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\* 8555 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 11.
- (2) One. Tenambit Public School did not meet the criteria.
- (3) Four.
- (4) One.
- (5) Information regarding the recruitment process is available on the Jobs at Transport for NSW website.
- (6) One

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Local Council Grants is not a name of a program administered by Transport for NSW. Can the Member please clarify which program she is referring to?

\* 8557 NEW RECRUITS TO MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many of the 10,148 full time equivalent staff to be recruited to hospitals and health services over the next four years, as announced on 6 June 2022, have been allocated to the Hunter New England Local Health District (HNEH)?

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- (2) How many of these new staff members will be allocated to Maitland Hospital:
- (a) Nurses?
  - (b) Midwives?
  - (c) Doctors?
  - (d) Pathologists?
  - (e) Pharmacists?
  - (f) Allied health professionals?
  - (g) Support and ancillary staff?

Answer—

(1 – 2)

562 FTE have been allocated across the Hunter New England Local Health District. Allocations are based on each local health district's needs and varies according to activity and demand.

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

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

Answer—

(1. a.)

Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. The NSW Health Policy Directive ‘Priority Oral Health Program and Waiting List Management’ outlines recommended maximum waiting times for dental care based on oral health needs.

Wait time data is regularly updated and available on the NSW Health website.

(2. – 3.)

Dental services exist in a networked system across the District so that patients can attend the facility closest to them. Dental clinics are located on site at a number of hospitals across the District, as well as co-located within some community health services.

(4. – 7.)

The District issues vouchers to registered providers under the NSW Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme. Unredeemed vouchers are reinvested back into the Scheme for additional patient care.

Registered providers are regularly updated and available on the NSW Health website.

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—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) in the Maitland local government area, the number of approved applications, the average value and the total value provided between 1 January to 13 September 2022, compared to 1 January to 31 December 2021, are provided in the table below.

	Number of approved applications	Average value provided	Total value provided
1 January – 13 September 2022	478	\$250	\$128,650
1 January – 30 December 2021	572	\$300	\$178,050

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\* 8561 THORNTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

- (1) Thornton Public School is currently managing its enrolment demand through a mix of permanent and demountable teaching spaces. In cases of sustained and stable growth, the Department of Education will consider the need for additional permanent teaching spaces.
- (2) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a NSW government school will be able to attend their local school. Thornton Public School is able to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.
- (3) Thornton Public School has nine demountable classrooms in 2022.
- (4) As at 23 September 2022, the current enrolment of students at Thornton Public School is 758.
- (5) and (6) Student population projections are not publicly available. Details regarding the Department of Education's approach to school enrolment projections can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/school-enrolment-and-population-projections.html#content\\_1](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/school-enrolment-and-population-projections.html#content_1)

\* 8562 TEACHER SHORTAGES AT MAITLAND SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Since 1 January 2022:
  - (a) How many classes at Maitland schools have been split, combined, under minimal supervision or not taught and sent to another room to study independently, due to the teacher shortages?
    - (i) Please disaggregate by school.
  - (b) How many sick days have not been replaced at Maitland schools due to no casual teachers being available?
    - (i) Please disaggregate by school.

- (c) As determined by the overwhelming evidence of the Gallop Inquiry, does the Government acknowledge that the New South Wales teaching service is in crisis with respect to staff shortages and unmanageable workloads?
- (d) What is the Government's plan, in consultation with the profession, to address the significant issues?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The data requested regarding minimal supervision and merged classes is not centrally held by the Department of Education. In practical terms, schools do not maintain a central log of minimal supervision and merged classes across a school year, nor is there a consistent, reliable and repeatable system level method to do so.

Minimal supervision does not mean students miss out on a lesson. 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.

- (b) Whilst the Department has a database of casual teachers employed at any given site on any given day, this does not necessarily correlate to individual cases of teacher absences at that school. This data has also never been a requirement for schools to collect and record.

Schools make local decisions on how to best cover classes as a result of teacher absences including the hiring of casuals and/or reallocating staff from other programs or areas.

Schools may also utilise the services of ClassCover which connects casual teachers with all categories of schools in Australia, streamlining the casual teacher recruitment process. All 21 public schools in the Maitland Principals Network are registered with and are users of ClassCover.

Additionally, the Department continues to expand its pool of casual teachers through a variety of different pathways to maintain the safe operations of schools and the continuity of face-to-face teaching and learning, in addition to the existing initiatives in place across the State to support access to casual and temporary teaching staff for NSW public schools.

- (c) Education systems across the country and abroad are working on issues around teacher shortages, which are pronounced in some locations and subjects.

The Gallop Inquiry was undertaken by a former Labor Premier and based on survey responses from union members. The NSW Government approach is informed by independent evidence and comprehensive workforce data on teacher supply.

The NSW Government is progressing well on the Teacher Supply Strategy, and data in the Government submission to the PC3 Inquiry into Teacher Shortages in NSW clearly demonstrates that we have adequate teacher supply in NSW.

The NSW Government is also working with other states and territories on the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan, with many initiatives already in place in NSW now being considered by other jurisdictions.

- (d) The NSW Government has invested \$125 million in the Teacher Supply Strategy. Building on our existing successful pipeline of teachers, the Strategy will deliver 3,700 teachers with the right subject qualifications placed in locations of need over the next 10 years. 1,600 of these teachers will be delivered over the first five years of the Strategy. In addition, NSW Government is on track to reduce time spent on low-value administrative tasks by 20% by the end of 2022 for public school teachers, principals and support staff. We have already exceeded the 2022 target for principals (we have saved 191 hours per principal, per year) and support staff (we have saved 60 hours per staff member, per year). We are on track for

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teachers, with 29 hours saved per teacher per year saved as at September 2022, towards a target of 40 hours.

\* 8563 SCHOOL TEACHER VACANCIES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

- (1) The majority of schools in the Maitland electorate have Above Centrally Identified Positions, and their total number of teachers (shown below) exceeds their FTE staffing entitlement.

School Name	Total teachers in pay period ending 15 September 2022	Casual teachers
Bolwarra Public School	57	17
Gillieston Public School	36	12
Telarah Public School	65	8
Largs Public School	21	7
Lochinvar Public School	22	6
Maitland East Public School	60	18
Millers Forest Public School	15	5
Morpeth Public School	28	7
Tenambit Public School	49	11
Thornton Public School	78	17
Maitland Public School	65	20
Woodberry Public School	44	16
Metford Public School	50	14
Rutherford Public School	98	17
Ashtonfield Public School	64	21
Nillo Infants School	12	5
Hunter River Community School	22	2
Woodberry Learning Centre	8	1
Maitland High School	119	14
Maitland Grossmann High School	111	11
Francis Greenway High School		



	95	13
Rutherford Technology High School	131	10
	1,250	25

(2) Vacant teaching positions at schools in Maitland electorate as at 19 September 2022

School Name	Total FTE of all vacant positions	Total FTE of vacant positions that are Current Vacancies
Bolwarra Public School	1.80	1
Gillieston Public School	1.00	
Telarah Public School	2.00	
Largs Public School	1.00	
Lochinvar Public School	2.20	
Maitland East Public School	2.20	
Morpeth Public School	1.00	
Tenambit Public School	1.00	
Maitland Public School	2.20	
Rutherford Public School	2.00	
Maitland Grossmann High School	2.00	
Francis Greenway High School	3.00	
Rutherford Technology High School	2.00	

(a) (i) One vacant position is a current vacancy, all others are for the commencement of 2023.

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

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

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

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

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

Answer—

In June 2021, the NSW Government released the \$64 million Future Ready Regions Strategy which sets out the Government's commitments to supporting regional communities through times of drought, to achieve sustainable, secure and health water resources, build strong primary industries that are prepared for drought.

Under the Strategy, the Enhanced Drought Information System (EDIS) continues to be advanced, supporting farmers to make more informed decisions related to the climatic conditions. A key feature of EDIS is the Combined Drought Indicator, which combines meteorological, hydrological and agronomic definitions of drought using indices for rainfall, soil water and plant growth.

In addition, the NSW Government is delivering the Farm Business Resilience Program, co-funded by the Future Drought Fund, which aims to improve primary producers' capability to manage business risks, and help regional economies be better able to anticipate, withstand and adapt to the impacts of drought.

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

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

Answer—

There were 257 projects worth \$15,233,349 funded via the 2021-22 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grants round. Many of these projects have already been completed successfully on time and on budget.

While it is normal practice for large grants to have included an amount for contingencies as part of their application, the Department has acknowledged that some grant recipients will be challenged by recent price increases for building materials and trades.

The Department has made public, via the CRIF webpage, the following options for consideration for grant recipients to achieve the best outcome for their projects:

- de-scoping the project, removing non-critical elements that will not alter the fundamental amenity of the project
- phasing the project over multiple years and applying for further funding to complete the project in the future
- seeking alternative top-up funding from another grant program
- running community fund raising events and/or crowd funding where appropriate
- seeking cash or in-kind support from local councils.

If the above options are not viable or have been exhausted, then the Department will consider reasonable requests for variations or extensions to previously funded projects. Each request will be considered on its own merit.

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Variation or extension requests for CRIF projects can be emailed to: [reservefunding@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:reservefunding@crowland.nsw.gov.au)

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

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

Answer—

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

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western NSW, the Hon Dugald Saunders MP.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Public safety is always the paramount consideration for the NSW Police Force when determining firearms matters. The assessment of general permits, and in particular suppressor permits, is subject to a dedicated project team within the Firearms Registry, whose role is to ensure that the safety of the public and the wellbeing of the potential licence holders is not compromised.

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

- (1) Are Leacock Regional Park and Edmondson Regional Park allocated funding separately?
- (2) Have there been any incidents where funds allocated to Leacock Regional Park have been re-allocated or shared with Edmondson Regional Park?

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

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (3) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (4) In 2021-22, \$81,235 was allocated on activities.
  - (a) Actual expenditure for Leacock Regional Park was \$136,810 due to additional weed control works. \$57,191 was spent on park maintenance and lawn mowing activities and \$79,619 on weed control.
- (5) Funding is yet to be finalised for 2022-23.
  - (a) It is expected funding will be similar to 2021-22 for park maintenance and lawn mowing activities. A budget of \$30,000 is likely to be available for weed control.

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

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

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Answer—

- (1) I am advised there is one residential tenancy and one stormwater easement in Leacock Regional Park.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) I am advised that the National Parks and Wildlife Service had advised the tenants of the house that the lease was to be terminated, given the condition of the building, safety concerns and private tenancies not being permissible on reserved land. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has since applied to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal to end the current tenancy. These proceedings have not yet concluded.
- (3) I am advised there are no plans to create new tenancies or leases for properties or land in Leacock Regional Park.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (4) The NSW Government has no plans to change or transfer ownership for any part of Leacock Regional Park.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (5) The NSW Government will not be reclassifying or rezoning any lands in Leacock Regional Park.
  - (a) Not applicable.

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

- (1) How many complaints regarding maintenance at Leacock Regional Park were received in the 2021-22 financial year?
  - (a) What was the response to those complaints?
- (2) How many complaints regarding maintenance at Leacock Regional Park have been received so far in the 2022-23 financial year?
- (3) How often is maintenance on the walking tracks in Leacock Regional Park carried out?
- (4) What weeds are known to grow in Leacock Regional Park?
  - (a) What weed control activities are carried out?
  - (b) How often are weed control activities carried out?
  - (c) What is the management plan for weeds in Leacock Regional Park?
- (5) How often is rubbish removal carried out in Leacock Regional Park?
  - (a) How much rubbish was removed on each occasion?
- (6) How often are bush regeneration activities carried out in Leacock Regional Park?

