Habitat protections are set out in the IFOAs and PNF Codes. Carbon sink value is outside the scope of this review, as the review is focused on clarifying the current frameworks.
- (c) This is outside the scope of the review, as the review is focused on clarifying the current frameworks.
- (d) The Government is committed to long term ecologically sustainable forest management of our state forests. There are strict rules in place via IFOAs and PNF Codes to protect native habitat and regenerate the forests, all of which sequester carbon.

\* 8260 ELECTION INTEGRITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

- (1) Noting increasing reports about misinformation, disinformation and 'fake news', what assessment has the Government made of threats to the integrity of New South Wales elections?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of research and recommendations by the independent Centre for Public Integrity?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to:
  - (a) Prevent false information during New South Wales election campaigns?
  - (b) Regulate electoral expenditure?
  - (c) Ban cash-for-access fundraising?
  - (d) Strengthen and enforce code of conduct?
  - (e) Improve gift and donation registers?
  - (f) Improve lobbying registers?
  - (g) Restrict post-separation employment of ministers?
  - (h) Regulate Government advertising?
  - (i) Require real time reporting of electoral donations?
  - (j) Regulate election advertising and marketing?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure the integrity of New South Wales elections?

Answer—

I am advised:

This Government has reformed electoral and campaign finance laws to increase integrity, transparency and accountability in New South Wales politics.

In 2014, the Government established a new Electoral Commission, with increased powers and resources to investigate breaches of electoral and campaign finance laws.

We have delivered the Electoral Act 2017 to provide a new legislative framework for parliamentary elections in New South Wales, reflecting modern electoral practices and advances in technology.

We have also delivered the Electoral Funding Act 2018, which implements recommendations for reform made by an independent expert panel, chaired by Dr Kerry Schott, and the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters.

We have also recently introduced into Parliament the Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 to give effect to the recommendations of the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' inquiry to the conduct of the 2019 General Election, as well as other matters which have been raised with the

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Government by the NSW Electoral Commission. This Bill will make amendments to the Electoral Act 2017 and the Electoral Funding Act 2018 to make further provision about the election of members of Parliament, the regulation of political donations and electoral expenditure; the public funding of election campaigns and other activities; and for other election-related purposes.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is the independent statutory officer responsible for the conduct of NSW State elections. The NSW Electoral Commission has advised:

- The Electoral Commissioner is the Chair of the Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand (ECANZ) and has been leading ECANZ's engagement with the Digital Industry Group Inc (DiGi) to develop a protocol to address the challenges of disinformation around elections and to respond effectively to allegations of breaches of NSW (and other Australian) legislation and online platform's policies that apply to electoral material in the online environment. A protocol for the recent Australian federal election was adopted by the Australian Electoral Commission and DiGi and may form the basis for similar arrangements for the State general election in March 2023.
- It will be working with Cyber Security NSW, the Australian Cyber Security Centre and NSW Police in the lead up to the State general election in March 2023 and anticipates receiving threat intelligence from those agencies, where relevant to the election. Any such threat intelligence will be shared through a special taskforce to be constituted by representatives from the Electoral Commission's cyber security team and the aforementioned state and federal agencies.
- Its collaboration with Cyber Security NSW and the Commonwealth's Electoral Integrity Assurance Taskforce in the lead up to the NSW local government elections held in December 2021 did not identify any material threats to the integrity of those elections from disinformation and misinformation.
- The Electoral Commissioner is aware that false information about elections circulating and gaining traction in the broader community has the capacity to negatively impact confidence in the electoral process and the results of elections. During the recent local government election period, ongoing monitoring and moderation of social media was utilised by the NSW Electoral Commission to manage the impacts of disinformation and misinformation.
- Learnings from the 2021 local Government elections and the Australian Electoral Commission's recent experience of the 2022 Federal election are under review. This will form the basis for the NSW Electoral Commission's social media and education strategy around disinformation and misinformation for the March 2023 election. The NSW Electoral Commission will be deploying available resources to encourage NSW voters to rely on its website and social media channels for truthful information about the election and democratic processes in the state.

\* 8261 REAL ESTATE SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What information are real estate agents required to provide buyers of new apartments about the home energy ratings under the Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS)?
- (2) Is it true that real estate agents do not have to inform buyers about the NatHERS for individual apartments?
- (3) What action will the Government take to include energy rating certificates as standard information provided to those looking to buy a new apartment?

Answer—

- (1) – (3) The NSW Government currently does not require real estate agents to provide energy rating certificates to prospective buyers of new apartments. However, the Commonwealth Government

has developed a draft national energy disclosure framework for residential properties including apartments that jurisdictions (including New South Wales) aim to implement.

\* 8262 WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Washing Machine Replacement Trial helping social housing tenants replace inefficient washing machines to boost water efficiency and reduce costs?
- (2) Why is the trial not operating in the inner city and when does the Government plan to include areas like the City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council areas?
- (3) What other action does the Government plan to improve water efficiency in social housing properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is matter for Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing.
- (3) Since April 2021, the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has arranged water efficiency upgrades at 4,685 social housing properties. Whilst LAHC does not have plans to conduct water efficiency upgrade works in 2022/23, it will continue to monitor high water usage at social housing properties to facilitate the prompt repair of water leaks.

The reduction of potable water consumption is one of the key targets of BASIX. The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) sets BASIX standards for new homes that aim to go significantly beyond the mandatory minimum and respond to local environmental and climate conditions. The AHO achieve BASIX targets through a broad range of measures including specifying water efficient fixtures and fittings, using low water-use plant species in landscaping, and rain and stormwater collection. Additionally, the AHO work with Local Authorities to take account of any local water conservation requirements they may have.

In a number of remote communities across New South Wales where there is a reliance on bore water, the AHO has also piloted the use of hydro panels that use solar power to extract clean, reliable drinking water from the air.

The AHO have also been included in LAHC led water efficiency programs which provide for the installations of water efficient fittings.

To date for FY 2021/22 Water efficiency upgrades have been completed on;

- Dubbo, Orange, Bathurst and Lithgow – 66 Aboriginal Housing properties
- Greater Sydney - 2 Aboriginal Housing properties.
- Hunter Region - 115 Aboriginal Housing properties

\* 8263 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Given the recent revelation that the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro will be delayed by a year, what impact will that have on train services west of Bankstown?
  - (a) Is the Government committed to reinstating the Liverpool/Bankstown to City Circle (via Regents Park) line by 2024 as stated in Transport for NSW's 2020 Planning for rail services west of Bankstown report?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will ensure rail services are maintained at T3 Bankstown Line stations which are not converting to Sydney Metro.

As part of the More Trains, More Services program, Transport for NSW is currently designing T3 Bankstown Line service modifications for stations west of Bankstown as part of the integration of Sydney Metro City & Southwest in 2024.

Services currently operating between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown will instead run via Regents Park and Lidcombe. A shuttle service will operate between Bankstown and Lidcombe, with Regents Park to become the main interchange point for commuters switching between the two T3 Bankstown Line branches.

Due to current capacity constraints in the City Circle, Liverpool to Sydney CBD via Regents Park services can only be implemented once the T3 Bankstown Line services via Sydenham have ceased operating.

\* 8264 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) Given the Government has allocated \$131,611,000 in the 2022-23 Budget to upgrade train stations under the Transport Access Program to make them more accessible, will the following train stations be upgraded;

(a) Chester Hill station?

(b) Villawood station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage, customer demographics, proximity to important services such as hospitals or schools, and accessibility to nearby interchanges.

While Chester Hill and Villawood stations are not currently scheduled for an accessibility upgrade, the NSW Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the NSW transport network. Accessibility upgrades in the area have recently been completed at Birrong and Ganley Vale stations.

Chester Hill and Villawood stations will continue to be considered as future projects as part of the Transport Access Program.

\* 8265 NEW RECRUIT ALLOCATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) How many of the 2,128 new recruits for New South Wales will be allocated to the South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD)?

(a) If any, by what date and year will the new recruits be serving the SWSLHD area?

Answer—

On 5 June 2022 the NSW Government announced \$1.76 billion as part of the 2022-23 Budget to provide NSW Ambulance with funding for 1,858 extra paramedics, 210 ambulance support staff, (52) nurses and 8 doctors.

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

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NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across New South Wales.

- \* 8266 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

Could the Minister advise why the Government has only spent 6.6 per cent of the funding it allocated to development of the new Bankstown Hospital in the 2021-22 Budget?

Answer—

The \$1.3 billion New Bankstown Hospital Project is currently in the planning stage. In the 2021-22 financial year, project expenditure was within estimates. Expenditure on the new Bankstown Hospital project to date consists of due diligence activities as part of the announced site selection process and early planning.

- \* 8267 HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES BUDGET—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—

Could the Minister advise why only a quarter of the funding allocated in the 2021-22 Budget towards the upgrade of Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School was spent?

Answer—

Expenditure during the planning stage of the upgrade of Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School to date is consistent with the status of a project nearing the completion of the planning phase.

Once the planning phase is complete, further project commitments are being prepared to continue the project's progress.

As with all parts of the construction sector, school projects have been impacted by COVID-19 and prolonged wet weather, meaning some funding has been carried forward.

The Department of Education is working closely with affected school communities to make sure we deliver these important projects as quickly as possible.

- \* 8268 PLANNING UPDATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—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—

Why has no planning update for the Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School upgrade been published on the School Infrastructure website since October 2020?

Answer—

The planning phase for the Birrong Girls High School and Birrong Boys High School has continued since October 2020 and is now nearing completion.

A planning update communication is being prepared to provide the community with advice of the project's status. The Department of Education anticipates that these details will be published on the School Infrastructure NSW website shortly.

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- \* 8269 SUPPLY AND UPGRADE OF SOCIAL HOUSING FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Could the Minister advise why none of the funding allocated in the 2021-22 towards new works for the supply and upgrade of social housing was spent?

Answer—

I am advised:

Financial data in respect of the 2021-22 financial year is not available until the release of the audited financial statements.

- \* 8270 REZONING HOUSING NEAR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Given the recent revelation that Transport Asset Holding Entity will be rezoning more than 50 sites near train stations in Sydney suburbs to raise funds for future development, how many sites are being proposed for sale or redevelopment near Bankstown Station?
- (2) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for redevelopment near Bankstown Station?
- (3) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for sale near Bankstown Station?
- (4) Could you advise if the section of Bankstown City Plaza adjacent to Bankstown Station, which was damaged by an arson attack in December 2020, will be refurbished or if Transport Asset Holding Entity has plans to sell or redevelop this site?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

- \* 8271 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PROJECT FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Given that no site has been selected for the new Bankstown Hospital, could the Minister provide a breakdown on how the \$10.108 million that has been expended on the project to date has been spent?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 8266.

- \* 8272 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NETWORK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the data from the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, by calendar year for the last 5 years on the number of:
  - (a) Paediatric bypass cardiac surgical cases by STAT category?
  - (b) Paediatric non-bypass cardiac surgical cases?
  - (c) Paediatric ECMO cases- Post cardiac surgery (Post cardiectomy ECMO)?
  - (d) Paediatric ECMO cases - Non-cardiac surgery related at each site (Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick (SCH) and The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW))?
  - (e) Minimally invasive Cath lab cases by cardiology:
    - (i) Diagnostic cardiac catheter studies?
    - (ii) Therapeutic cardiac catheter procedures for:

- (1) PDA, ASD, VSD, valve replacement?
  - (2) Electrophysiology?
  - (3) Others?
- (f) Weekend operating cases involving cardiac surgery?
- (g) Patients on waiting lists - including cat 1-3 and NRFC and any patients waiting but not yet listed?
- (h) Patients having cancellations of paediatric cardiac surgeries?

Answer—

The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN) is committed to delivering the same level of holistic, high quality cardiac care for all patients, no matter which hospital they present to or where they live across New South Wales.

Over the period 2017 to 2021, the average number of weekend operating cases involving cardiac surgery was just over 40. Information on the number of elective cardiothoracic procedures performed, and the number of patients waiting for cardiothoracic surgery, for the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network is available on the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) website.

While it is not ideal, procedures are occasionally postponed at short notice due to emergencies. These procedures are rescheduled as a priority for the next available opportunity.

\* 8273 HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Why have the Government's Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Upgrades not yet progressed past the planning stage?
- (2) Can the Government provide an update on the planned upgrades for Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools?
- (3) To date (22 June 2022), how much money has been spent on consultants on the planning of Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High schools?
- (4) Is the \$3.755million allocated to Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys in the 2022-2023 budget new money, or is it remaining funds from the \$5million that was not spent from the 2021-2022 budget?
- (5) What does the Government intent to spend the \$3.755million allocated in the 2022-23 Budget on at Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys high schools?
- (6) When can the students, staff, and families of the Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools' community expect to be able to use upgraded buildings and facilities that have been promised by the Government?

Answer—

- (1) Master-planning work has been undertaken for the upgrades of Randwick Boys and Girls High Schools.
- (2) The project has progressed into detailed design and contractor procurement stages since NSW Treasury approved the release of funds for the upgrades in June 2022.
- (3) Funding allocated to the upgrade project has been used to undertake extensive master-planning work in order to progress the project to the detailed design phase.
- (4) The \$3.755 million allocated to Randwick Girls and Randwick Boys High Schools in the 2022-23 budget is the estimated spend in the 2022-23 financial year.



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- (5) The \$3.755 million allocated in 2022-23 budget will be used to progress the development of the design and to procure the construction contractor.
- (6) Further information about the project and progress updates will become available on the School Infrastructure NSW website which can be viewed at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

\* 8274 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

In relation to the mental health training for Pharmacists, as at 7th June 2022 how many Pharmacists have received this training?

Answer—

The Mental Health Community Pharmacy Training Program delivered 117 training workshops to 3621 pharmacists and staff across New South Wales.

