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(Paper No. 163)

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

- (1) In relation to the following Liveability projects identified by the Western Sydney City Deal Annual Report 2021:
- (a) \$39.515 million for Fairfield Council
 - (b) \$28.752 million for Camden Council
 - (c) \$27.106 million for Wollondilly Shire Council
 - (d) \$24 million for Penrith City Council
 - (e) \$18.764 million for Blue Mountains City Council
 - (f) \$22.850 million for Liverpool City Council
 - (g) \$31 million for Campbelltown City Council
- (i) How much Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
 - (ii) How much Commonwealth Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
 - (iii) What is the estimated completion date of each project?
 - (iv) What projects are already finalised?

Answer—

This matter is best directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

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

- (1) How many families have applied for the 2021-22 Family Energy Rebate in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (a) How many applications have been processed?
 - (b) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to families residing in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This data is not yet available. The Office of Energy and Climate Change will publish the 2021–22 NSW Energy Social Programs Annual Report (the Report) in early 2023 on its website.

The Report will provide data on the total number of customers and total amount of rebates paid for the Family Energy Rebate by Local Government Area in 2021–22.

The 2020–21 Energy Social Programs Annual Report indicates that in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA, 2664 customers received the Family Energy Rebate with a total value of \$245,000.

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

- (1) How many families have applied for the 2021-22 Low Income Household Rebate in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (a) How many applications have been processed?

- (b) What is the total quantum of the rebate that has been paid to families residing in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of families that have applied for the Low Income Household Rebate is not available, as energy retailers that co-deliver the energy rebates are not required to report on applications received but not eligible.

The Office of Energy and Climate Change will publish the NSW Energy Social Programs Annual Report 2021–22 in early 2023 on its website. The report will include data on the number of Low Income Household Rebate recipients and the total amount paid in rebates in 2021–22, broken down by Local Government Area.

The NSW Energy Social Programs Annual Report 2020–21 shows that 45,454 customers in the Canterbury-Bankstown LGA received the Low-Income Household Rebate with a total value of \$11,129,000.

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(Paper No. 164)

* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what Dental Services are currently covered by the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS)?
- (2) Why are orthodontic patients ineligible for IPTAAS unless the procedure is performed in an operating theatre of an approved hospital?
- (3) How many IPTAAS approved orthodontic procedures have been performed in an approved hospital theatre in 2021-2022?

Answer—

- (1) Patients attending the following dental services can claim for IPTAAS if they meet the patient eligibility criteria, and the services are performed by an eligible Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (AHPRA) registered practitioner for:

- (a) Oral surgery
- (b) Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- (c) Cleft lip and cleft palate services.

Additionally services provided in highly specialised, publicly funded oral health clinics are now covered including endodontics, oral medicine and pathology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics relative analgesia and special needs dentistry.

- (2) From 1 August 2022, orthodontic patients are eligible for IPTAAS if their treatment is provided by NSW publicly funded oral health clinics. These services do not have to be performed in an operating theatre of an approved hospital.
- (3) In 2021-22, IPTAAS approved 19 applications for patients seeing practitioners registered with an orthodontic specialty of Accredited Orthodontist (cleft palate) or Orthodontist. IPTAAS does not record if a patient is undergoing an orthodontic procedure by a practitioner registered with a different specialty such as an oral surgeon. Additionally, IPTAAS does not capture where procedures take place.

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

- (1) Considering Local Councils have historically recruited staff with combined Health, Building and Planning qualifications, recruiting multi-skilled staff is becoming increasingly difficult, and Building Certification and Inspection services do not warrant a full time position in remote communities since many regional New South Wales towns receive on average only 1-2 applications a month for Building Certification, what would be your recommendation for Councils to provide affordable inspection services, without initiating an additional cost for rate payers?
- (2) Considering that in regional and rural areas of New South Wales the implementation of a collaborative Council approach is not financially viable, particularly with the rise in fuel and accommodation costs, will the Minister investigate and provide specifically formulated options for regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Where there is no sufficient demand for building certification and inspection services to warrant a full-time role, regional and rural councils can utilise their engineers to certify building works. Changes to building certifier approvals also allows certain services to be conducted through private certifiers.
- (2) The Office of Local Government is working with Local Government NSW, Education and the Veterans Employment Programs to identify opportunities in areas of skills shortages in councils through simpler and supported vocational education programs. This is in addition to a range of entry level pathways to attract local residents to council jobs through apprenticeships, traineeships and cadetships. Formal and informal council relationships are also in place, where regional and rural councils request and receive specific skills, advice and assistance from metropolitan councils to enable peer learning and career development between metropolitan and regional and rural councils.

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

- (1) What was the median waiting time for urgent elective surgery at Canterbury Hospital for the 3 months to 30 June? (The most recent Bureau of Health Information statistics show they went from 9 to 17 days in the 12 months to Jan-March 2022)
 - (a) What were median waiting times in this category for:
 - (i) Under 18s?
 - (ii) 18-35?
 - (iii) 36-55?
 - (iv) 56-75?
 - (v) Over 76 year olds?
- (2) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Respiratory Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
 - (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
 - (b) What were median waiting times in this category for:
 - (i) Under 18s?
 - (ii) 18-35?
 - (iii) 36-55?
 - (iv) 56-75?

- (v) Over 76 year olds?
- (3) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Arthritis and Osteoporosis Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
- (4) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital in the for Speech Pathology in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
 - (b) What were median waiting times in this category for:
 - (i) Under 18s?
 - (ii) 18-35?
 - (iii) 36-55?
 - (iv) 56-75?
 - (v) Over 76 year olds?
- (5) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Cardiac Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
 - (b) What were median waiting times in this category for:
 - (i) Under 18s?
 - (ii) 18-35?
 - (iii) 36-55?
 - (iv) 56-75?
 - (v) Over 76 year olds?
- (6) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Maternity Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
- (7) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
- (8) What was the median waiting time at Canterbury Hospital's Podiatry Clinic in the 3 months to 30 June?
- (a) How did this compare to the previous period in 2022?
 - (b) What were median waiting times in this category for:
 - (i) Under 18s?
 - (ii) 18-35?
 - (iii) 36-55?
 - (iv) 56-75?
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Answer—

(1 -8)

Canterbury Hospital provides a broad range of outpatient services to meet the health needs of the local population, using the skills of many health care specialists from a range of disciplines, sometimes during the same consultation. Services may be provided on a regular or as-needs basis, and can change according to population requirements. Wait times are dependent on clinical assessment.

Discussions on how to best collect waiting times for specialist outpatient clinics are being undertaken at a national level.

Information on wait times for surgery is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

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

- (1) According to the Sydney Local Health District's Renal Dialysis Plan, of the residents in the district getting treatment in hospitals in other parts of Sydney, two-thirds were from the Canterbury Local Government Area (LGA) in 2011/12. Can you provide a more up to date figure on the number of patients from the Canterbury area travelling to areas outside the Sydney Local Health Districts?

Answer—

The movement of patients across catchment borders for a range of services is common in our highly networked health system. Residents within the catchment of a District commonly access services in neighbouring or other Districts for various reasons. For example, residents on the border of two Districts may find it easier to access services provided in the neighbouring District, choice of doctor, and family support.

I am advised that around 20% of Canterbury LGA residents receiving renal dialysis treatment did so at St George Hospital, outside the Sydney Local Health District.

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

- (1) Considering Canterbury Hospital in its 2019-2024 Strategic Plan said its “major future priority” was a full redevelopment of the hospital due to ageing infrastructure and population pressures, have any additional funds been allocated for a scoping study or assessment of a potential redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital following the plan prepared in 2013?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 6997.

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

- (1) Did the Minister directly respond to a letter from 60 senior doctors, on behalf of the medical staff council at Canterbury Hospital, on 24 December 2020 which outlined the facilities at the hospital?
- (a) If so, what was the Minister's response?

Answer—

- (1) A response was provided by the former Secretary, NSW Health.
- (a) The response acknowledged the concerns raised by the Medical Staff Council of Canterbury Hospital, while stating that the Ministry of Health regularly reviews healthcare services available in NSW, and plans for the future needs of communities.

It outlined that in the Sydney Local Health District 2018 Asset Strategic Plan, the redevelopment of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was identified as Priority 1 and redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital as Priority 2.

It was noted that \$750 million had been committed by the NSW Government to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital redevelopment and any future capital funding for redevelopment of Canterbury Hospital would be assessed against statewide priorities and as part of the annual state budget process.

* 8456 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SPACE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How much floor space is currently under lease for outpatient and other services by Canterbury Hospital, such as the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Centre on Canterbury Road?
 - (a) At what addresses does Canterbury Hospital lease space?
 - (b) How much extra space has been leased to house outpatient and other services by Canterbury Hospital over the past 2 years?
 - (c) How much is being spent each year to lease space for the provision of outpatient and other services by Canterbury Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that the total floor space under lease by Canterbury Hospital for outpatient and other services and associated information is commercial-in-confidence.

* 8457 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How much of the \$5.5 billion investment in the NSW Police force will go towards improving the Core Operational Policing System (COPS)?
- (2) What recommendations from the NSW Audit Office's Performance Audit, Police Response to domestic and family violence, 4 April 2022 have been implemented?
 - (a) How many recommendations are scheduled to be implemented?
- (3) What actions have been put in place, or will be put in place, by the Government to address the noncompliance identified in the Audit report?
- (4) What is the NSW Police doing to improve domestic violence prevention and policing?
- (5) What does NSW Police plan to do to address the results of the 'People Matter Employee Survey' over previous years – and why are 2021 results not published in its annual report?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Due to the recent loss of vendor in the Integrated Policing Operating System (IPOS) project (and to which the phasing out of the Core Operational Policing System (COPS) falls under), the NSW Police Force is unable to provide this information at this stage.

(2) to (4)

The NSW Police Force accepted all of the eight recommendations arising from the Auditor General's report on 'Police responses to domestic and family violence'. Work has begun on developing organisational change process to improve and innovate the response to Domestic and Family Violence offending, which continues to be a priority for the NSW Police Force.

In June 2022, the Commissioner of Police's Executive Team endorsed the establishment of a Steering Committee to remedy and respond to the recommendations.

Additionally, nine key working groups are currently being established to develop organisational change process to improve and innovate the response to Domestic and Family Violence offending.

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The Steering Committee and working groups will commence meeting shortly and facilitate organisational change as part of the Domestic and Family Violence Reform Project over the next two years.

- (5) The NSW Police Force relies on the NSW Treasury's Annual Reporting Compliance Guidelines and Checklist to ensure the organisation is meeting its annual reporting obligations. There is currently no statutory requirement to provide information relating to the People Matters Employee Survey for the organisation. Survey results are used internally by the NSW Police Force to assist in discussing results, engaging with staff and addressing any issues of concerns, as appropriate.

- * 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—

Will the Government support the establishment of a Police, Citizens and Youth Club (PCYC) within the Wentworth Shire, which already has strong community support, and Shire and Police endorsement?

Answer—

I am advised:

All new Police, Citizens and Youth Club (PCYC) propositions are subject to consideration and development by the PCYC Board. New PCYC proposals can then be raised with the NSW Police Commissioner.

- * 8459 SPORTING GROUNDS WITHIN BALRANALD SHIRE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Considering three sporting grounds within the Balranald Shire have been deemed unusable, could you please advise as to how community members can continue to use the Council and community valued Balranald Cricket Oval, Balranald Racing Club and Euston Sporting Oval?

Answer—

I am advised:

Lack of use and disrupted maintenance as a result of COVID-19 has impacted sports grounds in Balranald Shire.

Currently all facilities are open and Council is working with various sporting associations to ensure that the facilities remain available for use.

- * 8460 NURSE COORDINATOR PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator program, how many of 100 nurses are employed?

- (2) What are the school locations?

Answer—

I am advised that a digital map showing all base and outreach schools receiving services from a wellbeing nurse is available on the NSW Health website at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies/youth/Pages/whin-coordinator-program.aspx>

- * 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—

- (1) As at 9 August 2022, how many school counsellors are in schools located in the electorates of:

- (a) Heathcote?

- (b) Keira?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Kiama?
 - (e) Shellharbour?
- (2) Are there plans to have one school counsellor per 500 students as requested by the NSW Teachers Federation and NSW Parents and Citizens Federation?

