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

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract was awarded to Fulton Hogan Construction on 21 July 2022 with construction expected to commence in late 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a)
 - FY2017/18 - 81
 - FY 2018/19 - 96
 - FY 2019/20 - 78
 - FY 2020/21 -51.
- (b)
 - FY 2017/18 - 46
 - FY 2018/19 - 68
 - FY 2019/20 - 57
 - FY 2020/21 - 38.
- (c)
 - FY 2017/18 - 174
 - FY 2018/19 - 86

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FY 2019/20 - 37

FY 2020/21 - 42.

(d)

FY 2017/18 - \$519.14

FY 2018/19 - \$531.00

FY 2019/20 - \$462.67

FY 2020/21 - \$432.13.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the new and fairer system, public housing market rent valuations are set in reference to the rent received in comparable private properties in the area. This means that the new rent levels better match the rent that would be paid for a similar property in the private rental market.

The new market rent calculation only impact public and Aboriginal Housing Office tenancies who do not receive a government subsidy because their income is too high. Currently only approximately 7 per cent of all Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) managed tenancies pay market rent with approximately 93 per cent of all DCJ managed tenancies in receipt of a rental subsidy.

The process is not just about increasing rents - some market rents increase and others decrease. The 2022 market rent review resulted in 2,293 tenancies that already pay market rent receiving a decrease in their rent of \$5 to \$230 per week. The DCJ has applied a cap of \$50 for increases to market rents for 2022.

- * 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?

Answer—

The Dine & Discover NSW program closed on 30 June 2022 and the Government is not considering reinstating this program.

- * 8369 RENAL DIALYSIS AND CHEMOTHERAPY CHAIRS AT NARRABRI HOSPITAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental 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?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

A chemotherapy service has been established at Narrabri Hospital. The chemotherapy service is operational, with its first patients treated in February 2022.

The District's Renal Service utilises a care model that places individuals with chronic kidney disease on home dialysis wherever possible. Home support is provided by the renal outreach team. Patients who do travel to receive dialysis treatment at either Moree or Tamworth may be eligible for financial support through the Isolated Patient Travel and Accommodation Scheme.

* 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?

Answer—

(1) Diagnostic Computerised Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans are available at the Imaging department of the Dubbo Health Service. CT scans for planning for radiotherapy treatment are available at the Western Cancer Centre, Dubbo.

The Positron Emission Tomography (PET) capability on the CT/PET machine does not currently enable prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) PET scans to be performed. PSMA PET scans require a specialised isotope. There are plans for the equipment that performs these scans to be purchased, installed and commissioned towards the end of the 2022-23 financial year. Staff training will also be undertaken.

* 8371 EXCESSIVE NOISE PENALTIES ISSUED BY POLICE—Ms Yasmin Catley 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—

(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?

(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?

Answer—

(1) 14 noise related fines were issued by NSW Police in 2021/22 with a face value of \$3,850.

(2-4) Revenue NSW does not hold this data by local government area.

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

- (1) A total of four noise related fines were issued by Local Councils in New South Wales with a face value of \$1,200 in 2021/22.
- (2) No noise related fines were issued by The City of Newcastle Council in 2021/22.
- (3) No noise related fines were issued by Lake Macquarie City Council in 2021/22.
- (4) No noise related fines were issued by any Central Coast Council in 2021/22.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the response to LA 8022.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) DPI has determined that Horseshoe Beach and the adjacent land is owned by Transport for NSW but is maintained by Newcastle City Council as a visitor area. DPI is liaising with Council and Transport for NSW regarding the feasibility of a fish cleaning table at Horseshoe Beach and a potential specific location, if deemed feasible. Information on grant funding opportunities from the Recreational Fishing Trust is also being provided to Council and Transport for NSW.
- (2) That is a matter for Transport for NSW, however DPI will continue discussions with Transport for NSW and Newcastle City Council regarding the feasibility of a fish cleaning table at Horseshoe Beach and a potential specific location, if deemed feasible.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investigating improvements at the intersection of City Road and Scenic Drive, Merewether to improve safety, travel time and reliability.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's \$500 million commitment in the 2022-23 NSW Budget will go to the first stage of the Northern Corridor of the Fast Rail Network. The funding is subject to agreement with the Australian Government.

When completed, Fast Rail is expected to bring Newcastle within an hour of Greater Sydney. Travel to the Central Coast is expected to take around 35 minutes from Newcastle and 25 minutes from Greater Sydney.

- * 8377 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental 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 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?

Answer—

Yes. IPTAAS policy, guidelines and processes allow for discretionary payments to be made where the most direct route is 95km one way or 195km cumulative distance travelled.

- * 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?

Answer—

NSW maintains strong linkages with other jurisdictions and the Commonwealth in the coordinated response and management of threats from pests, weeds and diseases.

NSW is a signatory to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB) which is an agreement between all Australian governments. This Agreement sets out commitments for the Australian Government, and state and territory governments; outlines the agreed national goals and objectives; and

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clarifies roles, responsibilities and governance arrangements. The agreement came into effect on 3 January 2019.

NSW is also a member of the National Biosecurity Committee (NBC), which was formally established under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity. The NBC advises Agriculture Minister's Meeting on IGAB implementation and minimising the impact of pests and diseases on Australia's economy, environment and the community.

Additionally, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is involved in networks for collaboration between jurisdictions that have been established at the Chief Plant Protection Officer, Chief Veterinary Officer and chief plant health manager, market access, preparedness and surveillance manager levels to facilitate the timely and accurate exchange of information. Committees and working groups with representatives from each jurisdiction are constantly working on market access, preparedness and surveillance objectives so timely and harmonised responses can be stood up at the earliest detection of an outbreak of an exotic pest, weed or disease.

These networks have provided a forum for inter-jurisdictional information sharing, discussion and development of strategy during the current Varroa mite emergency response.

Some examples of cross-jurisdiction collaboration include:

- A recent exercise to prepare for an outbreak of Mediterranean fruit fly in Sunraysia involved Agriculture Victoria staff to ensure a joint eradication campaign could be activated and resourced in a timely manner. Contact with Victorian based businesses were included in the exercise to ensure resources would be available and readily accessed in the event of an outbreak in either or both states.
- A Mediterranean fruit fly eradication response would be based on operating procedures which mirror the National Fruit fly protocols and ensure harmonisation of activities between New South Wales and Victorian government and stakeholders.
- NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has worked closely with Agriculture Victoria to assure that risk mitigation strategies are in place that will allow business continuity for industries affected by the Varroa mite outbreak.
- DPI has been liaising with Agriculture Victoria regarding Phylloxera detection, surveillance and management. There are ongoing discussions on current phylloxera research, identifying phylloxera symptoms and damage in the field, up to date methods for detecting phylloxera, best practice for movements of host materials within a Phylloxera Infested Zone (PIZ) and general hygiene and standard operating procedures. DPI will continue to work with Agriculture Victoria regarding Phylloxera and its ongoing management and response preparedness activities.

* 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?

Answer—

A NSW Photo Card may be used as photo identification if a customer doesn't have a NSW Driver Licence. It is accepted in most places that a driver licence is recognised, including services provided through Service NSW. However it cannot currently be used as a form of identification for some online applications.

There currently isn't a process that allows for the NSW Photo Card to be digitally verified. However, Service NSW is working with its partners at Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to allow for the digital verification of the NSW Photo Card.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The 2022-23 State budget included funding for 200 National Parks and Wildlife Service firefighters. These roles will be located in National Parks and Wildlife Service offices and depots across NSW.
 - (a) None of these positions will be located in fire stations.
 - (b) Funding for these positions will commence on 1 July 2023. The locations of the 200 firefighters are currently under consideration.

* 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)?

Answer—

- (1) The following programs received applications:
 - (a) 2019-20: The Drought Break program.
 - (b) 2020-21: The Holiday Break program.
 - (c) 2021-22: The Holiday Break program, School Alumni program, The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative (CYPWRI).

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- (2) The following funding amounts were allocated to the Holiday Break program:
- (a) Drought Break -\$1.5 million in 2019-20.
 - (b) Holiday Break -\$677,783.96 in 2020-21.
 - (c) Holiday Break -\$4.3 million in 2021-22.
 - (d) School Alumni Program -\$35,193 in 2021-22.
 - (e) Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative -\$1,020,453 in 2021-22.
- (3) The following allocated funds remain unacquitted:
- (a) Drought Break -Nil in 2019-20.
 - (b) Holiday Break -Nil in 2020-21.
 - (c) Holiday Break -The 2021-22 acquittal process is ongoing and is expected to be completed by 1 August 2022.
 - (d) School Alumni Program -\$35,193 in 2021-22.
 - (e) Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative -\$1,000,517 in 2021-22
- (4)
- (a) The Deputy Director, Strategy and Partnerships, Office for Regional Youth was the decision maker for each of the Drought Break and Holiday Break program grants.
 - (b) The Deputy Director, Taskforce and Delivery, Office for Regional Youth was the decision maker for the School Alumni Program grants.
 - (c) The Deputy Director, Youth and Community, Office for Regional Youth was the decision maker for the CYPWRI small grants.
 - (d) The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative panel, comprising of members from the Office for Regional Youth, Resilience NSW and the Ministry for Health (NSW) are the decision makers for CYWRI larger grants and large grants for storm and flood impacted regions.

* 8382 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 data is not held by Transport for NSW.

* 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 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?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no such strategy as the "State Sport Strategy (2018)".

* 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government has invested significantly in both community and major sporting infrastructure across the state and remains committed to upgrading suburban stadiums however following recent natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic, it is appropriate that further investment in stadia is staged.

* 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—

- (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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Western Sydney Marathon used the Register Now platform, which is 100% Australian owned and operated and the same platform used by the Sydney City2Surf.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Information regarding the number of customers who have tapped on or tapped off a train journey is publicly available on the Transport for NSW Open Data Hub. <https://opendata.transport.nsw.gov.au/dataset/opal-trips-all-modes>

Transport for NSW does not hold validated postcode level data for Opal cards.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Measures for the sport targets were reported in the NSW 2021 Performance Report 2014-15. No further reporting was provided as NSW 2021 was replaced by the Premier's Priorities.

Answers relating to arts and cultural activities are a matter for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Arts and Regional Youth.

8388 WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Premier—

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available and can be found at:

- Urban Development Program
<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/research-and-demography/urban-development-program>
- Local Housing Strategy Tracker
<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-housing-strategies-tracker>
- Accelerated Infrastructure Fund Round 3

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<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Infrastructure-funding/Accelerated-Infrastructure-Fund/Round-3>

* 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?

Answer—

(1 – 3)

The NSW Government is aware of the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan and that the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill has been introduced to the New Zealand Parliament.

The NSW Government will continue to work with all Australian governments and assess the evidence from New Zealand and other countries to best achieve further reductions in tobacco use and smoking.

(4)

The NSW Government is committed to further reducing tobacco-related harm. NSW Health delivers public education campaigns about quitting tobacco use, smoking cessation support, strong tobacco and smoke-free laws, and targeted programs for groups with high smoking rates.

* 8391 WORKERS COMPENSATION REFORMS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

icare has carefully considered the McKell Institute's report.

While the limited sample size and survey methodology for the report means the experiences reported are not necessarily representative of all injured workers, icare is always ready to listen to injured workers to learn how to improve its services.

To that end, icare has met with the Secretary of Unions NSW, its campaign team and members of the Injured Workers Campaign Network (IWCN) to hear directly from them about their experiences. An action plan has been established and icare will meet regularly with the IWCN to provide an update on that plan. icare is also working directly with Unions NSW and others to improve the system, most recently through the development of the new claims model and the ongoing dialogue with union officials as standing members of the Nominal Insurer (NI) Advisory Committee.

The underlying claims performance of the NI has stabilised, and Return To Work (RTW) rates have been improving with the four week rate improving by 6.3 per cent, the 13 week by 2.1 per cent and the 26 week rate by 1.7 per cent since April 2022. The decline in RTW rates has not been isolated to icare but is occurring across Australian and international workers compensation jurisdictions, with a number of impacting external factors.

Positive steps are being taken by icare to improve RTW through commissioned research, operational initiatives to support early intervention and at-risk claim cohorts, and ensure claims models and frameworks are in place to promote RTW.

icare has also realised gross cost savings target \$100 million over two years. It should be noted that icare's costs comprise of operating expenditure for all the schemes it administers, inclusive of several New South Wales public sector schemes, which were not part of the former WorkCover.

icare has commenced work on 170 recommendations following various independent reviews of the NSW Workers Compensation Scheme, including the McDougall and Governance Accountability and Culture (GAC) reviews. A comprehensive program of reform is currently underway and is driving improvements.