\* 8275 HIGH SPEED RAIL REPORT NSW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) When will the High Speed Rail Report NSW conducted by Andrew McNaughton be released?
  - (a) Will the report be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Professor Andrew McNaughton and the Fast Rail Panel oversaw the analysis and consultation that informed the Government's development of its vision for fast rail in New South Wales.

The Fast Rail Strategy is nearing completion and will be released shortly.

The Government's commitment to developing a blueprint for the delivery of a fast rail network is vitally important for the state and Transport for NSW is taking the time to get this right.

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

\* 8276 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—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 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS):
  - (a) How many children/adolescents are on the waiting list to be seen by the CAMHS team?
  - (b) What is the current wait time to be seen by the CAMHS team?

Answer—

(1. a. – b.)

Children and young people seeking to access services are seen according to clinical priority. New South Wales Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) apply the Mental Health Triage Policy to determine clinical priority. This policy is available on the NSW Health website:

[https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=PD2012\\_053](https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/Pages/doc.aspx?dn=PD2012_053)

\* 8277 ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the Active Kids Program, how many vouchers have been claimed in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
  - (b) Keira?
  - (c) Wollongong?
  - (d) If data is not collected by electorate, please supply data by Wollongong Local Government Area.

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) From 1 January to 30 June 2022:
- (a) 5,829 vouchers were created in Heathcote
  - (b) 8,624 vouchers were created in Keira
  - (c) 5,335 vouchers were created in Wollongong
  - (d) N/A

\* 8278 MERGED PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASSES—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) Are there any merged classes in primary schools in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
  - (b) Keira?
  - (c) Wollongong?
  - (d) If so, how many?
  - (e) If so, which schools?

Answer—

Minimal supervision or merged classes do not mean students miss out on learning. Sometimes when casual teachers are unable to be sourced at the last minute, classes are merged to ensure continuity of education for students.

Classes were merged in the Heathcote electorate on 303 instances, in the Keira electorate on 199 instances, and in the Wollongong electorate on 246 instances.

The primary schools affected in the Heathcote electorate were Bangor Public School, Bundeena Public School, Engadine Public School, Engadine West Public School, Heathcote East Public School, Heathcote Public School, Helensburgh Public School, Loftus Public School, Marton Public School, Menai Public School, Otford Public School, Scarborough Public School, Sutherland Public School, Sutherland North Public School, Waterfall Public School, Woronora River Public School, Yarrowarra Public School.

The primary schools affected in the Keira electorate were Austinmer Public School, Balgownie Public School, Bulli Public School, Coedale Public School, Corrimal East Public School, Corrimal Public School, Fairy Meadow Public School, Figtree Heights Public School, Figtree Public School, Keiraville Public School, Lindsay Park Public School, Mount Keira Public School, Mount Ousley Public School,

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Nareena Hills Public School, Pleasant Heights Public School, Russell Vale Public School, Thirroul Public School, Waniora Public School, Woonona East Public School, Woonona Public School.

The primary schools affected in the Wollongong electorate were Berkeley Public School, Berkeley West Public School, Coniston Public School, Cringila Public School, Farmborough Road Public School, Kemblawarra Public School, Lake Heights Public School, Mount Kembla Public School, Mount St Thomas Public School, Primbee Public School, Towradgi Public School, Unanderra Public School, Warrawong Public School, Windang Public School, Wollongong Public School, Wollongong West Public School.

\* 8279 TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) How many residents in the following electorates are currently using the Transport Subsidy Scheme:
  - (a) Heathcote?
  - (b) Keira?
  - (c) Wollongong?
- (2) How many of the residents in (1) require wheelchair accessible vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) Heathcote - 548.
  - (b) Keira - 1,333
  - (c) Wollongong - 1,764.
- (2)
  - (a) Heathcote - 162.
  - (b) Keira - 365.
  - (c) Wollongong - 401.

\* 8280 OLD BULLI HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to the sale of the Old Bulli Hospital site, will the community be widely consulted on the development of the site?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 7398. This matter is now best referred to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.

\* 8281 PENALTIES FOR BREACHING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

How many penalties for breaching public health orders on mask wearing on public transport have been issued this year, as at 7 June 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Police.

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\* 8282 AVERAGE WAIT TIME FOR TREATMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

What is the average wait time for treatment for patients being admitted to Wollongong Hospital from 1 January 2022 to 7 June 2022?

Answer—

Information regarding waiting times for elective surgery admissions and waiting times for

Wollongong Hospital Emergency Department is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

\* 8283 FUNDING FOR COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What is the allocation of funding to the Fairfield electorate for the Commuter Car Park Program in the 2022-2023 NSW State Budget for the planning and delivery of commuter carparks?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about funding for Transport projects is publicly available in the 2022-23 NSW State Budget papers.

\* 8284 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) What is the allocation of funding from the Transport Access Program for access, stations and interchanges in the Fairfield electorate?

(a) Which Fairfield electorate railway stations will receive funding for works?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2011, more than \$2.2 billion has been invested in the Transport Access Program to fund accessibility upgrades at stations, create better transport interchanges and build car parks.

A number of projects such as the Fairfield Transport Interchange Upgrade and Prairiewood Commuter Car Park have been funded by the Transport Access Program in the Fairfield electorate to improve access to public transport for our customers. Under the Transport Access Program, the NSW Government recently improved accessibility at the nearby Canley Vale Station by providing new lifts and better access to the station.

The NSW Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure across the NSW transport network.

Carramar, Villawood and Yennora station will continue to be considered as future projects as part of the Transport Access Program.

\* 8285 WESTERN SYDNEY FREIGHT LINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What is the timeline for the planning and construction of the future Western Sydney Freight Line that would link the Southern Sydney Freight Line near Villawood to Western Sydney, and to the main West Railway Line west of St Mary's?

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Answer—

I am advised:

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

- \* 8286 EASING SYDNEY'S CONGESTION PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) What is the allocation of funding from the Easing Sydney's Congestion program for the Fairfield electorate?

(a) Where will the location of the extended clearways be in the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

- \* 8287 FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What allocation of funding will Fairfield City Council receive from the Local Council Grants program for local road maintenance and upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

- \* 8288 CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What allocation of funding will Cumberland City Council receive from the Local Council Grants program for local road maintenance and upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

- \* 8289 EASING SYDNEY CONGESTION PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What is the allocation of funding from the Easing Sydney's Congestion program for the delivery of the Pinch Points program to remove bottlenecks on Fairfield Electorate arterial roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

- \* 8290 ACTIVE TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What is the allocation of funding from the Active Transport program to improve local connections and support active transport for the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

- \* 8291 FUNDS TO MULTICULTURAL AND MULTI-FAITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Seniors—

(1) Will any funds from the \$28 million package to support multicultural communities and multi-faith communities be allocated to community groups and faith organisations in the Fairfield electorate?

(a) If so, which community groups and faith organisations will receive funding?

Answer—

The Government proudly announced record funding for our multicultural communities which includes more funding for festivals and events, language services and community engagement.

Funding for specific community groups and faith organisations will be determined through a grants process administered by Multicultural NSW.

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- \* 8292 MENTAL HEALTH IN NEW SOUTH WALES PRISONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections—

(1) How many prisoners in New South Wales prisons have:

- (a) Mental illnesses?  
(b) Cognitive disabilities?  
(c) Drug and/or alcohol addiction?

(2) What services and facilities are available for prisoners with:

- (a) Mental illnesses?  
(b) Cognitive disabilities?  
(c) Drug and/or alcohol addiction?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (c) This data is held by the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health). Justice Health falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health. The Honourable Member should direct any questions about this data to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health.

(b) There are currently 987 inmates with confirmed cognitive disabilities.

(2) (a) There are comprehensive Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) and Justice Health screening processes in place in correctional centres in New South Wales. During the screening process, Justice

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Health conducts a mental health assessment for every inmate entering custody to identify mental health issues and facilitate referrals to specialist services where required.

CSNSW has a number of facilities specifically designed to address the needs of inmates with mental illnesses. These include:

- Mental Health Screening Unit (MHSU) - located at the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre
- Women's Mental Health Screening Unit - located at Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre.
- Mental Health Step Down Units - in addition to the MHSUs, there are mental health step-down areas for male and female inmates, on the Silverwater and the Long Bay complexes.
- Mental Health Pathway - recently created to increase the number of beds for inmates with acute and sub-acute mental health issues. Once inmates have received interventions they are placed in mainstream centres across the state and managed by local Justice Health and CSNSW staff.
- Long Bay Hospital - a correctional facility managed by CSNSW that includes a mental health ward. Forensic and scheduled patients are housed in this area.
- Acute Crisis Management Unit (ACMU) - the ACMU provides a short-term crisis intervention when the risk of a male inmate's suicide and self-harm cannot be managed locally.
- Mum Shirl Unit (MSU) - the MSU is a 19 bed purpose built high-dependency women's mental health unit, specifically designed to address criminogenic factors related to suicide/self-harm at-risk female offenders. It is directed toward providing safe and secure housing for female offenders with complex personality, developmental, psychological, and psychiatric issues.

There are also various services and programs available for inmates with mental illnesses, including:

- Risk Intervention Teams (RIT) - multidisciplinary teams consisting of CSNSW and Justice Health staff located in correctional centres that assess inmates' self-harm and suicide risk factors, develop individual safety and management plans, ensure appropriate specialist and other referrals where required, and provide continuity of crisis and case management care to inmates at risk of suicide or self-harm.
  - Psychology Services - respond to mental health acute and sub-acute referrals at each correctional centre.
  - Aboriginal Mental Health Workers - Justice Health Aboriginal mental health workers work across mental health and cultural issues. CSNSW employs Aboriginal workers across the State who may assist with cultural and mental health issues or provide links to local communities.
  - Personality and Behaviour Disorders Services - a mobile team comprising of psychologists and a Senior Assistant Superintendent which assists correctional centres in managing offenders with complex personality issues and a range of challenging behaviours.
  - Mobile Psychology Team - a team of psychologists who provide psychology services (in person or via telehealth) across the state to areas where there is a shortage of psychologists.
  - Real Understanding of Self-Help program - targets offenders with characteristics of borderline personality disorder such as recurrent self-injury, affective instability, and impulsivity.
  - CONNECT program - a developed general therapeutic program based on Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and Resilience. CONNECT is designed to meet the needs of offenders who are shorter sentenced or in rapidly changing environments (for example remand).
  - Mental Health telephone line - all inmates have access to a designated mental health information, referral, and support phone line. This service is free.
- (b) Inmates with cognitive impairment and inmates with dual diagnosis including cognitive impairment and mental illness are housed in the Additional Support Units (ASUs) for the

purposes of assessment, treatment, case and pre-release planning and access to programs. There are three ASUs located at the Metropolitan Special Programs Centre. These units are overseen by the Statewide Disability Services (SDS).

The SDS is a multidisciplinary team including psychologists, neuropsychologists and allied health staff who meet the additional support needs of inmates with disability, including cognitive impairment, and dual diagnosis including mental disorder. This team provides direct services and advice across the State. The SDS team also facilitate access requests to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for people with cognitive impairment.

- (c) CSNSW deliver a range of alcohol and other drug and addiction programs that address offender rehabilitation issues.

CSNSW has the following dedicated facilities that deliver support to inmates with drug and/or alcohol addiction:

- Compulsory Drug Treatment Correctional Centre (CDTCC) - the Courts may sentence an inmate to the CDTCC for intensive treatment for substance abuse issues. This is a diversion program that provides compulsory intensive treatment and rehabilitation of recidivist drug offenders, addressing their physical, social, and psychological/mental health needs and dynamic risk factors for drug-related offending.
- Miruma Cottage - an alternative to custodial sentences for female offenders with mental health disorders and co-existing alcohol and drug problems.

There are also various services and programs available for inmates with drug and/or alcohol addiction, including:

- Intensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program - a six to eight-month intensive treatment program for people with a higher risk of re-offending whose alcohol and other drug use have been identified to be directly linked to their offending behaviours.
- Explore, Question, Understand, Investigate, Practice, Succeed (EQUIPS) Addiction - inmates with insufficient time to complete an intensive treatment program, but whose use of illicit substances or misuse of prescribed substances links to their offending behaviour, may be eligible to participate in EQUIPS Addiction. EQUIPS Addiction is available to both remand and sentenced inmates.
- In most correctional centres, inmates can participate in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Crystal Meth support group meetings.

Justice Health deliver a range of alcohol and other drug services and programs within NSW correctional centres. Inmates may be referred to Justice Health for the management of:

- intoxication and withdrawal symptoms

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- physical and mental health problems relating to AOD problems of dependence, including provision of opioid pharmacotherapy (methadone, buprenorphine)

The Honourable Member should direct any questions about these services and programs to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health.

\* 8293 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many social housing properties in the Maitland electorate (postcodes 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2334, 2335, 2326 and 2421) are owned by the Department of Family and Community Services?
- (a) How many of these are standalone houses?
- (b) How many of these are 1-bedroom Homes?



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- (c) How many of these are 2-bedroom homes?
- (d) How many of these are 3-bedroom homes?
- (e) How many of these properties are currently vacant?
  - (i) How long has each property been vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are 1408 social housing properties in the Maitland electorate owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC).
  - (a) 1015 are standalone house
  - (b) 240 are 1 bedroom houses
  - (c) 268 are 2 bedroom houses
  - (d) 722 are 3 bedroom houses
  - (e) LAHC's social housing properties in the Maitland State Electorate are managed by Hume Community Housing, a community housing provider. Community housing providers report on vacancies as part of their regulatory reporting, which is administered by the Registrar of Community Housing. Questions about vacancies regarding community housing managed properties should be referred to the Minister for Families and Communities.