Answer—

- (1) Six.
  - (a) Where possible, and under COVID-19 red zone restrictions, staff attended to the matter.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Lawn mowing is carried out each month, which includes the edge of the walking paths. In 2022, there have been delays with park maintenance due to ongoing flooding and the grounds being too wet to support machinery. General maintenance of walking tracks is completed weekly and includes pruning of trees and rubbish collection along paths.

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- (4) The main weeds are African olive, privet, lantana, wild tobacco, balloon vine and ludwigia peruviana.
- (a) Most weed control is through cut stump, followed by application of herbicide. Other methods include high volume spray and splatter gun application.
- (b) The National Parks and Wildlife Service's weed control program commences in spring when weed control is carried out several times per month.
- (c) The weed management plan for the park is updated as the weed situation changes. The park is split into zones, where a range of control techniques is carried out for different species. This includes management considerations and treatment information.
- (5) There are no rubbish bins in the park, with all rubbish collected being scattered litter along the interface with the Hume Highway. Rubbish collection and removal is generally undertaken once a week.
- (a) Approximately two 200 litre Otto bins of rubbish are collected each week but this can increase with instances of illegal rubbish dumping.
- (6) Recent bush regeneration has been irregular due to the flooding and muddy conditions.

\* 8573 REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Which specific stations across the Sydney Trains network do not currently meet requirements of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 made under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992?
- (2) Which stations will receive an upgrade under the Transport Access Program in the 2022-23 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised

To date, more than \$2.2 billion has been invested in the Transport Access Program (TAP). The focus of this work has been to undertake significant compliance related upgrades to train stations across New South Wales, including around 50 stations in Greater Sydney .

Funding for accessibility upgrades continues under TAP in the 2022 budget, including 13 station upgrades in Greater Sydney: Clarendon, Denistone, Doonside, Erskineville, Killara, Normanhurst, Pymble, Redfern, St Peters, Stanmore, Thornleigh, Turrella and Waitara. All 13 station upgrades are currently in construction. Five stations are also receiving accessibility upgrades as part of the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project: Punchbowl, Wiley Park, Canterbury, Hurlstone Park and Dulwich Hill.

In Greater Sydney, 143 of the 180 stations (nearly 80 per cent) on the Sydney Trains network (including Sydney Metro Stations) now have independent wheelchair access. Currently, 30 stations in Greater Sydney (just over 16.5 per cent) are classified as not accessible.

\* 8574 SERVICE NSW GREGORY HILLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) In relation to the Service NSW centre at Gregory Hills during the period of 1 January 2021 to 1 September 2022:
- (a) What is the breakdown of customers who reside in the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly?
- (b) What was the average waiting time?

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

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Service NSW does not hold data reported by Local Government Areas. Data relating to the transactions listed above are collected at a postcode level only. In that regard, it is noted that one postcode may correlate to two or more Local Government Areas.
  - (b) The average Counter Wait time between 1 January 2021 and 1 September 2022 at the Macarthur Service Centre was: 8:59 (m/s). It is noted that question asked relates to the “Service Centre at Gregory Hills” however, the Service Centre is called the Macarthur Service Centre and is located at The Home Centre, Steer Road, Gregory Hills NSW 2557.
  - (c) Service NSW does not hold data reported by Local Government Areas. Data relating to the transactions listed above are collected at a postcode level only. In that regard, it is noted that one postcode may correlate to two or more Local Government Areas.

\* 8575 SERVICE NSW EDMONDSON PARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) In relation to the Service NSW centre at Edmondson Park during the period of 1 February 2022 to 1 September 2022:
- (a) What is the breakdown of customers who reside in the local government areas of Campbell town and Liverpool?
  - (b) What was the average waiting time?
  - (c) What is the breakdown of transactions provided, per local government area, in relation to:
    - (i) Vehicle registrations?
    - (ii) Driver and rider licence renewals?
    - (iii) Driver and rider licence tests?
    - (iv) Business, industries and employment?
    - (v) Births, relationships and deaths?
    - (vi) Boating, fishing and outdoors?
    - (vii) Concessions, rebates and financial assistance?
    - (viii) Health and care?

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- (ix) Housing and property?
- (x) Legal and police services?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Service NSW does not hold data reported by Local Government Areas. Data relating to the transactions listed above are collected at a postcode level only. In that regard, it is noted that one postcode may correlate to two or more Local Government Areas.
- (b) The average Counter Wait time between 1 February 2022 and 1 September 2022 at the Edmonson Park Service Centre was: 2:49 (m/s)
- (c) Service NSW does not hold data reported by Local Government Areas. Data relating to the transactions listed above are collected at a postcode level only. In that regard, it is noted that one postcode may correlate to two or more Local Government Areas.

\* 8576 LANDCOM CONCEPT PLAN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

The Department of Education has been working closely with Landcom over the past two years, with an agreement reached, subject to completion of a contract.

A Development Application was recently lodged by Property and Development NSW on behalf of the Department of Education and the Planning Ministerial Corporation to subdivide land which has been deemed surplus to educational needs to support the staged delivery of the Glenfield-Macarthur urban renewal precinct. The DA is available to view on Campbelltown City Council website.

Further, the project at Hurlstone Agricultural High School is progressing with the early works underway and the Development Application to upgrade the boarding facilities lodged with Campbelltown City Council in mid-2022 and on exhibition from 16 August and 5 September 2022. Main works will commence pending planning approval.

\* 8577 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURE HIGH SCHOOL LAND—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Has the Department or School Infrastructure NSW transferred or sold ownership of any part of Hurlstone Agricultural High School?
  - (a) If so, to which department, agency or organisation was ownership transferred or sold?



- (b) If so, how much land was sold or transferred?
- (c) If so, when did the sale or transfer occur?
- (d) If so, what was the sale price?
- (e) If not, when is it expected land will be transferred or sold and how much land will be transferred and sold?

Answer—

Land for divestment at Hurlstone Agricultural High School was rezoned in mid-2021 by the Department of Planning and Environment as part of the Glenfield Precinct Plan. The Department has worked with Property NSW on the next steps in the divestment process, which are nearing completion.

When the land is sold by the Department of Education, the proceeds of the sale are reinvested in the provision of education infrastructure. Details of all major capital works projects are available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

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—

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

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 15 September 2022, Resilience NSW has received 7 Disaster Relief Grant applications from the Maitland Local Government Area in 2022 in relation to the February-March 2022 floods (AGRN1012) and the June-July 2022 floods (AGRN1025). Of these 7 applications, 3 applications have been approved and 4 applications are in progress.

Resilience NSW is working with Revenue NSW to process Disaster Relief Grant applications. When all required documentation is received the applications are assessed by Revenue NSW, recommendations are then made and finalised by Resilience NSW as quickly as possible. Once an application is approved, disaster relief grant payments are made in 3-5 days.

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

- (1) Why did the draft South Head Master Plan exclude written information that enables the community to understand all motor vehicle accesses and all parking provisions for the land in line with master

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plan requirements under Section 10.44 (2)(d), (e) and (f) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021?

- (2) What consideration will you give to the community call to re-exhibit a draft master plan for South Head with this information so that the community can provide feedback about any concerns?

Answer—

- (1) The Draft South Head Master Plan provides written and diagrammatic information about motor vehicle access and parking provisions.
- (2) I am advised that the re-exhibition of the draft South Head Master Plan is not required as a comprehensive community consultation process was undertaken. The master plan and the consultation process received strong community engagement and support. The National Parks and Wildlife Service will be releasing a final master plan once all feedback has been considered.

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

- (1) Is the Government committed to maintaining the option of cash payments for transactions for Government services?
- (2) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to allow cash transactions?
- (3) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to provide for fee free electronic transactions?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure cash and fee free options are available for all Government service transactions?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Treasurer and the Minister for Energy, The Hon. Matt Kean MP

\* 8582 TRANSIT SYSTEMS CONTRACT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How does the Government monitor performance of bus service contractors such as Transit Systems?
- (2) What audit and review processes does the Government use to assess whether buses are being cancelled or not running to timetable?
- (3) How does the Government obtain feedback from passengers about performance of bus service contractors?
- (4) What is the current data about the performance of bus services operated by Transit Systems?

Answer—

I am advised

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

\* 8583 ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART VOICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—

- (1) Does the Government support a constitutionally enshrined Voice for First Nations people in New South Wales?

- (2) What action has been taken to progress a Voice to the NSW Parliament since the Final Report identified in LA Q7436's release in December 2021?
- (3) What consultation on a Voice has been carried out through Government initiatives including Closing the Gap, OCHRE, Regional Alliances and Local Decision Making?
- (4) Since the consultations identified in LA Q7436, what specific funding or other support has the Government provided to Indigenous representative bodies to engage with Government about a Voice?
  - (a) What was the outcome of those consultations?
- (5) Since the written submission in the Interim Report on 29 April 2021 identified in LA Q7436, what advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart proposal for a constitutionally enshrined Voice?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, the NSW Government supports the proposal for a referendum to enshrine an Indigenous Voice in the Australian Constitution, that is being led by the Federal Government.
- (2) The NSW Government continues to work bilaterally with the Commonwealth Government, and multilaterally with all Australian jurisdictions, on how the recommendations of the Indigenous Voice Co-Design Group on how National, Regional and Local voices could be implemented in New South Wales.

The Commonwealth Government has committed to working with all states and territories to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart, including a constitutionally enshrined Voice.

In July 2022, I wrote to my federal counterpart the Hon Linda Burney MP, Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians committing to working together on implementation the Uluru Statement from the Heart and will continue to work with the Minister on Indigenous Affairs matters.

On 17 August 2022, the Minister for Indigenous Australians secured the support of all state and territory Ministers for Indigenous Affairs to implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

- (3) Preliminary discussions with the NSW Closing the Gap non-government partners and Local Decision Making groups on proposals for Voice mechanisms have been occurring since the Co-Design Group's Interim Report was released in January 2021. In early 2021, the Australian Government, supported by Aboriginal Affairs NSW, held consultations in 12 locations across NSW as part of the national consultations on the Interim Report. As the Final Report was released in December 2021, further detailed conversations are still underway.
- (4) As the Indigenous Voice implementation is being led by the Federal Government, the NSW Government continues to enter into bi-lateral conversations which will inform Government consideration to establish an Indigenous Voice. This will include engaging comprehensively with Aboriginal Communities and groups across NSW. The 2022-24 NSW Implementation Plan on Closing the Gap includes a commitment under Priority Reform 1 that "all Aboriginal communities have access to partnership arrangements in their local community and on policy issues impacting them, where their voice can be heard." This commitment is supported, in part, by the \$189 million funding for Closing the Gap in the 2022 State Budget.

This will contribute to the objectives of an Indigenous Voice.

- (a) A final Co-Design Report was released by the Commonwealth Government in December
- (5) See answer to (2)

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\* 8585 URBAN ENVIRONMENT DECLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (4) The Greater Cities Commission's Six Cities Discussion Paper identifies the need for tree canopy investment strategies and place-based targets to be included in City Plans across the Six Cities Region. The GCC will develop City Plans for the Western Parkland City, Central River City, and Eastern Harbour City by the end of 2023, and Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle City, Central Coast City, and Illawarra-Shoalhaven City by the end of 2024.
- (5) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (6) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (7) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes.

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—

- (1) Is it true that there is one firearm for every eight people in New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, what is the ratio?
- (2) What are the trends in gun ownership in New South Wales?
  - (a) Is the number of guns in circulation increasing?
  - (b) Is the number of dangerous guns increasing?
- (3) Is it true that there are no restrictions on the number of guns someone can own in New South Wales and some owners have hundreds of guns?