Later in 2022 icare will launch a Mental Health Hub that will provide a public facing set of new online tools and training resources for employers, injured workers, treatment providers and case managers that will build understanding of a specialised approach to psychological injuries across both the NI and Treasury Managed Fund schemes.

icare has recently made a detailed submission to Parliament, outlining the wide scale mental health pressures in the community and explaining through detailed data how that affects workplaces and government agencies. The submission outlines a range of responses that icare, government agencies and community groups can adopt to help lower risks and create psychologically safe environments at work.

icare is also changing the way it manages claims, releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for claims management services. The new model aims to create a competitive marketplace, more choice, innovation and continuous improvement to support injured workers and offer better support for business.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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There is an ongoing Tolling Review led by NSW Treasury and supported by Transport for NSW, which is considering options to reform the current tolling arrangements in NSW.

The review is considering a number of factors including how to optimise the road network and reduce congestion.

Recommendations from the Review are due later this year and will be considered by the NSW Government.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) As the pandemic continues to evolve, the Government will undertake assessments of the need for targeted COVID-19 support, particularly for vulnerable communities. There are currently several ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery programs which provide support across New South Wales. Service NSW is helping businesses impacted by COVID-19 by administering financial and other support available from the NSW Government.
- (2) The Alfresco Restart rebate provides up to \$5,000 for small or medium food and beverage businesses wanting to create, expand or improve their outdoor dining areas. Claims are open until 30 September 2022. The Parents NSW and Stay NSW voucher programs are open until 9 October 2022.

Service NSW for Business provides free, personalised support to business owners as they start, run and grow their businesses, and as they adapt and recover in times of crisis. Businesses can contact a Business Concierge to receive personalised support or connect with a Business Connect Advisor. Policy on Government financial support for small businesses in response to COVID-19 is set by the NSW Treasury. Programs on the visitor and night-time economy are led by the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade. Questions on these matters are best directed to the relevant portfolio Minister.

* 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?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The Department of Primary Industries Plantations Regulation Unit (PRU) only authorises an existing plantation where there is conclusive evidence that the area is a plantation as defined by the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 (Act). For example, when authorising an existing plantation, PRU officers require evidence that the land was previously cleared and planted and/or sown. This can include historical aerial photos/ imagery, and field notes and plans held by the owner/manager. Officers also undertake a field assessment of the plantation. If there is not sufficient evidence, the application is refused.
- (b) The PRU is an independent regulator that implements and enforces compliance with the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 and Code by all plantation owners/managers in NSW.
- (c) Timber plantations are authorised following a comprehensive assessment process to correctly identify the plantation area and native forest remnant areas in line with the requirements of the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 and the Plantations and Reafforestation (Code) Regulation 2001.
- (d) The PRU uses best available data and information for assessment of plantations at the time of authorisation. Ideally, all retained native vegetation areas are identified at the time of authorisation. PRU officers are trained and highly experienced in identifying remnant native vegetation and other features of environmental or ecological significance that are required to be protected under the legislation. Forestry Corporation NSW implements a Standard Operating Procedure for mapping of hardwood plantations that has been developed in consultation with the PRU to ensure it meets the requirements of the Act and Code.
- (e) The PRU is the independent public regulator established by the NSW Government to administer and enforce the Plantations and Reafforestation Act 1999 and the associated Code. Plantation owners/managers, such as the Forestry Corporation NSW, have no influence over the mapping and exclusion process except in so far as they are able to provide historical evidence of the status of the land over a relevant period.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The mandatory mask rule on public transport is enforced by the NSW Police Force. Questions regarding enforcement measures should be referred to the Minister for Police.

While Transport for NSW is not empowered to enforce directions made under the Public Health Act 2010, Transport for NSW has funded a dedicated media campaign throughout August to remind commuters on public transport that masks are mandatory.

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) An additional ferry stop in the Pyrmont area at Pirrama Park would require additional fleet and would impact on the existing ferry service.
- (2) Transport for NSW and the local bus operator have reviewed the opportunity to introduce additional bus stops on route 389 in Pyrmont Street, Pyrmont, and York Street, Sydney. Existing kerbside traffic restrictions and operational considerations preclude the introduction of additional bus stops at this time.
- (3) and (4) Future enhancements to bus services in the Pyrmont area, including linking existing destinations such as Broadway shopping centre, the new Fish Market, and linking the Bays Precinct and the Eastern Suburbs, will be considered as part of future planning activities.
- (5) Existing light rail services on the L 1 Inner West Line already provide frequent services operating from early morning until around midnight seven days a week. Alternative transport services operating to destinations such as Pyrmont, Glebe and Haberfield operate until around 3am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Transport for NSW considers a range of factors when planning bus services including feedback received from customers, bus operators and other stakeholders. We assess this against current and future growth in the wider region, as well as current and emerging travel patterns drawn from Opal data.

Commuters travelling from Pyrmont to Broadway to access shops, banks, education and health facilities, and can catch frequent bus or light rail services to Central and transfer to numerous frequent Parramatta Road services to reach their desired location.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) & (2)

In 2020-21, Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) supported 2,774 women over the age of 55 years in New South Wales.

Over the period 2015-16 to 2020-21:

- The rate of older women accessing SHS in New South Wales increased by an annual average of 3.8 per cent, compared to the national annual average rate of change at 3.2 per cent.

The rate of older women accessing SHS in New South Wales is higher than the increase for all SHS clients for the same period (0.2 per cent).

The Specialist Homelessness Services Collection does not provide information on the income levels of older women seeking assistance from SHS (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Specialist homelessness services 2020-21. Supplementary tables - Historical tables SHSC 2011-12 to 2020-2) (<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/homelessness-services/specialist-homelessness-services-annual-report/data>).

- (3) Under the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2018-23, the Government is implementing a range of tailored accommodation solutions to support identified at-risk groups, including older women.

In October 2021 the Government announced it would invest:

- \$30 million for approximately 80 new small-scale social housing, primarily in Western Sydney and regional New South Wales. This includes new co-living homes for older women, as part of the current NSW Homelessness Strategy.
- \$52.5 million over four years towards the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF) partnership with the community housing sector, to provide approximately 200 sustainable, social and affordable housing dwellings for women experiencing domestic and family violence, including older women.
- \$426.6 million over four years to expand Core and Cluster to deliver and operate nearly double the existing women's refuges in New South Wales.

As of 30 June 2022, the \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) had delivered 3,020 of a total of 3,486 additional social and affordable dwellings across New South Wales expected to be delivered by the end of 2024. A total of 1,414 dwellings are targeted to older people and an additional 232 dwellings targeted specifically for older women.

- (4) The Government routinely assesses and incorporates the latest evidence from research reports into its housing and homelessness responses

The recommendations of the 'Older Women in the Private Rental Sector: Unaffordable, Substandard and Insecure Housing' report around investing in social housing and supporting tenancies are consistent with the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ's) existing policies and initiatives.

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Recommendations relating to the NSW Residential Tenancy Act 2010, and to the Jobseeker allowance and rent assistance should be referred respectively to the Minister Fair Trading and to the Commonwealth Government.

- (5) The Government provides support to eligible low income households through its private rental assistance products, including the Rent Choice and Rentstart Bond Loan programs. These programs are designed to assist people to access and maintain a tenancy, identify suitable accommodation, and pay for bonds. Further information is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/ways/renting-private-market>
- (6) Housing 2041 sets a long-term vision and objectives for better housing outcomes across New South Wales. The strategy will benefit people across the housing spectrum, from those temporarily without a home to those seeking housing that better suits their needs. Housing 2041 approaches housing solutions holistically, looking at population patterns, economic and environmental effects, and other trends that affect the way we live. The strategy also acknowledges that people and households move back and forth along the housing spectrum depending on life events, aspirations and capacity.

The NSW Homelessness Strategy is a comprehensive approach to prevent and improve the way we respond to homelessness. It is a framework for action enabling government agencies, the non-government sector, and the community to collaborate and act to reduce the impact of homelessness on individuals, and improve outcomes for people and families.

Future Directions for Social Housing is the government 10 year vision for social housing in New South Wales. It has three areas of focus: more social housing, a better social housing experience and more opportunities, support and incentives to build housing independence.

Under the framework of these strategies, the Government responds to changing circumstances. In response to COVID-19, additional funding was made available for SHS to meet the emergency accommodation needs of clients impacted by COVID-19 and to meet additional staffing and other costs.

In response to stay at home orders, DCJ increased the initial Temporary Accommodation entitlement and temporarily removed the cap on assistance. Further support was given to rough sleepers to find and sustain longer-term housing. A short term six-month private rental subsidy was made available to assist clients in Temporary Accommodation to access the private rental market.

The government also invested \$177.5 million in the Together Home program to support over 1,000 people with a history of rough sleeping, with leases and wrap around supports over two years. The program is also acquiring or building more than 230 dwellings in partnership with Community Housing Providers to enable the transition of clients into long-term housing.

* 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?
- (3) What further plans does the Government have to support the uptake of electric bikes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Currently, the NSW Government is collaborating with the City of Sydney to promote active transport through an electric bike loan scheme, free cycling courses and other initiatives. The electric bike trial scheme allows users to try an electric bike for a month and the subsequent option

to purchase it at the end. Under this arrangement Transport for NSW is providing funding to the City of Sydney to deliver active transport outcomes identified in the Green Square Travel Demand Management Strategy. Transport for NSW also funds the project management of this collaboration.

Electric bikes are available for hire from private operators and suppliers, for instance as a shared service, while a number of organisations such as Transport for NSW provide salary sacrificing options for electric bikes as part of their employee benefit scheme.

- (2) Due to the relatively recent commencement of the UK cycling loan scheme, no assessment of the programme has been undertaken to date by Transport for NSW.
- (3) The NSW Government is currently developing a Net Zero Cities Action Plan. Opportunities for e-bikes may be considered as part of the scope of actions.

Transport for NSW's Cycling Design Toolbox, released in December 2020, has been prepared taking into account a wide range of electric-powered personal mobility devices, including electric bikes, to ensure that infrastructure is adaptable to accommodate innovations in micromobility.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) An evaluation of the NSW Washing Machine Replacement Trial is being undertaken, now that the program has closed.
- (2) The trial locations were initially selected based on the estimated number of eligible households to test the program and its delivery. Locations were selected based on the number of freestanding NSW Land and Housing Corporation and Aboriginal Housing Office properties with larger households and higher water usage and therefore potentially higher water savings. Additional funding was approved to extend the program in June 2022, at which time eligibility was extended to include all social housing across NSW, including 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?

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(2) What plans are being considered to accommodate the use of sea planes in Batemans Bay?

Answer—

I am advised

The structure was designed to safely provide access to as many users as possible and for the maximum time-period. It was designed to ensure access by small seaplanes, subject to appropriate permits, approvals, and operating conditions.

* 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?

Answer—

Yes.

* 8403 EVENT FUNDING—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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?

Answer—

I am advised:

As one of the 13 Greater Sydney councils most impacted by the 2021 COVID-19 lockdowns, Liverpool City Council was entitled to apply for up to \$500,000 through the Department of Planning and Environment's 'Festival of Place Open Streets' program.

The program supported local initiatives to temporarily close streets to cars and open them on a day or series of days for demonstration projects involving community events and activities.

Council determined to use this funding to deliver the Starry Sari Night event which was held in May 2022.

In April 2022, the program moved under my responsibility as the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.

* 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?

Answer—

(1)

The NSW Police Force has reviewed the recent Law Enforcement Conduct Commission's Report entitled Covert Search Warrants and Preventative Detention Orders and is unable to find any reference to assumed identities. Accordingly, no answer in relation to recommendations can be provided.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force acknowledged the Law Enforcement Conduct Commissions' finding of outdated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Covert Search Warrants and Preventative Detention Orders.
- (2) Yes.

* 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?

Answer—

While the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) oversees the NSW Police Force, matters concerning the LECC and its reports fall under the Premier and the Attorney General.

With respect to the 2022 report entitled Covert Search Warrants and Preventative Detention Orders; of the 13 recommendations made, five are for legislative amendment and as such, are for consideration by the Attorney General as part of a Statutory Review of the Terrorism (Police Powers) Act 2002 (NSW) being undertaken by the Department of Communities and Justice.

The eight remaining recommendations have been considered by the NSW Police Force and a response to each recommendation has been provided to the LECC for consideration. A status on each recommendation and implementation where appropriate will be published in due course.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (the Guidelines) informs the content of councils' expenses and facilities policies adopted under s 252 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

The Guidelines only permit individual councillors to have their legal expenses paid for by the council or to receive external legal support at the council's expense in limited circumstances and this generally requires a council resolution.

The Office of Local Government is monitoring the development and application of Liverpool City Council's proposed policy to ensure it is consistent with the requirements of the Guidelines and the Act.

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* 8408 PUBLIC ARRESTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (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?

Answer—

- (1) The number of individuals who received a legal action for carrying a knife, in public, during the above specified periods is:
- (a) 3,955
 - (b) 4,575
 - (c) 4,553
 - (d) 4,349
 - (e) 2,216

* 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?

Answer—

Planning is underway to deliver a new high school in Edmondson Park. This project will support the growing population in Western Sydney including students in the Leppington and Denham Court areas.

A new high school is also being planned to provide equitable access to selective education facilities in the South West growth area.

Further updates regarding current and any future projects will be released on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au> as information becomes available.