Answer—

- (1) All NSW public schools receive a school counselling service allocation. The school counselling service allocations for all schools in the Heathcote, Keira, Wollongong, Kiama and Shellharbour electorates is:
- (a) Heathcote: 7.5 FTE
 - (b) Keira: 11.65 FTE
 - (c) Kiama: 9.3 FTE
 - (d) Wollongong: 9.3 FTE
 - (e) Shellharbour: 12 FTE
- (2) The Department of Education has significantly expanded the school counselling service since 2016, increasing the total full-time equivalent positions from 790 to 1,240.

The Department continues to expand the holistic wellbeing and mental health support available to students with over 2,000 wellbeing roles in NSW public schools, including school counselling staff but also including student support officers, wellbeing nurses and school chaplains.

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

- (1) In relation to Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing sites:
- (a) How many will remain open in New South Wales?
 - (b) How many will be drive through?
 - (c) Could you please provide the locations of the sites or if publicly available, could you please provide the link?

Answer—

All clinic locations can be found on the NSW Government website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/clinics>

* 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—

- (1) What is the capital works funding for each school in the Heathcote and Keira electorates?
- (2) Was is the total amount of capital funding for each school in the current financial year?

Answer—

Expenditure on all major projects is outlined in NSW Budget Paper 3 – Infrastructure Statement. In 2022-2023 NSW Budget Paper 3 this detail is available from Page 5 of Chapter 2.

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* 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—

- (1) In relation to mandatory mask wearing on public transport, who is responsible for enforcing this requirement?
- (2) How many penalties for breaching public health orders on mask wearing have been issue this year as at 9 August 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force has the responsibility of enforcing Public Health Orders and can issue fines or Court Attendance Notices to individuals and businesses which fail to comply with the provisions of the Order.
- (2) From 1 January 2022 to 9 August 2022, there were a total of 427 legal actions issued for people breaching Public Health Orders on mask wearing on public transport.

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* 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—

- (1) What is the quantum of funding by Transport for NSW for the eradication of roadside weeds on New South Wales regional and state roads in 2022-23?
- (2) What was the quantum of funding spent in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not allocate a budget for roadside maintenance of roads in regional NSW. As such, weed management is incorporated into a single amenity maintenance projects budget. This budget includes day-to-day maintenance activities and services that are required to keep the roadway system operational and presentable.

However, through Regional Road Block Grant agreements, funding is provided for the maintenance of roads. Roadside maintenance, including grass cutting and weed removal, forms part of that agreement.

For state roads, Transport for NSW is responsible for the area between kerbs or table drains, where there is no formed shoulder to the road. Transport for NSW also manages vegetation, including weeds, at state-managed rest areas.

* 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—

- (1) Since 1 January 2022, how many Ambulance shifts in the Hunter have not operated at full staffing level capacity? Please aggregate by month and Station.
- (2) Since 1 January 2022, how many Ambulance officers have retired or resigned in the Hunter? Please aggregate by month and Station.

- (3) Since 1 January 2022, how many Ambulance officers have been recruited and assigned to stations in the Hunter? Please aggregate by month and Station.

Answer—

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across the state, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW. NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth when planning for future service provision, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage.

- * 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—

- (1) What is the current status of the old Maitland Hospital site?
 - (a) What parts of the old site are still being used?
 - (b) How many staff are working at the site?
- (2) When will community consultation be conducted on the future use of the site?
 - (a) What will community consultation entail?
- (3) What are the monthly ongoing costs for the site?
- (4) When will the temporary fencing be removed?
- (5) Is there any ongoing maintenance of the site?
 - (a) If so, who is responsible for the maintenance?
 - (b) How often is maintenance conducted?
 - (c) What does maintenance entail?
- (6) Has there been any significant damage to the site such as an internal roof falling in?
 - (a) Has there been any other major damage?
- (7) Has there been any pest control issues (e.g. rats/mice/cockroaches)?

Answer—

(1 – 7)

The campus is still in use by a small number of community and mental health teams who provide care for communities in the Lower Hunter. These teams will remain onsite until the new \$22 million Maitland Integrated Community and Community Mental Health Services building, announced in the NSW Government 2022-2023 budget, is built at the Maitland Hospital campus in Metford.

The future-use of the old Maitland Hospital campus is being assessed by Property & Development NSW to recommend a strategy in line with government guidelines and policies. Once the remaining services have vacated, the old Maitland Hospital campus will be disposed of by Property & Development NSW, allowing the property to serve the community in a new way.

A full preventative maintenance schedule and pest control program continues to be carried out by the Maitland Hospital maintenance department. Maintenance is conducted in line with the schedule or on an as-needs basis.

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

- (1) With regards to the Marine Rescue Levy:

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- (a) When was the Levy first introduced?
- (b) Since its introduction, what has been the size of the Annual Levy, per licence and/or boat registration, each financial year?
- (c) Since its introduction, what is the total annual quantum of the Levy collected each financial year?
- (d) For each financial year since the introduction of the Levy, what percentage of the total Levy collected has been invested into Marine Rescue NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

- (a) The marine rescue contribution was first introduced as a component on boating licences and registrations on 1 September 2010. The contribution was introduced on every adult general and Personal Watercraft (PWC) boat licence, and all vessel registrations except PWC.
- (b) This amount has been increased annually in line with CPI and has risen from \$7.50 in 2010 to \$9.52 in 2022. Licence holders under 16 years of age and licence holders with a valid concession card will pay 50 per cent of the fee.
- (c) and (d) The total Levy collected is remitted to Marine Rescue NSW. The total contribution forwarded to Marine Rescue NSW has increased from \$5.7 million in 2011-12 to \$6.6 million in 2021-22. Marine Rescue NSW are required to apply good governance and transparent reporting on the use of funds.

* 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—

- (1) With regards to the Penalty Notices issued in the Cessnock Local Government Area for ‘kiss and ride’ zones at New South Wales schools:
 - (a) What is the number of Penalty Notices that have been issued for the periods:
 - (i) January – December 2020?
 - (ii) January – December 2021?
 - (iii) January – July 2022?
 - (b) How much revenue has the Government collected during the following periods, as a result of the issue of the abovementioned Penalty Notices:
 - (i) January – December 2020?
 - (ii) January – December 2021?
 - (iii) January – July 2022?
 - (c) Does the Government believe that there could be an issue that may warrant some education and/or improved signage for ‘kiss and ride’ zones at New South Wales schools?

Answer—

(1) (a)-(b)

Data on the number of penalty notices for parking fines in school zones (including, but not limited to, “kiss and ride” zones, by issuing agency, including by Cessnock City Council is available at: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/Parking-offences-DSF-011.xlsx>

Revenue from parking fines issued by local government authorities is collected by Revenue NSW for the local government authority, not for the NSW Government.

(c)

Education about and signage for “kiss and ride” zones are a shared responsibility between schools and local councils. Support information is available from the NSW Centre for Road Safety at: https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/dropoff_pickup.html

* 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—

(1) With regards to the Penalty Notices issued in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area for ‘kiss and ride’ zones at New South Wales schools:

(a) What is the number of Penalty Notices that have been issued for the periods:

(i) January – December 2020?

(ii) January – December 2021?

(iii) January – July 2022?

(b) How much revenue has the Government collected during the following periods, as a result of the issue of the abovementioned Penalty Notices:

(i) January – December 2020?

(ii) January – December 2021?

(iii) January – July 2022?

(c) Does the Government believe that there could be an issue that may warrant some education and/or improved signage for ‘kiss and ride’ zones at New South Wales schools?

Answer—

(1) (a)-(b)

Data on the number of penalty notices for parking fines in school zones (including, but not limited to, “kiss and ride” zones, by issuing agency, including by Lake Macquarie City Council is available at:

<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics/Parking-offences-DSF-011.xlsx>

Revenue from parking fines issued by local government authorities is collected by Revenue NSW for the local government authority, not for the NSW Government.

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* 8481 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Premier—

(1) Considering the increased takeup of electric vehicles across New South Wales and people travelling to the Hunter Valley region:

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- (a) What is being done about charging stations in the region?
- (b) Have charging stations be installed in the region?
 - (i) If so, what are their locations?
- (c) Are there plans to install further charging stations in the region within the next 12 months?
 - (i) If so, where will they be installed?

Answer—

This matter is best directed to the Minister for Energy.

- * 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—

With regards to the Lower Hunter Freight Corridor, when will the Consultation Report be released to the public, particularly to those who have made submissions?

Answer—

I am advised:

A consultation report and the final Strategic Environmental Assessment will be released once finalised and considered by the NSW Government.

- * 8483 POINT TO POINT INDEPENDENT REVIEW 2020—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With regard the recommendations provided in the Point to Point Independent Review 2020 by Sue Baker Finch which were provided in April 2021:
 - (a) When will the Government finalise and release information on the assistance scheme as per the recommendations?
 - (i) When will this come into effect?
 - (b) What was the projected timeframe for the release of this information?
 - (i) If the release has been delayed, what has been the cause of the delay?
- (2) Will the Passenger Service Levy surplus funds (i.e. the funds that exceed \$250m) that will have been collected during the April-June 2022 quarter be returned to the authorised taxi and booking service providers?
 - (a) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to providing further assistance to taxi licence holders, which will also include a transition to a reformed regulatory framework.
- (2) The Passenger Service Levy of \$1 on every point to point journey remains in place.

- * 8484 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the number of infants and primary schools within the Cessnock electorate that currently have school crossing supervisors?
- (2) What is the number of infants and primary schools within the Cessnock electorate that have had a vacancy for a school crossing supervisor in last 12-24 months?

- (3) What is the number of casual school crossing supervisors that are available within the Cessnock electorate?
- (4) What is the recruitment process for a school crossing supervisor?
- (5) Are there currently any vacancies for school crossing supervisors within the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

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

* 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—

- (1) With regards to Pre-schools that are co-located with standard infants/primary schools on schools sites:
 - (a) How is the work of the pre-schools funded, in addition to, or on top of, the normal school budget?
 - (b) How are staff at the pre-schools funded, in addition to, or on top of, the normal school budget?
 - (c) Who is responsible for the accreditation and adherence to the early childhood learning curriculum and the Australian standard for pre-schools?
 - (d) Who does the administrative work for the pre-school and how is that staffed and funded?
 - (e) Who takes care of the general maintenance, management of assets and facility upgrades as well as adherence of the physical facility in keeping with standards?
 - (i) How is this funded?

Answer—

The Department of Education is the approved provider of 99 Department preschools which operate as part of the school on school sites. There are an additional 108 preschools located on school sites that are operated by an independent provider.

Preschools co-located on school sites may include community preschools and long day care services.

- (a) In addition to normal school budgets, preschool resource funding is provided to schools with Department preschools. Community preschools and long day care services co-located on school sites are not operated by the Department of Education and do not receive funding from the school budget. These services may receive funding under Start Strong.
- (b) There is no additional staff funding provided above normal school budgets for Department preschools. Start Strong for Community Preschools funding is provided for operating expenses, including salary and wages. Start Strong Long Day Care funding is provided to purchase resources, develop an early childhood education program based on the Early Years Learning Framework, including associated staffing costs, and/or to develop staff, including upgrading qualifications from a diploma to a four-year degree and associated staffing costs.
- (c) The NSW Department of Education is the Regulatory Authority in NSW responsible for regulating early childhood education and care services in NSW. This regulatory responsibility includes monitoring, assessment and rating, and the provision of regular feedback, review, and enforcement of compliance and approval processes for all services and providers. The NSW Department of Education administers the regulation of services in accordance with the:
 - National Quality Framework and the National Quality Standards

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- the Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Act 2011 and the Children (Education and Care Services) Supplementary Provisions Regulation 2019.
- (d) Department preschools are allocated one day of school administrative and support staff per week to support preschool administration. Preschool teachers and School Learning Support Officers are also responsible for completing some administrative work. Community preschools and long day care services operate independently and have their own operating arrangements, which includes decisions on staffing and completion of administrative work.
- (e) The NSW Department of Education is responsible for the maintenance, management and facility upgrades for department operated preschools. Facilities are maintained to comply with the standards and relevant building code at time of construction, unless a facility is significantly modified, at which point it must meet the code and standards at the time of modification.

Where a department owned property is leased by a third party provider, the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep will be dependent of the lease agreement. Third party provider facilities located on department owned land are typically the responsibility of the third party provider.