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- (4) Is it true that silencers are easily accessible to gun owners in New South Wales?
- (a) What are the numbers and trends of silencer ownership?
- (5) What action has the Government taken to reduce access to dangerous guns since 30 June 2016?
- (6) What action has the Government taken to audit and improve gun storage standards following the 2018 Australian Institute of Criminology's report on firearm theft showing significant increases in funds being stolen from storage?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to update the landmark National Firearms Agreement to incorporate technological development in firearms?
- (8) What action has the Government taken to help develop a national firearms registry?
- (9) What further action is planned to prevent access to firearms?

Answer—

- (1) As at 31 July 2022, there were 1,071,862 registered firearms in New South Wales.
- (2) Refer to TAB A.
- (3) Although there is no legislated cap on certain firearms which can be licensed or registered to a Category A and/or B licence holder, there are certain limitations and restrictions in place for Category C, D and H licence holders. These legislated requirements are outlined in the Firearms Act 1996.
- (4) A silencer is classified as a prohibited weapon under clause 4(3) of Schedule 1 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 and to lawfully possess or use a prohibited weapon listed in Schedule 1 of the Weapon Act, a person must hold a prohibited weapon permit authorising possession or use of the weapon.
- (a) The data is not readily available for silencer permits and further analysis would be required to obtain data not previously provided.

The below silencer data has previously been provided in a response to a QON from Budget Estimates Hearing in 2021.

January 2018- 31 December 2018: 107

January 2019 - 31 December 2019: 77

January 2020 - 31 December 2020: 76

January 2021 - 1 March 2021: 21

- (5) The Government has made amendments to the Firearms Act 1996, Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 and regulations, including the creation of new offences of remotely possessing and using firearms, pistols and prohibited weapons.

The NSW Police Force also signed the 2017 National Firearms Agreement and is a party in the ongoing National Firearms Amnesty since July 2021. Further, the NSW Police Force supported the New South Wales' integration into the Australian Firearm Information Network (AFIN), which provides a cradle-to-grave overview of firearm movements across Australia and prevents opportunities for diversion of firearms into the criminal market. This is the national register of firearms.

- (6) The NSW Police Force continues to conduct ongoing safe storage inspections. Additionally, Operation Exert is an ongoing operation which focuses on compliance and education for licence holders, clubs, ranges and firearm dealers.

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- (7) New South Wales is a member of the National Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group. When new styles of firearms are introduced into the market, this Working Group considers the functionality of these firearms to assess their suitability to existing licensing categories.
- (8) See answer to question 5.
- (9) The Government remains committed to the responsible ownership of firearms.

\* 8588 FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY PROMOTION IN SCHOOLS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education does not promote or endorse lobby groups.
- (2) Individual schools are bound by the Department's policy and guidelines on how they manage relationships with businesses. This includes ensuring there is no endorsement of any product or service, and the suitability of organisations.
- (3) The Department is not aware of any agreements with fossil fuel industry lobby groups.
- (4) Students have a number of opportunities to learn about pollution and extraction industries as examples of human impacts on the land through the Geography K-10 syllabus. Specifically, the Stage 4 topic Landscapes and Landforms and the Stage 5 topics Sustainable Biomes and Environment Change and Management allow teachers to explore these issues with students in a variety of contexts as appropriate.
- (5) The Department does not endorse or recommend specific resources or external education programs; the decision to use any products or services are made by teachers to suit their context and community.

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

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

Answer—

This information is publicly available.

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

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

Answer—

This information is publicly available.

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

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

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, The Hon. Damien Tudehope MLC

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—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h by the end of November 2022.

\* 8600 REHABILITATION SERVICES IN LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

Why are there no rehabilitation services in the Liverpool area for parolees?

Answer—

Whilst it is not clear from the Member's question what type of rehabilitation services he is referring to, I am advised that a full list of health services provided by South Western Sydney Local Health District is available at: [www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au)

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8601 REHABILITATION 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—

- (1) What was the outcome of the case conference mentioned on 6 July 2022 referred to in the answer to question no 7811?
- (2) At what stage are the proceedings referred to in question no 7811?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 5 October 2022, this matter was adjourned for a further mention to 2 November 2022 at Campbelltown Local Court.
- (2) The proceedings referred to in LA QON 7811 remain at the case conference stage.

\* 8603 ANACTA STRATEGIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—

Does the Government have any contracts, consultancies or like arrangements with ANACTA Strategies?

Answer—

I am advised that this question would be better directed to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

\* 8604 APPOINTMENT OF CEO—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What steps will you take following Liverpool Council's protracted failure to appoint a permanent CEO?

Answer—

I am advised:

Council has conducted a public tender process for a recruitment consultant. The recruitment process will commence shortly.

Refer to answer to LA QoN 7274 for more information.

\* 8605 INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL ADVICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What steps will you take to prevent Liverpool Council proceeding with its policy of allowing individual Councillors to obtain professional advice to be paid for by Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to answer to LA QoN 8407.

\* 8606 SENIOR POSITION EMPLOYMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the employment in a comparatively senior position at Liverpool Council of a person charged in 2009 with kidnapping and robbery and whose brother was a Sergeant-at-arms of the ACT Rebels bikie gang?
- (2) What probity checks of applicants for employment are conducted by Councils for senior positions?



Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the councils concerned.

\* 8607 COUNCILLOR NAME CHANGE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Are you aware that a current Councillor on Liverpool Council changed their name shortly before the most recent council elections?
  - (a) Is this permissible?
    - (i) If yes, what steps will you take to ensure transparency of the identity of candidates in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Electoral Commission is responsible for the administration of Liverpool City Council's election in December 2021, including the receipt of nominations of candidates.

\* 8608 SPEED LIMIT IN LIVERPOOL CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Is the 30kph speed limit in portions of the Liverpool Central Business District (CBD) permanent?
  - (a) If yes, when and by whom was the decision taken to make it permanent?
- (2) Have you received representations from the Mayor of Liverpool in relation to the speed limit?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 16 July 2020, the 30km/h speed limit for Liverpool CBD was implemented as a permanent speed zone change. The change was identified as an initiative in Liverpool City Council's City Centre Public Domain Masterplan, which was adopted by Council and published in June 2020.
- (2) In my capacity as Minister for Metropolitan Roads, I receive regular correspondence from senior representatives on behalf of Local Government areas, including the Mayor or General Manager. In December 2021, I received representations from the Mayor of Liverpool in relation to the speed limit.

\* 8609 HOME SCHOOLING RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Considering The Report of the 2014 Inquiry into Home Schooling in Recommendation 20 stated, 'That the Department of Education and Communities investigate and report on the impacts of home schooling students accessing schools, either on a part time basis, or for particular components, on schools educational delivery and child protection and safety.' This recommendation was supported by the government with it being stated that, 'The Department will form a working group with broad representation to investigate and report on impacts of home schooling students accessing schools, either on a part-time or sessional basis:
  - (a) Has this investigation been carried out and what are the findings of the report?

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Answer—

In 2016, the Department of Education established an internal working group to consider mechanisms to support Recommendation 20.

The working group considered the Government response, other jurisdictions, and consulted with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

At the time it was decided not to proceed with this change.

\* 8610 NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Considering the NSW School of Languages provides distance education language study for Year 9-12 students in New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory whether they are enrolled in government or non-government schools or NSW TAFE. However, home schooled students are not able to access study at the NSW School of Languages:
- (a) Why are home schooled students excluded from study at the NSW School of Languages?
  - (b) How is their exclusion consistent with the object of the Education Act 1990 that ‘it is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality.’?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Single course distance education such as that offered by NSW School of Languages provides a curriculum safety net for students to meet credentialing requirements for the NSW Education Standards Authority. Single course distance education is available only to students who are enrolled in Years 9 to 12 and are attending a registered secondary school.
  - (b) NSW Education Standards Authority administers the provisions of the Education Act 1990 for home schooling registration. Under the Act a child is to be enrolled at and attend a government or registered non-government school, or be registered for home schooling. There is no provision for part-time home schooling registration where a child is enrolled in a school for a portion of their educational program. In home schooling parents/carers are responsible for developing teaching and learning programs for their children.

\* 8611 HOSPITAL SCHOOLS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) New South Wales has a number of hospital schools which support the education of seriously ill children. Hospital school is available to students from government and non-government schools but not home schooled students. Recommendation 19 of the 2014 Parliamentary Inquiry into Home Schooling was that hospital school be made available to home schooled students. This recommendation was supported by the Government. However, home schooled students are still being refused enrolment in hospital schools across New South Wales:
- (a) Why has the Government not taken up this recommendation to enable hospitalised home schooled students to be enrolled in hospital schools?

Answer—

The NSW Education Act 1990 (‘the Act’), requires a school aged child to be enrolled at and attend a government or registered non-government school or be registered for home schooling. The Act does not allow for a student to be enrolled in more than one provision.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Guidelines for Home Schooling Registration provide parents with an option to discontinue home schooling during a period of registration if the child will be attending a government or registered non-government school.

If a parent chooses to apply to enrol their child in a hospital school, they are required to discontinue their child's registration for home schooling with NESA during this period. The hospital school can work with the family and NESA to ensure the education needs of the student are identified and supports are in place.

A parent may also choose to continue their child's home schooling plan while they are admitted to hospital.

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—

(1) Can you please advise whether there is a register or log of endangered species such as Koalas or other native species kept in New South Wales?

(a) If so, where can this be accessed?

(b) If not, will you consider this?

Answer—

(1) Under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee maintains a register of extinct species and threatened species, populations and communities for NSW native plants and animals. Threatened fish and marine plants are listed under the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

(a) Threatened species, populations and extinct species for NSW native plants and animals are listed in Schedule 1 to 4 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Questions about any list relating to threatened species under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture.

(b) Not applicable.

\* 8614 SAFETY AND SECURITY IN HOSPITALS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Can you please advise the status of the NSW Health response to recommendations made by the Hon. Peter Anderson AM who conducted a review into "Improvements to security in hospitals", the final report released in 2020?

(a) Can you please provide specific details about what has been implemented into New South Wales Hospitals to ensure the safety of security officers because of the recommendations?

(b) Can you please also provide details of what has yet to be implemented and a timeframe of when this may occur?

Answer—

(1) (a – b)

I am advised that across NSW Health, as at June 2022, 71% of recommendations were marked by Health agencies as 'complete'. There are 23 Health agencies implementing various recommendations, and each has an implementation plan that sets out the local actions needed. Recommendations completed may be different in each Health agency.

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\* 8615 TOLL PROCESS CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

(1) On 28 April, I made representations on behalf of Mr Darron Hull to the Minister for Transport, regarding toll process being charged by LINKT M2, M7 and the Northconnex for towing his caravan along their toll roads. On 13 May 2022, I was advised that my representations were forwarded to your office. Since then, my office has made attempts to follow up a response- 15/6/22; 26/7/22 and again on 5/9/22 with no response yet to be received. Given that it has been nearly four months since my original representations were sent, can you please advise:

- (a) When I may receive a response?
- (b) Will the Government has any intention to assist caravan owners whose vehicle combination means they are charged as a commercial vehicle for the purpose of the tolling system?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Cities, Transport and Roads replied to your correspondence referenced above on 26 September 2022.
- (b) NSW Treasury is leading a toll regime review, supported by Transport for NSW, that is looking at a variety of different options to improve the consistency and fairness of pricing across the motorway network, whilst minimising congestion.

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—

- (1) I refer to your answer LA Q8185 regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Wyong Rd and Brooke Ave and ask you to advise the status of proposed works?
- (2) In relation to pedestrian crossings recently provided on Central Coast Highway in the vicinity of Archbold and Gordon Rd, please advise when holding rails will be installed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Feasibility investigations are underway, with a traffic count being carried out at the intersection of Wyong Rd and Brooke Ave, to develop options for pedestrian safety.