* 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?

Answer—

The Liverpool City Police Area Command held its most recent Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting on 12 April 2022, with two meetings taking place that day. One meeting was for the general public and the other meeting was for the Police Aboriginal Consultative Committee. Future Committee meetings will be held in October and November 2022, with dates to be confirmed.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) referred the matter to the NSW Police Force but were informed that, in order for Police to commence an investigation, a report from the applicant in NCAT proceedings RT21/52564 would be required. I understand that NCAT has advised the applicant's representative of this.

* 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:
 - (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?

Answer—

I empathise with the challenges Ms Thompson has faced in applying for the Parents NSW vouchers. Previously, multiple families who share the same residential address had been unable to apply. However, Service NSW has advised that its teams have now resolved this issue, and that all eligible customers with a shared residential address who had applied for the Parents NSW vouchers – including Ms Thompson – have now been sent their vouchers by Service NSW. Should there be any further issues, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1)
- (a) A response was sent on 6 September 2022.
- (b) Temporary accommodation assistance is provided by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and supplements the work of Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) providers by providing time-limited accommodation in low cost motels or caravan parks.

There are currently 11 motels and caravan parks used by DCJ to provide temporary accommodation on the Central Coast. An additional provider has recently been approved in the Woy Woy area.

Additionally, Catholic Care Broken Bay is funded by DCJ to provide 10 units for temporary supported accommodation to homeless clients that are referred by the department.

All SHS providers funded by DCJ on the Central Coast are members of the District Homelessness Implementation Group. A sub-group of the District Homelessness Implementation Group is monitoring assertive outreach for people sleeping rough. The aim is to increase access to homelessness supports and ensure a flexible approach to crisis accommodation and other housing assistance products.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) (a)
- Ourimbah Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) station was built in 2011. While it is not exactly the same design as a station built in 2022, it does contain male/female toilets/change rooms, crew room and kitchenette.
 - Berkeley Vale RFB station was rebuilt/ renovated in 2018. While it is not exactly the same design as a station built in 2022, it does contain male/female toilets/change rooms, crew room and kitchenette. The Brigade has since added a shed behind the station. Land has been secured across the road for a drying rack and car parking.
 - Planning is progressing to upgrade Tuggerah RFB.
 - The RFS is incorporating 'clean' and 'dirty' areas in modern station builds to reduce the exposure of members and their families to smoke particulates and other potential carcinogens.
- (2) (b) (i)
- No.
- (3) (b) (ii)
- All three stations are able to accommodate their RFS appliances.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am aware of the correspondence of 15 June 2022 from the Community Environment Network and can confirm it has been responded to.

The questions raised in the correspondence are more appropriately directed to the Council at first instance. The correspondence has been referred to Council for its consideration and appropriate action.

- * 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

2019 and 2020 crash data is publicly available on the Centre for Road Safety website and Transport for NSW Open Data Portal.

2021 and 2022 crash data is not yet finalised.

- * 8417 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON MANNS 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 Manns 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

2019 and 2020 crash data is publicly available on the Centre for Road Safety website and Transport for NSW Open Data Portal.

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2021 and 2022 crash data is not yet finalised.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The current Protected Industrial Action has impacted the timeframe for completion and a revised target date of completion is yet to be determined.

* 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

2019 and 2020 crash data is publicly available on the Centre for Road Safety website and Transport for NSW Open Data Portal.

2021 and 2022 crash data is not yet finalised.

* 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

2019 and 2020 crash data is publicly available on the Centre for Road Safety website and Transport for NSW Open Data Portal.

2021 and 2022 crash data is not yet finalised.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised

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

- 8422 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- 8423 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The premise to your question is incorrect.
- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil
- (c) I refer you to the answer to LA 8244.
- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised that reviews into the General Services Department at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital have been recently undertaken. I am further advised that the matters raised have been addressed.

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Making public transport more accessible continues to be a priority of the NSW Government. All stations under the 2021 (redistributed) Bankstown electorate, including Bankstown, Punchbowl and Wiley Park, will be upgraded to metro standards. Sydney Metro is a new railway system and is designed to be fully accessible to allow customers to access the system as independently as possible.

Bankstown Station, which is currently fully wheelchair accessible, was also previously upgraded under the Transport Access Program in 2015.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that recruitment is undertaken regularly to ensure any vacancies are filled in a timely manner.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW does not hold this information in this form.
 - (a) Four
 - (b) Zero
 - (c) Five
 - (d) Nine, across Miller Road, Chester Hill and Miller Road, Villawood.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) As per QON 8772 – LC: The Disaster Relief Grant for Individuals is administered by Resilience NSW. Please redirect to Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience. Service NSW does not hold this data.
 - (a) Please redirect to Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience. Service NSW does not hold this data.

* 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?

Answer—

I refer the member to the response at LA 8425.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom are committed to engaging with the community during the redevelopment of the former Bulli Hospital.

* 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?

Answer—

From 1 January 2022 to 7 June 2022, there were a total of 400 legal actions issued for people breaching public health orders on mask wearing on public transport.

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- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) continues to work with Tweed Shire Council on a range of options following the 2022 floods.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom has recently entered into an agreement with Lismore Shire Council, as the landowner, regarding an affordable development and is in the process of securing funding with the NSW Government.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has supported all recommendations of the NSW Independent Flood Inquiry, including recommendations proposing consideration of government reinsurance pools and other actions to promote more affordable housing.

The Government has provided a briefing to the Commonwealth Government on all recommendations from the NSW Flood Inquiry, and will continue to engage with the Commonwealth Government throughout the implementation process.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing with planning for rail improvements on the South Coast Line. The corridor between Sydney and Bomaderry has been identified as one of the routes that will form part of NSW's Fast Rail network.

* 8437 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

- (1)
- (a) Ferries are taken off the waterways every three years for routine maintenance.
 - (b) Six.
 - (c) Yearly maintenance costs for individual ferries is commercial-in-confidence.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 10 July, the NSW Government announced that the Aboriginal flag would permanently replace the NSW State flag and as such Transport for NSW is no longer procuring a new pole.

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* 8439 TRANSPORT ASSET HOLDING ENTITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (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:

- (1)
- (a) Nil.
 - (b) (c) (d) (f) Potential costs to taxpayers will be known once the negotiation process is completed.
 - (e) Capital funding of \$297 million is allocated as per the NSW State Budget for the Mariyung Fleet for 2022-23 Financial Year.
 - (g) TAHE has regular ongoing engagement with the NSW Auditor General.
 - (h) The review of the total state sector accounts for 2021/22 should be available in late 2022.
 - (i) (j) In financial year 2020-21 there were no permanent employees in TAHE. A small group of staff were seconded from transport for NSW to support the establishment of the organisation. Currently, TAHE an FTE of 27 permanent employees

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised, the police residence on Terralong Street Kiama, is subject of the following Aboriginal land claims: ALC 8126 lodged 3 November 2005, and part Aboriginal land claim 42452 lodged 15 December 2016.

These claims are currently under priority assessment, and it is expected the claims will be determined by the end of 2022.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Yes.
- (i) No.
- (ii) No.
- (iii) Note answer to (1)(a).
- (iv) No.
- (v) No.

* 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:
- (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?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The response provided by the Premier to QoN LA 8363 remains current.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force is the source of the Transport for NSW crash data.

Data for 2021 and 2022 is preliminary and not yet finalised.

Once data is finalised, it will be made available at <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/statistics/index.html>

* 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?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Small businesses located in Kangaroo Valley have reported a downturn in trade due to reduced road access following weather events in March 2022. A further rain event in early July 2022 exacerbated existing road access issues.

The Government announced a \$10,000 grant (jointly funded by the Commonwealth) to small businesses and not-for-profits in the Kangaroo Valley Township that experienced a 40 per cent decline in turnover during the month of March. Small business or not-for-profit organisation must be physically located and operating in the Kangaroo Valley suburbs of Barrengarry, Beaumont, Budgong, Kangaroo Valley, Upper Kangaroo River and Upper Kangaroo Valley. Applications for the grant are open and close on 30 September. Additional eligibility criteria apply and is available on the Service NSW website

- (b) The Government apologises for the delay in administering assistance and thanks the Member for Kiama for representations to the Commission seeking tailored funding support to help local businesses manage the ongoing disruption.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

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

* 8446 WESTERN SYDNEY FRIEGHT 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning has commenced for the eastern section of the Western Sydney Freight Line, between the M7 Motorway and the Southern Sydney Freight Line near Leightonfield. The NSW and Federal Governments are jointly funding a business case for the Western Sydney Freight line and the Western Sydney Intermodal Terminal. This business case will establish the case for investment and help inform delivery staging and timing.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently finalising the allocation of funding.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

TfNSW is awaiting a revised claim in accordance with the NSW Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Guidelines and funding will be provided in accordance with the Guidelines.

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* 8449 SCHOOL BUS SERVICE IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—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) Is the Minister aware of the financial implications the current criteria for a school bus service is having on rural and regional families?
- (2) As fuel prices increase, can the Minister investigate increasing the 70c/km school drive subsidy, particularly for those travelling beyond 100km per day?
- (3) Does the School drive subsidy have a km restriction for daily travel?
- (4) How does the Minister propose students get to school if their families do not have access to a motor vehicle and/or a school bus service?
- (5) Considering the NSW Education Act states it is an offence if parents fail to send their child to school, will parents therefore be liable if their child is unable to attend due to lack of transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are \$1.6 billion in recurrent expenses for bus services in 2022-23 throughout New South Wales, including regional and metropolitan bus services and school services.

Transport for NSW contracts bus operators to provide dedicated school services under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS). The SSTS provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school.

Where it is not feasible to provide public transport, the School Drive Subsidy (SOS) is offered to parents of eligible SSTS students. This subsidy is intended to partly offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive children directly or partially to school (or the nearest bus pick up location).

- (2) When the SOS was introduced, the per kilometre rate was established and linked to the Consumer Price Index. The SOS rate is reviewed annually in accordance with CPI.
- (4) Every attempt is made to provide adequate public transport services for school children across NSW. In areas where public or private transport is not possible, the Department of Education offers remote learning opportunities through Distance Education for Preschool to Year 12.
- (5) No

8450 IPTAAS SUBSIDY FOR DENTAL SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8451 BUILDING CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

8452 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL WAITING TIMES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—

8453 REFERRAL OF CANTERBURY HOSPITAL PATIENTS TO OTHER HOSPITALS—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—

8454 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—

8455 FACILITIES AT CANTERBURY HOSPITAL—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 8456 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SPACE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8457 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8458 POLICE, CITIZENS AND YOUTH CLUB IN DARETON—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8459 SPORTING GROUNDS WITHIN BALRANALD SHIRE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8460 NURSE COORDINATOR PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- * 8461 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) How many social housing properties in the Illawarra are waiting on maintenance as at 9 August 2022?
 - (2) In 2022, how many calls per day has the maintenance line received for the months of:
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?
 - (e) May?
 - (f) June?
 - (3) Considering that the Community and Justice website states that the maximum wait time for maintenance to be completed is 20 days, how many properties in the Illawarra have been waiting longer than this timeframe as at 9 August 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 9 August 2022, there were 924 properties in the Illawarra owned by the Land and Housing Corporation and managed by the Department of Communities and Justice waiting on responsive maintenance.
- (2) In 2022, the maintenance line received the average number of calls per day for the Illawarra as follows:
 - (a) January: 101
 - (b) February: 108
 - (c) March: 164
 - (d) April: 114
 - (e) May: 104
 - (f) June: 116
- (3) As at 16 August 2022, there were 514 properties in the Illawarra waiting longer than 20 days for responsive maintenance. Data for 9 August 2022 is not available.

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The majority of the work required related to weather and storm incidents, particularly roofing repairs. The wet weather has impacted the availability and timeliness of local tradespersons to complete the works. All of these works were attended to and made safe, and various minor works are still in progress.

- * 8462 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?

Answer—

Refer to answer in QON LA 8431

- 8463 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Mr Ryan Park 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—

- * 8464 TARGETED SOLAR PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) In relation to the NSW Land and Housing Corporation's (LAHC) targeted solar program that has seen 5,300 social housing households across 77 local government areas receive solar panels since 2017, with another 750 social housing households to receive solar panels by June 2022, how many of the extra 750 households were in the following electorates:

- (a) Heathcote?
- (b) Keira?
- (c) Wollongong?

(2) Were they all installed by June 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2008, LAHC has installed solar panels at 6,300 properties. In 2022, LAHC has not installed solar panels at LAHC owned properties in Heathcote, Keira or Wollongong.

A copy of the policy is available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-heating-and-cooling-policy>

- 8465 PCR TESTING SITES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- 8466 CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park 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—

- * 8467 STAY NSW VOUCHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

(1) In relation to Stay NSW Vouchers how many people have applied for the vouchers from the following electorates:

- (a) Heathcote?
- (b) Keira?

- (c) Wollongong?
- (2) How many of the stay NSW vouchers been used in the following electorates:
- (a) Heathcote?
- (b) Keira?
- (c) Wollongong?

