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* 8664 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Considering the increased takeup of electric vehicles across New South Wales and people travelling to the Hunter Valley region:
 - (a) What is being done about charging stations in the region?
 - (b) Have charging stations be installed in the region?
 - (i) If so, what are their locations?
 - (c) Are there plans to install further charging stations in the region within the next 12 months?
 - (i) If so, where will they be installed?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy is investing \$633 million into making NSW the easiest place to own and drive an electric vehicle (EV). The Strategy includes the rollout of multiple EV public charging infrastructure initiatives across the State to provide a world-class EV charging network. This is in addition to charging infrastructure that already exists, and infrastructure that is being provided by private charge point operators or funded through federal bodies like the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

Two key NSW Government charging initiatives relevant to the Hunter Valley region include:

 - The \$149 million EV fast charging grants – co-funding fast charging infrastructure every 100 kilometres along major highways and every 5 kilometres in metro areas.
 - The \$20 million EV destination charging grants – co-funding destination charging infrastructure at council and business owned tourism locations across regional NSW.
 - (b) Yes.
 - (i) The full list of existing EV chargers and their locations within the Hunter Valley region can be found on the NSW Government’s EV Charging Masterplan Map.
 - (c) Yes.
 - (i) The first round of Fast Charging Grants has been announced. The announced charging stations will be built over the next 24 months and includes stations to be constructed within the Hunter Valley region. The second round of co-funding is expected to open towards the end of the year.

* 8665 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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

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- (4) What is the recruitment process for a school crossing supervisor?
(5) Are there currently any vacancies for school crossing supervisors within the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 10.
(2) One.
(3) One.
(4) Information regarding the recruitment process is available on the Jobs at Transport for NSW website.
(5) No.

- * 8666 OLD MENINDEE TOWN WEIR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

Can the Minister provide a progress report on the removal of the redundant Old Menindee Town Weir?

Answer—

The Department commenced work to remove the Menindee Old Town Weir on 7 January 2020 as per the approved design and environmental assessments. There remains a relatively small section of the weir, in the middle of the river and under the water, which was out of reach of the excavators. The excavators could not reach this section due to the requirements placed upon the works to minimise impact on fish communities, protect water quality and minimise disturbance, both from an ecological and cultural heritage perspective.

In September 2021, NSW held a community forum to discuss the options and scope of works for removing the remaining section of the Old Town Weir. Independent experts were in attendance to listen to community input and provide advice. Through expert advice and community feedback, both at the community forum and more recently, it was determined that the most effective approach was to engage a contractor with a large-scale excavator to remove all structural elements of the old weir.

These works have unfortunately been delayed and compounded through floods and the pandemic. Despite these setbacks, Water Infrastructure NSW is ready to release tender documents to the market as soon as the water reduces to a level where it is safe to undertake the works, to allow a contractor to be engaged to undertake the weir removal works.

Further consultation with the community will occur before any works commence. The date of works will be subject to river conditions.

- * 8667 RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

Considering the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme (RHWIS) uses the Modified Monash Model (MMM) to classify metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to remoteness determined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and town size, and that Lake Cargelligo in the Barwon electorate could be classified between MM3-MM7 using the MMM, can you advise why nurses in their town are not eligible for the RHWIS?

Answer—

Lake Cargelligo Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) is classified as a MM6 facility under the Australian Department of Health Modified Monash Model. Positions identified at Lake Cargelligo MPS within the policy definitions of hard to fill or critical vacancies may be eligible for incentives.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is currently working with its service managers to identify and classify hard to fill and critical vacancies. Retention incentives will also be offered to existing staff where appropriate.

The NSW Health Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme Policy Directive is available on the NSW Health website.

* 8668 ROUND 3 ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) Considering the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Round 3 which focuses on areas undergoing highest growth across New South Wales including the 18 metropolitan and 23 regional councils eligible for funding which account for 94% growth over the next 10 years, according to recent 2022 NSW population projections, and that Government elected AIF Regional town eligibility is based on population growth, was this determined by percentage of growth against the current population?
 - (a) If not, will smaller regional towns with low populations be excluded from this program in the future?
 - (b) Would the Minister consider developing a program applicable to smaller regional towns, ensuring we have the same opportunities for fast-tracked investment in infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Homes

* 8670 NSW STRATEGIC WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Considering NSW Strategic Weed Management plans have been designed to facilitate rural regions with planning and funding to control and eradicate the negative impacts of noxious weeds and particularly in our Environment, can you advise who is responsible for ensuring the Central West Regional Weed Committee implement their investigations and plans within the community?
- (2) Considering Government funding has been provided to support the Weed Management Plan, who is responsible for distributing these funds?
 - (a) Will the Minister investigate the possibility of increasing allocation of funds and the timeframe in which it is being offered?
- (3) What role does the Local Land Services have in the implementation of the Strategic Management Plan, and will you consider increasing their funding to allow financial support for landholders?