The holding rails on the pedestrian crossings on the Central Coast Highway in the vicinity of Archbold and Gordon Road are expected to be replaced in the coming weeks, weather permitting.

\* 8618 UPGRADE TO POLICE STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

Could the Minister please advise whether there are plans to upgrade the Police Stations at Bass Hill and Revesby this financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Revesby Police Station underwent significant refurbishment in 2021.

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Bass Hill Police Station has undergone refurbishment works in 2021.

\* 8625 REZONING SITES NEAR TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

(1) Given the recent revelation that Transport Asset Holding Entity will be rezoning more than 50 sites near train stations in Sydney suburbs to raise funds for future development, how many sites are being proposed for sale or redevelopment near Bankstown Station?

(a) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for redevelopment near Bankstown Station?

(b) Could you advise which sites are being proposed for sale near Bankstown Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the answer to LA 8424.

\* 8626 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL PROJECT UPDATES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Given that to 13 September 2022, there have only been three project updates about the new Bankstown Hospital published on the Infrastructure NSW Bankstown Hospital site, could the Minister for Health please advise when the next newsletter update with respect to Bankstown Hospital is scheduled to be published?

Answer—

I am advised that the next project update is scheduled for late 2022.

\* 8627 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

(1) How many applicants in the Bankstown electorate are still waiting to receive funding for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant?

(a) How many individuals from the Bankstown electorate applied for the flood recovery Disaster Relief Grant in 2022?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 29 September 2022, Resilience NSW has received 58 Disaster Relief Grant applications from the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area in 2022, in relation to the February-March 2022 floods (AGRN1012) and the June-July 2022 floods (AGRN1025). Of these 58 applications, 14 applications have been approved and 11 applications are in progress.

\* 8628 UPGRADES TO SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) In August 2022 NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure released the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack. How much total funding has been allocated for all the works outlined in this pack?

(a) The works outlined in the Information Pack are minor infrastructure works, what happened to the major works promised by the Government?

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- (b) The Information Pack states that works will be delivered over a staged two-year period, have the stages of the rollout been finalised?
- (i) If so, are they publicly available?
- (c) The 2021 Final Business Case Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School – Upgrade Projects outlines a more extensive scope of works and \$59.88M of required funding, why does the 2022 Information Pack not include the works and funding outlined in the Business Case?
- (d) Why are the following works from the 2021 Final Business Case excluded from the list of work in the 2022 Information Pack:
- (i) Improved access and egress (including improved compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and installation of a lift within each school)?
- (ii) Upgraded services and equipment to improve fire resistance and fire safety measures?
- (iii) A new substation for each school?
- (iv) Air conditioning installation for each school?
- (v) STEM Learning Spaces for each school?
- (vi) Provision of new Senior Learning units to both high schools?
- (e) Were any community stakeholders consulted about the exclusion of the 2021 Final Business Case works from the announced works in the 2022 Information Pack?
- (2) In the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack it is stated that “consultation with department stakeholders” led to the decision to not reclassify Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School into a co-educational facility, who were the Department stakeholders?
- (a) Was this decision ever outlined in a report or formal advice?
- (i) If so, what was the name of the report or document and was it ever made publicly available?
- (ii) Were any community stakeholders invited to contribute to this consultation process?
- (3) In the Upgrade to Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School Information Pack it is stated that “The Asset Management Unit will prioritise works that may be able to be delivered by Day 1 Term 1 2023”, who gave the instruction to the Asset Management Unit that works deliverable by that date must be prioritised?
- (a) Was there any communication from anyone within the Asset Management Unit that outlined issues with prioritising works that are deliverable by Day 1 Term 1 2023?
- (4) A recent tour of Randwick Boys by the Member for Coogee revealed that there are numerous broken blue flume heaters:
- (a) What is the Minister doing to address this safety risk for students and staff?
- (b) What is the process of removing harmful and dangerous blue flume heaters from Public Schools?

Answer—

Please see answer to Budget Estimates 2022/23 Supplementary Questions 145, 146, 147 and 148.

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

- (1) Is NSW Police still engaging in mask mandate enforcement activities on Sydney public transport?
  - (a) How many fines have been issued in the last 3 months for mask non-compliance on:
    - (i) Sydney Buses?
    - (ii) Sydney Trains?
    - (iii) Sydney Light Rail?
  - (b) How many fines have been issued in the last 3 months for mask non-compliance on:
    - (i) Region 9 Buses?
    - (ii) Eastern Suburbs Line Trains?
    - (iii) Eastern Suburbs Light Rail?
  - (c) How many hours of policing each week are allocated to mask enforcement on public transport across Sydney?
  - (d) How many hours of policing each week are allocated to mask enforcement on public transport across Sydney's Eastern Suburbs?

Answer—

- (1) From Wednesday 21 September 2022, mask wearing is not required on public transport in New South Wales
  - (a)
    - (i) 5.
    - (ii) 196
    - (iii) 4
  - (b)
    - (i) Nil.
    - (ii) 19. However, data does not include infringements issued at Town Hall, Central, Redfern, Sydenham and Wolli Creek Railway Stations, as it cannot be confirmed if the incident occurred on the T 4 Eastern Suburbs train line or another train line at this location.
    - (iii) 3.
  - (c. – d.)

There are too many variables to provide an estimate of total hours specifically allocated to undertake mask mandate enforcement activities.

\* 8630 REGION 9 BUS NETWORK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) The Region 9 Bus Network, the Eastern Suburbs, was transferred to a private operator. The following questions relate to this decision and process:
  - (a) What is the name of the report that recommended that the Region 9 Bus Network be transferred to a private operator and is it publicly available?

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- (b) Were there dissenting recommendations regarding the decision to privatise the Region 9 Bus Network, either in an official report or email correspondence, by this Government from Transport NSW?
  - (c) Were any impact studies were done to assess how this would affect public transport for the local community?
    - (i) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
  - (d) Were there any specific impact studies that assessed bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and journey times given that services would need to be streamlined to create profit for the private provider?
    - (i) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
  - (e) Was the privatisation process a competitive bid process?
    - (i) If so, how many private operators submitted bids for the Region 9 Bus Network, who assessed the submissions and are the submissions publicly available?
  - (f) Were any safeguards written into the contract between the Government and Transdev to mitigate against bus route and bus stops cuts, reduced bus frequency and longer journey times for commuters?
    - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) How many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus Network have been decommissioned or removed and what is their locations?
- (a) Does this number include bus stops that have been reduced to school bus only services?
    - (i) If not how many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus network now operate as school bus only services?
  - (b) Does this number include bus stops that have had reduced services?
    - (i) If not, how many bus stops in the Region 9 Bus Network have had reduced services?
- (3) Multiple bus stops have been removed from the Region 9 Bus Network, were any impact studies conducted prior to the stops being removed?
- (a) If so, what were the names of the studies and are they publicly available?
  - (b) If no impact studies were conducted why and on whose recommendation?
  - (c) Why did the Government remove these stops?
- (4) The Government pays the private bus operator per kilometre – was there a recommendation to cancel routes in the Region 9 Bus Network as a cost saving mechanism for the Government?
- (a) Were there any reports or documents created by Transport NSW, the Government or a third-party contractor that included an assessment of expenditure reduction due to route terminations?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website and New South Wales Parliament, at Legislative Council. Portfolio Committee No. 6 - Transport Report no. 18. Privatisation of bus services.



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\* 8631 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) How many applications were received for Round 5 of the Port Kembla Community Investment Fund?
- (2) What was the total funding requested?
- (3) How many applications in (1) were from Wollongong City Council and Government agencies?

Answer—

- (1) 30.
- (2) \$6,356,346.
- (3) Two.

\* 8632 ILLAWARRA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Will the Government have a tender requirement for local content in projects in the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone?
  - (a) If so, what will the requirement be and how will it be assessed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone has not yet been declared.

AEMO Services, as the NSW Consumer Trustee, opened the inaugural tender for generation and long-duration storage projects under the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap on 4 October 2022.

In accordance with merit criterion 8 set out in section 3.2 of the tender rules, a proponent's bid will be assessed against regional economic development criteria. These apply to all eligible projects irrespective of their location in NSW.

- (a) The regional economic development criteria include demonstration and/or commitments to local supply chain inputs, supporting investment, local innovation and commercialisation opportunities, and maximising local employment, skills development, and knowledge transfer.

Information on the merit criteria, including the local content requirements, is published on AEMO Services' website at <https://aemoservices.com.au/tenders>.

\* 8633 NOISY VEHICLES IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Will the NSW Environment Protection Authority conduct an operation with NSW Police targeting noisy vehicles in Wollongong in 2022?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The NSW Environment Protection Authority conducts noisy vehicle operations with NSW Police at the request of the relevant NSW Police Local Area Command.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority has not received a request targeting Wollongong at this time.

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\* 8634 HOSPITAL STAFF RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Does the Minister for Health or Department have a target for staff recruitment for 2022-23 for:
  - (a) Wollongong Hospital?
  - (b) Shellharbour Hospital?
- (2) If so, what is the target for each of the hospitals in (1)?
- (3) How many staff have been recruited for each of the hospitals in (1) since 1 July 2022?

Answer—

(1 – 3)

Local Health Districts and Hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District continues to explore recruitment strategies and options to attract staff to the District, including local, national and international staff. I am advised that as at September 2022, nearly 80 staff have been recruited across both hospitals since 1 July 2022.

\* 8635 NSW HEALTH BUILDING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is the NSW Health building at 33 Five Islands Road, Port Kembla, currently occupied?
  - (a) If not, what are NSW Health's plans for the building?
- (2) Are there any plans to sell the land and building?
  - (a) If so, will all proceeds of the sale be reinvested in health infrastructure in the Illawarra?

Answer—

(1) – (2)

I am advised that the NSW Health building at 33 Five Islands Road, Port Kembla, is not currently being occupied. Should the site be declared surplus to NSW Health's requirements, disposal of the property will be managed in accordance with NSW Government and NSW Health policies and property disposal guidelines.

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—

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

Answer—

I am aware of the NSW Renewable Energy Board Plan.

I am advised that the Government has issued a response to the NSW Renewable Energy Sector Board's advice and this is available online. The NSW Government supports, or supports in principle, all 15 of the Board's recommendations.

It should be noted that TAFE NSW has a record budget of over \$2 billion under the Coalition 2022/23 Budget.

\* 8640 GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How many patient in Gosford Hospital are currently waiting on:
  - (a) Residential Aged Care Facility?
  - (b) NDIS accommodation?
- (2) How many non-funded beds are currently open at Gosford Hospital?
- (3) What are the current Nursing Hours per Patient Day at Gosford Hospital?
- (4) How many nurses have (a), (b) and (c) from Gosford Hospital to date in 2022?
  - (a) Resigned?
  - (b) Retired?
  - (c) Transferred?
- (5) How many GradStart Nurses have been employed at Gosford Hospital in 2022?
- (6) How many Clinical Nurse Educators are employed to educate GradStart nurses?
- (7) How many Clinical Nurse Educators have full time patient loads?
- (8) How many staff have left the Pharmacy Department at Gosford Hospital in:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) This financial year?
- (9) How many pharmacy staff have been hired at Gosford Hospital in:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) This financial year?
- (10) How many Emergency Department admissions at Gosford Hospital were under 18 in:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) This financial year?
- (11) How many Emergency Department admissions were between the ages of 18 and 25 in:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) This financial year?