\* 8294 RENT CHOICE APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many residents living in the Maitland electorate (postcodes 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2334, 2335, 2421) are eligible for Rent Choice?
- (2) How many applications from residents living in the Maitland electorate (postcodes 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2334, 2335 and 2421) have received;
  - (a) Rent Choice Assist?
  - (b) Rent Choice Start Safely?
  - (c) Rent Choice Youth?
  - (d) Rent Choice Veterans?
- (3) How many residents living in the Maitland electorate (postcodes 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2334, 2335, 2421) have been approved for;
  - (a) Rent Choice Assist?
  - (b) Rent Choice Start Safely?
  - (c) Rent Choice Youth?
  - (d) Rent Choice Veterans?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on the number of eligible residents is not available. Eligibility for Rent Choice products is determined on application, from a range of factors including statutory income, being homeless or at risk of homelessness and capacity to sustain a tenancy in the private rental market at the end of the subsidy period.

\* 8295 SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What will the \$108,000 estimated for social housing upgrades in the 2022/23 budget be spent on?
  - (a) How many homes will be upgraded?
- (2) In the 2022/23 Budget papers for Maitland \$1,493,000 was allocated in July 2021 for the line item “Social housing – new supply” for Maitland, but the estimated expenditure to 30 June 2022 was not available. The allocation for 2022/23 is \$1,493,000. Does that mean no money was spent on the “Social Housing – New Supply” line item in the 2021/22 financial year?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) What is the address of new homes that were/are to be built under this line item?
  - (c) Have any of them been built/partially built at all?
    - (i) If so, which ones and at what stage of construction are they up to?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
- (3) In the 2022/23 Budget papers for Maitland, \$6,737,000 was allocated in July 2021 for the line item “Social Housing – New Supply (Stimulus)” for Maitland, but the estimated expenditure to 30 June 2022 was not available. The allocation for 2022/23 is \$729,000. Does that mean that less than one million dollars of the money allocated in the 2021/22 budget is due to be spent over the two years from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (a) If so, when will the rest of the \$6,008,000 be spent?
  - (b) What is the address of new homes that were/are to be built under this line item?
  - (c) Have any of them been built/partially built at all?
    - (i) If so, which ones and at what stage of construction are they up to?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The \$108,000 estimated for social housing upgrades in the 2022/23 budget is allocated to be spent on upgrades to Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) social housing properties in the Maitland State Electorate based on need and priorities.
  - (a) The number of homes to be upgraded is not yet determined.
- (2) and (a) Funds of \$540,000 were expended in the 2021/22 financial year. They were not included in the ‘Social housing – new supply’ line item for Maitland as the associated 3-dwelling Woodberry project was completed in that financial year and there were no further costs associated with the project.
  - (b) – (c) The allocation of \$1,493,000 for 2022/23 relates to the construction of four dwellings at East Maitland, with construction scheduled to commence shortly.
- (3) (a) Of the \$6,737,000 allocated for the line item “Social Housing – New Supply (Stimulus)” for Maitland, the estimated expenditure to 30 June 2022 is \$6,008,000. The allocation for 2022/23 financial year is \$729,000.
  - (b) – (c) The expenditure relates to an 18-dwelling project at East Maitland, which is in construction and scheduled for completed by September 2022.

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\* 8296 SCHOOL ZONE LINE MARKINGS—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 much money was allocated to the repair and maintenance of school zone line marking and signage for each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?
  - (c) 2020-2021?
  - (d) 2021-2022?
- (2) How much money was spent on the repair and maintenance of school zone line marking and signage for each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?
  - (c) 2020-2021?
  - (d) 2021-2022 (year to 23 June 2022)?
- (3) How much money was requested in regional Local Government Areas (as per Restart) on the repair and maintenance of school zone line marking and signage for each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?
  - (c) 2020-2021?
  - (d) 2021-2022 (year to 23 June 2022)?
- (4) How much money was granted to regional Local Government Areas (as per Restart) on the repair and maintenance of school zone line marking and signage for each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?
  - (c) 2020-2021?
  - (d) 2021-2022 (year to 23 June 2022)?
- (5) What was the average processing time from request for funding for repairs and maintenance of school zone line marking and signage to delivery?
  - (a) 2018-2019?
  - (b) 2019-2020?
  - (c) 2020-2021?
  - (d) 2021-2022 (year to 23 June 2022)?
- (6) Is damage such as potholes or other road damage caused by floods and storms in New South Wales in the early part of 2022 covered under this program?
- (7) What, if any additional money was added to this program due to the floods and storms of early 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2018, Transport for NSW has spent \$4,058,515 for repair and maintenance of school zone line markings in rural and regional New South Wales.

Signage is maintained regularly throughout its lifecycle. As signage forms part of the routine maintenance expenditure within each financial year, a specific value for signage is unavailable.

Damage such as potholes or other road damage caused by floods and storms in New South Wales in the early part of 2022 are not covered under this program.

\* 8297 NEW REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How many businesses have successfully applied for funding from the NSW Regional Job Creation fund in round 1?
  - (a) Please disaggregate by New South Wales electorate?
- (2) What is the total quantum of funding that has been allocated under the Regional Job Creation Fund Round 1?
  - (a) Please disaggregate by New South Wales electorate?
- (3) What is the maximum amount that can be granted to an individual business under the program?
- (4) What is the average amount that has been granted to individual businesses in round 1?
- (5) When will Round 2 applications be announced?
- (6) How was the program promoted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 112.
    - (a) Please see: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-job-creation-fund/regional-job-creation-fund-map>
  - (2) \$100 million was committed and more than \$88 million has been allocated to date.
    - (a) Please see: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-job-creation-fund/regional-job-creation-fund-map>
  - (3) Please refer to the published program guidelines.
  - (4) \$788,931.
  - (5) Successful projects are currently being announced.
  - (6) The program was promoted through the usual channels, and in the House by members of the NSW Parliament across all parties.
- \* 8298 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (1) What parts of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme will be upgraded as part of the Government's \$21.5 million in additional funding over 8 years as announced in the 2022/23 NSW State Budget:
    - (a) In terms of geographical location of upgrades?
    - (b) In terms of structures to be upgraded?
  - (2) When will works commence?

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- (3) What is the quantum of funding which will be spent in 2022/23?  
(4) How much money will be spent in Maitland electorate in each of the following 8 years?

Answer—

- (1) The additional \$21.5 million over the next 8 years is to supplement the existing \$39.2 million allocated from the NSW Climate Change Fund and \$14.79 million from the Hunter Catchment Contribution administered by the Hunter Local Land Services.
- (a) The combined funding will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the scheme as well as some asset refurbishment across the flood mitigation scheme in the Hunter Valley and the rehabilitation of river works sites in the upper catchment areas.
- (b) Key asset refurbishment to be funded is ongoing repair and relining of the scheme's 350 flood pipes.
- (2) The funds will be used in delivering the ongoing asset maintenance and repair works. Works will continue from July 2022.
- (3) \$1.891 million of the \$21.5 million has been allocated to 2022/23.
- (4) Based on scheme expenditure in the Maitland electorate for the past 3 years the estimated expenditure of the whole maintenance budget for the next 8 years is:

FY 2023	\$2,837,661
FY 2024	\$2,894,414
FY 2025	\$2,952,302
FY 2026	\$3,011,348
FY 2027	\$3,071,575
FY 2028	\$3,133,007
FY 2029	\$3,195,667
FY 2030	\$3,259,580.

\* 8299 SCHEDULING UNDER MENTAL HEALTH ACT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) If a member of the Maitland community is to be admitted to a New South Wales public hospital under the Mental Health Act 2007 (NSW) on the basis of a medical certificate or “Schedule 1”, and they are transported via an ambulance or by police officers, are they allowed to be taken to the Mater Hospital or must they be taken to the Maitland Hospital?
- (a) If so, why?
- (2) Does the Maitland Hospital have the same capacity to treat people with mental illnesses as the Mater Hospital in relation to:
- (a) The qualifications of medical and other staff?
- (b) The number of staff to patients?
- (c) The availability of specialised mental health professionals (eg: young people, people with cognitive or behavioural disabilities, people who are exhibiting extremely violent behaviours).
- (3) How many people in Maitland have been admitted to mental health facilities under Schedule 1 or a medical certificate under the Mental Health Act 2007 (NSW) for each of the following financial years:

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- (a) 2022 (year to 23 June 2022)?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2019?
  - (e) 2018?
  - (f) 2017?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for a person to see a psychiatrist in the Hunter region in the public hospital system?
  - (5) What is the average waiting time for a person to see a psychiatrist in the Hunter region as a private outpatient?

Answer—

(1) (a)

Yes. However, patients scheduled under the Mental Health Act 2007 requiring a hospital admission are typically transferred to the nearest declared mental health facility for initial assessment and admission. The choice of facility is also determined by NSW Ambulance in line with the NSW Patient Allocation Matrix.

(2) (a) – (c)

Yes.

(3) (a – f)

Hunter New England Local Health District is unable to provide data on the number of people in Maitland who have been scheduled from 2017 to 2022 (year to 23 June 2022) and admitted to a mental health facility.

(4 – 5)

Patients are not referred to Hunter New England Mental Health Services to see a psychiatrist. Rather, they are referred to a multidisciplinary mental health team (including psychiatry, psychology, social work, and other allied health disciplines) where their care is coordinated by a case manager. Patients are assessed and if psychiatric services are required, they are seen according to their need and acuity. The District cannot comment on wait times for private psychiatric services.

\* 8300 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) What is the full quantum of funding for the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School?
- (2) What will the \$1.73 million promised in the NSW State Budget on 21 June 2022 cover in terms of the upgrade?
- (3) When will the Gillieston Public School redevelopment be completed?

Answer—

The Government is increasing its investment in public education infrastructure, with funding for 23 new and upgraded school projects announced as part of the NSW 2022-23 Budget. This includes the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School to provide fit-for-purpose learning spaces.

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This project is in the planning phase. Further updates regarding the Gillieston Public School redevelopment will be released as the project progresses via the School Infrastructure website at [https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/g/gillieston\\_public\\_school\\_redevelopment.html](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/g/gillieston_public_school_redevelopment.html)

The estimated total cost of the project to redevelop Gillieston Public School is Commercial in Confidence. An allocation of \$1.73 million is provided in 2022-23 to progress work on the project.

\* 8301 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Considering a law removed by the Government now exempts local Government agencies from advertising council and public notices in local regional newspapers, what initiatives does the Minister suggest these regional newspapers put in place to replace the previous project income from Government advertising?
- (2) Could the Minister suggest how those without internet capability, access this important community information?

Answer—

I am advised:

Amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulation in 2020 provides councils with greater flexibility to utilise other media platforms, where this is a more effective means of communication and community engagement.

The amendments do not prevent councils from continuing to use newspapers to advertise and publish notices, where this is the most effective medium for communicating with their communities.

\* 8302 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the total value of Active Kids vouchers redeemed via Service NSW as of 18 May 2022?
  - (a) What is the total value of Active Kids vouchers that remain unspent as of 18 May 2022?

Answer—

I am advised that from 1 January to 18 May 2022:

- (1) The total value of Active Kids vouchers redeemed via Service NSW is \$50.41 million.
  - (a) The total value of vouchers that have been created but not redeemed is \$16.9 million.

\* 8303 MOTOR REGISTRY CUSTOMERS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government—

- (1) How many customers visited The Entrance Motor registry in the 2015/16 financial year?
- (2) How many customers visited The Entrance Motor registry in the 2014/15 financial year?
- (3) How many customers visited the Belmont Motor registry in the 2015/16 financial year, noting the registry closed in October 2015?
- (4) How many customers visited the Belmont Motor registry in the 2014/15 financial year?

Answer—

Service NSW does not hold data for historical Motor Registry's rather this data is held by Transport. As such, this question should be directed to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Hon. Natalie Ward MLC.

- \* 8304 COSTS OF ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What were the direct costs of the machinery of Government changes associated with the establishment of the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade on 1 April 2022?

Answer—

- (1) Information about the costs incurred to June 2022 will be published in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's annual report.

- \* 8305 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 number of staff employed in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade as at 1 June 2022:

- (a) What is the total number of staff?  
(b) What is the breakdown of positions per salary grade?  
(c) What is the breakdown of staff transferred from another Government agency or department?  
(d) How many staff were appointments external to the New South Wales Public Service?

Answer—

- (1) As at 1 June 2022, there were 397 people employed by the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

All staff appointments for the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade are made in accordance with the Government Sector Employment Act.

All relevant information relating to the Department's workforce will be provided in the appropriate annual reports.

- \* 8306 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) How many residential property transactions were there in 2019-20 and 2020-21 in the Local Government Areas of Campbelltown and Liverpool in the following price brackets:

- (a) \$800,000-\$900,000?  
(b) \$901,000-\$1,000,000?  
(c) \$1,000,001-\$1,100,000?  
(d) \$1,100,001-\$1,200,000?  
(e) \$1,200,001-\$1,300,000?  
(f) \$1,300,001-\$1,400,000?  
(g) \$1,400,001-\$1,500,000?

- (2) How many of the above transactions were first home buyers, broken down by price bracket?

Answer—

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



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- (2) Revenue NSW does not hold data on first home buyers who purchase properties valued higher than \$800,000, the current upper threshold for the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme.

\* 8307 INVESTMENT NSW BUDGET—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the reason employee expenses at Investment NSW were \$5,929,000 above the budgeted \$86,701,000 in 2021-22?
- (2) How many employees were employed at Investment NSW:
- (a) As at 1 July 2021?
- (b) As at 1 January 2022?
- (c) As at 1 June 2022?
- (3) How many staff received salary promotions in financial year 2021-22?

Answer—

- (1) The original employee budget was approximately \$86.7 million for 2021-22. During the year, Investment NSW's budget was revised and it received an increase in its employee expenses budget. As a result, the actual employee expenses for 2021-22 are expected to be less than the revised employee expenses budget.
- (2) (a) 275  
(b) 354  
(c) 367
- (3) All appointments, including promotions, are in line with the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 requirements for recruiting and appointment of employees to roles.