Answer—

- (1) As of 11 August 2022, the number of applications in each electorate for the Stay NSW Vouchers are:
- (a) Heathcote: 41,168
- (b) Keira: 34,833
- (c) Wollongong: 34,683
- (2) As of 11 August 2022, the number of Stay NSW vouchers that have been redeemed in each electorate are:
- (a) Heathcote: 11,622
- (b) Keira: 10,326
- (c) Wollongong: 9,828

8468 MANDATORY MASK WEARING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

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* 8469 FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Why was the recent announcement of an additional \$50 million to repair critical flood mitigation infrastructure in the Hunter Valley made by the Member for Upper Hunter, when he does not currently have responsibility for these areas and has not attended any recovery access points in Maitland?
- (2) What is the source of funding for the \$70 million (please disaggregate by level of Government (Local, State or Commonwealth) and by grant program)?
- (3) Given that according to the Regional 2022/2023 Budget statement, \$21.5 million was allocated for the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme over 8 years, is the balance of the \$70 million (\$48.5 million) comprised of new funds, or is it made up of the contributions to the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS) contributions released from grants and other electorates as a result of the budget announcement of \$21.5 million for the HVMS?
- (4) Will the \$48.5 million balance of the \$70 million be allocated over 8 years as well?
- (a) If not, when will it be allocated and spent?

Answer—

- (1) The Member for the Upper Hunter made the announcement on behalf of the Minister for Lands and Water as a Member of the Government.
- (2-4) A briefing on these matters was held for all Hunter MPs on the Governments budget announcement.

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* 8470 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Considering the public has been asked to provide feedback to the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme about damage to the scheme by 15 August 2022, why has the Government made an announcement of funding prior to the deadline for public feedback?
 - (a) Will the Government provide additional funding if there is more damage notified in the period between the announcement of the current funding and the deadline for public submissions?
- (2) When will the urgent works commence and when will they be completed?
 - (a) What is the scope of the urgent works?
 - (b) What is the quantum of funding required to complete them?
- (3) When will the non-urgent works commence and when will they be completed?
 - (a) What is the scope of the non-urgent works?
 - (b) What is the quantum of funding required to complete them?
- (4) What is the total quantum of funding for outstanding works from previous weather events? Please disaggregate by flood event.
- (5) What is the quantum of funding required to repair damage from the 2022 July flood events?
- (6) What work has been done in increasing the telemetry points in Wallis Creek?

Answer—

See the QON LA8469.

* 8471 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME ASSESSMENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Has the Government completed an engineering and/or hydrological assessment of the Levees and other components of the Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Scheme (HVFMS)?
 - (a) If not, when is this likely to be completed?
 - (b) If so, when will the engineering and/or hydrologist report be made public?
- (2) What was the quantum of funding identified in any such report, required to repair the HVFMS?

Answer—

(1-2) See the QON LA8469.

* 8472 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many applicants from the Maitland Local Government Area have applied for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant?
 - (a) How many have been approved?
 - (i) What is the total quantum of the approved grants?
 - (b) How many have been denied?
 - (i) Why were they denied?
 - (c) How many applicants are still waiting for their application to be processed?

- (d) What is the average time for processing the application?
- (e) What is the average time from when the application is submitted to when the applicant receives funding in their bank account?

Answer—

The Disaster Relief Grant for Individuals offers financial assistance to help people to recover from the effects of a disaster and re-establish a basic standard of living. It is not provided to replace insurance or compensate for losses. This grant is administered by Resilience NSW as such Service NSW does not hold this data. Please redirect this question to the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience and Minister for Flood Recovery, The Hon. Steph Cooke MP.

* 8473 WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT TRIAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) How many applications have been received from people living in the Maitland Local Government Area for the Washing Machine Replacement Trial?
 - (a) How many have been approved?
 - (i) What is the total quantum of the approved applications?
 - (b) How many have been denied?
 - (i) Why were applications denied?
 - (c) When did the program close?
 - (d) Will additional funding be provided to extend the program?
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (ii) If so, what is the total quantum of the additional funding?

Answer—

- (1) 18 applications were received from social housing tenants living in the Maitland LGA.
 - (a) 16 applications were approved in the Maitland LGA.
 - (i) 7,241 applications were approved across NSW.
 - (b) 2 applications were denied approval in the Maitland LGA. 1306 applications were denied approval across NSW.
 - (i) Applications were denied if there was a Centrelink account name and/or address mismatch, multiple applications placed or the applicant did not meet the eligibility criteria.
 - (c) The program closed to new applications on 25 July 2022.
 - (d) The program has closed and is now being evaluated with program funders. No decision on a subsequent program has been made.

8474 ERADICATION OF ROADSIDE WEEDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

* 8475 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT GRANTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How much money was allocated to the 2022-23 funding round for Floodplain management grants?
 - (a) What entities are eligible to apply for the grants (e.g. Local Land Services, Councils)?

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- (b) When will successful recipients for the 2022-23 funding round be announced?
- (c) How many entities applied for the grants?
- (d) How many applicants were eligible to apply for the grants?
- (e) How many applicants were successful in gaining the grants?
- (f) Will you consider topping up the grants due to the catastrophic severe flooding in many areas of New South Wales including Maitland?
- (g) Will you consider doing a supplementary funding round focusing on house raising grants to impacted residents in flood areas to assist with recovery?
- (h) When will the 2023-24 funding round open?

Answer—

- (1) The outcomes of the 2022-23 funding round of the Floodplain Management Grants Program, and amounts allocated, are not yet determined as applications are currently being assessed.
 - (a) Organisations eligible to apply for the Floodplain Management Grants are local councils, county councils and other government bodies with floodplain risk management responsibilities equivalent to those of local councils.
 - (b) Successful applicants are expected to be announced in the last quarter of this calendar year.
 - (c) 65 local councils applied for grants under the 2022-23 round of the Floodplain Management Grants Program.
 - (d) All NSW local councils and county councils were eligible to apply for the 2022-23 round of the program.
 - (e) The assessment of applications under the 2022-23 funding round of the Floodplain Management Grants Program is currently underway.
 - (f) The Department of Planning and Environment will review the outcomes of the NSW Flood Inquiry and the program in light of recommendations and the Government response.
 - (g) The Voluntary House Raising program, which is a stream under the Floodplain Management Program, provides councils with three-year access to the pool of funds to raise eligible homes, therefore an additional round is not required to be conducted at this time.
 - (h) The 2023-24 round of the Floodplain Management Grants Program is expected to open in February 2023.

8476 AMBULANCE SHIFTS IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8477 MAITLAND HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8478 MARINE RESCUE LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

8479 PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr 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—

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- 8480 PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED IN LAKE MACQUARIE—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 8481 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier—
- 8482 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8483 POINT TO POINT INDEPENDENT REVIEW 2020—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8484 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8485 PRESCHOOLS CO-LOCATED ON SCHOOL SITES—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 8486 HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED LEAD TEACHERS—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 8487 TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong 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—
- 8488 ST JAMES STATION PUBLIC TOILETS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8489 FREIGHT HANDLING STUDY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8490 HUNTER VALLEY BUSES CANCELLATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8491 NEWCASTLE BUS CANCELLATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8492 NEWCASTLE TEACHER SHORTAGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp 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—
- 8493 TRAIN DRIVER FACILITIES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8494 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8495 ACCESSIBILITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING PANELS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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* 8496 CENTRAL STATION AMENITIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Currently, how many food and beverage vendors are located on regional platforms at Central Station?
- (2) What food and beverage services are available for passengers travelling from regional New South Wales without leaving the ticketed areas of Central Station?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have any plans to increase the number of food or beverage vendors servicing platforms for regional trains at Central Station?

Answer—

I am advised

There are no food and beverage operators on any platforms at Central Station.

Food and beverages are available at Switchman Espresso which is close to platforms 1 - 7. Platforms 1 - 3 have no gate lines which allows direct access to both the Switchman Espresso and the Central Food Market which opened recently on the Grand Concourse.

In coming months, a convenience store operator will also open on the Grand Concourse and will provide further packaged snack food and beverage options to travellers.

* 8497 INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL LINE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When are full services set to resume on the Inner West Light Rail line between Lilyfield and Dulwich Hill?
- (2) With increased services scheduled to begin between Lilyfield and Central Station, what additional measures are in place to assist passengers travelling between Lilyfield and Dulwich Hill in the period before full services are set to resume?
- (3) How many of the 12 CAF Urbos 3 Trams have been successfully repaired?
- (4) When are the CAF Urbos 3 Trams expected to resume revenue service on the Sydney Light Rail network?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW expects full timetable services to resume in November 2022.
- (2) An additional weekday peak shuttle service is currently provided between Central and Lilyfield. To assist passengers, the vehicles' destination boards, vehicle door decals and driver-made onboard announcements are provided to inform passengers that these services terminate at Lilyfield. Passengers travelling from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill remain on the same platform for the next connecting service to Dulwich Hill, a wait of up to 8 minutes. The updated timetables can also be accessed by passengers via Transport.info and apps.
- (3) As of 15 August 2022, nine of the twelve CAF Urbos light rail vehicles have been repaired.
- (4) From 1 August 2022, two repaired CAF Urbos Vehicles commenced providing a peak hour shuttle service between Central and Lilyfield.

8498 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—

* 8499 SAVING OUR SPECIES PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What is the total budget allocation in the 2022-2023 State budget for the Saving our Species program?
- (2) What projects, programs or initiatives are specifically funded in this financial year?
- (3) What is the total amount of funding in the 2022-2023 State budget for conservation of biodiversity on private land?

Answer—

- (1) In 2022-23, \$15 million has been allocated to the Saving our Species (SoS) program.
- (2) In 2022-23, SoS is investing in 334 projects including 261 site-managed threatened species projects, 25 threatened ecological communities, five iconic species, 26 landscape species, 11 partnership species, one threatened population and five key threatening processes. SoS is also funding eight science and research projects.

Further details about SoS investment are made publicly available following the completion of annual program reporting.

- (3) Conservation of biodiversity on private land is funded through multiple programs. In 2022-23:
 - \$83,639,000 has been allocated to the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust to support landholders to enhance and conserve biodiversity on private land
 - \$3,098,000 is allocated under the NSW Koala Strategy to deliver programs that support the conservation of koala habitat on private land
 - SoS supports conservation on both private and public land. As SoS project sites include multiple tenures, it is not possible to derive a true overall figure for the private land component of investment.

8500 VACANT HOUSING PROPERTIES IN CS3—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

8501 NSW STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

* 8502 PEAK HOUR TRAVEL TIMES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government plan to return to peak hour times in operation prior to those instigated in July 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answer—

I am advised

Please refer to the response to LA 7976.

8503 SYDNEY METRO—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

8504 LEARNING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Leong 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—

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- 8505 SCHOOL PROGRAMS—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 8506 GENERATION STEM CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 8507 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY REVIEW AND UPDATES—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 8508 ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR CURRICULUM PROGRAMS—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 8509 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ORGANISATION SUPPORT—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 8510 FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- * 8511 RESIDUAL WESTCONNEX LAND—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- When will the residual Westconnex land adjacent to Underwood Road, Ismay Ave, and the M4 Motorway in Homebush be returned to the Strathfield Community as promised by the Government?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- As the matter relates to land owned by Transport for NSW, this matter would best be answered by the Minister for Transport.
- 8512 INCENTIVES UNDER THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8513 DUAL CARRIAGEWAY UPGRADE OF BRUXNER HIGHWAY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8514 PASSING LANES ON THE BRUXNER HIGHWAY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8515 PRIMARY PRODUCER GRANTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 8516 CURRENT CRITERIA FOR THE PRIMARY PRODUCERS GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 8517 FLOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8518 ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8519 HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS PROJECT INVESTMENT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8520 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS FOR THE HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS PROJECT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8521 CAPITAL WORKS FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS—Mr Paul Scully 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—
- * 8522 ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) On how many occasions have energy providers located electricity infrastructure, such as electricity substations, on incorrect land?
 - (a) What has been the process for rectifying these errors of location?
 - (b) How long has it taken to resolve disputes between landowners and energy providers?
- Answer—
- This information is not required to be reported by network businesses and can be addressed with each provider.
- Since 1 July 2012, the Energy and Water Ombudsman of NSW (EWON) has reviewed 137 complaints about the placement of electricity network assets and easements. In the majority of cases, EWON found the network had placed the asset in accordance with appropriate guidelines, had approval by the council as part of a private development, or was appropriately placed on an easement.
- 8523 SUBMARINE BASE LOCATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—
- 8524 UPDATED RESPONSE—Mr Paul Scully 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—
- * 8525 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) How many applications for the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance have been made during 2022 as of 10 August 2022 in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2519?
 - (b) 2518?
 - (c) 2500?
 - (d) 2502?
 - (e) 2505?
 - (f) 2506?

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- (g) 2526?
(h) 2528?
(i) How many of these were successful?
(ii) What was the average amount provided to applicants?
(iii) How does this compare to the number of applications for the 2021 calendar year?