* 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—

- (1) With regards to Highly Accomplished Lead Teachers (HALTs):
- (a) How many HALTs are in the electorate of Cessnock?
 - (b) How many HALTs are in the wider Hunter valleys schools?
 - (c) Which 5 schools in the Hunter have the highest number of HALTs?
 - (d) Which 5 electorates across New South Wales have the highest number of HALTs?
 - (e) How many HALTs are located in Regional New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) One
 - (b) 13
 - (c) Please see table below.

School Code	School Name	School Level	Total HALTs
2246	The Junction Public School	P	1
2374	Largs Public School	P	1
3357	Wallsend Public School	P	1
4022	Coal Point Public School	P	1
4155	Edgeworth Heights Public School	P	1
4561	Rutherford Public School	P	1
5511	Newcastle Senior School	SSP	1
7303	Gloucester Public School	P	1
7314	Wingham Public School	P	1
8259	Callaghan College Wallsend Campus	S	1

8281	Great Lakes College Senior Campus	S	1
8482	Lambton High School	S	1
8572	Rutherford Technology High School	S	1

- (d) Northern Tablelands 6
Oxley 6
Shellharbour 6
Wyong 5
Parramatta 5

- (e) 61

* 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—

- (1) In relation to plans for the installation of traffic lights at Bardia Public School, at the intersection of Arthur Allen Drive and MacDonald Road:
- (a) When will the tendering process commence for construction of the lights?
- (b) What actions will be taken to fast-track the installation of the traffic lights given ongoing safety concerns?
- (c) What is the estimated timeframe for the construction of the traffic lights?
- (d) What additional safety measures will be actioned to improve road safety around the school and help avert potential tragedy?
- (e) When will the traffic lights be operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

This project is privately funded. Transport for NSW is awaiting information from the Developer to finalise the approvals and will work with the Developer once the plans are received.

* 8488 ST JAMES STATION PUBLIC TOILETS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How long have the public toilets at St James Station been closed?
- (2) When will the public toilets at St James Station will be available for the public's use?

Answer—

I am advised

All efforts are currently being made to reopen the toilets as soon as practical. Timeframes are dependent on City of Sydney Council approvals.

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- * 8489 FREIGHT HANDLING STUDY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Government conduct an independent freight handling study to assist in determining how the rail corridor between the Port of Newcastle and the Inland Port of Narrabri can be improved in order to allow farmers, processors and businesses to clear the backlog of goods?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW's Port Policy is outlined in the NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023, State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038 and the Future Transport Strategy 2056.

The development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle would require road and rail infrastructure upgrades to address increased transport demand associated with the movement of containers into and out of port.

Further, the rail line between Narrabri and Newcastle is part of the Hunter Valley network that is currently leased to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). ARTC proposes to upgrade approximately 35 kilometres of track between Narrabri and Turravan, which currently has mass constraints and limitations resulting from the aging rail track and poor track geometry.

- * 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—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that many Hunter Valley buses are being cancelled without warning?
- (2) Is the Minister aware commuters including school children are being left stranded because of the cancelled services?
- (3) What action is the Minister taking to address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is aware of recent media surrounding service disruptions across the Hunter region. Local bus operators have various ways of keeping communities informed of service changes, including through social media, text message services and dedicated school hotlines.

I am advised that when a trip is cancelled, operators prioritise school services and provide replacement services, where possible, to reduce the overall impact on commuters.

It is important to note that under the contracts between Transport for NSW and bus operators, it is the operator's responsibility to employ bus drivers and carry out any attraction and retention initiatives. I am advised that Hunter Valley Buses is actively recruiting drivers and has increased its intake of drivers to provide additional coverage and reduce potential impacts on commuters.

Transport for NSW is working with the local bus operators to assist in providing additional support to reduce the impacts on commuters.

- * 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—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that many Newcastle Transport buses are being cancelled without warning?
- (2) Is the Minister aware commuters are being left stranded and frustrated as a result of the cancelled services?
- (3) What action is the Minister taking to address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

* 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—

- (1) How many classes at Newcastle schools have not been taught due to the teacher shortages?
- (2) How many sick days have not been replaced at Newcastle schools due to no casual teachers being available?
- (3) What is the Minister doing to work with the teaching profession to find strategies to address the immediate crisis and help end the disruption to teaching and learning for current cohorts of students?

Answer—

- (1) Sometimes when casual teachers are unable to be sourced at the last minute, including as a result of COVID-19 or other illness, classes are merged to ensure continuity of education for students. The Department of Education does not have a central system through which this information is captured across multiple schools in a uniform or consistent way.
- (2) COVID-19, influenza, and related health impacts have created an exceptionally difficult operating environment for schools in NSW. Figures for Newcastle schools are not available, however across the state, instances of sick leave to June 2022 are up by around 60 per cent on 2019 figures and are 38 per cent higher than 2021.

Contingency arrangements instigated by schools to cover teacher absences, as a result of COVID-19 or other illness, may include the use of the casual teaching workforce, teachers from nearby schools, accredited teachers working for the Department of Education in non-teaching roles, recently retired teachers and conditionally accredited final year university students, where required. Schools are using these contingency arrangements when needed.

- (3) On some occasions there may be difficulty for some schools in accessing sufficient casual teachers to fully replace all teachers on leave for that day, particularly where there is a significant number of staff absent. In these situations, principals make appropriate decisions to manage staff allocations to ensure student safety and wellbeing.

A number of initiatives are in place across the State to support access to casual and temporary teaching staff for NSW schools:

- Interim Approval to Teach - Since 2019, final year students have been eligible for a 12 month interim approval to be available for casual or temporary teaching earlier in their final year of study.
- ClassCover recruitment tool - ClassCover connects casual teachers with schools, streamlining the casual teacher recruitment process. Currently 2,023 schools are registered with ClassCover, which is over 90 per cent of all NSW public schools. All 19 schools in the Newcastle electorate are registered with ClassCover and are active users of the platform.
- JobFeed service - The Department's JobFeed service is a place to advertise temporary teaching opportunities and reaches thousands of casual and temporary teachers each week.

In response to staff leave related to COVID-19, the Department has also prepared its Non-School-Based Teaching Service (NSBTS) staff and corporate staff who are accredited to teach to be allocated to schools.

Of the 19 schools in the Newcastle electorate, the Department's COVID Workforce Deployment team received requests for assistance from two schools for teaching shifts in Term 1, Term 2 or to

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date in Term 3. Hunter School of Performing Arts requested 15 teaching days of which the deployment of NSBTS were able to backfill 12 of those teaching days, and Callaghan College Waratah Campus requested three teaching days of which all three were backfilled by NSBTS.

* 8493 TRAIN DRIVER FACILITIES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Why are train drivers based at the Newcastle Interchange not provided parking in the adjacent parking station like their colleagues working office hours?
- (2) What safety measures are in place for train drivers who are required to walk to a parking lot at Hamilton, often in the early hours of the morning?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW gives parking priority to commuters.
- (2) NSW TrainLink has contracted security guards at both Newcastle Interchange and Hamilton Station during these hours and adequate lighting and CCTV cameras have been installed.

In the late evenings and early hours, train crew can request a taxi to convey them to and from the parking area at Hamilton where there are no available train services.

* 8494 STOCKTON CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that there is a high number of people experiencing homelessness in Newcastle?
- (2) Has consideration been given to using the former Stockton Centre for temporary or transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness?
 - (a) How much would it cost to bring the site up to standard to use it for this purpose?
- (3) The department of Communities and Justice has advised there are plumbing issues at the site, how much would it cost to get a plumber to fix these issues?
- (4) Does the Minister have any alternative suggestions to increase temporary or emergency accommodation in Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2020-21, Specialist Homelessness Services assisted more than 70,000 people across NSW experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, including 2,004 people who identified they were from Newcastle.
- (2) The Department of Communities and Justice advise that the former Stockton Centre is not suitable for crisis and transitional accommodation. The site is disconnected from the medical facilities, allied health professionals, schools, transport and other critical care and community services that individuals in need of crisis and transitional accommodation depend on.
- (3) The infrastructure and associated services at the former Stockton Centre are old and in some areas beyond economical repair.
- (4) In 2022-23, the NSW Government will invest \$1.2 billion in homelessness and social and affordable housing programs through the Stronger Communities cluster.

This includes \$394.8 million in 2022-23 to deliver a range of homelessness services across NSW, including Specialist Homelessness Services and NSW Homelessness Strategy initiatives.

- There is \$8.6 million allocated for homelessness services in Newcastle local government area this year.
- There are three women's refuges that provide services to women and children experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence in the Newcastle area. These are operated by Jenny's Place, NOVA Women's Accommodation and Support in Newcastle and Warlga Ngurra Women's and Children's Refuge.
- St Vincent De Paul Society NSW delivers the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Men's Homelessness Support Service, also known as the Matthew Talbot Homeless Service.

Anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness can call Link2home on 1800 152 152 to receive information and referrals to local accommodation and support.

* 8495 ACCESSIBILITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING PANELS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Is knowledge or experience in accessibility or design for people with disability considered as an area for expertise qualifying a person to sit as a panellists on a Local Planning Panel or Regional Planning Panel?
- (2) How is an understanding and respect for accessibility embedded in the process of assessing development applications through the Local Planning Panels and Regional Planning Panels?
- (3) In what ways is the Government working to further embed an understanding and respect for accessibility in the planning system as a whole?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Knowledge or experience in accessibility or design for people with disability is a desirable expertise for planning panel members but not a requirement, as set out under sections 2.13(4) and 2.18(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (2) Development applications that relate to residential apartment development must address the design quality principles set out in the State Environmental Planning Policy No 65—Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development, and the objectives of the Apartment Design Guide which recommends accessibility throughout the guidance.

Planning panels must consider how the development application addresses design quality principles, including accessibility.

Development applications approved by planning panels will require conditions of development consent to be followed, including mandatory requirements for accessibility under the Building Code of Australia.

- (3) Accessibility is considered across the planning system

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

- (1) How many Rapid Antigen Tests have been supplied and distributed by the Government to neighbourhood and community centres across New South Wales?
- (2) How many neighbourhood and community centres have been supplied by the Government with free Rapid Antigen Tests for distribution?
- (3) How many neighbourhood and community centres located in the Inner West (as defined by the boundaries of the Summer Hill, Newtown and Balmain electorates) have been supplied by the Government with free Rapid Antigen Tests for distribution?

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- (a) Can you please provide the list of those neighbourhood and community centres identified in Question 3?
- (4) Were all the organisations listed for the webpage, “Rapid antigen tests for TEI providers” (www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/free-rat-tests/find-rat-tests) informed that they were to be included on the list and provided with free rapid antigen tests for distribution?
 - (a) Why were some of these organisations not aware that they were included on the list when contacted by constituents?

Answer—

On 15 July 2022, the NSW Government committed to provide free RA Ts to vulnerable communities via neighbourhood and community centres funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

Given DCJ is the responsible agency for this program, further queries about this initiative are best addressed by the Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Services.

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

- (1) How many dwellings owned and managed by the Land and Housing Corporation and the Department of Communities and Justice within the CS1 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone are currently vacant?
- (2) How many dwellings owned and managed by the Land and Housing Corporation and the Department of Communities and Justice within the CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone are currently vacant but also unavailable because they are undergoing or awaiting maintenance?
- (3) How many people are currently on the priority housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?
- (4) How many people are currently on the general housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) & (2) As at 16 August 2022, 91 Land and Housing Corporation properties in the CS1 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone were vacant, comprising 31 ready for reletting and 60 undergoing vacant restoration
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.
- (4) This is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

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

- (1) Since the NSW State of the Environment Report was released in 2021, what has the Government done to:
 - (a) Reduce vegetation clearing?
 - (b) Minimise the spread of invasive species?
 - (c) Mitigate and reduce the impacts of climate change?
 - (d) Improve river health?
 - (e) Support coastal estuaries and lakes?

Answer—

(1) Since the NSW State of the Environment 2021 report was released on 17 February 2022, the NSW Government has implemented a range of initiatives and programs across various portfolios to address the issues in the report. The information below outlines actions underway for the Environment and Heritage portfolio.

- (a) The Government uses satellite data to detect annual vegetation cover change. The Government also undertakes compliance and enforcement actions to prevent and respond to unlawful clearing of native vegetation and unauthorised harm to protected and threatened animals, plants, communities and their habitat.