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- (12) When will Safeguards Teams commence at Gosford Hospital?
- (13) What support will be provided by the Safeguards Teams?
- (14) How many beds in the sub-acute mental health unit at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2012?
  - (b) 2022?
- (15) How many beds in acute mental health unit at Gosford Hospital in:
- (a) 2012?
  - (b) 2022?
- (16) How many children have received free dental checks and/or basic dental care on:
- (a) The Central Coast in:
    - (i) 2020-21?
    - (ii) 2021-22?
  - (b) Western Sydney in:
    - (i) 2020-21?
    - (ii) 2021-22?
  - (c) Mid North Coast in:
    - (i) 2020-21?
    - (ii) 2021-22?
- (17) What schools receive the "School Breakfast 4 Health" program?

Answer—

(1. – 2.)

The average number of patients awaiting residential aged care facility placement or NIDIS placement for September to date is 47.

Local Health Districts are funded by activity rather than bed numbers.

(3. – 4.)

Nursing Hours Per Patient Day varies from week to week.

The District's nursing separation rate is comparable to health industry averages.

(5. – 7.)

145 GradStart nurses have been employed across the District.

All clinical placements for GradStarts have a Clinical Nurse Educator who works within the service to support their orientation and ongoing education during their placement. With the increased numbers in 2022 of graduate registered nurses, additional clinical education resources were made available across all sites and services for the first 6 months of the program. No Clinical Nurse Educators have full time patient loads.

(8. – 9.)

The District's separation rate is consistent with the health industry average. Further information on staff movements is available in Local Health District reports, which can be found on the CCLHD website.

(10. – 11.)

Information about emergency department presentations is available in the NSW Health Annual report.

(12. – 13.)

The Central Coast Safeguard Team, based at Tuggerah, commenced operating in March 2022. Further information on the support provided by Safeguards can be found in the Minister's media releases, answers to questions and on the NSW Health website.

(14. – 15.)

Advice on mental health beds is available in the NSW Health Annual Report.

Bed numbers do not reflect the volume and quality of health services delivered to patients in hospital or in the community. Bed numbers also do not reflect the new innovative models of care NSW Health has implemented to provide integrated care outside of the hospital, closer to patients' homes and utilising new technologies such as virtual health and the Hospital in the Home program.

(16.)

The Primary School Mobile Dental Program was launched in 2019 in the five local health districts; the Central Coast, Mid North Coast, Nepean Blue Mountains, South Western Sydney and Western Sydney to provide free basic dental care to primary school children. The program was recommenced in February 2022, following suspension since July 2021 due to COVID-19 Stay at Home Orders and school closures. All 54 public primary schools on the Central Coast have the opportunity to access the program and I am advised there is a strong uptake of the program by schools in the local health district.

(17.)

The School Breakfast 4 Health program is not a service provided by the District. It is coordinated by Foodbank. Further information can be found on the Foodbank website.

\* 8641 TEACHER DEVELOPMENT COURSES—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) How many full time and part time paid staff are employed by New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) on the Teacher Education and Development Team that accredit professional development courses submitted by providers?
  - (a) How many of these full time and part time paid staff members have recognised professional mental health qualifications?
  - (b) How many people are on the expert mental health panel and do these panel members receive payment for their services?
  - (c) How often does the expert mental health panel meet and are providers informed that their applications have been submitted to the 'expert panel'?
- (2) Are all applications for accredited professional development on student/child mental health assessed by the expert panel?
- (3) What professional development courses are currently available to teachers in New South Wales that provide education on mental health and trauma informed practice?
- (4) What accredited professional development courses are currently available to teacher in New South Wales that address mental health and staff wellbeing?

Answer—

- (1) Under the current policy, the three education sectors have responsibility as Authorised Providers for accrediting teacher professional development courses for their own teachers and NESA has responsibility for assessing applications from all other 'non-authorised' providers.

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As at 23 September 2022, there are currently eight NESA staff involved in the assessment of teacher professional development courses for accreditation. This team includes staff with teaching qualifications and backgrounds and expertise in teacher professional learning.

This team reports to a more senior staff member who provides day to day guidance and direction on the accreditation of professional development courses as required.

- (a) NESA established an independent Student/Child Mental Health Expert Advisory Panel to provide this expertise. This Expert Advisory Panel comprises 10 members including recognised child and adolescent mental health clinicians, an early childhood academic and representatives of the three education sectors who are qualified psychologists or have program responsibilities in the student/child mental health and wellbeing area. None of these members receive payment for their participation but do so as part of their professional commitments within their field.
- (2) Not all professional development course applications in the Student/Child mental health area are referred to the Panel. The Panel meets on a needs basis, subject to their availability, when a course application is being referred to it. The provider is advised that this is occurring.
- (3) As at 23 September 2022, a total of 235 accredited courses address the Student/Child Mental Health priority area requirements. These courses had been accredited by either NESA or other Authorised Providers.

Extracting data from the NESA database on accredited courses that specifically address mental health and trauma informed practice is limited to searching by the key word of 'trauma' in either the course title or synopsis. Using this search facility, more than 30 accredited courses deal with trauma (noting that a number of these courses are primarily aligned to a priority area other than Student/child mental health), including:

- Trauma Informed Teaching Practices
  - Informed, sensitive and responsive trauma practices within your educational setting and community
  - Trauma Informed Practice - Sydney Catholic Schools
  - Understanding the Ongoing Impact of Trauma in Aboriginal Communities
  - Youth Mental Health First Aid
- (4) Courses are accredited in four mandatory priority areas:
- delivery and assessment of NSW Curriculum/Early Years Learning Framework (as applicable)
  - student/child mental health
  - students/children with disability
  - Aboriginal education and supporting Aboriginal students/children.

Teacher and staff mental health and wellbeing courses are able to be undertaken as elective professional learning and count towards teachers' accreditation.

\* 8642 REGIONAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What locations in New South Wales have had Regional Digital Connectivity (internet connectivity and reliability) improvements in:
- (a) 2019-20?
- (b) 2020-21?

(c) 2021-22?

Answer—

(1) Southern Tablelands (Monaro) 36 base stations across 10 towns now provide coverage to 3,400 premises across:

- Gundaroo, Collector, Wallaroo, Googong, Royalla, Murrumbateman, Bungendore, Carwoola, Michelago and Tarago
- Through the Yless4U network, communities can now access Internet coverage speeds of 25/5 Mbps which will increase to 50/10 Mbps by June 2025.

Southern Highlands (Kiama) 10 base stations across Kangaroo Valley providing coverage to 600 premises by December 2022.

- Through the Kangaroo Valley Broadband Network, parts of the community can now access Internet coverage speeds of up to 50/10 Mbps.

\* 8643 MENS REFERRAL PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

(1) How many domestic violence perpetrators are referred to the Men's Referral Program from:

- (a) Brisbane Water Police Station?
- (b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?

(2) How many domestic violence perpetrators have completed the Men's Referral Program from:

- (a) Brisbane Water Police Station?
- (b) Tuggerah Lakes Police District?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Between 1 January 2022 to 21 September 2022:

- (a) 1,374
- (b) 1,427

(2) The data is not available.

\* 8644 FLEXIBLE WORK DESKS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

(1) How many flexible work desks exist in the below electorates (a-j), which allow New South Wales employees to work from the Central Coast office:

- (a) Gosford electorate?
- (b) Wyong electorate?
- (c) The Entrance electorate?
- (d) Terrigal electorate?
- (e) Swansea electorate?
- (f) Parramatta electorate?
- (g) Campbelltown electorate?
- (h) Blacktown electorate?

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- (i) Penrith electorate?
- (j) Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Property and Development NSW can only provide advice on the flexible (bookable) work points which are available to the whole of government.

There are 52 flexible (bookable) work points within the Parramatta electorate available to all government employees. There are no other flexible work points in other electorates mentioned.

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—

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



- (i) How much do they cost and who funds them?

Answer—

- (1) (a–l)

The NSW Government has committed \$8.6 million over four years from 2021-22 for people with movement disorders, such as Parkinson's Disease. The \$8.6 million will fund 15 specialist nurses and allied health staff across the state. Having additional dedicated nurse or allied health professionals working across NSW will support high-quality, local multidisciplinary care for people with movement disorders and help keep them out of hospital. The funding also provides \$650,000 to Parkinson's NSW for training, teaching and increased services.

I am advised that not every person requiring treatment for Parkinson's requires hospital care and many are supported under General Practitioner (GP) and/or private specialist management.

Irrespective, patients with Parkinson's disease in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District are able to access services provided by the District including the neurology service, neurology clinics, rehabilitation clinics, the geriatrics team and general medicine specialists. Similar arrangements apply in other local health districts.

I am further advised that data on the number of people admitted to hospitals in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District because of Parkinson's and its symptoms is not available.

- \* 8647 BOMADERRY ROUNDABOUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Traffic lights have been installed to improve safety and traffic flow at the roundabout, particularly to assist drivers on Moss Vale Road to access the Princes Highway during busy periods.

Improvements at this intersection were identified in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan. Partial signalling of the roundabout is an effective interim solution to improve safety and traffic flow at the roundabout, while Transport for NSW continue to develop improvements required for the long term.

The traffic lights were switched on 26 June 2022. Interim data available to Transport for NSW indicates zero recorded crashes in the twelve months prior to the traffic lights being switched on.

An independent road safety audit of this roundabout was carried out in late June 2022 and no issues were identified.

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\* 8648 BOMADERRY SPEED ZONE CHANGES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The area of the 70 km/h speed limit on the Princes Highway at Bomaderry was extended as part of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade project, with the speed zone change shifting north towards Abernethys Lane by approximately 900 metres.

This change was made to introduce a consistent speed limit for the entrance to the Bomaderry urban centre. This change provides a safer environment for residents and road users, in particular northbound motorists, who need to access the U-turn bay on the eastern side of the highway before travelling south. To assist road users in complying with the posted speed limit, Transport for NSW will consider installing additional speed zone signage.

All matters related to fines are managed by Revenue NSW and should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service.

\* 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—

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

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- (7) Can the Minister outline in detail what 'numerous strategies' are used to manage fluctuating enrolments?
  - (8) Over the next four years, what funding will be made available to fund these 'under our strategies' to manage 'fluctuating enrolments' in the Calderwood area?
  - (9) Will the Government commit to a new Primary School at Calderwood?

Answer—

- (1) No
- (2) The Department of Education works with the Government, other government agencies and local councils to monitor population and development trends.
- (3) The Department's Service Planning Directorate monitors population and development trends. Refer to the Planning for Growth Fact Sheet at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/we-build-schools/planning-for-growth-fact-sheet.html>.
- (4) The Department regularly meets with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment, local councils and non-government stakeholders to monitor population and development trends.
- (5) The provision of new or upgraded schools depends on a demonstrated need. The Department undertakes rigorous analysis and prioritisation across its portfolio of over 2,200 schools to inform when a new school or upgrade project is needed.

Early planning work for a new or upgraded school involves a range of preparatory work to inform the submission of a Business Case including, but not limited to:

- consideration and studies of demographic trends,
- an assessment of education requirements,
- an assessment of the condition of the existing school buildings or new sites,
- a review of catchment boundaries,
- identification of any heritage or cultural requirements,
- a review of any potential site constraints,
- ensuring appropriate transport links, and
- identifying potential partnership opportunities.

Once the business case is finalised it is then submitted to Treasury for funding approval.

- (6) Short to medium term is defined as 5 to 10 years.
- (7) The Department manages fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term by:
  - enforcing the Department's school enrolment policy to restrict out of area enrolments,
  - reviewing school intake areas to improve utilisation across schools in a local area, and
  - providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.
- (8) The Department uses projections to estimate the number of students due to enrol in New South Wales public schools in the short, medium and long term. These estimates help to plan where to build new schools or provide extra spaces at existing schools.