\* 8308 COSTS OF ESTABLISHING INVESTMENT NSW—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What were the direct costs of the machinery of Government changes associated with the establishment of Investment NSW in March 2021?

Answer—

- (1) No additional funding was provided to establish Investment NSW, which brought together groups from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Treasury and the former Department of Primary Industries and Environment.

Expertise and support services were required while the new executive agency established its own corporate support function, a framework for operating and a suite of policies and procedures. Relevant consultant engagements relating to these matters were reported in Investment NSW's 20-21 annual report.

\* 8309 ELECTIVE SURGERY FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much of the \$408 million committed to clear the elective surgery backlog will be provided to the Hunter New England Local Health District?
- (a) How much will be provided to the John Hunter Hospital?
- (b) How much will be provided to the Calvary Mater Hospital?

Answer—

On 20 June 2022 the NSW Government announced it will invest a further \$408 million in the 2022-23 Budget to fast-track elective surgeries delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic response. This funding boost takes the Government's total commitment to reducing wait times to almost \$1 billion during the course of the pandemic, in addition to the usual annual elective surgery expenditure of around \$2 billion.

The additional funding announced as part of the 2022-23 Budget will be invested across NSW Health to increase access to elective surgery and endoscopy for public patients whose procedure was temporarily delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will be provided on delivery of increased elective surgery activity, with Districts and networks able to utilise additional service capacity or work with their private partners to reduce the number of overdue elective surgeries.

\* 8310 INTERSECTION OF CITY ROAD AND ALICE STREET—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

Does Transport for NSW have any plans to improve traffic flow and congestion issues at the intersection of City Road and Alice Street, Merewether?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

\* 8311 CERTIFICATE III IN MARINE CRAFT CONSTRUCTION COURSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) What campuses currently offer the Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction course?
- (2) Why was this course discontinued in the Hunter?
- (3) What has been done with the purpose built facilities where this course was previously taught in the Hunter?
- (4) Are there any plans to reintroduce this course?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) TAFE NSW offers the Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction through the Ultimo campus and also via an on-site workplace delivery arrangement in Taree.
- (2) Delivery of marine craft constructions courses at TAFE NSW Newcastle campus ceased in 2012 due to low demand, caused by a decrease in the boat building industry between 2007 to 2012.
- (3) TAFE NSW upgraded the Newcastle campus for the delivery of Aviation related courses.
- (4) TAFE NSW has no plans to reintroduce the Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction at the Newcastle campus based on the lack of demand.

Students interested in maritime/marine subjects can study the following courses at Newcastle:

- TAFE Statement in Vessel Bulk Loading Officer
- TAFE Statement in Marine Engineering Revalidation (Engineer Officers)-Part C
- TAFE Statement in Marine Engineering Revalidation - Engineer Officers
- TAFE Statement in Marine Engineering AMSA Oral Preparation
- TAFE Statement in Marine Engineering - Experience Assessment (AMSA) Part A

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- TAFE Statement in GMDSS Revalidation
- TAFE Statement in Continued Competence Refresher
- Statement of Attainment in Proficiency in Survival Craft Other Than Fast Rescue Boats (CPSC)
- Statement of Attainment in Medical Care on Board a Vessel
- Statement of Attainment in Advanced Fire Fighting
- Diploma of Maritime Operations (Master up to 500 GT)
- Diploma of Maritime Operations (Watchkeeper Deck)
- Diploma of Maritime Operations
- Diploma of Marine Engineering
- Diploma of Marine Engineering (Engineer Class 3 Near Coastal)
- Diploma of Marine Engineering (Engineer Watch keeper)
- Advanced Diploma of Maritime Operations (Marine Engineering Class 2)
- Advanced Diploma of Maritime Operations (Marine Engineering Class 1)
- Advance Diploma of Marine Engineering (Class 1)

\* 8312 FASTER RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

What will be the reduction in travel time on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line as a result of the Government's \$500 million investment in this intercity line?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\* 8313 SKILLS FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) What was the skills budget in 2019?
  - (a) How much of that funding was provided to TAFE NSW?
  - (b) How much of that funding was provided to private providers?
- (2) What was the skills budget in 2020?
  - (a) How much of that funding was provided to TAFE NSW?
  - (b) How much of that funding was provided to private providers?
- (3) What was the skills budget in 2021?
  - (c) How much of that funding was provided to TAFE NSW?
  - (d) How much of that funding was provided to private providers?
- (4) What was the skills budget in 2022?
  - (e) How much of that funding was provided to TAFE NSW?
  - (f) How much of that funding was provided to private providers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The annual budget for the Department of Education and TAFE NSW can be found in the annual Budget Papers.

\* 8314 HOUSING PROPERTIES SOLD—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many Government properties have been sold in the Newcastle Local Government Areas since the 2019-2020 financial year?
  - (a) What is the total value of these sales?
- (2) Can the Minister provide the addresses of all properties sold in the Newcastle Local Government Area from the 2019-2020 financial year to 23 June 2022?
- (3) How much was spent on the construction of new social housing properties in the NN07 Newcastle zone in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2011?
  - (b) 2012?
  - (c) 2013?
  - (d) 2014?
  - (e) 2015?
  - (f) 2016?
  - (g) 2017?
  - (h) 2018?
  - (i) 2019?
  - (j) 2020?
  - (k) 2021?
  - (l) 2022 to 23 June 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of Government owned properties that have sold in the Newcastle Local Government Areas since the 2019-2020 financial year was 89:

Financial Year	Total number of properties sold
2019-20	45
2020-21	25
2021-22	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

- (a) The total sales value of those properties was \$45,975,212:

Financial Year	Total sales revenue (\$)
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2019-20	\$10,652,012
2020-21	\$27,368,700
2021-22	\$7,954,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,975,212</b>

- (2) There are overriding privacy and commercial obligations that prevent the addresses of properties sold by the Government being provided and published.
- (3) The total value of expenditure incurred in each financial year by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation on construction and acquisitions within the NN07 Newcastle Allocation zone was:
- (a) \$16.5 million
  - (b) \$7.4 million
  - (c) \$0.4 million
  - (d) \$3.3 million
  - (e) \$0
  - (f) \$0
  - (g) \$0.3 million
  - (h) \$4.1 million
  - (i) \$8.1 million
  - (j) \$1 million
  - (k) \$6.9 million
  - (l) Information in respect of the 2021-22 financial year will be available following release of the audited financial statements.

NB: The figures provided in answers (1) and (1)(a) are subject to rounding. Updates to sales information is dependent on the parties registering the transfer of a property dealing with NSW Land Registry Services. Consequently, sales data for financial years is subject to change over time. Information on sales data was extracted from the Government Property Register on 4 July 2022.

\* 8315 FISH CLEANING FACILITIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW explored opportunities for the installation of fish cleaning facilities at Horseshoe Beach in Newcastle?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have any plans for the installation of fish cleaning facilities at Horseshoe Beach in Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture.

\* 8316 FEE FREE TAFE POSITIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

- (1) How many students enrolled in a Fee-Free TAFE position in 2019?

- (a) How many of those students completed their training?
- (b) What was the cost of Fee-Free TAFE enrolments in 2019?
- (2) How many students enrolled in a Fee-Free TAFE position in 2020?
  - (c) How many of those students completed their training?
  - (d) What was the cost of Fee-Free TAFE enrolments in 2020?
- (3) How many students enrolled in a Fee-Free TAFE position in 2021?
  - (e) How many of those students completed their training?
  - (f) What was the cost of Fee-Free TAFE enrolments in 2021?
- (4) How many students enrolled in a Fee-Free TAFE position in 2022 to date?
  - (g) What was the cost of Fee-Free TAFE enrolments in 2022?

Answer—

- (1) In FY2019, TAFE NSW fee-free training enrolments were 28% of total enrolments. TAFE NSW's fee-free training revenue for this period was approximately \$245 million.
- (2) In FY2020, TAFE NSW fee-free training enrolments were 49% of total enrolments. TAFE NSW's fee-free training revenue for this period was approximately \$298 million.
- (3) In FY2021, TAFE NSW fee-free training enrolments were 53% of total enrolments. TAFE NSW's fee-free training revenue for this period was approximately \$426 million.
- (4) I am advised that the information in relation to FY2022 is not yet available.

With regard to completions, the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) reports official completion rate data. In 2021, NCVER reported official actual completion rate data for the 2016 commencing cohort.

I am also advised that further enrolment, completion, and course information is available in TAFE NSW's annual report, which can be found at [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report)

\* 8317 PARAMEDICS AT WENTWORTH AMBULANCE STATION (LOWER MURRAY)—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 full time equivalent (FTE) Paramedic positions are at Wentworth Ambulance Station?
- (2) How many FTE positions are currently vacant at Wentworth Ambulance Station?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.
- (2) None.

\* 8318 SECTION 430 INVESTIGATION REPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister provide a date for when the Section 430 investigation report into the activities of Murray River Energy, Moama Ethanol Plant and Murray River Council will be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The investigation is ongoing and, once finalised, a final report will be prepared.

- \* 8319 MANDATED COVID-19 VACCINATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

Will the Minister expel the NSW Rural Fire Service policy mandating all volunteers to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Along with its emergency service partners, the RFS conducted detailed COVID-19 risk assessments to ensure it could maintain its critical services to the community while also protecting the health and safety of its volunteers and staff.

After extensive consultation with volunteers, the Service introduced a mandatory vaccination policy on 14 February 2022.

Following a recent review of its risk assessment and consultation with its brigades on the policy's implementation, the RFS has determined that it is necessary to continue the mandatory requirement for all members to be fully vaccinated.

In limited cases, exemptions have been made to ensure brigades can continue to respond to emergencies. Volunteers who do not record their vaccination status will be placed in a Reserve category and only activated if an operational response cannot be carried out due to a lack of available members.

- \* 8320 REDEVELOPMENT OF CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Of the \$1 million already allocated to the redevelopment of the Canterbury Hospital, how much has been spent?
  - (a) What has this been spent on?
  - (b) How progressed is planning for the redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital?
- (2) What funding in the 2022/23 Budget has been allocated to the redevelopment of the Canterbury Hospital?
- (3) Of the estimated expenditure to date (23 June 2022) on a new Bankstown Hospital, what has the \$10,108,000 appearing in the budget been spent on?
  - (a) How much of the \$10,108,000 has been allocated to third-party consultants?
- (4) What is the proposed timeline to complete work on a new Bankstown Hospital as promised in 2019?

Answer—

(1 – 2)

\$980,000 has been allocated to undertake Stage 0 planning of the NSW Health Facility Planning Process, with expenditure to date being \$198,113. Activities which form part of the Stage 0 process include:

- clinical services planning by Sydney Local Health District to articulate the future service needs of the Canterbury community
- consultation and engagement with key clinicians to identify priorities for a proposed hospital redevelopment
- development of capital development options and assessment of existing infrastructure

- preparation of the Capital Investment Proposal for consideration through the NSW Health state-wide Investment and Prioritisation Framework.

(3)

I refer the Member to my answer to LA 8271.

(4)

The New Bankstown Hospital project is currently in the planning stage. Timelines for project completion will be confirmed as planning progresses.

\* 8321 WAIT TIMES FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Health—

What is the average wait time for elective surgery over 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 at the Canterbury Hospital and Bankstown Hospital?

Answer—

Elective surgery data, including wait times from 2019 onward, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

\* 8322 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME RETURN POINTS AT ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

(1) Can you confirm the number and type of container deposit scheme return points for the City of Orange?

(2) Could you advise if the number of return points at Orange has reduced in number during the course of the program?

(a) If so, why?

(3) Will consideration be given to additional return points at Orange to reduce congestion of the service?

Answer—

(1) There is one Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machine.

(2) (a) The Reverse Vending Machine-at Flipout Orange, located at 30-44 Edward Street, closed in early May 2022 at the request of the landowner.

(3) Yes.

\* 8323 FIREFIGHTER PLACEMENTS IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) Having regard to the 2022/23 budget, will any of the announced additional 200 firefighters be placed in any of the fire stations located within the Orange electorate?

(a) If so, which stations?

(b) How many firefighters will be located at each of these locations?

Answer—

I am advised that:

This question should be addressed to the Hon James Griffin MP in his capacity as the Minister for Environment and Heritage.



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\* 8324 FEMALE FIREFIGHTER AMENITIES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Having regard to the 2022/23 budget, will any of the fire stations located in the Orange electorate, and their female firefighters, benefit from installation of female amenities?
  - (a) If so, which stations will be upgraded?
  - (b) When will these upgrades be commenced?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) was allocated \$50 million over 10 years to upgrade female amenities within fire stations as part of the 2022/23 budget.

FRNSW is currently assessing the priority of fire stations based on the condition of facilities and the current distribution of female firefighters. Priority projects will be scoped to determine both the extent of works and the costs involved. Works are estimated to commence on the identified projects in November 2022.

\* 8325 GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REGISTER—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Premier—

What is the expenditure in 2021/22 budgeted for the NSW Government Boards and Committees Register?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information in relation to 2021-22 expenditure can be found in the Budget papers and department and agency annual reports, due to be tabled, in the ordinary way, later this year.

\* 8326 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

What is the expenditure in 2021/22 budgeted for the Youth programs within the Stronger Country Communities Fund?

Answer—

I am advised:

Round Three of the \$100 million Stronger Country Communities Fund dedicated more than half of the total funding for youth related projects.

Round Four of the \$100 million Stronger Country Communities Fund set aside \$50 million for projects that supported female participation in sport. Six projects, totalling \$757,077, were classified as 'regional youth programs' under Round Four.

\* 8327 HER SPORT HER WAY GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the expenditure in 2021/22 budgeted for the Youth programs within the Her Sport Her Way Program?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Her Sport Her Way grant program aims to assist eligible NSW State Sporting Organisations to develop and deliver new initiatives to increase participation of women and girls in sport.