An Early Change Monitoring Program was implemented in August 2020, which enables detection of woody vegetation clearing within weeks of its occurrence, helping to prevent some instances of unauthorised large-scale clearing.

The Government encourages and incentivises private land conservation, helping to protect native vegetation. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust is currently managing 2208 private land conservation agreements with landholders over 2.315 million hectares, representing more than 2.8 per cent of the landmass of NSW.

The Government has also committed \$206.2 million for a Sustainable Farming Program which will accredit farmers who take action to improve biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions, while enhancing their productivity.

Since March 2019, more than 600,000 hectares have been secured for addition to the national park estate.

- (b) Invasive species is a matter for the Minister for Agriculture and Minister Western New South Wales.

- (c) Climate Change mitigation is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Energy. In addition, under the Environment and Heritage portfolio:

- The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has a stated public commitment to action on climate change – becoming 'Carbon Positive by 2028'.
- On 8 September 2022, the EPA released its draft EPA Climate Change Policy and Action Plan, available for comment on the Government's Have your say website until 3 November 2022.
- In April 2022, the Government released its draft NSW National Capital Statement of Intent for consultation. This sets the ambition for, and approach to, sustainably managing natural capital in the state.

- (d) In 2021-22, over 1250 gegalitres of water for the environment was delivered to support NSW's river and wetland systems. This is equivalent to almost three Sydney harbours. A detailed outcomes report will be released in late November 2022. The report will provide examples of outcomes from environmental water activities.

The Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) monitors rivers and streams in NSW national parks to assess aquatic health and provide evidence to support management actions and investment decisions to improve river health.

EHG supports the EPA in investigating the impacts of natural disasters and pollution incidents on the water quality within NSW rivers providing evidence to support management actions to mitigate the impacts of these events.

- (e) The Government, earlier this year, announced a commitment of over \$180 million over the next six years to continue delivering on the 10-year NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy. EHG, in partnership with the Department of Primary Industries, is delivering

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programs that support the sustainable management and conservation of coastal estuaries and lakes in NSW. Reported

progress on these programs for the period November 2021 to February 2022 is available at <https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/strategy-implementation/reporting-progress>

In collaboration with local councils, EHG monitors and reports on the health of NSW estuaries and coastal lakes to assess the condition of estuarine ecosystems, understand where research is needed and support management decisions. The monitoring program is implemented through the NSW Marine Estate Management Strategy and project agreements with individual councils. The monitoring program supports local councils to prepare coastal management programs for coastal estuaries and lakes and provides councils with evidence to support investment decisions and management actions to improve water quality.

The 2022-23 State Budget includes \$18.5 million over 10 years to expand Beachwatch program statewide to support NSW councils to monitor their swim sites.

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

- (1) What is the total cost of the Central Business District (CBD) and South West Metro project?
- (2) Has the completion date of the CBD and South West Metro project changed?
- (3) Why do internal Sydney Metro documents refer to a \$13 billion cost for the Western Sydney Airport Metro project when the Minister has made public comments which suggest that the project cost is still \$11 billion?
- (4) What is Sydney Metro and Transport for NSW's response to the NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No.6 Report into Acquisition of land in relation to major transport projects?
- (5) Will Sydney Metro and Transport for NSW implement all the recommendations in the report?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) \$18.5 billion.
- (2) Passenger services from Chatswood to Sydenham will commence in 2024, then on to Bankstown within 12 months.
- (3) Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport is on budget at \$11 billion.
- (4) and (5) The NSW Government is currently considering the findings and recommendations of the inquiry and will respond in due course.

* 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—

- (1) Does the Education Department monitor the participation of primary and secondary schools in learning programs or projects which are supported or sponsored by domestic or international weapons manufacturers?
 - (a) If so, how many programs with such support or sponsorship are available for New South Wales schools to participate in?
 - (b) What are these programs?
 - (c) Which schools have participated in these programs in the last 2 years?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not centrally monitor schools' participation in learning programs or projects with external providers.

The Department outlines its policy and guidelines for engaging with external organisations in the Commercial Arrangements, Sponsorship and Donations policy available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2009-0399> and implementation procedures available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2009-0399-01.pdf>

* 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—

- (1) Which New South Wales schools have participated in the following programs in the last 2 years:
 - (a) Regional Development Australia Hunter ME Program?
 - (b) First Australia's First Lego League and First Robotics Competition?
 - (c) Re-engineering Australia's Subs in Schools Program?

Answer—

Individual NSW public schools may have participated in these programs, which are not operated by the Department of Education, but that information is not collected centrally by the Department.

* 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—

- (1) Considering CSIRO Generation STEM was funded by the Science and Industry Endowment Fund to appoint a "Generation STEM Consultative Council to provide advice and recommendations":
 - (a) What is the process by which members of this Council were selected?
 - (b) Who is on this Council currently?
 - (c) What is the duration that members of this Council are elected for?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The Trustee of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's (CSIRO) Science and Industry Endowment Fund, CSIRO's Chief Executive, determines the composition of the Consultative Council. As outlined in the NSW Generation STEM Deed of Endowment, the Council is composed of persons:
 - with recognised high levels of expertise and experience in the field of research and the training of students in scientific research, particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); or
 - who hold or have held leadership positions in the areas of science, industry, education or innovation; and
 - with such other attributes determined by the Trustee from time to time.

As far as reasonably practicable, the Council shall comprise not less than five members, a majority of which may not be employees of either the Donor (NSW Government) or CSIRO. The Trustee may include two persons for membership of the Council nominated by the Donor, or from NSW state entities (including departments).

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- (b) The NSW Generation STEM Consultative Council members are listed on the Science and Industry Endowment Fund's website at <https://sief.org.au/about-sief/management/>.
- (c) The NSW Generation STEM Deed of Endowment does not indicate any restrictions to the duration that members of the Council are appointed for. The Trustee of CSIRO's Science and Industry Endowment Fund may terminate a person's appointment to the Council.

* 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—

What is the process by which the Department of Education reviews and updates its policy regarding Commercial Arrangements, Sponsorships and Donations?

Answer—

The process for review and update of all Department of Education policies is managed by the Policy Coordination and Review team. This process involves considering implementation from a school and policy user perspective and includes policy users in designing solutions.

In the case of the most recent review of the Commercial Arrangements, Sponsorships and Donations policy (completed in October 2021), this process involved extensive consultation with principals in a range of school settings (primary, secondary, rural, metro, schools for specific purposes) and key stakeholders across the Department, including in its legal, finance, procurement and risk teams.

The Director, Engagement, monitors the implementation of the policy, regularly reviews its contents to ensure relevance and accuracy, and updates it as needed.

Updates to the policy are approved by the Executive Director, Communication and Engagement, prior to publication.

* 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—

What ethical guidelines exist regarding curriculum programs which are aimed at developing skills to support the weapons industry?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not have any curriculum programs which are aimed at developing skills to support the weapons industry.

When making decisions regarding the selection of any curriculum program, teachers and schools make decisions with alignment to the Department's values, guided by ethical decision making from the Code of Conduct and with reference to the ethical responsibilities for all sector employees under the Government Sector Employment Act of 2013.

* 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—

Considering the Department of Education supports commercial arrangements, sponsorship and donations with appropriate organisations, individuals, businesses and other government agencies except any organisations promoting unhealthy food, tobacco, alcohol products, gambling products or anything illegal, are weapons manufacturers appropriate organisations for the Department to support such arrangements with?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not consider weapons manufacturers to be appropriate organisations for schools to engage with in commercial arrangements, sponsorship and collaboration.

The Department outlines its policy and guidelines for engaging with external organisations in the Commercial Arrangements, Sponsorship and Donations policy available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2009-0399>

and implementation procedures available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2009-0399-01.pdf>

According to the policy, schools may only negotiate commercial arrangements, sponsorships and collaborations with reputable organisations, individuals and businesses whose public image, products and services are consistent with the principles, vision and goals of NSW public education (implementation procedures section 4).

When assessing whether an organisation is suitable, schools must consider the type of products or services the organisation markets and the impact its products and processes have on the health of consumers, the community and the environment.

- * 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—

What financial incentives are provided to schools by external companies to participate in programs or projects which are partially or fully sponsored or supported by weapons manufacturers?

Answer—

The Department of Education is not aware of any financial incentives provided to schools to participate in programs supported or sponsored by external organisations (including those supported or sponsored by weapons manufacturers).

The Department outlines its policy and guidelines for engaging with external organisations in the Commercial Arrangements, Sponsorship and Donations policy available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2009-0399> and the implementation procedures available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2009-0399-01.pdf>

According to the policy, schools may only negotiate commercial arrangements, sponsorships and collaborations with reputable organisations, individuals and businesses whose public image, products and services are consistent with the principles, vision and goals of NSW public education (implementation procedures section 4).

When assessing whether an organisation is suitable, schools must consider the type of products or services the organisation markets and the impact its products and processes have on the health of consumers, the community and the environment. Schools are not permitted to engage with organisations that make harmful products including unhealthy food, tobacco, alcohol products, gambling products, or anything illegal (policy section 1.1).

- * 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—

What incentives are in place under the Government's Electric Vehicle Strategy to encourage the take up of Electric Vehicles in regions like the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The incentives available under the NSW Government's Electric Vehicle Strategy are publicly available.

- * 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—

With planning for a dual carriageway upgrade of the Bruxner Highway between Goonellabah and Wollongbar not expected to be completed until late 2023, when will the current speed limits be lowered near the Alphadale crossroads as an interim safety measure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW committed to completing a Speed Zone Review for this section of the Bruxner Highway.

On 25 August 2022, the Speed Zone review commenced and is expected to take eight weeks to complete. The review will include engagement with local council, NSW Police, and members of the Local Traffic Committee. The review will be completed in line with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines which will include those safety concerns raised at the Alphadale intersection.

The outcome of the review will determine if any changes to the speed limit are appropriate.

- * 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—

What progress has Transport for NSW made with increasing the number of passing lanes to improve motorists' safety on the Bruxner Highway between Lismore and Tenterfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is planning improvements along the full length of the Bruxner Highway.

As part of the planning improvements, Transport for NSW is investigating overtaking opportunities between Lismore and Casino and will continue to update the community as planning progresses.

- * 8515 PRIMARY PRODUCER GRANTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Has the Government discussed with the Commonwealth my call to review a guideline for the \$75,000 Primary Producer Grant to lift up-front payments from \$15,000 to \$37,500 so farmers can get the funds they need for urgent clean-up and recovery costs from flooding and other natural disasters?

Answer—

The Commonwealth has agreed to increase the upfront payment from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for Special Disaster Assistance primary producer programs. This change has already been implemented by the Rural Assistance Authority and those applicants that were originally paid \$15,000 up-front have been consulted about their need to have that payment increased to \$25,000.

- * 8516 CURRENT CRITERIA FOR THE PRIMARY PRODUCERS GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Has the Government held discussions with the Commonwealth on my call to relax the current eligibility criteria for the Primary Producer Grant whereby at least 50 per cent of gross income must be derived from a primary production enterprise, thereby encouraging more farming families to remain in the agricultural sector?

Answer—

The 50% gross income from primary production eligibility criteria for natural disaster assistance programs such as the Category D Special Disaster Assistance primary producer program is governed by the National Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This agreement has been jointly signed by the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments.

NSW is taking the lead in reviewing these eligibility criteria and will submit its findings to the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions once this piece of work is complete.

* 8517 FLOOD DEBRIS REMOVAL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) How do primary producers arrange to have flood debris removed from their properties once the Government's pilot program using drones identifies build-ups from the air?

(a) Will removal be done free of charge?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW and Australian governments are jointly providing a clean-up program for eligible flood-affected private landowners and tenants. This program is being managed by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Eligible large or hazardous man-made debris will be collected free of charge.

Individuals can apply for these programs by visiting the Service NSW website at service.nsw.gov.au or by calling 13 77 88. More information about the program is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/reporting-and-incidents/flood-recovery-programs.

* 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—

How is the Government rolling out its Electric Vehicle Strategy to the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

* 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—

Can you detail how the Commonwealth's \$10-million investment in planning for the New England Highway Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass project has been spent by Transport for NSW and/or its consultants?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

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- * 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—

Can you explain why a Review of Environmental Factors for the New England Highway Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass project, based on a revised concept design, has not been exhibited for public comment as was planned for early this year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The public display of the Review of Environmental Factors for the New England Highway Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass project has been delayed to allow additional studies to take place, including an up to date traffic study which required traffic volumes to return to pre-COVID-19 levels.