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As part of this ongoing monitoring, the intake area boundaries for Tullimbar Public School and Albion Park Public School were adjusted in 2021. This intake area change ensures that students living in the same neighbourhood were now designated to the same school and ensures utilisation of all available permanent teaching spaces.

- (9) As previously advised, the Department of Education meets regularly with the Department of Planning and Environment and local councils, including Shellharbour City Council, to understand development trends to ensure adequate provision of education facilities. Through these discussions, Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA) have been negotiated in the Calderwood area to secure two sites for potential future primary schools and one site for a potential future high school, should population trends require development of these schools and subject to future decision making of government.

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

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

Answer—

(1 – 3)

I am advised that both the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment and the Shellharbour Hospital and Integrated Services projects remain on track. I understand the Parliamentary Secretary for the South Coast joined representatives from the hospital, local health district, aboriginal groups and preschool to mark the start of construction associated with the project in August 2022.

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

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment plant is at capacity?
- (2) How many dwellings was the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant designed to service?
- (3) Was there any consideration or allowance for growth when the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant was being designed and commissioned?
- (a) If so, what factors does your department consider, who do they consult and who did they consult when considering the future growth and demand and associated with the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant?
- (4) Is the Minister aware that the current size and capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant is preventing locals from adding granny flats and other infill and modest expansion where local council planning controls allow?
- (5) Will decisions made at design and commissioning stages of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant lead to overflows and potential impacts on the environment?
- (a) If so, what analysis has been done on these impacts and what measures are being undertaken to prevent and manage these impacts?
- (6) Has your department considered upsizing and expanding the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant and associated odour and environmental controls in the near future?

- (a) If so, when was consideration given and will you publish the associated documents?
- (b) If not, will your department consider upsizing and expanding the capacity of the Jamberoo Sewerage Treatment Plant and associated odour and environmental controls in the near future?
  - (i) If so, when?

Answer—

- (1) There is no Sewerage Treatment plant in or close to Jamberoo. Wastewater generated in Jamberoo is transferred to Bomba Wastewater Treatment Plant. All further responses address the capacity of the wastewater network in Jamberoo.

The Minister is aware that the pressure sewer system in Jamberoo village is at capacity. This system was designed 20 years ago as part of the NSW government Priority Sewerage Program and has been able to service growth in the village over this time.

- (2) The pressure sewer system in Jamberoo was designed to service approximately 500 residential lots. There were 360 lots constructed at the time of the design in the early 2000s.
- (3) Growth was considered when the Jamberoo pressure sewer system was designed in the early 2000s. Sydney Water allowed for an additional 140 lots or 40% additional capacity. This was based on the land zoning and usage at the time.
  - (a) Sydney Water consults regularly with the Department of Planning and Environment, relevant councils and developers to understand the nature and timing of growth.

It is important for Sydney Water to understand the timing of development to stage infrastructure delivery in a coordinated way wherever possible. Sydney Water is not a consent authority for development and can only plan based on the most up to date information that is available.

- (4) The Minister is aware that the Jamberoo pressure sewer system is at capacity. The system was sized to meet the ultimate capacity of Jamberoo based on the best information that was available at the time circa 2000.

This was outlined in previous correspondence with former Water Minister, Melinda Pavey in May 2021.

- (5) No. Each of Sydney Water's wastewater systems is regulated by an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). This outlines the limits that apply to both wet and dry weather overflows from the wastewater network.

The Jamberoo area is covered by the Bomba Sewage Treatment System Environment Protection Licence. When Sydney Water carries out planning, it ensures that the limits contained in the licence are not exceeded.

- (a) As part of Sydney Water's planning for growth in the Kiama Local Government Area (LGA), it models the impact of growth on the available capacity in its wastewater network. Amplifications and upgrades are identified where pipes or pumping station capacity will be exceeded due to growth. These investments are made ahead of time and in line with the timing of growth.
- (6) To date, Sydney Water has not considered upgrading the capacity of pressure sewer systems such as Jamberoo that were installed as part of the Priority Sewerage Program. Typically, these areas are situated in semi-rural and peri-urban area or zones of transition from rural to urban land, which have experienced limited growth since being provided a wastewater service.

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- (a) The lack of additional capacity at Jamberoo was confirmed in Sydney Water's most recent planning for the Kiama LGA. Sydney Water's official advice around these areas and timing for servicing growth is outlined in its Growth Servicing Plan.
- (b) Sydney Water has committed to consult further with Kiama Council around plans and expectations for growth in Jamberoo village. Based on this consultation, Sydney Water will consider the scope of further planning on the Jamberoo wastewater system.
  - (i) If a decision is made to commence further planning in consultation with Kiama Council, this would take 12 months after securing funding. Design and construction would be in addition to this and typically takes several years.

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

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions regarding the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999 and parole should be directed to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP.

\* 8654 TOOLIJOOA PASSING LOOP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government keep its commitment to deliver a passing loop at Toolijooa between Gerringong and Berry on the South Coast Line prior to the 2023 NSW State Election?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has all the planking work been completed for this project?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Has all the property acquisition been completed for this project?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Have all the environmental assessment been completed for this project?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Have expressions of interest been released to undertake construction of the passing loop and associated works?
  - (a) If not, why not?

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (5) Transport for NSW is planning for rail infrastructure improvements, including the Kiama and Bomaderry rail connection, as part of the future Fast Rail Network.

Planning is underway to duplicate some of the rail line between Kiama and Bomaderry. This is being considered as part of broader plans for fast rail on the Sydney to Bomaderry corridor to improve travel times between Sydney, the Illawarra and Shoalhaven region.

Preliminary investigations are underway to inform the design for the proposed rail loop and how these works align with a future Fast Rail Network.

The NSW Government is committed to developing a blueprint for the delivery of a Fast Rail Network which is vitally important for the state. Transport for NSW is taking the time to get this right.

Stakeholders and the community will be provided with information as the program progresses.

- (6) Briefings with key stakeholders, including local MP's, will be undertaken by Transport for NSW when appropriate.
- (7) Upgrades are planned at Bomaderry Station as part of the scope of work for the Kiama to Bomaderry project, including the installation of an additional platform. Transport for NSW will engage and consult with stakeholders and the community about the future Fast Rail Network. Stakeholders and the community will be notified of upcoming consultation opportunities through various digital and print communication platforms, including face-to-face activities.
- (8) and (9) The broader community will be updated when more information becomes available as the program progresses.

\* 8655 NESAs TEACHER ACCREDITATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

As at 15 September 2022 the NSW Education Standards Authority has accredited 6,269 teachers since 1 January 2022. It is unknown how many teachers will be seeking accreditation for the remainder of 2022 until they apply for accreditation.

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Initially accredited teachers are those teachers accredited for the first time in NSW. They include recent initial teacher accreditation graduates and teachers moving to NSW from interstate and overseas.

- \* 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—

What software updates have occurred to accommodate the NSW Education Standards Authority Accreditation portal to support teachers seeking to renew their NSW Teacher Accreditation?

Answer—

In 2018, NESA's electronic Teacher Accreditation Management System (eTAMS) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system were rebuilt to reflect changes to teacher accreditation policy in NSW. These changes streamlined accreditation processes and enabled teachers and principals in NSW to use eTAMS to:

- apply for accreditation at all levels
- manage their accreditation requirements
- complete the process for maintaining accreditation at Proficient Teacher; and
- record accreditation decisions.

eTAMS continues to be updated and streamlined with each teacher accreditation policy change. Since 2018, eTAMS and CRM undergo regular planned and on-demand updates to improve the functionality, useability and security of the platform.

Following changes to the Teacher Accreditation Act 2004 (NSW) in late 2021 and consequential changes to NESA policies and processes, NESA is updating or refreshing all applications within eTAMS that teachers use to renew their accreditation. The preparation for these updates started in mid-2022 and will be incrementally implemented during the remainder of 2022 and throughout 2023.

Between May and September 2022 updates included:

- the new online application for teachers seeking accreditation at Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher levels
- the publication of the NSW Public Register of Teachers, and
- changes that streamline the initial accreditation application for new teachers.

- \* 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—

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

Answer—

As at 15 September 2022 there are 170,161 accredited teachers in New South Wales.

- \* 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—

(1) How many teachers were NSW Education Standards Authority accredited in New South Wales for the following years:

- (a) 2022?



- (b) 2021?
- (c) 2020?
- (d) 2019?
- (e) 2018?

Answer—

- (a) 2022 – 170,161 (as at 15 Sept 2022)
- (b) 2021 – 166,496 (as at 31 Dec 2021)
- (c) 2020 – 167,894 (as at 31 Dec 2020)
- (d) 2019 – 161,826 (as at 31 Dec 2019)
- (e) 2018 – 167,870 (as at 31 Dec 2018)

\* 8659 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION FEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

This data is published in the Annual Report.

\* 8660 NESAS TEACHER ACCREDITATION FEES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

- (1)

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F/Year	Teaching Standards and Accreditation \$000	Teacher Quality Policy* \$000	Initial Teacher Education and Accreditation \$000	Professional Learning \$000	Teacher Quality and Integrity \$000	ETAMS \$000
2021/22	4.079		2.478	302	3.804	2.952
2020/21	3.937	1.085	2.288	1.137	1.448	2.463
2019/20	3.766	1.157	2.330	1.382	2.047	2.101
2018/19	4.856	2.384	1.444	1.629	3.896	1.100
2017/18	4.441	1.403	1.009	1.353	3.369	3.378

\* Directorate merged in 2022

Fees received were used on staff salaries and related operating costs to:

- accredit NSW initial teacher education programs against quality standards
- provisionally or conditionally accredit teachers on the basis of an assessment of their qualification/s including those from interstate and overseas
- develop policies to support the accreditation of teachers at Proficient, Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher
- accredit professional development courses to support accredited teachers' ongoing education and learning.
- monitor accreditation processes and decisions across all schools and early childhood education centres ensuring the quality of teaching and regulatory standards under the NSW teaching legislation are applied and monitored.
- develop and implement policies relating to the professional conduct of teachers.
- manage and maintain the teacher accreditation database to maximise the efficient and secure maintenance and use of that data.
- develop and support for the electronic Teacher Accreditation Management System (e-TAMS).
- Approximately 5% of fees collected are used to fund corporate services including Information Technology, People Operations, and Finance.