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For 2021/22, the key objectives of the program are to increase the number of women and girls playing sport and improve the retention of adolescent girls, increase the number of women in leadership positions both on and off the field and improve gender inclusive sporting cultures and environments. \$650,000 was approved for the Her Sport Her Way grant program in 2021/22.

\* 8328 SPEED ZONES IN INNER WEST—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) Why has Transport for NSW not yet lowered the speed limits of any local road in the Inner West Local Government Area to 40 km/hr since initially providing in-principle support for doing so?
- (2) What has been the delay?
- (3) What is the timeline by which Transport for NSW plans to implement 40 km/hr speed limits as per the in-principle support provided for Inner West Council's Inner West @40 Integrated Transport Policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working with Inner West Council to develop a staged plan to deliver reduced speeds on Inner West roads and will continue to do so.

\* 8329 ACTIVE TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) What was the exact amount spent on active transport in 2021-2022?
- (2) How much was spent on constructing new bike paths?
- (3) How much was spent on building new footpaths?
- (4) How much was spent on planning for transport corridors?
- (5) What was every project funded in 2021-2022 on active transport, including the amount spent?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to encouraging people to walk and cycle as part of their everyday travel. We recognise that not only does it help relieve pressure on our roads and public transport system, but also offers walking and cycling as a healthy, active travel option for everyday trips.

The NSW Government's total investment from 2015 to 2026 in Active Transport is around \$1.5 billion - the largest commitment in the State's history.

Transport for NSW awarded 32 active transport projects in 2021-22, including Stage Two of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link, completion of additional sections of the Alfred Street Cycleway at Parramatta, and construction of new shared pathways in Newcastle and Parkes.

Since 2015, the NSW Government has spent more than \$550 million on the delivery of active transport corridors, this includes cycleways, footpaths along corridors and bike parking facilities at transport interchanges.

\* 8330 HABERFIELD ASSOCIATION MEETING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Noting your answer to LA Q8042, who did Heritage NSW make contact with at the Haberfield Association in regards to listing the entire suburb of Haberfield on the State Heritage Register?

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- (2) What was the nature of the contact?

Answer—

- (1) Mr Vincent Crow OAM, President of the Haberfield Association.
- (2) Heritage NSW responded to Mr Crow's email to the Chair of the Heritage Council of NSW, Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM, asking if a nomination had been submitted and indicative timeframes for its consideration, if received. Heritage NSW advised that a nomination had been received, that Inner West Council had been invited to present to the State Heritage Register Committee, and that this was in the process of being arranged.

- \* 8331 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE REPAIRS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) What is the status of the repairs on the twelve Urbos 3 light rail vehicles discovered to have been cracked during service on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (2) When will works be completed?
- (3) When will these vehicles return to the Inner West Light Rail for service?

Answer—

I am advised:

Repairs are currently underway with all 12 light rail vehicles expected to return to service by November 2022.

- \* 8332 NEW INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) When will the additional new light rail vehicles ordered by the Government be put into service on the Inner West Light Rail?
- (2) What assurance has been provided that these vehicles will not crack as was the case with the previous 12 vehicles purchased from the same overseas manufacturer?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW expects that all of the four new light rail vehicles will be in service by mid-2023.

The four new vehicles have a different body structure design and construction method compared to the existing 12 light rail vehicles. Changes incorporated into the new design have increased the load capacity of the areas which cracked on the previous 12 vehicles. Engineering calculations have been completed by the Supplier, demonstrating compliance of the new vehicles with all relevant standards.

- \* 8333 PARRAMATTA TO OPERA HOUSE WALK—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) What is the exact amount of funding allocated for the delivery of the Parramatta to Opera House Walk in the 2022-2023 State Budget?
- (2) What will this funding deliver?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to Paper No.2 of the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

\* 8334 PLASTIC BAG BAN—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What specific support is the Government providing to small business owners regarding compliance with the single use plastic bag ban that came into effect on 1 June?
- (2) What specific support is being provided to small business owners regarding compliance with the ban in languages other than English?

Answer—

(1-2)

The Government is supporting businesses across New South Wales to phase-out single-use plastics.

In addition to information and advice provided by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) the Government has engaged the National Retail Association (NRA) to deliver a comprehensive retailer education campaign that has a strong focus on small businesses and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The campaign includes face-to-face visits with retailers across 650 retail precincts in regional and metro New South Wales, a national support hotline to offer businesses, community organisations and consumers' advice, monthly webinars and community sessions. Guidance material has been translated in 15 languages.

\* 8335 BUILDING PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) On how many occasions have individuals sought to utilise Schedule 2 Part 1 Section 3 of the Design and Building Practitioners Regulation 2021 that sets out that equivalent experience can be proved in order to complete registration?
- (2) How many have been approved under Schedule 2 Part 1 Section 3?
- (3) What is the process by which applicants apply to exercise this provision?

Answer—

- (1) As there is no legislative requirement to report at the level of detail sought in this question, the Department of Customer Service does not record this information.
- (2) As there is no legislative requirement to report at the level of detail sought in this question, the Department of Customer Service does not record this information.
- (3) An applicant applies online for registration. Information provided by an applicant is then assessed to determine the applicant's qualifications, skills, and experience.

\* 8336 SYDNEY METRO SOUTH WEST PUBLIC DOMAIN WORKS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) What support is the Government providing to councils along the T3 Bankstown Line to undertake public domain works associated with the conversion of the line for the Sydney Metro South-West project?
- (2) What financial support is being provided?
- (3) Are councils required to fund the public domain works?

Answer—

I am advised:

A range of public domain upgrades around stations are being completed as part of the Sydney Metro upgrade of the T3 Bankstown Line.

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These include a new north-south cross corridor plaza connection at Bankstown to align with City of Canterbury Bankstown's plans to enhance public open space with a new open-air plaza at the entrance of Campsie Station. The precinct upgrade will repurpose existing heritage structures with new plants and landscaping around stations, lighting improvements and new public art.

Sydney Metro continues to engage with local Councils regarding the design and delivery of public domain upgrades.

Further information is publicly available in the Bankstown Station Design and Precinct Plan.

\* 8337 BURWOOD COUNCIL'S DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What is the timeframe for a response to Burwood Council's Draft Plan of Management submitted in March 2022 for construction of the Burwood Park Nature Play, Sensory Garden and Pond Upgrade as part of the Public Spaces Legacy Program grant from the Department of Planning and Environment?
- (2) Has the review of Plans of Management taken into consideration the crucial but lengthy processes that must be followed after Plans are approved and before construction can begin?
- (3) Have these processes and the length of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Crown Lands review process been factored into the required project completion date of May 2023?
- (4) Is consideration being given to alternative arrangements that can ameliorate the length of the review process, given the May 2023 deadline?
  - (a) If so, could you please provide details of what they are?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for Council. Further information is publicly available at <https://participate.burwood.nsw.gov.au/burwood-park-draft-plan-management-public-exhibition>
- (2) I am advised that Council has considered this as part of their own timeframes.
- (3) The Department approved Council's request to extend the project deadline to June 2023.
- (4) If a further extension to the deadline is required, Council can submit a formal variation to the Department for consideration in line with the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program's established governance process.

\* 8338 LANDSLIDE REPAIR—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering the landslide at Tapley Road, Mount Elliot, has Central Coast Council applied for any funding to repair the slip and road embankment?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to Central Coast Council.

\* 8339 BURNS ROAD—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) Considering traffic flow at the Ourimbah interchange of the Pacific Motorway and its connection to Burns Road:

- (a) What work has been undertaken to provide a flood free transit of Burns Road?
- (b) What assistance has been provided to Council to manage Burns Road?
- (c) What work has been done to provide alternate routes to traffic currently using Burns Road?
- (d) What work has been done to widen the bridge at Chittaway Road and Pacific Highway?
- (e) What work has been done to provide another bridge over the north line at Ourimbah?

Answer—

I am advised:

Burns Road and Chittaway Road are under the care and control of Central Coast Council.

Central Coast Council receives funding from a range of State and Commonwealth government grants in maintaining its roads.

Transport for NSW is currently investigating ways to improve traffic flow at the Ourimbah interchange and address the current queuing on the northbound off-ramp at the interchange.

\* 8340 LOCAL ROADS GRANTS—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 approximately \$28million allocated to Central Coast Council as a Local Roads Grant:
  - (a) Has the money been provided to Council?
    - (i) If yes, when did this occur?
  - (b) What projects will be funded by the grant?
    - (i) How were these chosen?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is not aware of any funding worth approximately \$28 million allocated to the Central Coast Council as a Local Roads Grant.

\* 8341 INTERSECTION OF CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY AND TUMBI ROAD 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—

- (1) In relation to the proposed upgrade of the intersection of Central Coast Highway and Tumby Road:
  - (a) Has the \$51 million contribution from the Commonwealth been allocated to the project?
    - (i) If not, when is the contribution expected?
  - (b) When will preconstruction works commence?
  - (c) When is construction expected to commence?
  - (d) When is the work expected to be finished?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government has committed \$51.2 million towards the construction of the Central Coast Highway and Tumby Road intersection.

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A submission is currently being prepared to the Commonwealth Government for formal release of its contribution to the construction of the project.

Commencement for construction of the project is subject to funding approval by the Commonwealth.

\* 8342 **SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**—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) Considering the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and Narara:
- (a) Are there sufficient and safe pedestrian crossings along the route?
  - (b) Will more pedestrian crossing points be provided?
  - (c) Will the existing pedestrian crossing points be reviewed and upgraded if necessary?
  - (d) Will a pedestrian crossing be provided in the vicinity of Newling Street to provide safe crossing for students of Narara Valley Public School?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is constantly monitoring for ways to improve pedestrian and road user safety across the state.

Transport for NSW is investigating pedestrian improvements on the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and Narara.

\* 8343 **BLUE LAGOON BEACH RESORT**—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) In relation to lot 292 DP 755263 currently occupied by Blue Lagoon Beach Resort:
- (a) Is there any requirement on the lease holder to fence the boundary of the site?
  - (b) Is there any requirement on the lease holder to construct fireproof fencing on the side of the site facing bushland?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Blue Lagoon Beach Resort holds the current Crown lease 591940.

Under the terms and conditions of lease 591940:

- (a) The current lease does not outline any requirements on the lease holder to fence the boundary of the site.
- (b) While the lease does not include specific requirements for construction of fireproof fencing on the site, Clause 6.18 (Outbreak of Fire) of the lease, requires the lease holder to comply with the Rural Fires Act 1997 and its regulations.

\* 8344 **CROWN LAND RESERVE**—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) In relation to Crown Reserve 91241 on Lot 389 DP755263 managed by Central Coast Council;
- (a) Does Council report to Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Lands on the management of the reserve?
  - (b) Has Council satisfied its obligations under management of the land?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Central Coast Council has responsibility for the control of Reserve 91241 under section 48 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- There are no requirements for Council to report to Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Lands on the management of the reserve.
- The Department does not monitor Council's management obligations for land under its control.

\* 8345 JOHN LYNG GROUP ENGAGEMENT IN RECOVERY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

What are the terms of engagement and scope of engagement for the Johns Lyng Group vis-à-vis the Northern Rivers region's recovery from disaster?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Government, through Public Works, engaged the Johns Lyng Group under a GC21 Managing Contractor Contract to deliver the Flood Property Assessment Program and other disaster recovery support in all local government areas disaster declared following the February-March 2022 floods.

Further questions should be directed to the Department of Regional NSW.

\* 8346 RAINFALL MEASURING GAUGES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

Who is responsible for the choice of sites, installation, monitoring and maintenance of gauges that measure rainfall?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau) provides forecasting and warning services to NSW and the ACT under the 'Intergovernmental Agreement on the provision of Bureau of Meteorology Hazard Services to the States and Territories'. The Flood Warning Network is the network of rainfall and river level gauges that record rainfall and river level data to produce the Bureau's warning service for riverine flooding. In NSW, the Bureau own the majority of rainfall gauges that contribute to the Flood Warning Network, and are responsible for installation, monitoring and maintenance. Bureau-owned rainfall gauges that contribute to the Flood Warning Network are detailed in Schedule 7 of the Bureau's 'Service Level Specifications for flood forecasting and warning services for NSW and ACT', which is available from the Bureau's website: [www.bom.gov.au/nsw/NSW\\_SLS\\_Current.pdf](http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/NSW_SLS_Current.pdf).

\* 8347 REVIEW OF FLOOD EVACUATION CENTRES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Has Resilience NSW contracted a consultant to conduct a review of flood evacuation centres?
  - (a) If yes, what is the rationale and the terms of reference?

Answer—

I am advised that:



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Resilience NSW has engaged a consultant to undertake a review of the arrangements for the activation and management of evacuation centres. The purpose of the review is to identify potential improvements that can be implemented by the Welfare Services Functional Area and Resilience NSW in the response to future events.

- \* 8348 ISSUANCE OF FLOOD EVACUATION ORDERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

What is the arrangement between the State and Commonwealth regarding the issuance of flood evacuation orders?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW SES develops and issues Evacuation Warnings and Evacuation Orders to the community. These are developed based on Bureau of Meteorology modelling and predicted river height information, cross-referenced with flood intelligence data maintained by the NSW SES.

The Bureau provides warning services in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Provision of Bureau of Meteorology Hazard Services to the States and Territories and the Service Level Specifications for Flood Forecasting and Warning Services for NSW and ACT. These documents can be found at [www.federation.gov.au](http://www.federation.gov.au) and at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) respectively.