Answer—

Unsuccessful Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) applications are not required to be reported by non-Government providers.

A comparison of the average amount of EAPA assistance provided in 2022 compared with the 2021 calendar year is shown in the following table:

Postcode	1 January – 31 December 2021		1 January – 10 August 2022	
	Total number of successful applications	Average amount provided	Total number of successful applications	Average amount provided
2519	57	\$250	48	\$250
2518	110	\$300	98	\$250
2500	165	\$250	170	\$250
2502	95	\$300	91	\$300
2505	31	\$300	32	\$300
2506	72	\$300	66	\$250
2526	61	\$300	39	\$250
2528	148	\$300	160	\$300

* 8526 DISCOUNTED ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How many households in the Wollongong electorate applied for the Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting program in the 2021/22 financial year?
(a) How many were successful?
(b) What was the average cost to those successful households for the lighting upgrade?
- (2) How many households in the Wollongong Local Government Area applied for the Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting program in the 2021/22 financial year?
(a) How many were successful?
(b) What was the average cost to those successful households for the lighting upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There was no uptake of the discounted energy-efficient lighting program in the Wollongong electorate. However, under the Energy Savings Scheme:

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- (a) 2353 households in the Wollongong electorate received a discounted lighting upgrade in the 2021–22 financial year.
- (b) The average cost was \$103.
- (2) There was no uptake of the discounted energy-efficient lighting program in the Wollongong Local Government Area. However, under the Energy Savings Scheme:
- (a) 1219 households in the Wollongong local government area received a discounted lighting upgrade in the 2021–22 financial year.
- (b) The average cost was \$85.
- 8527 ONGOING SUPPORT AND ACCOMMODATION FOLLOWING HOMELESSNESS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8528 BERKELEY HARBOUR MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8529 ASSET RENEWAL PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—
- 8530 RESIDENT ACCESS BY WATER—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8531 WAMBERAL SEA WALL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8532 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE PROPERTIES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8533 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8534 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORGANISATIONS—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—
- 8535 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY OCCUPATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8536 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8537 UPGRADES TO BIRRONG HIGH SCHOOLS—Ms Lynda Voltz 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—
- 8538 PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF LAND—Ms Lynda Voltz 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—
- 8539 METRO LINE SERVICE FREQUENCY—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 8540 PLANNING PROPOSAL AT SOUTH KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 8541 BOMBO QUARRY WORKING GROUP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8542 BOMBO QUARRY REDEVELOPMENT AND REMEDIATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8543 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- * 8544 SPRING FARM PARKWAY PROJECT—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the timeline for the completion of stage 1 of the Spring Farm Parkway?
 - (a) How much will stage 1 of the Spring Farm Parkway cost?
 - (2) What is the timeline for the completion of the entire Spring Farm Parkway project?
 - (a) How much will the entire Spring Farm Parkway project cost?
- Answer—
- I am advised
- This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.
- 8545 TRAFFIC ON APPIN ROAD—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 8546 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES DAMAGED BY FLOODING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8547 MEASURES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-BULLYING PLANS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 8548 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8549 SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS—Mr Guy Zangari 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—
- 8550 RESURFACING ROADS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—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—
- 8551 RESURFACING ROADS IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA—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—
- 8552 AMBULANCE ARRIVAL TRANSFERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

8553 OUTPATIENT SERVICES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

8554 DISABILITY SERVICE FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

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8555 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—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) What is the number of infant and primary schools within the Maitland electorate that currently have school crossing supervisors?
- (2) Have schools in the Maitland electorate been denied their request for a school crossing supervisor?
 - (a) If so, which schools?
 - (b) Why were their applications denied?
- (3) What is the number of infants and primary schools within the Maitland electorate that have had a vacancy for a school crossing supervisor in last 12 to 24 months?
- (4) What is the number of casual school crossing supervisors that are available within the Maitland electorate?
- (5) What is the recruitment process for a school crossing supervisor?
- (6) Are there currently any vacancies for school crossing supervisors within the Maitland electorate?

8556 LOCAL COUNCIL GRANTS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What allocation of funding will local councils across New South Wales receive from the Local Council Grants program for local road maintenance and upgrades? Please disaggregate by council.

8557 NEW RECRUITS TO MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental 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, have been allocated to the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNEH)?
- (2) How many of these new staff members will be allocated to Maitland Hospital:
 - (a) Nurses?
 - (b) Midwives?
 - (c) Doctors?
 - (d) Pathologists?
 - (e) Pharmacists?
 - (f) Allied health professionals?
 - (g) Support and ancillary staff?

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8558 DENTAL SERVICES IN THE HUNTER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What are the current waiting times for treatment at public dental health services in the Hunter?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by hospital.
- (2) How many full-time equivalent dentists are employed by Hunter New England Health (HNEH)?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by hospital.
- (3) Are dental services available at all HNEH hospitals?
 - (a) If not, which hospitals do not have dental services?
- (4) How many Episodic Vouchers have been issued to patients by HNEH for each financial year from 2019?
 - (a) What is the quantum of these vouchers?
 - (b) Have all vouchers been redeemed?
 - (i) What is the quantum of unredeemed vouchers?
- (5) How many General Vouchers have been issued to patients by HNEH for each financial year from 2019?
 - (a) What is the quantum of these vouchers?
 - (b) Have all vouchers been redeemed?
 - (i) What is the quantum of unredeemed vouchers?
- (6) How many Denture Vouchers have been issued to patients by HNEH for each financial year from 2019?
 - (a) What is the quantum of these vouchers?
 - (b) Have all vouchers been redeemed?
 - (i) What is the quantum of unredeemed vouchers?
- (7) How many providers are registered for Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme?

8559 APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR AUTISM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier—

- (1) With autism being the largest primary disability group served by the National Disability Insurance Scheme, are there any future plans to appoint a Minister for Autism?
 - (a) If yes, when?
 - (b) If no, why not?

8560 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How many applications for the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance have been made during 2022 as of 13 September 2022 from applicants living in the Maitland local government area?
 - (a) How many of these applications were successful?
 - (b) What was the average amount provided to applicants?
 - (c) How does this compare to the number of applications for the 2021 calendar year?
 - (d) What was the total quantum of funding?

8561 THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—

- (1) When will the Government upgrade Thornton Public School?
- (2) What is the capacity of Thornton Public School's permanent classrooms?
- (3) How many demountable school buildings are on the site of the Thornton Public School?
- (4) What is the current enrolment of students at Thornton Public School?
- (5) What is the projected enrolment of students at Thornton Public School in:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2025?
 - (c) 2030?
 - (d) 2035?
- (6) What is the projected number of primary and high school students at:
 - (a) Chisholm?
 - (b) Thornton?

8562 TEACHER SHORTAGES AT MAITLAND SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—

- (1) Since 1 January 2022:
 - (a) How many classes at Maitland schools have been split, combined, under minimal supervision or not taught and sent to another room to study independently, due to the teacher shortages?
 - (i) Please disaggregate by school.
 - (b) How many sick days have not been replaced at Maitland schools due to no casual teachers being available?
 - (i) Please disaggregate by school.
 - (c) As determined by the overwhelming evidence of the Gallop Inquiry, does the Government acknowledge that the New South Wales teaching service is in crisis with respect to staff shortages and unmanageable workloads?
 - (d) What is the Government's plan, in consultation with the profession, to address the significant issues?

8563 SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison 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—

- (1) In relation to public schools in the Maitland electorate, how many teaching staff are employed at each school and how many are casual employees? Please disaggregate by school.
- (2) How many schools in the Maitland electorate currently have vacant teaching positions? Please disaggregate by school.
 - (a) For each vacant position, how long has the position been vacant for?
 - (i) When will the vacant position be filled?

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8564 CHILDCARE PLACES IN BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—

- (1) Considering the recent announcement of a \$5 billion funding boost for the childcare sector over the next decade is based on subsidising centres that expand or hire more staff in areas with a critical shortage of places, can you define the determinants of a “critical shortage”?
- (2) Considering Broken Hill currently has 1 available childcare space for every 7.45 children in the age range requiring early childhood education and care, will this funding benefit the childcare sector in Broken Hill?
- (3) If so, how much of this funding will be directed to addressing the shortage of childcare places in Broken Hill?

8565 STRUCTURED APPROACH TO DROUGHT ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) When will the Government create a clear threshold for when drought/drought recovery assistance is required for agriculture and agriculture dependent communities specifying;
 - (a) The trigger points for regional New South Wales entering meteorological, hydrological and socio-economic drought and associated supports?
 - (b) The trigger points for regional New South Wales drought recovery and associated supports?

8566 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

Given the increase in price for raw building materials and supply chain issues, due in part to COVID-19, when will the Minister consider top up funding for projects approved under the 2021-22 round of the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund?

8567 ESSENTIAL ENERGY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) On three occasions IPART has sought independent reports into Essential Energy’s excessive corporate costs. These were in 2010, 2014 and 2019. In the 2019 report Aither said “the lack of information to justify changes in operating expenditure is a consistent theme for Essential Water and a concern looking forward”. In 2022 Essential Water, part of Essential Energy, plan to further increase the price of untreated water by 49.5%. This will make the cost of raw river water almost that of treated water. Can the Minister advise how much of these Essential Energy corporate overheads are paid for by residents of Broken Hill using the services of Essential Water?

8568 RADAR COVERAGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

Considering the weather events that have taken areas of the far west of New South Wales by surprise over the last year, due partly to the gap in radar coverage over that part of the state, when will the Government commit funds for the installation of a Doppler radar which will provide better coverage and weather predictive capabilities for Broken Hill, Central Darling Shire and Unincorporated New South Wales?

8569 SUPPRESSOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Considering permit applications for suppressors under the NSW Firearms Act often sit indefinitely without progressing, which leads to irreparable hearing damage and unnecessary disruption to livestock, will the Minister ensure that the provisions of the NSW Firearms Act are followed and access to suppressors to law abiding firearms owners is ensured.

8570 LEACOCK AND EDMONDSON REGIONAL PARKS FUNDING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Are Leacock Regional Park and Edmondson Regional Park allocated funding separately?
- (2) Have there been any incidents where funds allocated to Leacock Regional Park have been re-allocated or shared with Edmondson Regional Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of those incidents including funding amount, date, and works funded?
- (3) Have there been any incidents where funds collected from a separate Government agency for works in Leacock Regional Park have been re-allocated or shared with Edmondson Regional Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of those incidents including funding amount, date, and works funded?
- (4) How much money was allocated on activities such as maintenance, weed control, upgrades and management in Leacock Regional Park in the 2021-22 financial year?
 - (a) How much of that allocation was spent and on what activities?
- (5) How much funding is allocated to Leacock Regional Park for activities such as maintenance, weed control, upgrades and overall management in the 2022-23 financial year?
 - (a) What activities will be funded from that allocation?

8571 TENANCIES OR LEASES FOR LAND IN LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) What tenancies or leases are currently in place for properties or land located in Leacock Regional Park?
- (2) Have changes to tenancies or leases for properties or land in Leacock Regional Park occurred since January 2021?
 - (a) If so, what changes have occurred?
- (3) Are there any plans to create new tenancies or leases for properties or land in Leacock Regional Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (4) Are there any plans to change or transfer ownership of any part of Leacock Regional Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?
- (5) Are there any plans to reclassify or rezone any part of land in Leacock Regional Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the details?

8572 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK MAINTENANCE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many complaints regarding maintenance at Leacock Regional Park were received in the 2021-22 financial year?
 - (a) What was the response to those complaints?
- (2) How many complaints regarding maintenance at Leacock Regional Park have been received so far in the 2022-23 financial year?
- (3) How often is maintenance on the walking tracks in Leacock Regional Park carried out?
- (4) What weeds are known to grow in Leacock Regional Park?

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- (a) What weed control activities are carried out?
 - (b) How often are weed control activities carried out?
 - (c) What is the management plan for weeds in Leacock Regional Park?
- (5) How often is rubbish removal carried out in Leacock Regional Park?
- (a) How much rubbish was removed on each occasion?
- (6) How often are bush regeneration activities carried out in Leacock Regional Park?
- 8573 REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Which specific stations across the Sydney Trains network do not currently meet requirements of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 made under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992?
 - (2) Which stations will receive an upgrade under the Transport Access Program in the 2022-23 financial year?
- 8574 SERVICE NSW GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) In relation to the Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills during the period of 1 January 2021 to 1 September 2022:
 - (a) What is the breakdown of customers who reside in the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly?
 - (b) What was the average waiting time?
 - (c) What is the breakdown of transactions provided, per local government area, in relation to:
 - (i) Vehicle registrations?
 - (ii) Driver and rider licence renewals?
 - (iii) Driver and rider licence tests?
 - (iv) Business, industries and employment?
 - (v) Births, relationships and deaths?
 - (vi) Boating, fishing and outdoors?
 - (vii) Concessions, rebates and financial assistance?
 - (viii) Health and care?
 - (ix) Housing and property?
 - (x) Legal and police services?
- 8575 SERVICE NSW EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) In relation to the Service NSW centre at Edmondson Park during the period of 1 February 2022 to 1 September 2022:
 - (a) What is the breakdown of customers who reside in the local government areas of Campbelltown and Liverpool?
 - (b) What was the average waiting time?