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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- 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—
- 8666 OLD MENINDEE TOWN WEIR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 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—
- 8668 ROUND 3 ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 8669 NSW TRANSLOCATION KOALA RESEARCH PLAN 2019-2028—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8670 NSW STRATEGIC WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 8671 ENERGY SUPPLIERS DECREASE FEED IN TARIFF TO CONSUMERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
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- 8674 NEWCASTLE BUS CANCELLATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8678 NSW ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 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—
- 8680 GRIFFITH HOUSING SHORTAGE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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- 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—
- 8682 INCREASE IN WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8683 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8684 NET ZERO EMISSIONS AND CLEAN ECONOMY—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 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—
- 8686 CENTRAL BARANGAROO CONTRACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 8687 NATIONAL POLLUTANT INVENTORY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8688 LEAD POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8694 PROSECUTIONS UNDER S93Z OF THE CRIMES ACT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 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—
- 8696 COUNCIL DEPOT SITE PROPOSAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8697 USE OF MILLER SQUARE OFFICE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8698 PROPOSED DNA PROFILES AND FORENSIC PROCEDURES BILL PROGRESS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

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- 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—
- 8700 LUNA PARK GHOST TRAIN FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 8701 INQUEST INTO DEATHS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 8702 OFFICE ELECTRICITY CHARGED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—
- 8704 ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8705 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 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—
- 8707 PLANNING PROPOSAL AT SOUTH KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8708 BOMBO QUARRY WORKING GROUP—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 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—
- 8710 MANDATORY ON-ROAD DRIVING TESTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Seniors—
- 8711 DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 8742 CARRINGTON ROAD WESTERN CHANNEL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
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- 8744 PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Local Government—
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- 8749 OUT-OF-SCOPE TAP IN APPLICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
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- 8753 MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT UNIT—Dr Michael Holland 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—
- 8754 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CONSENTS—Dr Michael Holland to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8755 SERVICES STOPPING AT CRYDON STATION—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8756 SERVICE NSW UPDATE—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 8757 BUS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF CENTENARY PARK—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8758 HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8759 UPGRADE OF CRACKNECK LOOKOUT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8760 PACIFIC HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8761 PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN LISAROW AND NARARA—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
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- 8764 CHESTER HILLS SCHOOL STAFFING SHORTAGE—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 8765 TEACHER RECRUITMENT AT CHESTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 8766 STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—
- 8767 BANKSTOWN CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—



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- 8768 MASTERPLAN FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8769 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 8774 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
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- \* 8776 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INSPECTIONS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) In 2021 to 2022 (to 20 September 2022), how many times has the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) undertaken inspections to assess compliance with environment protection licence conditions at the mine in Russell Vale which were:
    - (a) Announced?
    - (b) Unannounced?
  - (2) Were any concerns raised about coal dust?
    - (a) If so:
      - (i) What was the nature of these concerns?
      - (ii) What action was taken by the EPA as a result?

Answer—

- (1)
    - (a) Five (5) announced inspections.
    - (b) One (1) unannounced inspection.
  - (2) On one occasion, in May 2022, the EPA discussed dust emissions with the Russell Vale mine.
    - (a) (i-ii)

The EPA queried dust sources and controls with the company. The EPA was satisfied with the company's response that the coal has a high moisture content, and a dust suppression system (sprinklers) and water cart is used to control dust on stockpiled coal.
- 8777 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8778 COOLER CLASSROOMS PROGRAM—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—

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- 8781 PUBLIC HOUSING SOLD OR REMOVED FROM STOCK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8782 RECOMMENDATION TO MERGE SERVICE FUNCTIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8784 GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES SOLD IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8785 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
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- 8787 URGENT CARE SERVICES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8788 EMPLOYEES IN THE NSW FINANCE BUILDING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 8789 NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—Ms Liesl Tesch 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—
- 8790 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 8791 HOMELESSNESS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8792 MOTORSPORT FACILITIES IN THE SHOALHAVEN—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—
- 8793 ELECTRIC VEHICLES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8794 RETURN AND EARN OUTLETS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8795 ROAD REPAIRS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8796 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
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- 8799 REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH HOSPITAL MEALS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8800 USE OF FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL KITCHEN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8801 HOSPITAL MENU ITEMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8802 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NEW SOUTH WALES HOSPITALS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8803 STAKEHOLDER INPUT IN STRATEGIC PLAN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8804 VACANT NURSING POSITIONS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 8808 REGIONAL PENSIONERS DRIVER LICENCE RENEWALS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8809 PARKS FOR PEOPLE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8810 CARERS REGISTRATION CONCESSION REBATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8811 LOW INCOME SOLAR PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
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- 8813 COMPENSABLE FLOODPLAIN LICENCES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8814 FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) GREEN BINS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
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- 8818 YANGA NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8819 SCHOOL WELLBEING NURSE PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- 8820 MOTOR HOME TOLLS—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—
- 8821 TRASH AND TREASURE SITE ON CAMDEN VALLEY WAY—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8822 LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDUCT COMMISSION DISCUSSION PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8823 BAIL ACT MONITORING GROUP—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 8824 POLICE AREA COMMAND SAFETY COMMITTEE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8825 LIVERPOOL BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 8826 LIVERPOOL WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 8827 RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8828 ANTI-RACISM CAMPAIGN—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Seniors—
- 8829 AIR MONITORING EQUIPMENT CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8830 UPPER HOUSE COAL ASH INQUIRY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8831 CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL NSW ROAD AND RECLASSIFICATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8832 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT LISAROW—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 8833 GROVNE AT THE ENTRANCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8834 WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
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- 8836 LANDSLIP TASKFORCE FUNDING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8837 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8838 TRANSFER OF REGIONAL ROADS TO STATE OWNERSHIP REPORT DELAY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8839 TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF KYOGLE REGIONAL ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8840 LISMORE COUNCIL APPLICATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF REGIONAL ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8841 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT BRUXNER HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8842 SECURITY FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS USING BUS INTERCHANGE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8843 TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF REGIONAL ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8844 TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL APPLICATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF REGIONAL ROAD—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8845 NEW RURAL FIRE STATION FOR BROUGHTON VALE/BERRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
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- 8847 GRANTS AND FUNDING FOR SHOALHAVEN, KIAMA AND SHELLHARBOUR COUNCILS—Mr Gareth Ward 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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8850 POLICE FORCE IN WEE WAA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

8851 MODELLING FOR STAFFING LEVELS FOR REGIONAL PARAMEDICS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8852 LA NINA WEATHER EVENT—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—

8853 MENTAL HEALTH SPORT FUND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8854 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

8855 TEACHER SHORTAGES AT GRANVILLE SCHOOLS—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 representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

8856 DRAFT SPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—

8857 TICKET SCALPING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

8858 SPORT PROMOTION—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 representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

8859 JONES STREET POCKET PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

8860 CLOSING THE GAP—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—

8861 HEALTH WORKER SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health—

8862 333 BUS DEMAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

8863 EATING DISORDERS—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—

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- 8864 389 BUS RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8865 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8866 SYDNEY CBD REVITALISATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—
- 8867 MOTORWAY LAND WILLIAM STREET—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 8868 SOLAR PANELS OVERSHADOWING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8869 SOLAR PANELS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8870 BUS ROUTES SERVICING HOMEBUSH WEST—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8871 GEORGES RIVER ROAD SAFETY ASSESSMENT—Mr Jason Li 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—
- 8872 HOUSING TARGETS—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8873 PARRAMATTA ROAD CORRIDOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8874 FREDERICK STREET SPEED LIMIT—Mr Jason Li to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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- 8875 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—
- 8876 ANIMAL WELFARE PACKAGE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 8877 MAITLAND CITY LOCAL FLOOD PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8878 6 KYLE STREET RUTHERFORD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8879 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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- 8882 REGIONAL TAXI PLATE OWNERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8883 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS (RSTC)—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8884 INTERRUPTED ENERGY SUPPLY—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8885 VICTIMS SERVICES SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General—
- 8886 VICTIM SUPPORT SCHEME NUMBERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General—
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- 8890 SPECIAL DISASTER GRANTS – NSW SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 8891 TRANSITION TO A REFORMED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8892 GOLDEN HIGHWAY (ROUTE B84)—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8893 SPECIAL DISASTER GRANTS – NSW SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8894 CROWN LAND COMMISSIONER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8895 TAFE INNOVATION PATHWAYS—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—
- 8896 HERITAGE IMPACTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8897 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PATIENT COST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8898 STRATA SCHEMES RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—



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- 8899 SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM—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 representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- 8900 METROPOLITAN ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 8901 EMERALD CLASS 2 STEERING FAILURES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8902 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON LIVERPOOL ROAD 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—
- 8903 NSW POLICE ENGAGEMENT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NEURODIVERSE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 8904 WEST STREET AND RAILWAY TERRACE—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—
- 8905 RIVERCAT FERRIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8906 SYDENHAM AND PARK ROADS MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- 8907 REGIONAL FLEET AGREEMENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8908 EMERALD CLASS 2 FERRIES PENALTIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8909 EMERALD CLASS 2 SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8910 TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 8911 PARRAMATTA ROAD—Mr Jason Li 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—
- 8912 AUDIT OF EXPENDITURE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8913 RECENT FINDING BY THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION NSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8914 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 8915 ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- (1) Could the Minister provide the names of energy providers, energy funds, and energy consultants that Canterbury-Bankstown Council has entered into partnership with for its following projects:
- (a) Solar and Energy Efficiency Project?
  - (b) Community Battery Project?
  - (c) Bankstown Town Centre Redevelopment?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Energy.

8917 CHESTER SQUARE PROPOSAL—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

8918 NEW BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

8919 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

8920 UPGRADES TO BIRRONG BOYS HIGH SCHOOL AND BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Tania Mihailuk 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—

8921 UCI WORLD ROAD CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS—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—

8922 SOUTH COAST LINE FLOODING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

8923 AMBULANCE STAFFING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

8924 WASHING MACHINE REPLACEMENT TRIAL IN WOLLONGONG LGA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

8925 CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY ACT 1990—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

8926 WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE 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—

8927 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND WOLLONGONG LGA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

8928 CONSULTATIONS ON SUBMARINE BASE LOCATION IN NSW—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—

8929 WINDANG BRIDGE WORKING GROUP—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 8930 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS AND FLOODING ISSUES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8931 JERVIS BAY ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8932 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES—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—
- 8933 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN SCHOOLS—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—
- 8934 NSW TAXI INDUSTRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 8935 BUDGET ALLOCATION—Mr Stephen Bali to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) What monies and projects was expended from the New South Wales 2021/22 budget – \$186 million allocation for Road Asset Maintenance program (Recurrent) identified as Multi-electorate transport programs for Blacktown, was actually allocated to the Blacktown electorate?
  - (2) What monies and projects was expended from the New South Wales 2021/22 budget – \$96 million budget allocation for Easing Sydney's Congestion identified as Multi-electorate transport programs for Blacktown, was actually allocated to the Blacktown electorate?
  - (3) For the Prospect Highway upgrade:
    - (a) To the end of the financial year 2021/22 what has been the Government expenditure on the project?
    - (b) What is the Commonwealth Government financial contribution to the project?
    - (c) What is the anticipated total cost of the project?
  - (4) What monies and projects was expended from the New South Wales 2021/22 budget – \$370 million budget allocation for Pinch points and Clearways as identified in the Multi-electorate Restart NSW programs for Blacktown, was actually allocated to the Blacktown electorate?
  - (5) What monies and projects was expended from the NSW 2021/22 budget – \$140 million budget allocation for Traffic Management Upgrades (for intelligent congestion management program stage 2 and SCATS congestion improvement program) as identified in the Multi-electorate Restart NSW programs for Blacktown, was actually allocated to the Blacktown electorate?
- 8936 AUDIO TACTILE ROAD MARKINGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—
- (1) With regard to audio tactile line markings, otherwise known as rumble strips:

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- (a) What is the estimated risk benefit of rumble strips being in place to assist with crash prevention?
- (b) Approximately what percentage of New South Wales metropolitan State roads and/or what kilometre distance of total metropolitan State roads have rumble strips installed?
- (c) What plans are in place to further expand rumble strips on New South Wales metropolitan State Roads?
  - (i) How much funding is allocated to this purpose?
    - (1) What is the source of any such funding?
    - (2) Is any of it linked to fines that are issued?

8937 **CHILDCARE IN BROKEN HILL**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

8938 **ESSENTIAL ENERGY**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

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

8939 **RADAR COVERAGE**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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

8940 **FIRE AND RESCUE STATIONS**—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) What was the reason Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station was closed between October 10 and October 13?
- (2) How many days has Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station been closed in the 2022 calendar year to date?
  - (a) What were the reasons for the closures?
- (3) How many days was Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station closed in the 2021 calendar year?