- \* 8349 SES VOLUNTEER TRAINING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What training do State Emergency Service volunteers receive?
  - (a) Who delivers this training?
  - (b) What is the frequency of training?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The core training pathways for volunteers are either Incident Management or Field Operations. Volunteers receive training relevant to the role that they undertake in the service.
  - (a) The NSW State Emergency Service is a Registered Training Organisation with training delivered by NSW State Emergency Service qualified Trainers and Assessors. Some courses are provided by external companies, other emergency services or government agencies.
  - (b) The frequency of training varies based on the training required for a unit/cluster of units, units training schedule and volunteer availability, the need to increase capability in a particular area, and seasonal impact (e.g. alpine training). All volunteers have access to a consistent level of training and skills maintenance via their regular unit meetings.

- \* 8350 EXTENDING DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

Will the Government extend by 12 months from 30 June 2022, the time in which residents can redeem their Dine NSW and Discover NSW vouchers in eight flood-affected Local Government Areas to aid flood recovery on the Northern Rivers?

Answer—

The Dine & Discover program was designed to encourage NSW residents to get out and about and support dining, arts and recreation businesses as the state recovered from the impacts of COVID-19 lockdowns. The program came to an end on 30 June 2022 after a number of extensions.

While Dine & Discover has now finished, the Stay NSW and Parents NSW programs will continue until 9 October 2022. One \$50 Stay NSW voucher is available to every NSW resident over the age of 18. The Parents NSW vouchers, which can be redeemed at Stay NSW and Discover NSW registered businesses, are available to eligible households to reward and thank them for their efforts to support home learning in 2021.

The Government recognises the challenges faced by people and businesses in flood-affected areas and has provided a range of support programs in response and to aid with recovery. Information about these programs can be found through the Service NSW Disaster Assistance Finder: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-assistance>

\* 8351 FLOOD RESCUE BOATS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) How many flood rescue boats are available in the Richmond-Tweed State Emergency Service?
  - (a) Where are they housed?
  - (b) How many State Emergency Service volunteers are trained to operate the rescue boats in flood conditions?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As at July 2022, the NSW State Emergency Service has a total of 44 flood rescue vessels allocated to the following Units within the Richmond Valley and Byron Tweed clusters:

- Casino Unit
- Kyogle Unit
- Tabulam Unit
- Urbenville Unit
- Mullumbimby Unit
- Murwillumbah Unit
- Tweed Coast Unit
- Tweed Heads Unit

In the event of an emergency, NSW State Emergency Service can also redirect additional vessels to the area, based on the risks and demands within New South Wales. Accordingly, the actual number of vessels in an area can increase during an emergency.

As at July 2022, the NSW State Emergency Service has 422 “On-Water” Flood Rescue Boat Operators in the agency.

\* 8352 MURWILLUMBAH TAFE CONNECTED LEARNING CENTRE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

Will the Government guarantee that the Murwillumbah TAFE Connected Learning Centre will be rebuilt following the 28 February 2022 flood event?

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Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW is committed to supporting the community of Murwillumbah. The Murwillumbah Connected Learning Centre is being repaired and will be fully operational in Term 3 2022. Classes will be held at TAFE NSW Murwillumbah campus until the works are finalised.

\* 8353 REVIEW OF RESILIENCE NSW—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) Has Resilience NSW contracted a consultancy body to conduct a review into itself?

(a) If yes, what is the rationale and the terms of reference for the review?

Answer—

I am advised that:

No

\* 8354 TAFE ASSET RENEWAL PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, and Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology—

(1) Will Wollongong TAFE campus receive upgrades under the TAFE Asset Renewal Program?

(a) If so;

(i) What assets will be upgraded?

(ii) What is the expected cost of the upgrade?

(b) If not, why not?

(2) Will West Wollongong TAFE campus receive upgraded under the TAFE Asset Renewal Program?

(a) If so;

(i) What assets will be upgraded?

(ii) What is the expected cost of the upgrade?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW will deliver building works upgrades and teaching plant and equipment for the Wollongong and West Wollongong campuses in the 2022-23 financial year, through the \$318.9 million allocated in the 2022-23 Budget for capital works program. This funding includes the Asset Renewal Program.

\* 8355 SMART ENERGY SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully 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 any schools in the Wollongong Local Government Area be eligible to participate in the Smart Energy Schools Pilot?

(a) If so, how many schools from the Wollongong Local Government Area are expected to be part of the Pilot?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Department of Education selected schools to participate in the Smart Energy Schools Pilot project based on electricity consumption, cost and suitability for a virtual power plant (VPP).

Stage One schools were selected from the Cooler Classroom Program in areas where the local electricity network was constrained and would potentially require an investment in electrical upgrades.

Stage Two schools were selected based on their suitability for participation in a VPP and because their electricity consumption was above-average.

There are currently no schools in the Wollongong Local Government Area participating in the pilot project, however the results of the trial will help inform the most cost-effective and efficient design of future renewable energy deployments in New South Wales public schools.

\* 8356 WOMEN AND GIRLS SAFER CITIES PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

(1) Will projects in the Wollongong Local Government Area be eligible for funding under the Women and Girls Safer Cities Program?

(a) If so, when will applications for funding be sought?

(b) When will the guidelines for applications be published?

(i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Safer Cities Program is investing \$30 million over two years to improve safety in our cities and towns, particularly for women and girls.

The first two locations announced as part of the Program are Parramatta Park and The Rocks, and further state managed public spaces are being investigated.

There will be 10 pilots in local areas across NSW selected to test positive long-term change in public space through demonstration projects. These LGAs will be selected based on available data to target areas in most need. Details of the Program will be released later this year.

\* 8357 FAST RAIL PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

(1) Of the \$95 million budget allocation for planning of the Fast Rail program, how much has been committed to planning for connections between Sydney and Bomaderry?

(2) Which section of track on the Sydney to Bomaderry corridor will be prioritised for planning?

(3) Will the details of this planning be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\* 8358 NOISY VEHICLE REPORTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

(1) How many reports of noisy vehicles did the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) receive in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022 (a) online, (b) from a mobile, (c) via phone, (d) via email or (e) via fax?

(2) How many of the reports in (1) were received from the 2500 postcode?

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- (3) How many of the vehicles reported in (2) received a letter advising them to get their vehicle checked?
- (4) How many of the vehicles reported in (2) received an order to take their vehicle for noise testing?
- (5) How many of the vehicles in (3) and (4) received a (i) defect notice or (ii) a fine?
- (6) What was the total amount of any fines issued in (5)(ii)?

Answer—

- (1) (i) 8751.  
(ii) 9368.  
(iii) 3942 (as of 27 June 2022).  
(a) All reports are made via an online portal, customers can seek assistance from the EnviroLine which may lodge a report on their behalf.  
(b) This detail is not recorded by the EPA.  
(c)
  - 2020 - 326.
  - 2021 - 4.
  - 2022 - 0.  
(d)
  - 2020 - 90.
  - 2021 - 50.
  - 2022 - 15.  
(e) No reports were received via fax.
- (2) (i) 2020 - 32.  
(ii) 2021 - 91.  
(iii) 2022 - 12 (as of 27 June 2022).
- (3) (i) 2020 - 13.  
(ii) 2021 - 32.  
(iii) 2022 - 8.
- (4) (i) 2020 - 5.  
(ii) 2021 - 7.  
(iii) 2022 - 3.
- (5) (i)
  - 2020 - 0.
  - 2021 - 0.
  - 2022 - 0.  
(ii)
  - 2020 - 0.

- 2021 - 0.
  - 2022 - 0.
- (6) \$0.

\* 8359 STAFF AND CONTRACTORS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Will any additional (i) staff or (ii) contractors be engaged by the Department of Planning to deliver the Government's planning commitments in the 2022-23 Budget?
- (a) If so, how many (i) staff and (ii) contractors will be engaged?
- (3) What is the additional cost of (i) staff and (ii) contractors in (2)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Workforce planning for the Department of Planning is an ongoing activity. As Government initiatives and commitments are endorsed, the Department will review and plan for the additional resources and the correct recruitment sourcing options for each program of work. Resourcing activity aligned with Government commitments for the 2022-23 Budget that are in addition to baseline workforce movements will be tracked to be able to report on staff and contractor movements.

\* 8360 ILLAWARRA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When will the development of the Master Plan and detailed business case for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Centre commence?
- (a) How long is it expected to take to complete?
- (b) Will it be undertaken by Venues NSW or by another individual or organisation?
- (c) Will public input be sought?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (ii) If so, what will be the process for public input?
- (2) Will the documents in (1) be made public when complete?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Venues NSW is commencing the preparatory activities for the masterplan and business case strategy for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Master Plan.
- (a) Completion of the master plan and final business case is expected by mid-2023. Changes as a result of stakeholder and community feedback through the process may impact that timetable.
- (b) Venues NSW will be the lead agency for the program and a governance structure is in the process of being established.
- (c) Venues NSW and the Multi Agency Steering Committee, led by Wollongong City Council, have recently undertaken extensive stakeholder engagement with the local sporting community, local business, facility hirers, community organisations and state government

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agencies. Further engagement with stakeholders and the community will form part of the master planning process in a format to be determined.

- (2) The planning options for the masterplan will be the subject of consultation with relevant stakeholders as appropriate and may therefore receive some public visibility. The master plan will be made public once complete and the business case will be subject to a Cabinet decision.

\* 8361 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE FLAGPOLE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

- (1) Will the Premier guarantee that the flagpole to be installed on the Sydney Harbour Bridge to fly the Indigenous flag will be made from steel produced in New South Wales?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What is the a) procurement process and b) installation process for this initiative.

Answer—

On 11 July 2022, the Government announced that the Aboriginal flag will permanently fly on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge ('the Bridge'). The existing NSW State Flag will be showcased as part of the revitalisation of the Macquarie Street East precinct redevelopment. The \$25 million announced in Budget 2022-23, to place a permanent, third, flag pole on the Bridge will now be allocated towards indigenous initiatives.

\* 8362 WARRAWONG COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the 2022-23 budget did not contain a financial allocation to progress the construction of the Warrawong Community Health Centre?
- (2) What advice has the Minister received on the expected start date of construction of the Warrawong Community Health Centre?
- (3) How long is it expected to take to construct and open the Warrawong Community Health Centre?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the 2022-23 budget did not contain a financial allocation to progress the construction of the Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station?
- (5) What advice has the Minister received on the expected start date of construction of the Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station?
- (6) How long is it expected to take to construct and open the Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station?

Answer—

(1 – 3)

The Warrawong Community Health Centre is being delivered as part of the \$721.9 million New Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services project (including car park), which received an allocation of \$28.837 million in the 2022-23 State Budget. Construction timelines will be confirmed as planning progresses.

(4 – 6)

The Fairy Meadow Ambulance Station is being delivered as part of the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) program, which received an allocation of \$68.137 million in the most recent 2022-23 State Budget. Construction timelines will be confirmed as planning progresses.

\* 8363 NOWRA BYPASS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) Have you or your office ever been involved in discussions with any Commonwealth Government agency about a proposed Nowra Bypass?

- (2) Have you or your office ever been involved in making a commitment to fund pre-construction and construction costs of a proposed Nowra bypass on the basis that the Commonwealth carry 80% of the costs and the State carry the remainder?
- (3) Have you or your office ever considered a proposal to construct a bypass of Nowra?
  - (a) If yes, will you release these documents and further details to the public?
- (4) Will your Government commit to the construction of a bypass of Nowra?

Answer—

On 19 April 2022, the Federal and State Governments announced \$40m towards the planning and design of a bypass for Nowra, on an 80/20 split of costs. However, whether the incoming Federal Labor Government agrees to support this funding announcement remains unresolved at the present time.

Further information on this matter can be obtained from the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Sam Farraway MLC.

\* 8364 TAXI PLATES COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—

- (1) With respect to compensation for the compulsory acquisition of privately owned taxi plates:
  - (a) Has the Minister for Transport been made aware of New South Wales taxi industry concerns in relation to the passenger service levy?
  - (b) Will the Government consider using funds from the existing levy to pay fair compensation to the New South Wales Taxi industry?
  - (c) Will Transport for NSW work with the New South Wales Taxi Council and the industry to develop a transition package?
  - (d) Will the Minister for Transport meet with me and the New South Wales Taxi Council to discuss these matters further?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has supported removing any restrictions on the supply of taxi licences and has committed to providing further assistance to taxi licence owners. Point to Point reforms are in response to an Independent Review of Point to Point Transport. I have also met with the NSW Taxi Council.

The Passenger Service Levy of \$1 on every point to point journey (or \$1.10 including GST where the levy is included in the fare for a journey) will remain in place until the levy has raised the full and final amount to fund the assistance scheme.

During September 2021, Transport for NSW consulted with the taxi industry with regard to proposed transitional arrangements and a financial assistance scheme. The NSW Government has not yet finalised the design of the financial assistance scheme. The NSW Government will continue to finalise the point to point transport reforms in close consultation with key industry stakeholders.

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8365 NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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) When will the successful tender for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass works be announced?



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(a) Is construction still on track to commence in the second half of 2022?

8366 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—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 the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme:

- (a) How many applications have been received from residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
- (b) How many applications were approved for residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
- (c) How many trips were claimed by residents of the Cessnock electorate for the maximum subsidy of \$60 per trip annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?
- (d) What was the average annual total claim for residents of the Cessnock electorate annually from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021?

8367 PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL INCREASE CAP—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

With regards to public housing rentals:

- (1) Does New South Wales have a rental increase cap on rent rises?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If no, why not?

8368 DINE AND DISCOVER VOUCHERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

Considering not all rural towns or villages within Barwon have attractions for redeeming a Discover NSW voucher, leaving those constituents disadvantaged - especially the aged - would you consider having a combined voucher that allows the constituent to choose their preference; whether to Dine NSW or Discover NSW, thereby giving everyone a choice and supporting their local community?

8369 RENAL DIALYSIS AND CHEMOTHERAPY CHAIRS AT NARRABRI HOSPITAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the establishment of a renal dialysis and chemotherapy unit at Narrabri Hospital?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a date for when these services will be operational?