- (c) What is the breakdown of transactions provided, per local government area, in relation to:
- (i) Vehicle registrations?
 - (ii) Driver and rider licence renewals?
 - (iii) Driver and rider licence tests?
 - (iv) Business, industries and employment?
 - (v) Births, relationships and deaths?
 - (vi) Boating, fishing and outdoors?
 - (vii) Concessions, rebates and financial assistance?
 - (viii) Health and care?
 - (ix) Housing and property?
 - (x) Legal and police services?

8576 LANDCOM CONCEPT PLAN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong 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—

- (1) What is the status of Landcom's concept plan for land on the existing Hurlstone Agricultural High School?
- (2) When will the concept plan be placed on public exhibition?
- (3) When will a development application be lodged for development plans on the Hurlstone Agricultural High School site?
- (4) Has Landcom, or another agency, taken ownership of any of the school land?
 - (a) If so, how many square metres or hectares?
 - (b) When did the agency take ownership?
 - (c) What was the sale price of the land?

8577 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURE HIGH SCHOOL LAND—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong 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—

- (1) Has the Department or School Infrastructure NSW transferred or sold ownership of any part of Hurlstone Agricultural High School?
 - (a) If so, to which department, agency or organisation was ownership transferred or sold?
 - (b) If so, how much land was sold or transferred?
 - (c) If so, when did the sale or transfer occur?
 - (d) If so, what was the sale price?
 - (e) If not, when is it expected land will be transferred or sold and how much land will be transferred and sold?

8578 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade or make improvements to Leacock Regional Park in relation to:
 - (a) Picnic facilities, including barbecues?

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- (b) Walking tracks?
 - (c) Bush regeneration?
 - (d) Lighting?
 - (e) Playground equipment?
 - (f) Dog waste disposal facilities?
 - (g) Rubbish bins?
 - (h) Drinking water facilities?
 - (i) Lighting improvements?
 - (j) Parking?
 - (k) Toilet facilities?
- (2) If improvements or upgrades are planned:
- (a) What are the details?
 - (b) When will work be carried out?
 - (c) How much funding has been allocated?

8579 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) How many applicants from the Maitland Local Government Area have applied for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant?
- (a) How many have been approved?
 - (i) What is the total quantum of the approved grants?
 - (b) How many have been denied?
 - (i) Why were they denied?
 - (c) How many applicants are still waiting for their application to be processed?
 - (d) What is the average time for processing the application?
 - (e) What is the average time from when the application is submitted to when the applicant receives funding in their bank account?

8580 SOUTH HEAD MASTER PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Why did the draft South Head Master Plan exclude written information that enables the community to understand all motor vehicle accesses and all parking provisions for the land in line with master plan requirements under Section 10.44 (2)(d), (e) and (f) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021?
- (2) What consideration will you give to the community call to re-exhibit a draft master plan for South Head with this information so that the community can provide feedback about any concerns?

8581 GOVERNMENT SERVICE TRANSACTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Is the Government committed to maintaining the option of cash payments for transactions for Government services?

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- (2) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to allow cash transactions?
- (3) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to provide for fee free electronic transactions?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure cash and fee free options are available for all Government service transactions?
- 8582 TRANSIT SYSTEMS CONTRACT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How does the Government monitor performance of bus service contractors such as Transit Systems?
- (2) What audit and review processes does the Government use to assess whether buses are being cancelled or not running to timetable?
- (3) How does the Government obtain feedback from passengers about performance of bus service contractors?
- (4) What is the current data about the performance of bus services operated by Transit Systems?
- 8583 ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART VOICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—
- (1) Does the Government support a constitutionally enshrined Voice for First Nations people in New South Wales?
- (2) What action has been taken to progress a Voice to the NSW Parliament since the Final Report identified in LA Q7436's release in December 2021?
- (3) What consultation on a Voice has been carried out through Government initiatives including Closing the Gap, OCHRE, Regional Alliances and Local Decision Making?
- (4) Since the consultations identified in LA Q7436, what specific funding or other support has the Government provided to Indigenous representative bodies to engage with Government about a Voice?
- (a) What was the outcome of those consultations?
- (5) Since the written submission in the Interim Report on 29 April 2021 identified in LA Q7436, what advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart proposal for a constitutionally enshrined Voice?
- 8584 ELECTRIC HOMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) What programs does the Government operate to inform and support home owners to transition to electricity for heating and cooking?
- (2) What programs does the Government operate to inform and support home owners to transition to more sustainable forms of hot water than gas?
- (3) What financial support does the Government offer to low income home owners to transition?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to support home owners to ditch gas heating, hot water and cooking in order to reduce costs and meet emission targets?
- 8585 URBAN ENVIRONMENT DECLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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- (1) What programs does the Government provide to support improvements in the urban environment and biodiversity, protect threatened species and provide natural habitat?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the 2021 State of the Environment report that notes declining green canopy, habitat and wildlife corridors?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the Nearmap national artificial intelligence data analysis of tree cover rankings that shows Greater Sydney tree cover at only 44 per cent?
- (4) What action will the Government take to ensure retention of tree cover, especially large mature trees that provide habitat?
- (5) What incentives will the Government provide to retain trees in new development where they would be removed under current construction processes?
- (6) What additional incentives will the Government provide to encourage private property owners to plant trees and provide pockets of natural habitat on their land?
- (7) What additional programs or support will the Government provide in response to the evidence of poor and deteriorating urban environment?

8586 COMMUNITY HOUSING INSURANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Is it true that insurance companies will not provide property cover for landlord owners who lease to community or social housing providers for low cost housing?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of this change on the provision of low cost housing?
- (3) What action will the Government take to ensure that community and social housing providers are able to lease privately-owned properties for low cost housing?

8587 ACCESS TO GUNS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Is it true that there is one firearm for every eight people in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, what is the ratio?
- (2) What are the trends in gun ownership in New South Wales?
 - (a) Is the number of guns in circulation increasing?
 - (b) Is the number of dangerous guns increasing?
- (3) Is it true that there are no restrictions on the number of guns someone can own in New South Wales and some owners have hundreds of guns?
- (4) Is it true that silencers are easily accessible to gun owners in New South Wales?
 - (a) What are the numbers and trends of silencer ownership?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to reduce access to dangerous guns since 30 June 2016?
- (6) What action has the Government taken to audit and improve gun storage standards following the 2018 Australian Institute of Criminology's report on firearm theft showing significant increases in funds being stolen from storage?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to update the landmark National Firearms Agreement to incorporate technological development in firearms?
- (8) What action has the Government taken to help develop a national firearms registry?
- (9) What further action is planned to prevent access to firearms?

8588 FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY PROMOTION IN SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—

- (1) How does the Department of Education monitor the promotion of the fossil fuel industry in schools?
- (2) What promotion of the fossil fuel industry are you aware of in schools?
- (3) What agreements does the department have with fossil fuel industry lobby groups?
- (4) What sort of education programs are in place regarding the pollution caused by extraction industries?

8589 RETENTION OF BEDROOMS IN PROPERTIES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With reference to renovations of Land and Housing Corporation properties:
 - (a) What is the policy with regards to the retention of a number of bedrooms in a property where renovations occur?
 - (b) What is the policy with the regards to the retention of a number of bedrooms in a property where renovations are undertaken by a tenant?
 - (c) If a renovation results in the loss of a bedroom, for instance in a situation where a renovation means a formerly three bedroom house now has only two bedrooms, what steps are taken to remediate the loss of a bedroom?

8590 UNAUTHORISED RENOVATIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With reference to unauthorised renovations undertaken by tenants at Land and Housing Corporation properties:
 - (a) What rules are in place to limit or manage unauthorised renovations?
 - (b) Are unauthorised renovations noted during routine inspections of public housing properties?
 - (c) If an unauthorised renovation is noted, what actions are taken with regards to the responsible tenants?

8591 COVID BUSINESS SUPPORT AUDITS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many New South Wales businesses have been required to pay back funds provided to them as support during the COVID-19 lockdown of 2021?
- (2) What is the total value of the funding that has been required to be paid back due to the audit?
- (3) How many requests for money to be repaid have been challenged?
- (4) How many challenges have been upheld?

8592 HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Are dwellings in new generation boarding homes, boarding homes, student accommodation and other affordable housing not included in housing targets established by the Greater Cities Commission?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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8593 FREDERICK STREET, ASHFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Is it still the intention of Transport for NSW to reduce speeds along Frederick Street, Ashfield, from 60 km per hour to 50 km per hour following the review of speed limits?
- (2) When will this take effect?
- (3) What is the outcome of the detailed safety review of Frederick Street undertaken by Transport for NSW?

8594 CLONTARF INCIDENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When was Transport for NSW (TfNSW) informed of an incident on the Emerald Class 2 Ferry Clontarf, which involved a 50 kilogram life raft coming loose and damaging passenger seats on the deck?
- (2) Has TfNSW reported this matter to Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) and/or Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)?
- (3) What action has TfNSW taken to ensure that a safety incident such as this one will not be repeated?
- (4) Is TfNSW aware of any other such incidents occurring in the Emerald Class 2 Fleet?

8595 WESTERN SYDNEY RAPID BUS ROUTES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the final business case for Western Sydney rapid bus routes been completed?
- (2) Does the business case include an assessment of the merits of procuring the buses from manufacturers based in New South Wales/Australia?

8596 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the average turnaround for taxi drivers to receive payment from taxi service providers for payment of trips through the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme?
- (2) What efforts are being undertaken to reduce the wait time for payment?

8597 SYDNEY METRO MARRICKVILLE STATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What flood mitigation measures are included in the design and scope of works for the upgrade of Marrickville Station as part of the conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line to Sydney Metro?

8598 DULWICH HILL TRAIN STATION CONCOURSE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current estimation for when the new concourse will be completed at Dulwich Hill Station?
- (2) What is the estimated delay in construction?

8599 RESIDUAL WESTCONNEX LAND—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When will the residual Westconnex land adjacent to Underwood Road, Ismay Ave, and the M4 Motorway in Homebush be returned to the Strathfield Community as promised by the Government?

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- 8600 REHABILITATION SERVICES IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
Why are there no rehabilitation services in the Liverpool area for parolees?
- 8601 REHBABILITATION SERVICES OUTSIDE LIVERPOOL AREA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections—
When parole authorities direct parolees who live in the Liverpool area to rehabilitation services, why are those services outside the Liverpool area?
- 8602 CASE CONFERENCE OUTCOME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What was the outcome of the case conference mentioned on 6 July 2022 referred to in the answer to question no 7811?
 - (2) At what stage are the proceedings referred to in question no 7811?
- 8603 ANACTA STRATEGIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—
Does the Government have any contracts, consultancies or like arrangements with ANACTA Strategies?
- 8604 APPOINTMENT OF CEO—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
What steps will you take following Liverpool Council's protracted failure to appoint a permanent CEO?
- 8605 INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
What steps will you take to prevent Liverpool Council proceeding with its policy of allowing individual Councillors to obtain professional advice to be paid for by Council?
- 8606 SENIOR POSITION EMPLOYMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the employment in a comparatively senior position at Liverpool Council of a person charged in 2009 with kidnapping and robbery and whose brother was a Sergeant-at-arms of the ACT Rebels bikie gang?
 - (2) What probity checks of applicants for employment are conducted by Councils for senior positions?
- 8607 COUNCILLOR NAME CHANGE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Are you aware that a current Councillor on Liverpool Council changed their name shortly before the most recent council elections?
 - (a) Is this permissible?
 - (i) If yes, what steps will you take to ensure transparency of the identity of candidates in the future?
- 8608 SPEED LIMIT IN LIVERPOOL CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT—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) Is the 30kph speed limit in portions of the Liverpool Central Business District (CBD) permanent?
 - (a) If yes, when and by whom was the decision taken to make it permanent?
 - (2) Have you received representations from the Mayor of Liverpool in relation to the speed limit?
- 8609 HOME SCHOOLING RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr David Mehan 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—