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- (a) What were the reasons for the closures?
- (4) What suburbs are serviced by Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station?
- (a) Which fire stations service those suburbs when Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station is closed?
- (5) What is the operating budget for Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station in the 2022-23 financial year?
- (a) If the answer refers to a document, including but not limited to an annual report or budget papers, what is the specific web address and page number to access the requested information?
- (6) What was the operating budget for Ingleburn Fire and Rescue Station in the 2021-22 financial year?
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- 8941 STATE OF RURAL ROADS—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) Will the Government acknowledge rural roads are dangerous and falling into a state of disrepair across the state?
- (2) Will the Government provide additional funding for local councils this financial year to repair rural roads affected by the La Nina event occurring across the state?
- 8942 GRIFFITH AMBULANCE VEHICLES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- Will the Government acknowledge the need to invest in fit for purpose four wheel drive ambulances in rural stations including Griffith and across the Murray electorate.
- 8943 REGIONAL HEALTH MINISTERIAL ADVISORY PANEL—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 consider appointing a representative from Griffith or Leeton to the Regional Health Ministerial Advisory Panel?
- 8944 SUPPORT FOR SPORT IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—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 representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—
- (1) What was the (i) income and (ii) expenditure of the School Sport Unit of the Department of Education in each of the following years:
- (a) 2019/20?
- (b) 2020/21?
- (c) 2021/22?
- (d) 2022/23?
- (2) How many full time equivalent (FTE) were employed in the School Sport Unit on the following dates:

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- (a) 1 July 2019?
  - (b) 1 July 2020?
  - (c) 1 July 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2022?
- (3) What funding has been provided to the following organisations to provide opportunities for students to participate in competitive sport at the state level and above in each of the past four financial years:
- (a) Primary Schools Sports Association?
  - (b) NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association?
  - (c) School Sport Australia?
  - (d) the following School Sports Associations:
    - (i) Hunter?
    - (ii) North Coast?
    - (iii) North West?
    - (iv) Riverina?
    - (v) South Coast?
    - (vi) Sydney East?
    - (vii) Sydney North?
    - (viii) Sydney South West?
    - (ix) Sydney West?
    - (x) Western?
    - (xi) Barrier?
    - (xii) West Darling?
  - (e) Sport Inclusion Australia?
  - (f) Independent Sporting Association?
  - (g) NSW Combined Independent Schools Sports Council
  - (h) NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) and/or NSW Catholic Primary School Sports Council and/or Catholic Schools NSW Sport
  - (i) State Sporting Organisations and State Sporting Organisations for people with Disability
  - (j) Sport NSW?

8945 SERVICE TRANSACTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Is the Government committed to maintaining the option of cash payments for transactions for Government services?
- (2) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to allow cash transactions?
- (3) Does the Government require all agencies and contracted service providers to provide for fee free electronic transactions?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure cash and fee free options are available for all Government service transactions?

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8946 URBAN ENVIRONMENT DECLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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

8947 COVID-19 SUPPORT FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

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

8948 CITY WEST HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Who are the current shareholders in City West Housing (CWH)?
  - (a) Of these, which have decision making capacity?
- (2) Do all shareholders currently participate in shareholder meetings, or is attendance and decision making authority delegated to other individuals/entities?
  - (a) If so, who are these?
- (3) How much public funding, if any, has CWH received over the past 5 years?
- (4) Are there any plans to expand, contract, or otherwise modify the remit of CWH given the growing scale of the housing affordability crisis?
  - (a) Namely, are there any plans to:
    - (i) Revisit the CWH operational and governance models?
    - (ii) Expand the remit of CWH beyond essential workers?
- (5) Given CWH was originally established to provide affordable housing for essential workers in the City of Sydney local government area (LGA) and is largely funded by developer contributions from within this LGA:
  - (a) What is the process for deciding which other LGAs to expand CWH operations into? Noting that CWH now owns and operates properties in the Canterbury Bankstown and Bayside LGAs.
  - (b) How are CWH developments in LGAs other than the City of Sydney funded?

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8950 OPTUS HACK—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Was information regarding the Optus hack and its implications provided to the public in languages other than English?
  - (a) If so, what languages?
- (2) What was the nature of the information that was provided?
- (3) Where was this information published?
- (4) When was the information provided in languages other than English?
  - (a) How long after the hack occurred?
  - (b) How long after the equivalent English language information was provided?

8951 MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION STRIPS—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Could Transport for NSW please advise when rubbish and overgrown grass will be tended to in the vegetation strips under the bridge at Marlborough Road, under the Centenary Drive Bridge, in Homebush West?
- (2) How often does Transport for NSW carry out maintenance of vegetation strips they are responsible for across metropolitan Sydney?



8952 RESIDUAL WESTCONNEX LAND—Mr Jason Li to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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

8953 ANACTA STRATEGIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

Does the Government have any contracts, consultancies or like arrangements with ANACTA Strategies?

8954 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

In the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, how many mobile speed camera fines were issued to drivers who reside in the 2170 postcode area?

8955 VACANT POSITIONS AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) What is the number as at 1 October 2022 of vacant positions at Liverpool Hospital for:

- (a) Full time positions?
- (b) Part time positions?
- (c) Casual positions?

8956 PRIVACY LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

When will you introduce legislation to amend the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act (1998)?

8957 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

How many cataract surgeries were performed at Liverpool Hospital in the period 1 July 2021- 30 June 2022?

8958 NEW SCHOOL LOCATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

In relation to the Answer to Question on Notice no. 8242, what is the geographic location of the "New school in the Liverpool electorate"?

8959 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

In relation to the new palliative care nurses as referred to in the 2019-20 NSW Budget Papers, how many have been allocated to Liverpool Hospital?

8960 HOSPITAL BED MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

When is maintenance carried out on electric beds at Liverpool Hospital?

8961 HOXTON PARK ROAD UPGRADE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the proposed upgrade of Hoxton Park Road with two bus lanes, and removing the right turn into and out of Dorrigo Avenue, dependent upon Commonwealth Government funding?
- (a) Has that Commonwealth funding been agreed?

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- (b) Do you still propose to proceed with the prohibition of right hand turns into and out of Dorrigo Ave?

8962 BIGGE STREET SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—  
In the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 how many mobile speed camera fines and for what total amount were issued to drivers by the speed camera located in Bigge St, Liverpool?

8963 BATEAU BAY SQUARE FATALITY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

A fatality occurred at a pedestrian crossing at Bateau Bay Square in my electorate on 19/8/22. I have made representations to both Central Coast Council and Charter Hall (the owner of the Shopping Centre) on this matter. Central Coast Council advises that as the location is privately owned, its involvement was limited to the DA stage.

I understand that there is an Office of Transport Safety Investigations (OTSI) team from Transport for NSW involved and working with Charter Hall on the matter. Can you please advise: -

- (1) If a review of the area has been conducted?
- (2) If yes: -
  - a. have there been any safety improvements identified?
  - b. Will the outcome of the review be made publically available?
- (3) If not, will a review be undertaken?

8964 ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Could the Minister provide the names of energy providers, energy funds, and energy consultants that Canterbury-Bankstown Council has entered into partnership with for its following projects:
  - (a) Solar and Energy Efficiency Project?
  - (b) Community Battery Project?
  - (c) Bankstown Town Centre Redevelopment?

8965 INTERIM LICENCES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) Transport for NSW issues interim drivers licences to residents which are valid for the period until their licence arrives via post, what other licences or permits are there similar arrangements for?
- (2) Why are Mobility Parking Scheme permit holders not eligible for an interim permit to be issued in instances where their current permit may expire before a renewed one arrives?

8966 OUT-OF-HOME-CARE IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) With respect to Out-of-Home-Care (OOHC) in the Kiama electorate:
  - (a) How many children were in OOHC in the years 2021 and 2022 in the Kiama electorate?
    - (i) How many of these children were aboriginal?
    - (ii) How many of these children have leaving care plans?
    - (iii) How many of these children have had parents in the criminal justice system?

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- (iv) How many of these children have had an interaction with police or the youth justice system?
  - (v) How many of these children are NDIS participants?
  - (vi) How many of these children were suspended or expelled from school?
  - (vii) How many of these children were ever reported as missing?
  - (viii) How many of these children fell pregnant before the age of 18?
  - (ix) How many of these children have ever experienced homelessness?
  - (x) How many of these children were in residential care?
  - (xi) How many children were in Alternative Care arrangements in 2021 and 2022?
  - (xii) With respect to part (vii), what was the longest period any child was an Alternative Care Arrangements?
- (b) Will the Minister consider raising the leaving care age from 18 to 21?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (c) Will the Minister consider raising the leaving care age for children in residential care only?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (d) Will the Minister consider a foyer model development for the Kiama electorate?
    - (i) If not, why not?

8967 HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT RESTORATION SOCIETY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- (1) With respect to the Community Building Partnerships Application by the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society:
  - (a) Is the Premier aware of the grant request by this local volunteer group in my electorate?
  - (b) Will the Premier join with me in supporting the grant request?

8968 BERRY TO BOMADERRY PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to the Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade:
  - (a) Were there any breaches of the contract?
    - (i) If yes, what were they?
  - (b) Were there any financial penalties incurred by the contractor?
    - (i) If yes, what were they?
  - (c) Was the contract for this project ever amended after it was awarded?
    - (i) If yes, what were the amendments?
  - (d) Is the Minister aware of the final bitumen seal being undertaken on the project?
  - (e) With respect to (d), will the Minister direct his agency to open the project to two lanes when work on the final seal isn't occurring, such as weekends?
    - (i) If not, why not?

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8969 BOMBO QUARRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) With respect to the Bombo Quarry:
  - (a) When will a decision be made in relation to the future of Bombo Quarry?
  - (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?
  - (e) If you do not agree to establishing a working group, what mechanism will you support to progress the future redevelopment of Bombo Quarry?

8970 SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—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—

- (1) With respect to special religious education:
  - (a) What percentage of children in New South Wales schools attend Special Religious Education?
  - (b) What percentage of children in schools in the Kiama electorate attend Special Religious Education?
  - (c) Is Special Religious Education opt in or opt out in New South Wales?
  - (d) If Special Religious Education is opt out, how does the Government enforce this policy?
    - (i) What occurs if the Department is made aware of a school that is not enforcing this policy?
  - (e) Is the Minister aware of any school that has moved to a opt in arrangement?
    - (i) If yes, what does the department do in those instances?
  - (f) What support does your department provide to ethics teachers and classes?
    - (i) Where can these materials be viewed?

8971 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to social housing in the Kiama electorate:
  - (a) Can you provide a breakdown by postcode of social housing properties in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?
  - (b) Can you provide the cost of social housing maintenance for the last financial year and budgeted for this financial year for the Kiama electorate?
  - (c) Can you provide a breakdown by postcode of the number of affordable housing properties delivered by the Government last financial year this financial year by postcode?
  - (d) How many social housing properties are you planning to deliver in the Kiama electorate by postcode in the next four years?

- (e) What was the total maintenance spend on social housing properties in the Kiama electorate by postcode for the last three financial years?
- (f) How many maintenance jobs were logged by postcode and to what value in the last three financial years and what percentage of those maintenance jobs were lodged through the mobile phone application developed by the Government?
- (g) How many properties funded through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund will be delivered to the Kiama electorate in the next four years?
- (h) How many properties will be delivered through Communities Plus to the Kiama electorate in the next four years?

8972 SENIOR COUNSEL IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) With respect to Senior Counsel in New South Wales:
  - (a) Will you consider introducing legislation to allow senior counsel to choose between the titles of Senior Counsel and King's Counsel?
    - (i) If not, why not?