8370 PROSTATE SCANS IN DUBBO—Mr Roy Butler 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 Western Cancer Centre in Dubbo, can the minister confirm if routine prostate scans are available at the centre?
  - (a) If not, will the minister explain why this test is not available to men in the Western area?

8371 EXCESSIVE NOISE PENALTIES ISSUED BY POLICE—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in New South Wales between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by NSW Police?
- (2) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by NSW Police?

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- (3) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Lake Macquarie LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by NSW Police?
- (4) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Central Coast LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by NSW Police?
- 8372 EXCESSIVE NOISE PENALTIES ISSUED BY COUNCIL RANGERS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- (1) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in New South Wales between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 Local council rangers?
- (2) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by Local council rangers?
- (3) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Lake Macquarie LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by Local council rangers?
- (4) How many excessive noise penalties were issued in the Central Coast LGA between 7 June 2021 and 7 June 2022 by Local council rangers?
- 8373 THE ENTRANCE MOTOR REGISTRY—Ms Yasmin Catley 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 customers visited The Entrance Motor registry in the 2015/16 financial year?
- (2) How many customers visited The Entrance Motor registry in the 2014/15 financial year?
- (3) How many customers visited the Belmont Motor registry in the 2015/16 financial year, noting the registry closed in October 2015?
- 8374 FISH CLEANING FACILITIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Has Transport for NSW explored opportunities for the installation of fish cleaning facilities at Horseshoe Beach in Newcastle?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have any plans for the installation of fish cleaning facilities at Horseshoe Beach in Newcastle?
- 8375 INTERSECTION OF CITY ROAD AND ALICE STREET—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—
- Does Transport for NSW have any plans to improve traffic flow and congestion issues at the intersection of City Road and Alice Street, Merewether?
- 8376 FASTER RAIL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- What will be the reduction in travel time on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line as a result of the Government's \$500 million investment in this intercity line?
- 8377 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—
- Will the Government apply special consideration for people of the Balranald region, a region with no public transport and no taxi service, who have to travel to Swan Hill Hospital for essential treatment, which does

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not qualify for Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) support as each way is 98kms, 2kms short of the required 100kms in distance, to be eligible for IPTAAS support?

8378 WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITH VICTORIA IN BIOSECURITY MEASURES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What plans do you have in place for working cooperatively with Victoria when it comes to planning and resourcing fruit fly protection, Varroa Mite, and other potential biosecurity outbreaks across the border communities?

8379 PHOTO CARDS AS IDENTIFICATION FOR SENIORS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) Are elderly people who can no longer obtain a driver's license, and who are given a Photo Card by the Government instead, able to use their Photo Card for proof of identity to access essential services such as those through Service NSW?

(a) If not, why?

8380 FIREFIGHTER PLACEMENTS IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

(1) Having regard to the 2022/23 budget, will any of the announced additional 200 firefighters be placed in any of the fire stations located within the Orange electorate?

(a) If so, which stations?

(b) How many firefighters will be located at each of these locations?

8381 REGIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—

(1) What grant programs applicable to regional youth received applications in:

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

(2) What funds were allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) in:

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

(3) What funds allocated to each of the grant programs applicable to regional youth in (1) remain unacquitted for:

(a) 2019-20?

(b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

(4) Who was the decision maker for each of the grants in (1)?

8382 MERRYLANDS RMS PAYMENTS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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- (1) In each of the last three years of operation at the Merrylands RMS office what proportion of payments were made by:
- (a) Cash?
  - (b) Card or non-cash methods?
- 8383 DRAFT SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Was a draft Sport Infrastructure Strategy developed in response to a recommendation of the State Sport Strategy (2018) to "Develop a Sport Infrastructure Strategy and a Whole-of-sector investment framework"?
- (a) If yes, what is the status of the Draft Sport Infrastructure Strategy and when will the strategy it be released?
  - (b) If yes, which local government, sports and other sector partners were consulted?
  - (c) If yes, was the draft approved by the then-Minister responsible for sport?
  - (d) If yes, was the draft considered by Cabinet?
  - (e) If not, why not?
- 8384 SUBURBAN AND REGIONAL STADIA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Does the Government stand by its November 2020 commitment to upgrade Jubilee Stadium?
- (a) Is the estimated cost of the work still \$200 million?
- (2) Does the Government stand by its December 2021 commitment to upgrade Penrith Stadium?
- (a) Is the estimated cost of the work still \$300 million?
- (3) Does the Government stand by its December 2000 commitment to upgrade Brookvale Oval?
- (a) Is the estimated cost of the work still \$100 million?
- (4) Does the Government stand by its commitment to upgrade Shark Park?
- (a) Is the estimated cost of the work still \$90 million?
- (5) Is the Government committed to upgrade Leichhardt Oval?
- (a) Is the estimated cost of the work \$50 million?
- (6) Is the Government committed to upgrade WIN Stadium?
- (a) What is the estimated cost of the work?
- (7) Is the Government committed to upgrade Campbelltown Stadium?
- (a) What is the estimated cost of the work?
- (8) Is the Government committed to upgrade Liverpool Stadium?
- (a) What is the estimated cost of the work?
- 8385 WESTERN SYDNEY MARATHON REGISTRATION—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—

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- (1) Did the Office of Sport charge a credit card fee in addition to the registration fee for the Western Sydney Marathon?
- (2) Did the Office of Sport's booking website disclose that such a fee was payable at the commencement of each booking?
- (3) Is the Office of Sport aware of the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission's policies on Credit, debit and prepaid card surcharges that "if the business does this while not accepting cash, the prices it displays for its goods or services should include the minimum surcharge payable"?
- (4) Did the Office of Sport comply with the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission's policies on Credit, debit and prepaid card surcharges?
  - (a) If not, why not?

8386 PUBLIC TRANSPORT DATA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Granville station during each month since January 2016?
- (2) How many of the customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Granville station during each month since January 2016 are ordinarily resident in the 2142 postcode area?
- (3) How many customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Rosehill station during each month since January 2016?
- (4) How many of the customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Rosehill station during each month since January 2016 are ordinarily resident in the 2142 postcode area?
- (5) How many customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Clyde station during each month since January 2016?
- (6) How many of the customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Clyde station during each month since January 2016 are ordinarily resident in the 2142 postcode area?
- (7) How many customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Harris Park station during each month since January 2016?
- (8) How many of the customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Harris Park station during each month since January 2016 are ordinarily resident in the 2142 postcode area?
- (9) How many customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Parramatta station during each month since January 2016?
- (10) How many of the customers tapped on or tapped off a train journey at Parramatta station during each month since January 2016 are ordinarily resident in the 2142 postcode area?

8387 NEW SOUTH WALES GOAL 27—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) In relation to "NSW 2021: a plan to make NSW number one":
  - (a) Was the following target in goal 27 (Increase participation in sport, recreational, arts and cultural activities in rural and regional New South Wales from 2010 to 2016 by 10%) achieved?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (b) Was the following target in goal 27 (Increase participation in sport, recreational, arts and cultural activities in Sydney from 2010 to 2016 by 10%) achieved?
    - (i) If not, why not?

- (c) Was the following target in goal 27 (Increase the number of major international sports, artistic, creative and cultural events in New South Wales from 2010 to 2016 by 10%) achieved?
- (i) If not, why not?

8388 WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Premier—

- (1) In relation to the following Liveability projects identified by the Western Sydney City Deal Annual Report 2021:
- (a) \$39.515 million for Fairfield Council
  - (b) \$28.752 million for Camden Council
  - (c) \$27.106 million for Wollondilly Shire Council
  - (d) \$24 million for Penrith City Council
  - (e) \$18.764 million for Blue Mountains City Council
  - (f) \$22.850 million for Liverpool City Council
  - (g) \$31 million for Campbelltown City Council
- (i) How much Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
- (ii) How much Commonwealth Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
- (iii) What is the estimated completion date of each project?
- (iv) What projects are already finalised?

8389 CUMBERLAND LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) In relation to the Cumberland Local Housing Strategy, which proposes a 20 year housing supply target of 28,000-28,500 additional dwelling for the Cumberland area, as part of a Central City District housing supply target of 207,500 additional dwellings:
- (a) What progress has been made in meeting the Cumberland target?
  - (b) What progress has been made in meeting the Central City District target?
  - (c) What support is being provided by the Government to Cumberland Council to assist it meet its target?

8390 TOBACCO AND SMOKING HARM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the New Zealand/Aotearoa 'Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill'?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the evidence supporting these measures to prevent tobacco and smoking harm?
- (3) Does the Government plan to implement similar measures to:
- (a) Support 'denicotinisation' or reduced nicotine content?
  - (b) Limit retail tobacco outlets?
  - (c) Prevent sales to anyone born after a certain date?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to reduce tobacco and smoking harms?

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- 8391 WORKERS COMPENSATION REFORMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the July 2022 McKell Institute report 'It's Broken: workers' compensation reforms in NSW since 2012'?
  - (2) Considering the report's findings:
    - (a) Have the 2012 reform objectives been met?
    - (b) Are compensation claims decreasing?
    - (c) Does the return to work rates continue to decline?
    - (d) Has administration expenses increased?
    - (e) Do workers relying on the system face financial hardship and levels of mental stress?
  - (3) What plans does the Government have to improve outcomes for injured workers?
- 8392 CROSS CITY TUNNEL TOLLS—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 removing or reducing Cross City Tunnel tolls as a measure to reduce central Sydney and Central Business District traffic congestion?
  - (2) What research or modelling has been carried out into reduced or no tolls?
    - (a) What does this show?
  - (3) What further action does the Government plan to address this traffic congestion?
- 8393 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Noting ongoing COVID impacts on Central Business District (CBD) small businesses during the latest Omicron wave, what action has the Government taken to prevent financial impacts?
  - (2) What further support will the Government provide to CBD small businesses affected by COVID infections, work from home and similar impacts?
- 8394 REMNANT NATIVE FOREST - TUCKERS NOB PLANTATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Given Tuckers Nob plantation contains significant areas of remnant native forest, old growth rainforest, and rare and threatened species, and it is an important koala corridor between the coast, the mountains and Bindarri National Park:
    - (a) What methods are used by the Department of Primary Industries and Forestry Corporation NSW to ensure native forest remnants are properly mapped?
    - (b) How is this data independently validated?
    - (c) To what extent are native forest remnant areas set aside from extraction before operations commence?
    - (d) How does the Department of Primary Industries and Forestry Corporation NSW ensure the process of mapping and exclusion is based on independent science?
    - (e) What controls has the Government put in place to ensure that neither the Department of Primary Industries or Forestry Corporation NSW has influence over the mapping and exclusion process to ensure native forest remnants are protected before operations commence?

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8395 MASK ENFORCEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What measures does the Government have in place to enforce mandatory mask rules on public transport?
- (2) What action is taken in response to non-compliance reports?
- (3) What enforcement arrangements does Transport for NSW have with NSW Police about mandatory mask wearing on public transport?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to improve compliance?

8396 PYRMONT PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the need for a ferry service stopping at Pirrama Park since LA 7259?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to provide additional 389 bus stops at Murray Street Pyrmont and York Street Sydney in response for ongoing community calls for extra bus stops on this route?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the need for a direct bus service between Pyrmont and the Broadway shopping centre, new Sydney Fish Market and RPA Hospital?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the Rapid Bus Line between the Eastern Suburbs and the Bays Precinct with inner west light rail interchange proposed in the Future Transport Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the need for 24 hour or extended light rail services on the inner west light rail line?

8397 OLDER WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What are the trends in homelessness rates and numbers for single low-income older women?
- (2) Is the number of older women who are becoming homeless increasing?
- (3) What specific programs does the Government provide to address the housing needs of older women?
  - (a) What targets have been set?
  - (b) What progress has been made?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the 2020 research report 'Older Women in the Private Rental Sector: Unaffordable, Substandard and Insecure Housing'?
  - (a) What action has the Government taken in response to this report?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to providing a 'Relocation Subsidy' or other help for older women forced to vacate rented homes?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support older women at risk of homelessness?

8398 ELECTRIC BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) Noting evidence that electric bikes are around 40 times more efficient than electric cars, what programs does the Government fund or provide to encourage the uptake of electric bikes?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the UK Cycling loan scheme to encourage the uptake of electric bikes?



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- (3) What further plans does the Government have to support the uptake of electric bikes?
- 8399 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?
- 8400 WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT—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 Washing Machine Replacement Trial helping social housing tenants replace inefficient washing machines to boost water efficiency and reduce costs?
- (2) Why is the trial not operating in the inner city and when does the Government plan to include areas like the City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council areas?
- 8401 BATEMANS BAY SEA PLANES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What facilities are available as part of the new Batemans Bay Bridge and associated pontoon to accommodate the use of sea planes?
- (2) What plans are being considered to accommodate the use of sea planes in Batemans Bay?
- 8402 NEW INTERCITY FLEET MODIFICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—
- Has the Secretary of the Department of Transport Mr Rob Sharp, the Chief Operations Officer Mr Howard Collins or any other public servant at Transport for NSW provided advice to the Minister for Industrial Relations that the cost of modifying the Maryung or New Intercity Fleet Trains, is \$1 billion or more?
- 8403 EVENT FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- In light of the answer to LA Question 8093 how much did your Department or any agency associated with you or your Department fund the Starry Sari Night event conducted in May 2022 by Liverpool Council?
- 8404 COVERT INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) Will you adopt the recommendations in the report by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission concerning LECC's acquisition and use of assumed identities and other matters related to covert investigations?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 8405 COVERT SEARCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) Were New South Wales policies and standard operating procedures for covert search warrants and preventative detention orders years out of date?
- (2) Was an explanation of this situation provided to the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission?

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8406 LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Will you adopt the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission in their report entitled 'Covert Search Warrants and Preventative Detention Orders' dated June 2021?
  - (a) If not, why not?