- * 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—

(1) What is the capital works funding for each school in the Wollongong electorate for the (a) current financial year and (b) last three financial years?

(a) Could you please provide the list of projects for each school for (a) the current financial year and (b) the last three financial years?

Answer—

The 2022-23 Budget continues the Government's record level of investment in Education infrastructure, committing \$8.6 billion into schools over the next four years.

Since 2011-12, total capital expenditure on schools in the Wollongong electorate has exceeded \$52 million and maintenance expenditure for schools in the electorate has exceeded \$36 million.

Capital funding for major works projects at Department of Education schools is outlined in the NSW 2022-23 Budget Papers. Schools will also receive funding throughout the financial year to support minor capital works projects.

- * 8523 SUBMARINE BASE LOCATIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

(1) What discussions have Government Departments and agencies so far had with the Commonwealth Government about the preferred location of submarine bases in New South Wales in association with the AUKUS agreement?

(a) When did those discussions commence?

(2) Which stakeholders have been consulted about Port Kembla as a possible location for an AUKUS submarine base?

(a) Have there been any stakeholder consultations in the Illawarra?

(b) If so, please list the (a) stakeholders, (b) date of consultations and (c) nature of those consultations?

(c) If no consultations have taken place, when is it expected those will occur?

(3) Has the Government indicated its clear preference for the possible location of a submarine base in New South Wales in association with the AUKUS agreement?

(a) If so, what is the preferred location?

Answer—

The NSW Government is supportive of an AUKUS submarine base being located in NSW. The base would form part of our growing defence industry, providing significant opportunities for job creation and economic growth that will deliver a brighter future for the people of NSW.

Further questions should be directed to the Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

- * 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—

Could you please provide an updated response to LA Q5564 (as at 11 August 2022)?

Answer—

Updated data for the answer provided under LA QON 5564 is below.

- (1) Completion rates for public schools in the Wollongong Electorate 2010-2021

Measurement year (Year 10)	Percent of public school students who completed
2018	63.3

- (a) The completion rate between measurement years 2009 and 2011 were around 71-72%. Since measurement year 2014 the completion rate in public schools has been relatively stable between 63% and 66%.
- (b) Completion rates for non-government schools in the Wollongong Electorate 2010-2021

Measurement year (Year 10)	Percent of independent* school students who completed
2018	84.9

*independent is every school other than a government school

Note: “Completion” is defined as the proportion of students who started Year 10 (measurement year) in a government school (table 1) or independent school (table 1b) in the Wollongong State Electoral District (2021 boundaries) and who were awarded an HSC within three years of the measurement year at any school.

Students completing other credentials are not recorded as completing.

- (2 & 3)

In addition to the information provided under LA QON 5564 an update on the Educational Pathway Pilot Program (EPP) is below.

The EPP consists of eight initiatives including targeted ‘wrap-around services’ for under 17-year-old students studying at TAFE NSW, and fee free ‘test and try’ Vocational Education and Training (VET) units of competency for high school students through Group Training Organisations (GTOs).

Since Day 1, Term 1 2022, the EPP is operational in 145 secondary public schools in the Illawarra, New England and North West, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter Valley, Central Coast, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven, as well as Western Sydney suburbs of Parramatta and Blacktown.

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The EPP has been very successful since it was introduced in 2020, with a 75% increase in school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) across the 145 schools involved in the program since the beginning of 2022.

* 8527 ONGOING SUPPORT AND ACCOMMODATION FOLLOWING HOMELESSNESS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Further to LA Q8188, why are other local services which Department of Communities and Justice Housing refers people to for ongoing support and transitional accommodation following homelessness, not included in the Roundtable membership?
 - (a) Can these organisations be invited to share their insights as frontline services addressing homelessness?
- (2) Has an invitation for membership of the Roundtable been extended to the End Street Sleeping Illawarra Collaboration?
 - (a) If not, will one be?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Roundtable is focused on identifying barriers and opportunities within the planning system to the provision of affordable housing in the region.
- (2) The Department of Planning and Environment will establish criterion for membership that will be presented to members at the next Roundtable on 28 September 2022.

* 8528 BERKELEY HARBOUR MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Further to LA Q7928, could please outline the (a) process and (b) timeframe for the completion of the Berkeley Harbour Master Plan following recent public consultations?
- (2) Will there be further public consultation prior to the completion of the Masterplan?
- (3) Were any Illawarra stakeholder organisations consulted during the public consultation phase in April 2022?
 - (a) If so, please list the (a) organisations consulted, (b) date of consultation, and nature of the consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current online community engagement closed on 26 August 2022. The information will be used to develop site concept options. A second online community engagement of the concept options will be undertaken in September 2022. This will be followed by the development of the master plan and recommendations report. The final version of the plan is proposed to be completed before December 2022.
- (2) As above - following finalisation of concept options there will be a second phase of community consultation which is a two week online engagement. It is anticipated that this phase will be undertaken in late September 2022.
- (3) Port Kembla Sailing Club was contacted by letter dated 18 March 2022. A meeting was held on the 30 March 2022 with representatives from Crown Lands, Stantec (Cardno) and the sailing club.

Aish's Seafood was contacted by letter dated 17 March 2022. A meeting was held on the 24 May 2022 with representatives from Crown Lands, Stantec (Cardno) and Aish's Seafood.

Wollongong Council was contacted, and a meeting was held on 6 April 2022 with representatives from Crown Land, Stantec (Cardno) and Council.

Neighbourhood Forum 7 was contacted by letter dated 8 March 2022.

The engagement was designed to listen to the views of key stakeholders at the very early concept stage.

* 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—

- (1) Further to LA8354, please provide the details of the building works upgrades and teaching plant and equipment funded by the Asset Renewal Program for:
 - (a) Wollongong TAFE campus?
 - (b) West Wollongong TAFE campus?
- (2) What was the purpose of geotechnical examinations that were recently undertaken at West Wollongong TAFE campus?
- (3) Are there any plans to sell all or part of the West Wollongong TAFE campus?
- (4) Are there any plans to sell or lease (i) 3 Rowland Ave, Wollongong or (ii) 5 Rowland Ave, Wollongong?
 - (a) If so, when will these transactions take place?
- (5) What is the current market value of the properties in (4)(i) and (ii)?
- (6) When was the last market evaluation for both properties in (4)(i)-(ii)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) TAFE NSW will deliver building upgrades and new teaching equipment for the Wollongong and West Wollongong campuses in the 2022-23 financial year, as part of \$318.9 million allocated in the 2022-23 budget for capital works.

TAFE NSW is currently undertaking state-wide planning and prioritisation to confirm the FY2022/23 allocation for its Wollongong and West Wollongong campuses.
- (2) The geotechnical investigations were undertaken as part of considerations for potential future capital works.
- (3) There are no plans to sell any part of Wollongong West campus or lease the campus.
- (4) The TAFE NSW Wollongong West campus is comprised of 1 Rowland Avenue and 38-46 Gladstone Avenue, Wollongong.
- (5) TAFE NSW does not hold a current market valuation for the Wollongong West campus.
- (6) N/A.

* 8530 RESIDENT ACCESS BY WATER—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

How many residents can only access Little Wobby, Milson's Passage, Dangar Island and Bar Point by water?

Answer—

I am advised:

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This information is publicly available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (www.abs.gov.au).

* 8531 WAMBERAL SEA WALL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How many residents will be invited to financially contribute to the cost of the Wamberal seawall?
- (2) What is the current cost estimate for the Wamberal Sea Wall?
- (3) Considering the NSW Council acquisition of beachfront properties in the last 20 years, what is the number of properties and the cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This remains unknown and would be subject to agreed terms between individual property owners seeking to submit development applications for protection works.
- (2) Concept designs prepared for Central Coast Council by Manly Hydraulics Laboratory in 2021 considered five types of seawall protection from end to end along Wamberal Beach ranging in estimated cost from approximately \$25 million to \$40 million. Cost estimates for protection works being designed by beachfront property owners are currently unknown.
- (3) The Department of Planning and Environment is not aware of any entity known as the "NSW Council". Should the question be referring to the Coastal Lands Protection Scheme, this should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.

* 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—

- (1) What are the locations of all Department of Communities and Justice share housing/disability housing/group home facilities in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) owns 48 such properties in the electorates listed. To protect the privacy of residents, addresses for these sites are not disclosed publicly.

* 8533 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How much is left in the Responsible Gambling Fund for 2022-23?
- (2) Can you please provide a breakdown of expenditure of the Responsible Gambling Fund for 2021-22?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing the Hon Kevin Anderson MP.

* 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—

- (1) Which organisations on the Central Coast received domestic violence program funding?
 - (a) How much did each organisation receive in:
 - (i) 2019?
 - (ii) 2020?
 - (iii) 2021?
 - (iv) 2022?
- (2) How many individuals were serviced by each of the organisations listed above in the years they receive funding?
 - (a) What is the breakdown of the postcodes of these clients?

Answer—

I am advised:

Five organisations on the Central Coast received domestic violence funding from the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) from 2019/20 to 2022/23.

- Catholic Care
- OzChild
- Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Relationships Australia
- Baptist Care

Details on the amount of funding each organisation received is commercial in confidence.

Client data is not able to be provided across the funded services.

Client postcode data is not available and is not in the public domain to support the safety of clients and staff of the services.

* 8535 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY OCCUPATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What is the total number of public housing properties in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?
- (2) How many of each property in Question 1 are currently occupied?
- (3) How many social housing residences are occupied and unoccupied in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?

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(e) Swansea?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 30 June 2022, the total number of Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned, and head leased properties which are public housing managed by the Department of Community and Justice (DCJ) in the following electorates are:
 - (a) Gosford: 1,124
 - (b) Terrigal: 492
 - (c) The Entrance: 1,013
 - (d) Wyong: 814
 - (e) Swansea: 657
- (2) As at 30 June 2022, the total number of LAHC-owned and head leased occupied properties which are public housing managed by DCJ in the following electorates are:
 - (a) Gosford: 1,110
 - (b) Terrigal: 483
 - (c) The Entrance: 999
 - (d) Wyong: 798
 - (e) Swansea: 649
- (3) As at 30 June 2022, the total number of LAHC-owned social housing and head leased public housing properties in the following electorates are:
 - (a) Gosford: 1,340
 - (b) Terrigal: 539
 - (c) The Entrance: 1,346
 - (d) Wyong: 971
 - (e) Swansea: 744

LAHC is unable to report on occupied or vacant properties it owns that are managed by Community Housing Providers (CHPs).

The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) has the following number of properties in the specified electorates:

- (a) Gosford: 2
- (b) Terrigal: 9
- (c) The Entrance: 20
- (d) Wyong: 61
- (e) Swansea: 17

In relation to AHO occupancies and vacancies, this is managed by DCJ who are also responsible for the associated data relating to these properties. As such this is a matter for the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services.

* 8536 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What is the total number of social housing houses/properties sold since 2011 in:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?
- (2) How many affordable housing houses/properties have been sold since 2011 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?
- (3) How many new social housing houses have been opened since 2011 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?
- (4) How many new affordable housing houses have been sold since 2011 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Gosford?
 - (b) Terrigal?
 - (c) The Entrance?
 - (d) Wyong?
 - (e) Swansea?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Gosford: 42 dwellings
 - (b) Terrigal: 35 dwellings
 - (c) The Entrance: 20 dwellings
 - (d) Wyong: 50 dwellings
 - (e) Swansea: 7 dwellings
- (2) and (4) LAHC only holds social housing properties and does not have visibility on affordable housing owned by external parties
 - (3) The total number of LAHC's social housing new supply between financial years 2010-11 to 2021-22 in the following state electorates are:

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- (a) Gosford: 182 dwellings
- (b) Terrigal: nil
- (c) The Entrance: 156 dwellings
- (d) Wyong: 78 dwellings
- (e) Swansea: 90 dwellings

* 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—

- (1) Given that \$4 million was allocated in the 2020/21 Budget and \$7 million in the 2021/22 Budget:
 - (a) What is the proposed timeline for works at Birrong Boys High School?
 - (b) What is the proposed timeline for works at Birrong Girls High School?
 - (c) What is the full cost of the proposed upgrade of Birrong Boys High School?
 - (d) What is the full cost of the proposed upgrade of Birrong Girls High School?