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- (1) Considering The Report of the 2014 Inquiry into Home Schooling in Recommendation 20 stated, ‘That the Department of Education and Communities investigate and report on the impacts of home schooling students accessing schools, either on a part time basis, or for particular components, on schools educational delivery and child protection and safety.’ This recommendation was supported by the government with it being stated that, ‘The Department will form a working group with broad representation to investigate and report on impacts of home schooling students accessing schools, either on a part-time or sessional basis:
- (a) Has this investigation been carried out and what are the findings of the report?
- 8610 NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES—Mr David Mehan 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—
- (1) Considering the NSW School of Languages provides distance education language study for Year 9-12 students in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory whether they are enrolled in government or non-government schools or NSW TAFE. However, home schooled students are not able to access study at the NSW School of Languages:
- (a) Why are home schooled students excluded from study at the NSW School of Languages?
- (b) How is their exclusion consistent with the object of the Education Act 1990 that ‘it is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality.’?
- 8611 HOSPITAL SCHOOLS—Mr David Mehan 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—
- (1) New South Wales has a number of hospital schools which support the education of seriously ill children. Hospital school is available to students from government and non-government schools but not home schooled students. Recommendation 19 of the 2014 Parliamentary Inquiry into Home Schooling was that hospital school be made available to home schooled students. This recommendation was supported by the Government. However, home schooled students are still being refused enrolment in hospital schools across New South Wales:
- (a) Why has the Government not taken up this recommendation to enable hospitalised home schooled students to be enrolled in hospital schools?
- 8612 NEW SOUTH WALES FOSTER CARER RESEARCH REPORT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) Are you aware of the NSW Foster Carer Research Report by Foster Care Angels?
- (a) If so, has the Government made a formal response on the report?
- (b) If not, does the Government intend to make a formal response?
- 8613 REGISTER OF ENDANGERED SPECIES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Can you please advise whether there is a register or log of endangered species such as Koalas or other native species kept in New South Wales?
- (a) If so, where can this be accessed?
- (b) If not, will you consider this?
- 8614 SAFETY AND SECURITY IN HOSPITALS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health—

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- (1) Can you please advise the status of the NSW Health response to recommendations made by the Hon. Peter Anderson AM who conducted a review into “Improvements to security in hospitals”, the final report released in 2020?
- (a) Can you please provide specific details about what has been implemented into New South Wales Hospitals to ensure the safety of security officers because of the recommendations?
- (b) Can you please also provide details of what has yet to be implemented and a timeframe of when this may occur?
- 8615 TOLL PROCESS CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan 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 28 April, I made representations on behalf of Mr Darron Hull to the Minister for Transport, regarding toll process being charged by LINKT M2, M7 and the Northconnex for towing his caravan along their toll roads. On 13 May 2022, I was advised that my representations were forwarded to your office. Since then, my office has made attempts to follow up a response- 15/6/22; 26/7/22 and again on 5/9/22 with no response yet to be received. Given that it has been nearly four months since my original representations were sent, can you please advise:
- (a) When I may receive a response?
- (b) Will the Government has any intention to assist caravan owners whose vehicle combination means they are charged as a commercial vehicle for the purpose of the tolling system?
- 8616 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) How many people are on the general waitlist for Social Housing in:
- (a) Gosford allocation zone?
- (b) Wyong allocation zone?
- (2) How many people are on the priority waitlist for Social Housing in:
- (a) Gosford allocation zone?
- (b) Wyong allocation zone?
- (3) Is this information publicly available?
- 8617 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY—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 answer LA Q8185 regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Wyong Rd and Brooke Ave and ask you to advise the status of proposed works?
- (2) In relation to pedestrian crossings recently provided on Central Coast Highway in the vicinity of Archbold and Gordon Rd, please advise when holding rails will be installed?
- 8618 UPGRADE TO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- Could the Minister please advise whether there are plans to upgrade the Police Stations at Bass Hill and Revesby this financial year?
- 8619 DRAFT TIMETABLES OF RAIL SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- (1) Noting the “Planning for rail services west of Bankstown” project staging (announced in 2020) indicates that future timetable development was scheduled to commence in 2021:
- How many revisions of draft timetables have been produced to date?
 - When will the draft timetables be made public?
- 8620 BUS SERVICE CHANGES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) The “Planning for rail services west of Bankstown” project indicates that changes to bus services in the West of Bankstown area will accompany changes to Sydney Trains services from 2024 onwards. Are any changes being considered to bus routes:
- 904 (Fairfield to Liverpool via Carramar)?
 - 905 (Bankstown to Fairfield via Villawood)?
 - 907 (Parramatta to Bankstown via Villawood)?
 - M91 (Parramatta to Hurstville via Bankstown/Chester Hill)?
 - 916 (Chester Hill to Guildford)?
 - 911 (Auburn to Bankstown via Georges Hall)?
 - 908 (Merrylands to Bankstown via Auburn/Regents Park)?
 - 909 (Parramatta to Bankstown via Auburn/Regents Park)?
 - 946 (Roselands to Bankstown)?
 - 941 (Hurstville to Bankstown)?
 - And/or other routes?
- 8621 PROJECT MILESTONES FOR THE SYDNEY METRO SOUTHWEST—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Noting that the opening of Sydney Metro Southwest (Sydenham to Bankstown) is delayed until 2025, has staging/project milestones for the “Planning for rail services west of Bankstown” been revised?
- If so, what are the new staging/project milestones broken down to each quarter of the year?
- 8622 FINAL SHUTDOWN PERIOD FOR T3 BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) With the presently delayed schedule for Sydney Metro Southwest (Sydenham to Bankstown) construction:
- What is the anticipated length of the final shutdown period for T3 Bankstown Line prior to opening of Sydney Metro Southwest (Sydenham to Bankstown)?
 - When is the forecasted shutdown period expected to commence?
- 8623 PARRAMATTA TO KOGARAH VIA BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Regarding the future “Parramatta to Kogarah via Bankstown” line, the NSW Future Transport Strategy (November 2020 Edition) earmarks Chester Hill as the interchange but the revised Future Transport Strategy (September 2022 Edition) earmarks Leightonfield/Villawood freight Intermodal as the interchange:

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- (a) What is the status of planning for the future “Parramatta to Kogarah via Bankstown” line?
- (b) Please explain if Chester Hill or Leightonfield/Villawood freight Intermodal have been selected as a future interchange?
- (c) When will a finalised route alignment be made available for public consideration?
- 8624 BANKSTOWN TO LIVERPOOL METRO SOUTHWEST EXTENSION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Regarding the future “Bankstown to Liverpool” (Metro Southwest Extension), has Transport for NSW revised the Business Plan milestones for the project?
- 8625 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?
- 8626 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PROJECT UPDATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Given that to 13 September 2022, there have only been three project updates about the new Bankstown Hospital published on the Infrastructure NSW Bankstown Hospital site, could the Minister for Health please advise when the next newsletter update with respect to Bankstown Hospital is scheduled to be published?
- 8627 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- (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?
- 8628 UPGRADES TO SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill 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—
- (1) In August 2022 NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure released the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack. How much total funding has been allocated for all the works outlined in this pack?
- (a) The works outlined in the Information Pack are minor infrastructure works, what happened to the major works promised by the Government?
- (b) The Information Pack states that works will be delivered over a staged two-year period, have the stages of the rollout been finalised?
- (i) If so, are they publicly available?
- (c) The 2021 Final Business Case Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School – Upgrade Projects outlines a more extensive scope of works and \$59.88M of required funding, why does the 2022 Information Pack not include the works and funding outlined in the Business Case?

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- (d) Why are the following works from the 2021 Final Business Case excluded from the list of work in the 2022 Information Pack:
- (i) Improved access and egress (including improved compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and installation of a lift within each school)?
 - (ii) Upgraded services and equipment to improve fire resistance and fire safety measures?
 - (iii) A new substation for each school?
 - (iv) Air conditioning installation for each school?
 - (v) STEM Learning Spaces for each school?
 - (vi) Provision of new Senior Learning units to both high schools?
- (e) Were any community stakeholders consulted about the exclusion of the 2021 Final Business Case works from the announced works in the 2022 Information Pack?
- (2) In the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack it is stated that “consultation with department stakeholders” led to the decision to not reclassify Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School into a co-educational facility, who were the Department stakeholders?
- (a) Was this decision ever outlined in a report or formal advice?
 - (i) If so, what was the name of the report or document and was it ever made publicly available?
 - (ii) Were any community stakeholders invited to contribute to this consultation process?
- (3) In the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack it is stated that “The Asset Management Unit will prioritise works that may be able to be delivered by Day 1 Term 1 2023”, who gave the instruction to the Asset Management Unit that works deliverable by that date must be prioritised?
- (a) Was there any communication from anyone within the Asset Management Unit that outlined issues with prioritising works that are deliverable by Day 1 Term 1 2023?
- (4) A recent tour of Randwick Boys by the Member for Coogee revealed that there are numerous broken blue flume heaters:
- (a) What is the Minister doing to address this safety risk for students and staff?
 - (b) What is the process of removing harmful and dangerous blue flume heaters from Public Schools?

8629 POLICE ENFORCING MASK MANDATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Is NSW Police still engaging in mask mandate enforcement activities on Sydney public transport?
- (a) How many fines have been issued in the last 3 months for mask non-compliance on:
 - (i) Sydney Buses?
 - (ii) Sydney Trains?
 - (iii) Sydney Light Rail?
 - (b) How many fines have been issued in the last 3 months for mask non-compliance on:
 - (i) Region 9 Buses?
 - (ii) Eastern Suburbs Line Trains?

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- (iii) Eastern Suburbs Light Rail?
- (c) How many hours of policing each week are allocated to mask enforcement on public transport across Sydney?
- (d) How many hours of policing each week are allocated to mask enforcement on public transport across Sydney's Eastern Suburbs?
- 8630 REGION 9 BUS NETWORK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) The Region 9 Bus Network, the Eastern Suburbs, was transferred to a private operator. The following questions relate to this decision and process:
- (a) What is the name of the report that recommended that the Region 9 Bus Network be transferred to a private operator and is it publicly available?
- (b) Were there dissenting recommendations regarding the decision to privatise the Region 9 Bus Network, either in an official report or email correspondence, by this Government from Transport NSW?
- (c) Were any impact studies were done to assess how this would affect public transport for the local community?
- (i) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
- (d) Were there any specific impact studies that assessed bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and journey times given that services would need to be streamlined to create profit for the private provider?
- (i) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
- (e) Was the privatisation process a competitive bid process?
- (i) If so, how many private operators submitted bids for the Region 9 Bus Network, who assessed the submissions and are the submissions publicly available?
- (f) Were any safeguards written into the contract between the Government and Transdev to mitigate against bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and longer journey times for commuters?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (2) How many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus Network have been decommissioned or removed and what is their locations?
- (a) Does this number include bus stops that have been reduced to school bus only services?
- (i) If not how many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus network now operate as school bus only services?
- (b) Does this number include bus stops that have had reduced services?
- (i) If not, how many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus Network have had reduced services?
- (3) Multiple bus stops have been removed from the Region 9 Bus Network, were any impact studies conducted prior to the stops being removed?
- (a) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
- (b) If no impact studies were conducted why and on whose recommendation?
- (c) Why did the Government remove these stops?

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- (4) The Government pays the private bus operator per kilometre – was there a recommendation to cancel routes in the Region 9 Bus Network as a cost saving mechanism for the Government?
- (a) Were there any reports or documents created by Transport NSW, the Government or a third-party contractor that included an assessment of expenditure reduction due to route terminations?
- 8631 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) How many applications were received for Round 5 of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund?
- (2) What was the total funding requested?
- (3) How many applications in (1) were from Wollongong City Council and Government agencies?
- 8632 ILLAWARRA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) Will the Government have a tender requirement for local content in projects in the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone?
- (a) If so, what will the requirement be and how will it be assessed?
- 8633 NOISY VEHICLES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Will the NSW Environment Protection Authority conduct an operation with NSW Police targeting noisy vehicles in Wollongong in 2022?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 8634 HOSPITAL STAFF RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Does the Minister for Health or Department have a target for staff recruitment for 2022-23 for:
- (a) Wollongong Hospital?
- (b) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (2) If so, what is the target for each of the hospitals in (1)?
- (3) How many staff have been recruited for each of the hospitals in (1) since 1 July 2022?
- 8635 NSW HEALTH BUILDING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- (1) Is the NSW Health building at 33 Five Islands Road, Port Kembla, currently occupied?
- (a) If not, what are NSW Health's plans for the building?
- (2) Are there any plans to sell the land and building?
- (a) If so, will all proceeds of the sale be reinvested in health infrastructure in the Illawarra?
- 8636 TOUCHDOWN OFFICE IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) Further to LA7459, were funds allocated in the 2022-23 Budget to establish a touchdown office in Wollongong?
- (a) If so, how much was allocated?
- (b) If so, where will the touchdown office be established?

- (c) If so, by when will the touchdown office be available for use?
- (d) If not, why not? Does the Government intend to fulfill its commitment to establish a touchdown office in Wollongong?

8637 CLEAN ENERGY TAFE COURSES—Mr Paul Scully 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) Is the Minister for Skills and Training aware of the NSW Renewable Energy Board's Plan?
- (2) Is the Minister for Skills and Training aware that the report on the Plan notes that 'the most significant barrier to skills development in the Illawarra is the lack of funding and resources with TAFEs to develop and deliver tailored courses for future clean energy opportunities'?
- (3) What steps are the Minister for Skills and Training and TAFE taking to address this barrier in the Illawarra?
- (4) What courses are offered at the following TAFE locations to develop skills in clean energy:
 - (a) Wollongong?
 - (b) West Wollongong?