8407 ALLOCATION OF COUNCIL FUNDS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Are individual Councillors able to have the cost of 'professional advice', including legal advice for their individual benefit paid for by Council funds?
  - (a) If no, why is Liverpool Council doing this?
  - (b) If yes, will you stop the practice?

8408 PUBLIC ARRESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many people have been arrested in New South Wales for carrying a knife, in public in the following periods:
  - (a) 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018?
  - (b) 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019?
  - (c) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020?
  - (d) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (e) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?

8409 HIGH SCHOOL FOR LEPPINGTON AND DENHAM COURT STUDENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

What steps will be taken to provide for a high school for students from the Leppington and Denham Court areas that is closer to their suburbs than the current options?

8410 COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

How many and on what dates has the Liverpool City Police Area Command held and/or participated in Community Safety Precinct Committees?

8411 NCAT PROCEEDINGS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Has criminal or other action been taken against the party in NCAT proceedings RT21/51976; RT21/52564; C22/34 who at the Liverpool registry office on 25 January 2022 grabbed an envelope containing evidence being filed on behalf of an opposing party and left the building with it, as referred to in the letter by Amanda Curtin, Registrar and Director of NCAT, dated 25 February 2022?
  - (a) If not, why not?

8412 PARENT NSW VOUCHER RESPONSE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) On 24 February 2022, I made representations on behalf of Ms Danielle Thompson regarding the Parent NSW Vouchers (REF: 081/22/ak) which noted problems accessing vouchers where two households reside under the same roof. I am yet to receive a response. Can you please advise:

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- (a) When I may receive a response given that it has been over five months since I made the representations?
  - (b) Whether any other families are in the same circumstances?
  - (c) How the Government proposes to fix this oversight?
- 8413 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) On 16 June, 2022, I made representations in relation to a Central Coast Homeless Interagency meeting and subsequent discussions with local Specialist Housing Services regarding Temporary Accommodation (TA) on the Central Coast (REF 245/22/DA). I am yet to receive a response. My office has attempted to follow-up on 21 July 2022 and again on 1 August 2022 with no success. Can you please advise:
    - (a) When I may receive a response given that it has been nearly two months since I made the representations?
    - (b) What action will be taken in relation to the concerns made apparent surrounding lack of available TA?
- 8414 RURAL FIRE SERVICE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- (1) Given the Rural Fire Stations (RFS) located at Ourimbah, Tuggerah and Berkeley Vale, please advise:
    - (a) Do the stations comply with the RFS standard station design?
      - (i) If not, when will each station comply?
    - (b) Do any of the non-compliances:
      - (i) Create a workplace safety risk?
      - (ii) Render the station too small for newer fleet vehicles?
- 8415 CENTRAL COAST AIRPORT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Has the Minister received and read the further letter sent on 15 June, 2022 from The Community Environment Network Inc (CEN) regarding Central Coast Airport?
    - (a) Given CEN's interest in protecting the adjacent Porters Creek Wetland from unlawful works at the Airport, can you:
      - (i) Provide a response to the supplementary questions posed by CEN regarding Central Coast Council's resolution 283/21?
      - (ii) Provide a response to the supplementary questions posed by CEN regarding Central Coast Council's resolution 659/19?
- 8416 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON THE CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY—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) I refer to my previous QON (No 1563), can you please now advise:
    - (a) How many road accidents occurred in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022) on the Central Coast Highway between the Lumby Drive intersection at Bateau Bay and the Tumbi Road intersection at Wamberal?

- (b) How many pedestrian road accidents occurred at this location in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022)?

8417 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON MANN'S ROAD—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) I refer to my previous QON (No 1562), can you please now advise:
- (a) How many road accidents occurred in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022) on Mann's Road between its intersection with Narara Valley Drive at Narara and its intersection with the Pacific Highway at West Gosford?
- (b) How many pedestrian road accidents occurred at this location in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022)?

8418 BANGALOW CREEK WORKS—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) I refer to (Your Ref 01321067) and (My Ref 306/21/MR) and note works appear to have progressed. Could you please advise when works will be completed on the carpark and footbridge over Bangalow Creek?

8419 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY—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) I refer to my previous QON (No 1559). Can you please now advise:
- (a) How many road accidents occurred in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022) on the Pacific Highway between The Ridgeway intersection at Lisarow and the roundabout intersection with Henry Parry Drive at Wyoming?
- (b) How many pedestrian road accidents occurred at this location in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022)?

8420 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON WYONG ROAD—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) I refer to my previous QON (No 1560), can you please now advise:
- (a) How many road accidents occurred in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022) on Wyong Road between Shelly Beach and Tuggerah?
- (b) How many pedestrian road accidents occurred at this location in each year since 2019 (as at 9 August 2022)?

8421 NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Narara Public School, please advise what has been done to ensure students in the school catchment who walk to school can cross the Pacific Highway safely?

8422 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many families have applied for the 2021-22 Family Energy Rebate in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (a) How many applications have been processed?

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- (b) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to families residing in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA?
- 8423 LOCAL INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) How many families have applied for the 2021-22 Local Income Household Rebate in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (a) How many applications have been processed?
- (b) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to families residing in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA?
- 8424 REZONING SITES NEAR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- (1) Given the recent revelation that Transport Asset Holding Entity will be rezoning more than 50 sites near train stations in Sydney suburbs to raise funds for future development, how many sites are being proposed for sale or redevelopment near Bankstown Station?
- (a) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for redevelopment near Bankstown Station?
- (b) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for sale near Bankstown Station?
- (c) Could you advise if the section of Bankstown City Plaza adjacent to Bankstown Station, which was damaged by an arson attack in December 2020, will be refurbished or if Transport Asset Holding Entity has plans to sell or redevelop this site?
- 8425 EXTERNAL REVIEW INTO GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of any requests for an external independent review into heavy workloads, and other unresolved industrial and workplace concerns within the General Services Department at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- (a) Was the request rejected?
- (i) If so, why?
- (b) Have these matters previously been raised been addressed?
- 8426 ACCESSIBILITY OF TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans—
- (1) Will any funds from the \$131.6 million allocated in the 2022-23 NSW Budget for the Transport Access Program be allocated to improving the accessibility of train stations in the Bankstown electorate?
- (a) If so, which stations will receive funding?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 8427 CLEANER JOB VACANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) How many job vacancies are there for cleaners at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
- (a) If there are vacant positions, could the Minister advise when these positions are expected to be filled?

8428 POTHOLE COMPLAINTS—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) How many complaints regarding potholes in the Bankstown electorate were received by Transport for NSW in 2022?
  - (a) How many complaints were received regarding Middleton Road, Chester Hill?
  - (b) How many complaints were received regarding Johnston Road, Bass Hill?
  - (c) How many complaints were received regarding Hume Highway, Bass Hill?
  - (d) How many complaints were received regarding Miller Road, Bass Hill?

8429 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many applicants in the Bankstown electorate are still waiting to receive funding for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant?
  - (a) How many individuals from the Bankstown electorate applied for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant in 2022?

8430 EXTERNAL REVIEW INTO WORKPLACE CULTURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What assessment factors or criteria was used by South Western Sydney Local Health District in their decision to reject an independent external review into workplace culture within the General Services Department at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?
  - (a) What steps have been undertaken by Management to resolve any workplace cultural concerns raised by workers?

8431 OLD BULLI HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

In relation to the sale of the Old Bulli Hospital site, will the community be widely consulted on the development of the site?

8432 PENALTIES FOR BREACHING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

How many penalties for breaching public health orders on mask wearing on public transport have been issued this year, as at 7 June 2022?

8433 PARTNERSHIP WITH TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

Is the Government interested in partnering with Tweed Shire Council in its proposed Tweed Land Swap No.2 which would relocate commercial businesses from high-risk flood zones in the Tweed to flood-free employment lands within the Council-owned Quarry Road industrial subdivision in Murwillumbah?

8434 LANDCOM FUNDING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Will the Government provide \$7.5 million in funding to enable Landcom to develop a total of 66 affordable townhouses on two parcels of land owned by Lismore City Council in Cynthia Wilson Drive, East Lismore, and Bristol Circuit, Goonellabah?

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8435 FLOOD REINSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

Did the Government in recent months raise with the former Commonwealth Government my suggestion of a Flood Reinsurance Scheme for the Northern Rivers region, which would be underwritten by the Commonwealth like the Northern Australia Cyclone Reinsurance Pool?

8436 FAST RAIL PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Of the \$95 million budget allocation for planning of the Fast Rail program, how much has been committed to planning for connections between Sydney and Bomaderry?
- (2) Which section of track on the Sydney to Bomaderry corridor will be prioritised for planning?
- (3) Will the details of this planning be made public?

8437 HAWKESBURY RIVER FERRY SERVICES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) For the following Hawkesbury River ferry services of Portland, Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek and Sackville:
  - (a) How often are ferries taken off of these waterways for maintenance?
  - (b) How many ferries have been taken off of the river?
  - (c) What is the cost per year of ferry maintenance for each of the following ferries:
    - (i) Portland?
    - (ii) Wiseman's?
    - (iii) Webbs Creek?
    - (iv) Sackville?

8438 THIRD FLAG POLE ON THE HARBOUR BRIDGE—Mr Gareth Ward 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) With respect the procurement and delivery of a third flag pole on the harbour bridge:
  - (a) Whose idea was this?
  - (b) Was consideration given to replacing the State Flag with the Aboriginal flag?
  - (c) What is the anticipated cost?
  - (d) Who undertook the cost assessment?
  - (e) Will Australian steel be used when manufacturing the flag pole?
  - (f) Will the flag pole be made in Australia?
  - (g) What percentage of workers employed in the manufacture and erection of the flagpole are aboriginal people?
  - (h) What is the Minister's departmental target for aboriginal employees?
  - (i) Is the Minister's department meeting this target?

8439 TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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- (1) With respect to the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE):
- (a) What involvement does TAHE's board and management have in relation to negotiations over their new InterCity fleet assets?
  - (b) What are the costs to New South Wales taxpayers of this arrangement?
  - (c) Given TAHE is meant to be a profitable corporation, what are the costs to TAHE of this arrangement?
  - (d) Is the Government compensating TAHE for its financial costs?
  - (e) What are TAHE's costs with respect to the new InterCity fleet in the current year?
  - (f) What exposure has your department's budget had to these costs, including any compensation to TAHE?
  - (g) What interaction has your office or your department had with the NSW Auditor General in relation to her review of the total state sector accounts for 2021/22 with respect TAHE?
  - (h) Can the Minister provide evidence of these interactions by tabling the documents?
  - (i) What percentage and dollar increase has occurred in TAHE's staff costs in the current financial year?
  - (j) What was the FTE for TAHE in 2020/21 compared to this financial year?
- 8440 POLICE RESIDENCE KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (1) With respect to the police residence in Terralong Street, Kiama:
- (a) Can the Minister confirm that the property known as the police residence in Terralong Street Kiama is subject to an active Aboriginal land claim?
  - (b) Can the Minister confirm when a determination as to this land claim will be made?
  - (c) Will the Minister commit to expediting a decision around this land claim?
- 8441 SHELLHARBOUR WARD A BY-ELECTIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) With respect to a series of incidents involving NSW Police with respect to the Shellharbour Ward A By-election:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of the incidents?
    - (i) If yes, was Minister briefed by police on the incidents?
    - (ii) If yes, was the Minister briefed due to the involvement of the Member for Shellharbour?
    - (iii) If no, what was the reason for the briefing?
    - (iv) If yes, did the Member for Shellharbour contact you or your office with respect to the police investigation?
    - (v) If yes, have you received correspondence from the Member for Shellharbour about this police investigation?
- 8442 NOWRA BYPASS—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) Further to my question to the Premier (Q8363) with respect to the Nowra Bypass:



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- (a) Have you or your office ever been involved in discussions with any Commonwealth Government agency about a proposed Nowra Bypass?
- (i) If yes, could you please provide detail as to these discussions?
- (b) Have you or your office ever been involved in making a commitment to fund pre-construction and construction costs of a proposed Nowra bypass on the basis that the Commonwealth carry 80% of the costs and the State carry the remainder?
- (c) Have you or your office ever considered a proposal to construct a bypass of Nowra?
- (i) If yes, will you release these documents and further details to the public?
- (d) Will your Government commit to the construction of a bypass of Nowra?
- 8443 OAK FLATS INTERCHANGE—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 Oak Flats Interchange:
- (a) How many accidents were recorded on this round-a-bout in the 12 months prior to the installation of traffic lights?
- (b) How many accidents have been recorded on the round-a-bout since the installation of lights?
- 8444 FLOOD IMPACTED BUSINESSES IN KANGAROO VALLEY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) With respect to flood impacted business in Kangaroo Valley:
- (a) Has the Government considered my request to provide grant relief to small businesses in Kangaroo Valley?
- (i) If yes, when will the Government announce this relief?
- (ii) If yes, how much will this grant be and what will be the requirements?
- (b) Will the Government apologise to Kangaroo Valley businesses for the delays in releasing grant support to help to keep local small businesses afloat?
- 8445 USE OF E-SCOOTERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) With respect to e-scooters:
- (a) Will you change the law in New South Wales to allow for the use of e-scooters on public roads in New South Wales?
- (b) If the Government will not consider changing the law, will the Government consider a trial of e-scooters in New South Wales with a report back to the Government following the trial?
- 8446 WESTERN SYDNEY FREIGHT LINE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- What is the timeline for the planning and construction of the future Western Sydney Freight Line that would link the Southern Sydney Freight Line near Villawood to Western Sydney, and to the main West Railway Line west of St Mary's?
- 8447 FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL FUNDING—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 allocation of funding will Fairfield City Council receive from the Local Council Grants program for local road maintenance and upgrades?

8448 CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL FUNDING—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 allocation of funding will Cumberland City Council receive from the Local Council Grants program for local road maintenance and upgrades?