Answer—

Planning has included consideration and studies of demographic trends, education requirements, the condition of the existing school buildings, catchment boundaries, heritage requirements, transport links and partnership opportunities. Consultants including architects and project managers have been appointed and investigative works have been undertaken at both school sites to assist in developing design options.

The total amount of funding allocated to these projects remains commercial-in -confidence until the construction contract tender process is completed. This helps us deliver value for money for the NSW taxpayers by keeping the process commercially competitive and avoids negatively impact the Department of Education's commercial position. Details will be provided in due course through future budgets and the Department's Annual Report.

Project updates, including timelines for works, will be shared on the School Infrastructure NSW project webpage at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/Birrong-Boys-HS-and-Birrong-Girls-HS-upgrade.html> as the project progresses.

* 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—

- (1) Given your answer to LA Q6900 on 21 December 2021 regarding the proposed subdivision of land for education purposes at 80 Betty Cuthbert Drive, Lidcombe:
 - (a) Has the NSW Department of Education identified if this land will be used for the public education sector?
 - (i) If so, is this for a proposed primary school or high school?

Answer—

Property and Development NSW is repurposing the NSW Government owned site at 80 Betty Cuthbert Drive, Lidcombe. A portion of the site has been identified for a potential future primary school. The future use of the site is subject to further due diligence and future decision making of government.

- * 8539 METRO LINE SERVICE FREQUENCY—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given the frequency for services on the Bankstown - Sydenham metro line will be every four minutes in the peak and every ten minutes in the off peak according to the Bankstown Line Metro Conversion Newsletter, what will be the frequency of services on the Bankstown - Lidcombe line at Yagoona and Birrong station following the conversion?

Answer—

I am advised

As part of the More Trains, More Services program, Transport for NSW is currently planning how rail services on the T3 Bankstown Line for stations west of Bankstown will operate as part of the integration of Sydney Metro City & Southwest in 2024.

Following community consultation in 2020, Transport for NSW is progressing with the option chosen based on community feedback and an analysis of Opal data.

Services currently operating between Liverpool and the City Circle via Bankstown will instead run via Regents Park and Lidcombe. A shuttle service will operate between Bankstown and Lidcombe, with Regents Park to become the main interchange point for customers switching between the two T3 Bankstown Line branches.

Customers travelling from Birrong and Yagoona will interchange at Bankstown for metro services or travel to Lidcombe/Regents Park for access to other destinations across the network.

Additionally, customers will still have access to frequent bus services that connect with Bankstown as they do today. Adjustments to bus services in Sydney's South West will also be considered to ensure they complement the new train service option in the area so customers have additional options available to them on a more integrated and expanded network.

Transport for NSW will ensure customers are kept informed of any timetable changes well in advance.

- * 8540 PLANNING PROPOSAL AT SOUTH KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) With respect to the decision of the NSW Planning Minister to approve a planning proposal at South Kiama:
 - (a) Is the Premier aware of the decision?
 - (b) Is the Premier aware of the hundreds of letters of objections to this planning proposal?
- (2) Did the Minister meet with the local community before making this decision?
- (3) Did the Department of Planning meet with residents about this planning proposal?
- (4) Will the Premier meet with the Minister for Planning and instruct him to reverse his decision to approve this planning proposal?

Answer—

This matter is best directed to the Minister for Planning and Homes.

- * 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—

- (1) With respect to Bombo Quarry:
 - (a) When will the Bombo quarry be spent?
 - (b) Have you been briefed on the future of the Bombo quarry?

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- (c) Will you ask your Department to establish a local working group to progress the redevelopment and remediation of the Bombo Quarry?
- (d) Will you ensure that the community is consulted on the future of the Bombo Quarry throughout the redevelopment and remediation process?
 - (i) If so, will you establish a working group?
 - (ii) Will you ensure that the community is represented on the working group?
 - (iii) If you do not agree to establishing a working group, what mechanism will you support to progress the future redevelopment of Bombo Quarry?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 8542 BOMBO QUARRY REDEVELOPMENT AND REMEDIATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to the Bombo Quarry:
 - (a) Have you been briefed on the future of the Bombo Quarry?
 - (b) Would you be prepared to assist in progressing the future of the Bombo Quarry (as per the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Strategy) by working with Transport for NSW on a future plan for redevelopment and remediation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 includes Action 9 – develop a shared vision for the future of Bombo Quarry in collaboration with Kiama Municipal Council, landowners and the community.

Representatives of Kiama Municipal Council (Council) and the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) met on 19 August 2022 to discuss Bombo Quarry. At that meeting it was agreed that the Department and Council will prepare a project plan to identify stages and indicative timeframes to address the Action.

* 8543 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) I refer to the Premier's comments in a media release of 4th July 2020 and ask:
 - (a) Have you been formally briefed on the three major Powerhouse Museum projects in the last twelve months?
 - (i) If so, when and by whom and have there been deviations from ERC/Treasury's agreed cost, scale and delivery program parameters?
 - (b) Will the Powerhouse at Ultimo continue to display historical and contemporary technology, science, engineering and design?
 - (i) If yes, can you identify where these displays are located, list them and confirm those to be retained which are already in place?
 - (ii) How do they compliment the Parramatta Powerhouse?

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- (c) What precisely, temporary and permanent, is planned for the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum's future family-oriented exhibits and what audience research has been undertaken in respect of subjects and delivery methods chosen?
- (i) How has success been measured with such programs since 2018, what are the results and how will they be measured in the future?
- (d) What are the current Powerhouse arrangements with respect to catering for summer holiday programs for families?
- (i) Can you provide details of family focused programs during the last and in following summer holidays?
- (e) Has the Business Case been revised in respect of the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum \$500 million development, as outlined in the recent Environmental Impact Statement?
- (f) What proportion of the foreshadowed annual budget after opening depends on commercial development of the site?
- (g) What M2 areas will be devoted to money-making facilities as opposed to public spaces both in Ultimo and in Parramatta?
- (h) How many educational staff (FTE) were employed at the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum in 2010, 2015 and 2020?
- (i) How many primary and secondary school visits occurred in the same years?
- (ii) How many school children visited in each category per year?
- (i) The Powerhouse Museum (MAAS) has been New South Wales's history museum since 1878; why has new legislation been put forward to redefine Sydney's Living Museums as the State's 'Museums of History'?
- (j) Given the additional demands on the NSW Budget caused by recent natural disasters, will a complete review of the three main Powerhouse Museum projects be conducted?

Answer—

This matter is best directed to the Minister for the Arts.

* 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—

- (1) When was the last modelling showing the number of traffic movements of Appin Road conducted?
- (a) How many daily traffic movements were recorded each day during the last traffic study?
- (2) Could you provide data regarding the number of deaths and serious accidents on the Appin Road since 1 July 2002?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Daily traffic movements on Appin Road are available via the Transport for NSW website.
- (2) 122.

Transport for NSW is working with the Department of Planning and Environment to identify priorities and potential improvements to Appin Road. Future work includes safety improvements from Brian Road at Appin to Mt Gilead. This project aims to improve road safety in the Greater Macarthur Growth Area. Work on this project is expected to start in Q4 2022.

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Additionally, the intersection of Narellan Road and Appin Road was upgraded and opened to traffic in May 2019, as part of the \$300 million Urban Pinch Points Program.

* 8546 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES DAMAGED BY FLOODING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) How many social housing properties in the GW10 allocation zone were damaged during the June 2022 flooding?

(a) What was the extent of the damage to these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice or Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) properties in the GW10 allocation zone were impacted by the June 2022 flooding

(a) Required repairs to the affected 83 AHO properties ranged from ceiling repairs, gutter cleaning, stormwater clearing and roof tile / sheeting rectifications.

* 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—

What measures have been taken by the Government to manage State schools in the Fairfield electorate who are not complying with the implementation of their anti-bullying plan?

Answer—

Directors, Educational Leadership, manage complaints about how a school has responded to a report of bullying in accordance with the Department of Education Complaints Handling policy. Where required, they assist schools to implement the school's Anti-bullying plan, to best meet the needs of the school community.

* 8548 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MAINTENANCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) Has additional funding above and beyond the yearly maintenance budget been allocated for the repair and restoration of any social housing property in the GW10 allocation zone damaged as a result of the June 2022 flooding?

(a) If so, how much has been allocated?

(b) If so, when will repairs begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No, Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice or Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) in the GW10 allocation zone were impacted by the June 2022 flooding.

(a) N/A

(b) The majority of repairs for AHO properties are completed and others are underway through the LAHC managed Asset Maintenance Services (AMS) contract or by the managing providers maintenance teams.

- * 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—

Given the increase in bullying in State schools in the Fairfield Local Government Area, will the Government increase the student mental health budget to assist those students who are victims of sustained bullying both at school and on social media platforms?

Answer—

Since 2015, the NSW Government has allocated more than \$290 million to support students' wellbeing and mental health in schools. The Government has also introduced a new Student Behaviour Strategy, which addresses bullying prevention.

The Department of Education continues to expand the wellbeing and mental health supports available to students with over 2,000 wellbeing roles, including school counselling staff, wellbeing nurses, behaviour specialists, school chaplains and student support officers. These staff provide targeted support and/or access to community services to individual students across school settings in NSW.

As part of the anti-bullying round tables held in May and June this year, the Department and other government agencies and organisations have agreed to actions to raise awareness, reporting mechanisms and processes, and support around bullying and cyber-bullying. This includes social media organisations and the eSafety Commissioner.

- * 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—

What measures have been taken by the Government to resurface State roads in the Fairfield Local Government Area damaged by the June 2022 flooding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's dedicated road asset inspectors regularly drive on each road across Western Sydney including the Fairfield Local Government Area (LGA), analysing network data and the road conditions to identify any required maintenance projects.

Since 1 June 2022 (as of 17 August), Transport for NSW has repaired nearly 300 potholes within the Fairfield LGA.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022, Transport for NSW has undertaken two road resurfacing projects repairing roughly 62,000 square metres of road surface on Elizabeth Drive and Cabramatta Road.

- * 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—

What measures have been taken by the Government to resurface State roads in the Cumberland Local Government Area damaged by the June 2022 flooding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since July 2021, Transport for NSW has completed six resurfacing projects in the Cumberland Local Government Areas (LGA). Over the 2022-23 period, Transport for NSW has two resurfacing projects planned for the Cumberland Highway.

In addition to the above, Transport for NSW has completed seven heavy patching repairs across the Cumberland LGA.

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* 8552 AMBULANCE ARRIVAL TRANSFERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

How many patients who arrive at Fairfield Hospital by ambulance are transferred to other hospitals for treatment?

Answer—

Data on patient arrivals to emergency departments and patient transfers from the emergency department to other hospitals by hospital and by quarter is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

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

(1) How many outpatient health services are based on Fairfield Hospital grounds?

(a) What are these services?

Answer—

I am advised that a full list of Fairfield Hospital Departments and services is available on the Fairfield Hospital website at: <https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/fairfield/servDept.html>

* 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—

(1) How much funding has the Government allocated to non-government disability service providers in the 2022/23 State Budget for the Fairfield electorate?

(a) Which disability providers are the recipients of this funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government no longer directly funds or provides specialist disability services. The NSW Government budget for specialist disability services now forms NSW's contribution to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The NSW contribution to the NDIS in 2022-23 is \$3.75 billion, with the balance of NDIS costs met by the Commonwealth. The NDIS is administered by the Commonwealth, and therefore questions regarding funding for disability services providers in the Fairfield electorate should be directed to the Commonwealth Minister responsible for the NDIS.

The NSW Government funds individual, systemic and representative advocacy for people with disability under the NSW Disability Advocacy Futures Program (DAFP). Approximately \$13 million is budgeted for this program in 2022-23.

18 organisations are funded to support people with disability in NSW to access NSW Government funded and delivered mainstream services. Many of the funded advocacy organisations provide state-wide coverage. People with Disability Australia Incorporated is funded to provide individual advocacy services in the South Western Sydney region, which covers the Fairfield electorate.