8638 TOWRADGI STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister for Transport confirm the month and year that the lifts at Towradgi Station are expected to be open to the public?
- (2) Is this later than the date that was previously advertised?
- (3) Is the construction currently on time and on budget?
- (4) What reasons are there for the later than expected opening date?

8639 UNANDERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister for Transport confirm the month and year that the lifts at Unanderra Station are expected to be open to the public?
- (2) Is this later than the mid-to-late 2022 date that was previously advertised?
- (3) Is the construction currently on time and on budget?
- (4) What reasons are there for the later-than-expected opening date?

8640 GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many patient in Gosford Hospital are currently waiting on:
 - (a) Residential Aged Care Facility?
 - (b) NDIS accommodation?
- (2) How many non-funded beds are currently open at Gosford Hospital?
- (3) What are the current Nursing Hours per Patient Day at Gosford Hospital?
- (4) How many nurses have (a), (b) and (c) from Gosford Hospital to date in 2022?
 - (a) Resigned?
 - (b) Retired?

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- (c) Transferred?
- (5) How many GradStart Nurses have been employed at Gosford Hospital in 2022?
- (6) How many Clinical Nurse Educators are employed to educate GradStart nurses?
- (7) How many Clinical Nurse Educators have full time patient loads?
- (8) How many staff have left the Pharmacy Department at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) This financial year?
- (9) How many pharmacy staff have been hired at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) This financial year?
- (10) How many Emergency Department admissions at Gosford Hospital were under 18 in:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) This financial year?
- (11) How many Emergency Department admissions were between the ages of 18 and 25 in:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) This financial year?
- (12) When will Safeguards Teams commence at Gosford Hospital?
- (13) What support will be provided by the Safeguards Teams?
- (14) How many beds in the sub-acute mental health unit at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2012?
- (b) 2022?
- (15) How many beds in acute mental health unit at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2012?
- (b) 2022?
- (16) How many children have received free dental checks and/or basic dental care on:
- (a) The Central Coast in:
- (i) 2020-21?
- (ii) 2021-22?
- (b) Western Sydney in:
- (i) 2020-21?
- (ii) 2021-22?
- (c) Mid North Coast in:

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- (i) 2020-21?
(ii) 2021-22?
- (17) What schools receive the "School Breakfast 4 Health" program?
- 8641 TEACHER DEVELOPMENT COURSES—Ms Liesl Tesch 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—
- (1) How many full time and part time paid staff are employed by New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESAs) on the Teacher Education and Development Team that accredit professional development courses submitted by providers?
- (a) How many of these full time and part time paid staff members have recognised professional mental health qualifications?
- (b) How many people are on the expert mental health panel and do these panel members receive payment for their services?
- (c) How often does the expert mental health panel meet and are providers informed that their applications have been submitted to the 'expert panel'?
- (2) Are all applications for accredited professional development on student/child mental health assessed by the expert panel?
- (3) What professional development courses are currently available to teachers in New South Wales that provide education on mental health and trauma informed practice?
- (4) What accredited professional development courses are currently available to teacher in New South Wales that address mental health and staff wellbeing?
- 8642 REGIONAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What locations in New South Wales have had Regional Digital Connectivity (internet connectivity and reliability) improvements in:
- (a) 2019-20?
(b) 2020-21?
(c) 2021-22?
- 8643 MENS REFERRAL PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- (1) How many domestic violence perpetrators are referred to the Men's Referral Program from:
- (a) Brisbane Water Police Station?
(b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?
- (2) How many domestic violence perpetrators have completed the Men's Referral Program from:
- (a) Brisbane Water Police Station?
(b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?
- 8644 FLEXIBLE WORK DESKS—Ms Liesl Tesch 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—

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- (1) How many flexible work desks exist in the below electorates (a-j), which allow New South Wales employees to work from the Central Coast office:
- (a) Gosford electorate?
 - (b) Wyong electorate?
 - (c) The Entrance electorate?
 - (d) Terrigal electorate?
 - (e) Swansea electorate?
 - (f) Parramatta electorate?
 - (g) Campbelltown electorate?
 - (h) Blacktown electorate?
 - (i) Penrith electorate?
 - (j) Liverpool electorate?

8645 COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many Department of Community Justice staff are allocated to conduct community outreach with rough sleepers on the Central Coast?
- (2) What work has the Department of Community Justice done to support/contribute to solutions for the people who are 'homeless' and illegally living on boats in Gosford harbour?
- (3) What future work does the Department of Community Justice plan to support the rough sleepers living illegally on boats in Gosford harbour?

8646 PARKINSON'S SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With respect to Parkinson's support services in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of the existence of a Parkinson's support nurse in the Shoalhaven?
 - (b) Is the Minister aware that this position is funded by Parkinson's NSW not the State or Commonwealth Government?
 - (c) Can the Minister confirm how many people in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District are living with Parkinson's?
 - (i) If the Minister can confirm a number, how many of these people are receiving support from the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District?
 - (d) How many people have been admitted to hospitals in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District because of Parkinson's and its symptoms including mental health conditions?
 - (e) Does the Government have any plans to support people living with Parkinson's to be able to remain in their own homes rather than in local public hospitals?
 - (f) Given the ageing demographic in the southern Illawarra in particular, will the Minister give consideration to providing Government funding for a Parkinson's support nurse in the region?
 - (g) Will the Minister commit to raising the need for funding with his Commonwealth colleague at the next National Health Minister's meeting?
 - (h) Will the Minister commit to lobbying the Commonwealth Government for funding to support people living with Parkinson's in the southern Illawarra?

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- (i) Can the Minister advise if the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District applied for funding that has previously been announced in the NSW Budget to support movement disorders?
 - (i) If yes, can the Minister confirm how much funding was allocated to the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District?
 - (1) Can the Minister list how the funding was allocated and for what programs?
 - (j) What proportion of the recurrent Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District Budget is allocated to support people living with movement disorders?
 - (k) What proportion of the recurrent Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District budget is allocated to support people living with Parkinson's?
 - (l) What Parkinson's programs are provided in other Health districts?
 - (i) How much do they cost and who funds them?

8647 BOMADERRY ROUNDABOUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS—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 roundabout at the intersection of Moss Vale Road, Cambewarra Road and the Princes Highway:
 - (a) Why are traffic lights being installed?
 - (b) Why was an upgrade of the roundabout undertaken?
 - (c) How many accidents have occurred in the twelve months prior to construction starting on the substantive upgrade of the roundabout?
 - (d) How many accidents have occurred in the twelve months following the completion of the upgrade?
 - (e) Will the Minister consider an independent safety audit of the existing roundabout.
 - (i) If yes, will the Minister act on any recommendations from such an audit?

8648 BOMADERRY SPEED ZONE CHANGES—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 speed zone changes on newly upgraded Princes Highway at Bomaderry:
 - (a) Is the Minister aware that the 100kmh zone has been moved from its original locations north of Cambewarra Road roundabout to a position more than a kilometre north to Abernethy's Lane intersection?
 - (b) Considering the highway is being upgraded for safety and speed, why was the speed limit reduced?
 - (c) Can the Minister confirm how many fines have been issued since the reduction in the speed limit at this location?
 - (d) Given that the Princes Highway has been upgraded, will the Minister request that his agency reconsider the placement of the 100kmh speed zone sign so that motorists are not unwittingly fined and can utilise the motorway for a higher speed limit at this location?

8649 CALDERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Gareth Ward 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—

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- (1) Is the Minister Aware that more than 600 people have signed petitions calling for a new Primary School for Calderwood?
- (2) In your answer to LA Q8113 concerning the need for a new school at Calderwood, you indicated that your department is monitoring population and development trends in the southern Illawarra. How is this monitoring undertaken, what does the monitoring tell you about the need for a school in the next 5 years in Calderwood and how would this monitoring trigger planning and capital expenditure for a new school at Calderwood?
- (3) Who undertakes this monitoring work within your department and would this person be prepared to meet with local residents to discuss demand for a new school at Calderwood?
- (4) Have those in your department responsible for monitoring growth and development trends met with any representatives of Shellharbour City Council in the last 5 years?
- (5) With reference to question 2, how are you as Minister kept up-to-date with population and development trends and how does the Department link these trends to funding in your budget set aside for new schools?
- (6) In answering LA Q8113, you said, "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." How does your department define 'short to medium term'?
- (7) Can the Minister outline in detail what 'numerous strategies' are used to manage fluctuating enrolments?
- (8) Over the next four years, what funding will be made available to fund these 'under our strategies' to manage 'fluctuating enrolments' in the Calderwood area?
- (9) Will the Government commit to a new Primary School at Calderwood?

8650 HOSPITAL UPGRADES IN THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the Minister still confident of commencing upgrade works at Shoalhaven Hospital in the last quarter of this year?
- (2) Is the Minister still confident of commencing works on the new Shellharbour Hospital in the first quarter of next year?
- (3) Will the local community be invited to participate in ground-breaking ceremonies at both events?

8651 JAMBEROO WATER AND SEWERAGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment plant is at capacity?
- (2) How many dwellings was the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant designed to service?
- (3) Was there any consideration or allowance for growth when the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant was being designed and commissioned?
 - (a) If so, what factors does your department consider, who do they consult and who did they consult when considering the future growth and demand and associated with the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the current size and capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant is preventing locals from adding granny flats and other infill and modest expansion where local council planning controls allow?

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- (5) Will decisions made at design and commissioning stages of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant lead to overflows and potential impacts on the environment?
 - (a) If so, what analysis has been done on these impacts and what measures are being undertaken to prevent and manage these impacts?
 - (6) Has your department considered upsizing and expanding the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant and associated odour and environmental controls in the near future?
 - (a) If so, when was consideration given and will you publish the associated documents?
 - (b) If not, will your department consider upsizing and expanding the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant and associated odour and environmental controls in the near future?
 - (i) If so, when?

8652 MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN REFURBISHMENT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is the Premier aware of the application by the Mount Terry Public School Parents and Citizens for funding from the Community Building Partnerships Fund to refurbish the Mount Terry Public School Canteen?
- (2) Is the Premier aware that several hundred locals have signed a petition supporting calls for this funding?
- (3) Will the Premier support my calls as the local Member of Parliament for funding for this important cause?
 - (a) If not, why not?

8653 NO BODY NO PAROLE LAWS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that several hundred people have signed my community petition calling for changes to New South Wales parole legislation that would mean a person convicted of murder or manslaughter would not be granted parole unless that offender assists in providing details of the body of their deceased victim?
- (2) Noting s135(3)(e) of the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999, will the Attorney General consider bringing New South Wales into line with Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory that have strict 'No Body, No Parole' laws?
- (3) Is the Attorney General satisfied with the present law that makes 'No Body, No Parole' a consideration for the Parole Authority rather than a mandatory factor that bears on the grant of parole?

8654 TOOLIJOOA PASSING LOOP—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) Will the Government keep its commitment to deliver a passing loop at Toolijooa between Gerringong and Berry on the South Coast Line prior to the 2023 NSW State Election?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has all the planking work been completed for this project?

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- (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Has all the property acquisition been completed for this project?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Have all the environmental assessment been completed for this project?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Have expressions of interest been released to undertake construction of the passing loop and associated works?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) Which officer of your department is tasked with managing this project and its associated contract?
 - (a) Can the Minister arrangement a meeting for me as the local MP and your department on this matter?
- (7) As part of this plan, is the Government still planning to upgrade Bomaderry Train station?
 - (a) If so, will the Government commit to consulting with the community on this upgrade?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (8) When can the community expect trains to be running on the new passing loop?
- (9) When the passing loop is opened, will additional services be added and when can commuters expect timetables to be updated?

8655 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

How many New South Wales teachers will be seeking NSW Education Standards Authority Accreditation this year?

8656 UPDATES TO NESAS PORTAL—Mr Guy Zangari 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 software updates have occurred to accommodate the NSW Education Standards Authority Accreditation portal to support teachers seeking to renew their NSW Teacher Accreditation?

8657 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

How many teachers are currently NSW Education Standards Authority accredited in New South Wales?

8658 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

- (1) How many teachers were NSW Education Standards Authority accredited in New South Wales for the following years:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2021?

- (c) 2020?
- (d) 2019?
- (e) 2018?

8659 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION FEES—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

- (1) What was the total revenue generated from the collection of NSW Education Standards Authority Accreditation fees in the following years:
- (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2019?
 - (e) 2018?

8660 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION FEES—Mr Guy Zangari 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—

- (1) What was the breakdown of NSW Education Standards Authority Accreditation fees and where was it spent and allocated to in the following years:
- (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2019?
 - (e) 2018?

8661 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER NUMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

In the Fairfield Housing Office, what is the Client Service Officer to tenancy ratio?

8662 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER NUMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

In the Fairfield Housing Office, how many Client Service Officers are required to be in attendance for tenancy inspections?

8663 CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER NUMBERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

Has the 2021/22 Budget allocation for the employment of Client Service Officers in the Fairfield Housing Office been fully expended?