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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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 8559 APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER FOR AUTISM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Premier—
- 8560 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8564 CHILDCARE PLACES IN BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—
- 8565 STRUCTURED APPROACH TO DROUGHT ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 8566 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8567 ESSENTIAL ENERGY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8568 RADAR COVERAGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8569 SUPPRESSOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8570 LEACOCK AND EDMONDSON REGIONAL PARKS FUNDING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8571 TENANCIES OR LEASES FOR LAND IN LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8572 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK MAINTENANCE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8578 LEACOCK REGIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8579 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8580 SOUTH HEAD MASTER PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 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—
- 8582 TRANSIT SYSTEMS CONTRACT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 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—
- 8584 ELECTRIC HOMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8585 URBAN ENVIRONMENT DECLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 8586 COMMUNITY HOUSING INSURANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8587 ACCESS TO GUNS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 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—
- 8589 RETENTION OF BEDROOMS IN PROPERTIES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8590 UNAUTHORISED RENOVATIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—

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- 8592 HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—
- 8594 CLONTARF INCIDENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8595 WESTERN SYDNEY RAPID BUS ROUTES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8596 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8597 SYDNEY METRO MARRICKVILLE STATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8598 DULWICH HILL TRAIN STATION CONCOURSE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8599 RESIDUAL WESTCONNEX LAND—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8600 REHABILITATION SERVICES IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8601 REHBABILITATION SERVICES OUTSIDE LIVERPOOL AREA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Corrections—
- 8602 CASE CONFERENCE OUTCOME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 8603 ANACTA STRATEGIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—
- 8604 APPOINTMENT OF CEO—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8605 INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8606 SENIOR POSITION EMPLOYMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8607 COUNCILLOR NAME CHANGE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 8613 REGISTER OF ENDANGERED SPECIES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8614 SAFETY AND SECURITY IN HOSPITALS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 8616 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—
- 8618 UPGRADE TO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8619 DRAFT TIMETABLES OF RAIL SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8620 BUS SERVICE CHANGES IN BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8623 PARRAMATTA TO KOGARAH VIA BANKSTOWN LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8624 BANKSTOWN TO LIVERPOOL METRO SOUTHWEST EXTENSION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8625 REZONING SITES NEAR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 8626 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PROJECT UPDATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8627 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

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- 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—
- 8629 POLICE ENFORCING MASK MANDATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8630 REGION 9 BUS NETWORK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8631 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8632 ILLAWARRA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8633 NOISY VEHICLES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8634 HOSPITAL STAFF RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8635 NSW HEALTH BUILDING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8636 TOUCHDOWN OFFICE IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—
- 8638 TOWRADGI STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8639 UNANDERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8640 GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8643 MENS REFERRAL PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 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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- 8645 COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8646 PARKINSON'S SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8650 HOSPITAL UPGRADES IN THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8651 JAMBEROO WATER AND SEWERAGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8652 MOUNT TERRY PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN REFURBISHMENT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 8653 NO BODY NO PAROLE LAWS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—
- 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—
- 8655 NESA 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—
- 8656 UPDATES TO NESA 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—
- 8657 NESA 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—
- 8658 NESA 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—
- 8659 NESA 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—
- 8660 NESA 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—

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- 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—
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- 8664 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) Considering the increased takeup of electric vehicles across New South Wales and people travelling to the Hunter Valley region:
 - (a) What is being done about charging stations in the region?
 - (b) Have charging stations be installed in the region?
 - (i) If so, what are their locations?
 - (c) Are there plans to install further charging stations in the region within the next 12 months?
 - (i) If so, where will they be installed?
- 8665 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) What is the number of infants and primary schools within the Cessnock electorate that currently have school crossing supervisors?
 - (2) What is the number of infants and primary schools within the Cessnock electorate that have had a vacancy for a school crossing supervisor in last 12-24 months?
 - (3) What is the number of casual school crossing supervisors that are available within the Cessnock electorate?
 - (4) What is the recruitment process for a school crossing supervisor?
 - (5) Are there currently any vacancies for school crossing supervisors within the Cessnock electorate?
- 8666 OLD MENINDEE TOWN WEIR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- Can the Minister provide a progress report on the removal of the redundant Old Menindee Town Weir?
- 8667 RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- Considering the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme (RHWIS) uses the Modified Monash Model (MMM) to classify metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to remoteness determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and town size, and that Lake Cargelligo in the Barwon electorate could be classified between MM3-MM7 using the MMM, can you advise why nurses in their town are not eligible for the RHWIS?
- 8668 ROUND 3 ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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- (1) Considering the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Round 3 which focuses on areas undergoing highest growth across New South Wales including the 18 metropolitan and 23 regional councils eligible for funding which account for 94% growth over the next 10 years, according to recent 2022 NSW population projections, and that Government elected AIF Regional town eligibility is based on population growth, was this determined by percentage of growth against the current population?
 - (a) If not, will smaller regional towns with low populations be excluded from this program in the future?
 - (b) Would the Minister consider developing a program applicable to smaller regional towns, ensuring we have the same opportunities for fast-tracked investment in infrastructure?
- 8669 NSW TRANSLOCATION KOALA RESEARCH PLAN 2019-2028—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Considering that the Rotary Club of Condobolin has been planting selected species of trees along the Lachlan River for the past 40 in a bid to reintroduce Koalas to the area, but that the last koala colony seen there was 100 years ago before they were wiped out by the fur trade, and considering that restoration of the environment and community support should be taken into account when identifying regions for koala restoration trials, with the commitment shown by the community in Condobolin, would you consider the Lachlan river for a trial?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (2) The research plan runs from 2019-2028, could the Minister identify what course of action the Condobolin community can take over the coming years, in order to be considered for the restoration program?
- 8670 NSW STRATEGIC WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Considering NSW Strategic Weed Management plans have been designed to facilitate rural regions with planning and funding to control and eradicate the negative impacts of noxious weeds and particularly in our Environment, can you advise who is responsible for ensuring the Central West Regional Weed Committee implement their investigations and plans within the community?
 - (2) Considering Government funding has been provided to support the Weed Management Plan, who is responsible for distributing these funds?
 - (a) Will the Minister investigate the possibility of increasing allocation of funds and the timeframe in which it is being offered?
 - (3) What role does the Local Land Services have in the implementation of the Strategic Management Plan, and will you consider increasing their funding to allow financial support for landholders?
- 8671 ENERGY SUPPLIERS DECREASE FEED IN TARIFF TO CONSUMERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) Considering there is a large and growing household investment in solar roof panels, how are the interests of household investment in solar panels balanced against the interests of the owners of grid and large-scale generation capacity?
 - (2) How is the feed in tariff calculated?
 - (a) Is the discount to the price to consumers proportionate?
 - (3) As battery storage becomes financially viable, how will the investment of domestic PV and Battery owners be given weight against the access costs requested by Grid owners and Large Scale Generators?

8672 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Out of the \$324.4 million budgeted for the Transport Access Program in forward estimates, how much will be allocated to Macquarie Fields Station?

8673 SUPPORT CLASSES IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS—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) Regarding support classes in mainstream schools in the electorate of Macquarie Fields:
 - (a) How many students are currently waiting for a suitable support class placement?
 - (b) How many additional support classes are planned for 2023?
 - (c) When will those support classes be operational and in which schools will they be located?
 - (d) How many students will the additional support classes accommodate?
 - (e) How many students are anticipated to remain on the waiting list for a support class placement in Term 1 2023?

8674 NEWCASTLE BUS CANCELLATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that many Newcastle Transport buses are being cancelled without warning?
- (2) Is the Minister aware commuters are being left stranded and frustrated as a result of the cancelled services?
- (3) What action is the Minister taking to address this issue?

8675 SWAN HILL BRIDGE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) The last update from the NSW Government to the community was in July 2021. Will the Minister provide an update on the Swan Hill/Murray Downs Bridge development, specifically:
 - (a) When will heritage constraints be lifted?
 - (b) Has design progressed at all?
 - (c) When will the geotechnical investigations begin?
 - (d) Has the decision been made on the style?
 - (e) What happened to the Commonwealth Government grant of \$60M for the development?
 - (f) Does the Government have an anticipated completion date?

8676 SCHOOL OF THE AIR BROKEN HILL—Mrs Helen Dalton 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 checks and balances are in place in regards to the facilities and technology of school of the air in New South Wales?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that school-of-the-air students are able to communicate effectively with teachers, and gather in-person in a safe environment when required?

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8677 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (RTO)—Mrs Helen Dalton 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) Will the Government outline the expectations on Registered Training Organisations (RTO) and their duties as providers of VET education in relation to:
 - (a) Timely release of learning units to students undertaking School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT)?
 - (b) Timely marking of units undertaken by students for the purposes of transcripts to carry over to TAFE?
 - (c) Training plans for SBATs being returned and completed to schools?
- (2) For all of the above, what oversight and auditing has been carried out on these RTO's who are taking funds but not delivering a satisfactory service?

8678 NSW ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Can the Minister report exactly what checks and balances are in place for private providers of purported energy saving appliances to small businesses under the NSW Energy Savings Scheme?
- (2) What is the process where a provider has supplied an appliance which is not fit for purpose and instead of reducing energy will result in a significant cost to the small business owner to remove and replace the appliance?

8679 MURRUMDIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

Will the Minister make available a copy of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLDH) Community Care Nursing Service Operational Guidelines and the Registered Nurse Scope of Practice for Moulamein?

8680 GRIFFITH HOUSING SHORTAGE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Can the Minister explain the process that determined which councils would be eligible to apply for grants under Round 3 of the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) which comprises of \$300m to help unlock new homes across the state?
 - (a) Are areas such as Griffith, which is experiencing very high growth and significant demand for housing, eligible?
 - (i) If not, why?

8681 DENILQUIN HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many full time equivalent positions are in each of the following departments at the Denilquin Hospital:
 - (a) Maternity?
 - (b) Medical ward?
 - (c) Emergency Department?
 - (d) Operating Theatre?
 - (e) Day Stay Unit?
 - (f) Infusions?

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- (g) Palliative Care?
- (2) What is the fulltime equivalent vacancies across each of these departments?
- 8682 INCREASE IN WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- Given that the cost of wholesale electricity has increased, why has the solar feed in tariff remained the same?
- 8683 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- (1) Does the Government support the NSW nurses and Midwives Association call for patient ratios of 1:4 on the floor and 1:3 in Emergency Department?
- (a) If not, why?
- 8684 NET ZERO EMISSIONS AND CLEAN ECONOMY—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) What were the operating expenses of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board for 2021-2022? Please distinguish between salaries and other expenses.
- (2) How much has been allocated to the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board for 2022-23?
- (3) What were the operating expenses of the Renewable Energy Sector Board for 2021-2022? Please distinguish between salaries and other expenses.
- (4) How much has been allocated to the Renewable Energy Sector Board for 2022-23?
- 8685 WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021—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 the following Liveability projects identified by the Western Sydney City Deal Annual Report 2021:
- (a) \$39.515 million for Fairfield Council
- (b) \$28.752 million for Camden Council
- (c) \$27.106 million for Wollondilly Shire Council
- (d) \$24 million for Penrith City Council
- (e) \$18.764 million for Blue Mountains City Council
- (f) \$22.850 million for Liverpool City Council
- (g) \$31 million for Campbelltown City Council
- (i) How much Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
- (ii) How much Commonwealth Government funding has been provided to date (9 August 2022)?
- (iii) What is the estimated completion date of each project?
- (iv) What projects are already finalised?
- 8686 CENTRAL BARANGAROO CONTRACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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- (1) When was the Project Development Agreement for the delivery of the Central Barangaroo precinct signed with Aqualand?
 - (a) Why has this agreement not been published on the Government eTendering website?
 - (b) Is the agreement publicly available anywhere else?
 - (c) What action will you take to publish the agreement on the Government eTendering website?
 - (2) Is the Government aware that the website links to the Central Barangaroo Development Agreement with Grocon published on 16 November 2018 on the eTendering website ([eTendering - Contract Award Notice Detail View - Central Barangaroo Development Agreement \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)) connect to pages that no longer exist?
 - (a) When will these links be fixed so that the community can view the contract details, get a summary of provisions withheld and find out why these provisions were withheld?
- 8687 NATIONAL POLLUTANT INVENTORY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Is it true that the 2020/2021 National Pollutant Inventory shows that New South Wales power stations are releasing greater air pollution despite lower levels of operation and less electricity being produced?
 - (a) Is it true that these pollutants include dangerous particulate pollution and mercury?
 - (2) What action has the Government taken to prevent future release of these pollutants?
- 8688 LEAD POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) Considering the Macquarie University VegeSafe program has identified lead pollution in soils across the inner city more than double the Australian soil lead guideline of 300 mg/kg:
 - (a) Has the Government assessed the research by VegeSafe which found high levels of lead in city backyards which can be transferred into vegetables and laying hens?
 - (b) What proactive action does the Government take to inform the community about potential lead problems apart from information on the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) website?
 - (c) What action has the Government taken to inform and update:
 - (i) Parents of children at greater risk of impacts?
 - (ii) People with edible food gardens?
 - (iii) Homeowners renovating where lead-based paint and lead dust could be uncovered?
 - (d) What action has the Government taken to review/update current lead pollution guidelines or advice?
 - (e) What further action will the Government take to address potential risks from lead pollution in soils across inner Sydney?
- 8689 RENT INCREASES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) Considering the significant increases in residential tenancy rents, what action does the Government plan to:
 - (a) Cap rent increases?
 - (b) Provide for long term leases?

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- (c) Other measures to limit rent costs?
- (2) What plan does the Government have to protect tenants from very high rent increases?
- 8690 TENANCY IMPACTS MORTGAGEE REPOSSESSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What rights do residential tenants have when the property they lease is repossessed?
- (2) Is it true that tenants can be evicted with very little notice irrespective of their lease and rent paid in advance?
- (3) What requirements do property owners and real estate agents have to inform tenants that the property they are going to lease is subject to mortgage foreclosure?
- (4) What requirements do property owners and real estate agents have to inform tenants that the property they are leasing is subject to mortgage foreclosure?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve tenancy protections in the case of mortgagee repossession?
- 8691 EX-PRISONERS SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) What data does the Government collect about the number of ex-prisoners living in social housing?
- (2) How many ex-prisoners are social housing tenants in New South Wales and in the inner city?
- (3) What data does the Government collect about these tenants' needs and support to facilitate the best allocation of a home and capacity to maintain their tenancy?
- (4) How does the Government use information about individual prisoners' specific needs when allocating a property?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that these allocations will not disrupt the safety and quiet enjoyment of neighbours in these tenancies?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure ex-prisoners are allocated to appropriate properties that meet their specific needs and do not disrupt neighbours' safety and amenity?
- 8692 VACANT HOUSING PROPERTIES IN CS3—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- (1) How many people are currently on the priority housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?
- (2) How many people are currently on the general housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?
- 8693 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY—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—
- (1) What are the eligibility requirements for Department of Education employees wishing to take parental leave?
- (2) Considering Section 52(1) Determination No 3 of 2021 states that Department employees who do not have Primary Responsibility for the care of their child at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy are entitled to up to 2 weeks Paid Parental Leave at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy and a further 12 weeks Paid Parental Leave if:
- (a) They have completed at least 40 weeks' continuous service;

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- (b) They assume Primary Responsibility for the care of the child during the 12 week period;
- (c) Their spouse is not concurrently receiving Paid Parental Leave or similar from their employer; and
- (d) The Employee was eligible for the leave at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy.

Given the only criteria relating to the employees spouse refers to them not concurrently receiving Paid Parental Leave or similar, why are Department employees reporting that EDConnect HR is asking them for proof that their spouse has returned to work or study full time before their application for Paid Parental Leave can be approved?

- (3) In addition to Determination No 3, what other internal policies does EDConnect HR apply when assessing applications for Paid Parental Leave?
- (4) Does the Department of Education require the spouse of Department employees to return to full time work or study in order for the employee to access Paid Parental Leave?
 - (a) If so, where is this requirement set out?

8694 PROSECUTIONS UNDER S93Z OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Have any further prosecutions under s93Z of the Crimes Act been commenced since 16 November 2021?
- (2) How many convictions for offences under s93Z of the Crimes Act have occurred since 1 January 2022?

8695 PROPOSED DNA PROFILES AND FORENSIC PROCEDURES BILL PROGRESS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

What progress if any, has been made in relation to the proposed DNA Profiles and Forensic Procedures Bill?

8696 COUNCIL DEPOT SITE PROPOSAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will you request, under s430 of the Local Government, an inquiry into the proposal by Liverpool Council to spend \$25 million on the purchase of a site on Cowpasture Road (previously known as the Oliveri Bus depot site) as a Council Depot?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when will the inquiry commence?

8697 USE OF MILLER SQUARE OFFICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

What is the proposed use for what was the Housing NSW Office at Miller Square, Miller?

8698 PROPOSED DNA PROFILES AND FORENSIC PROCEDURES BILL PROGRESS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What progress if any, has been made in relation to the proposed DNA Profiles and Forensic Procedure Bill?

8699 UPGRADE TO FIFTEENTH AVENUE—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—

What steps will you take to upgrade Fifteenth Ave west of Cowpasture Road?

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- 8700 LUNA PARK GHOST TRAIN FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
What progress, if any, has been made into holding a fresh inquest into the Luna Park Ghost Train fire of 1979?
- 8701 INQUEST INTO DEATHS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
What progress, if any, has been made into holding a fresh inquest into the deaths of Mona Lisa Smith and Jacinta Smith in 1987?
- 8702 OFFICE ELECTRICITY CHARGED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
How much was charged for electricity for the office of what was Housing NSW at Miller Square, Miller from the time the office closed until 8 September 2022?
- 8703 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Jamie Parker 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) With regard to the Powerhouse Museum:
 - (a) Since 2015 how many education and collections based staff and staff positions have been terminated, deleted, unfilled, or combined?
 - (b) How many Senior Executive Service equivalent positions (temporary or permanent) have been created and filled since 2015?
 - (c) Did any of the successful candidates have previous relationships with the CEO, Lisa Havilah?
 - (d) How many of the successful candidates had museum qualifications and/or experience working in museums before their appointment?
 - (e) What is the total annual aggregated costs of the positions that have been created and filled since 2015?
 - (f) How does the cost of these positions and their number compare with those at the Art Gallery of NSW and the Australian Museum?
 - (g) How many of these positions were advertised, how many were 'direct appointments'?
- 8704 ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
How is the Government rolling out its Electric Vehicle Strategy to the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions?
- 8705 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- (1) How much is left in the Responsible Gambling Fund for 2022-23?
 - (2) Can you please provide a breakdown of expenditure of the Responsible Gambling Fund for 2021-22?
- 8706 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—
- (1) I refer to the Premier's comments in a media release of 4th July 2020 and ask:

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- (a) Have you been formally briefed on the three major Powerhouse Museum projects in the last twelve months?
 - (i) If so, when and by whom and have there been deviations from ERC/Treasury's agreed cost, scale and delivery program parameters?
 - (b) Will the Powerhouse at Ultimo continue to display historical and contemporary technology, science, engineering and design?
 - (i) If yes, can you identify where these displays are located, list them and confirm those to be retained which are already in place?
 - (ii) How do they compliment the Parramatta Powerhouse?
 - (c) What precisely, temporary and permanent, is planned for the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum's future family-oriented exhibits and what audience research has been undertaken in respect of subjects and delivery methods chosen?
 - (i) How has success been measured with such programs since 2018, what are the results and how will they be measured in the future?
 - (d) What are the current Powerhouse arrangements with respect to catering for summer holiday programs for families?
 - (i) Can you provide details of family focused programs during the last and in following summer holidays?
 - (e) Has the Business Case been revised in respect of the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum \$500 million development, as outlined in the recent Environmental Impact Statement?
 - (f) What proportion of the foreshadowed annual budget after opening depends on commercial development of the site?
- (2) What M 2 areas will be devoted to money-making facilities as opposed to public spaces both in Ultimo and in Parramatta?
 - (3) How many educational staff (FTE) were employed at the Ultimo Powerhouse Museum in 2010, 2015 and 2020?
 - (a) How many primary and secondary school visits occurred in the same years?
 - (b) How many school children visited in each category per year?
 - (4) The Powerhouse Museum (MAAS) has been New South Wales's history museum since 1878; why has new legislation been put forward to redefine Sydney's Living Museums as the State's 'Museums of History'?
 - (5) Given the additional demands on the NSW Budget caused by recent natural disasters, will a complete review of the three main Powerhouse Museum projects be conducted?

8707 PLANNING PROPOSAL AT SOUTH KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to the decision of the NSW Planning Minister to approve a planning proposal at South Kiama:
 - (a) Is the Premier aware of the decision?
 - (b) Is the Premier aware of the hundreds of letters of objections to this planning proposal?
- (2) Did the Minister meet with the local community before making this decision?
- (3) Did the Department of Planning meet with residents about this planning proposal?

- (4) Will the Premier meet with the Minister for Planning and instruct him to reverse his decision to approve this planning proposal?

8708 BOMBO QUARRY WORKING GROUP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) (1) With respect to Bombo Quarry:
- (a) When will the Bombo quarry be spent?
 - (b) Have you been briefed on the future of the Bombo quarry?
 - (c) Will you ask your Department to establish a local working group to progress the redevelopment and remediation of the Bombo Quarry?
 - (d) Will you ensure that the community is consulted on the future of the Bombo Quarry throughout the redevelopment and remediation process?
 - (i) If so, will you establish a working group?
 - (ii) Will you ensure that the community is represented on the working group?
 - (iii) If you do not agree to establishing a working group, what mechanism will you support to progress the future redevelopment of Bombo Quarry?

8709 MANDATORY ON-ROAD DRIVING TESTS—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 to the requirement for those 85 and over to have an on-road driving assessment:
- (a) When were mandatory on-road driving tests implemented in New South Wales?
 - (b) What is the annual cost to the NSW Budget of this policy?
 - (c) Can the Minister advise what other States and Territories require this test?
 - (d) What studies and research led to this requirement in New South Wales?
 - (e) What data was used to justify this driving test requirement?
 - (i) Is this driving test requirement unique to New South Wales?
 - (f) What reviews have been done since the imposition of this requirement in New South Wales?
 - (i) If none, will the Minister commit to a review with public submissions?
 - (g) Is the Minister aware that insurance companies have determined there is no additional risk of older adults driving based on actuarial assessments?
 - (h) Why is there no driving test requirement for younger people who have had a licence suspended but there is a driving test requirement for all adults over 85 including those with flawless driving records?
 - (i) Has the removal of compulsory driving tests for those aged 85 and over in Western Australian promoted a re-think of the policy in New South Wales?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (j) Considering that older adults over the age of 85 from other jurisdictions travel to New South Wales from other parties of Australia where a mandatory on-road driving test is not required, does this policy still apply?
 - (i) If so, why?

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- (k) Is the Minister aware of the anxiety and hurt that this test places on older Australians in New South Wales?

8710 MANDATORY ON-ROAD DRIVING TESTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Seniors—

- (1) With respect to on-road driving tests for older adults aged 85 and over:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of the mandatory requirement that all adults in New South Wales aged 85 and over must complete an on-road driving test?
 - (b) Is the Minister aware of what other Australian jurisdictions require the same test?
 - (c) Is the Minister aware that Western Australia has removed the mandatory requirement for a driving test for adults aged 85 and over?
 - (d) Does this mandatory requirement discriminate against people based on their age?
 - (e) Should this policy be changed given the increase in life expectancy of the Australian population?
 - (f) Has the Minister discussed this matter with either the Commissioner for Ageing or the Ministerial Council for Ageing?
 - (g) Will the Minister commit to undertaking a review of this policy in New South Wales in conjunction with the NSW Minister for Transport?
 - (h) Is the Minister aware of the anxiety and hurt that this test places on older Australians in New South Wales?

8711 DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the future of David Berry Hospital:
- (a) Does the Government have any plans to sell David Berry Hospital?
 - (i) If yes, what is the timeline?
 - (ii) If yes, what are the plans?
 - (b) Does the Government plan to scale back any services at David Berry Hospital?
 - (i) If yes, what is the timeline?
 - (ii) If yes, what are the plans?
 - (c) Has the Minister received any briefing note or correspondence from the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District on the future of David Berry Hospital?
 - (i) If yes, will the Minister release official copies of any correspondence?
 - (d) Will the Government commit to sustaining health services delivery at David Berry Hospital?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (ii) When will this change? Please provide a timeline.
 - (e) Will the Minister commit to consulting the community if there are any proposed changes to the scale and content of service delivery at David Berry Hospital?
 - (i) If yes, when and how will this consultation be conducted to ensure transparent, timely and inclusive communication?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

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