Answer—

- (1) Local Land Services.
- (2) The Department of Regional NSW, Department of Primary Industries (DPI).
 - (a) I am very mindful of the importance of funding for biosecurity and the risks posed which is why the NSW Government has made its largest ever financial commitment to biosecurity in the 2022/23 financial year.
- (3) Local Land Services is responsible for the facilitation and coordination of the RWCs. Weed management forms part of many land management programs that LLS provides to landholders. In the 2022/23 budget Local Land Services secured long term funding to support its operations.

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* 8671 ENERGY SUPPLIERS DECREASE FEED IN TARIFF TO CONSUMERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Considering there is a large and growing household investment in solar roof panels, how are the interests of household investment in solar panels balanced against the interests of the owners of grid and large-scale generation capacity?
- (2) How is the feed in tariff calculated?
 - (a) Is the discount to the price to consumers proportionate?
- (3) As battery storage becomes financially viable, how will the investment of domestic PV and Battery owners be given weight against the access costs requested by Grid owners and Large Scale Generators?

Answer—

(1-3)

The national framework for electricity distribution and transmission networks requires electricity access and usage charges to be reflective of the cost of the service, regardless of whether the user is a household or large-scale generation business.

The NSW Government is working with the Energy Security Board and other market bodies to develop nationally coordinated policy to improve grid access arrangements for businesses and consumers and enable more solar to be accommodated on the network.

Each year, the NSW Government asks the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to set a 'fair and reasonable' benchmark range for feed-in tariffs. IPART's methodology and approach is available on its website, and public consultation is undertaken each year. IPART's recommended range reflects the expected wholesale price of generation in the National Electricity Market.

Electricity retailers can decide what feed-in tariff they wish to offer customers, and competition provides an incentive for retailers to provide cost-reflective feed-in tariffs in line with the IPART range.

* 8673 SUPPORT CLASSES IN MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

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

Answer—

(1)

- (a) As at 26 September 2022, within the Macquarie Fields electorate, fewer than six students have deferred outcomes following panel consideration.
- (b) There are nine additional support classes being planned for 2023.
- (c) The consultation process with Principals, the Director Educational Leadership and Schools Infrastructure NSW is still being finalised, however, it is anticipated that the nine additional classes will be established for the start of 2023.

- (d) The nine additional classes will accommodate between 54 - 63 students.
- (e) The Department of Education does not have waiting lists for support classes.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised

Consistent across the industry, the service operator Keolis Downer Hunter, is also experiencing an impact to driver numbers as a result of absences related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the general driver shortage across the transport industry.

During this difficult period, local bus operators prioritise school services and provide replacement services, where possible, to reduce the overall impact on commuters. Local bus operators use various ways of communication to keep commuters informed of service changes, including Newcastle Transport website, through social media and via Public Transport Information and Priority System which immediately updates Trip Planner and travel apps.

Under the contracts, it is the operator's responsibility to employ bus drivers, including any attraction and retention initiatives.

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

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

At this stage, the Australian Government funding of \$60 million for the development remains committed to the project.

Transport for NSW and the Victorian Department of Transport are assessing legislative pathways in both states that appropriately consider the heritage constraints and will submit formal applications once a preferred strategy has been determined. Amendments to the State Heritage Register are a decision of the respective state Heritage Councils, following endorsement and referral by the Heritage regulator.

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Design work and specialist studies are progressing to determine a preferred alignment within the announced McCallum Street corridor to support a Strategic Business Case. A number of bridge options are being considered and will be further investigated following an approved Strategic Business Case.

Technical and environmental investigations are ongoing, with geotechnical investigations planned to commence in 2023.

* 8676 SCHOOL OF THE AIR BROKEN HILL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) What checks and balances are in place in regards to the facilities and technology of school of the air in New South Wales?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that school-of-the-air students are able to communicate effectively with teachers, and gather in-person in a safe environment when required?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education's local School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) office works with the school Principal to ensure the facilities meet the needs and requirements of the school.

The Department's Distance and Rural Technology (DART) support team proactively monitors the quality of lesson streams and provides live technical support to the School of the Air classrooms and households.

A technology update for School of the Air has commenced that will see upgrades to software and hardware utilised by staff and students.

- (2) School of the Air students are provided with a range of technology that enables them to communicate with their teachers regularly and consistently. Students are provided with a connection to the Department's network through a satellite connection and a device. When the students gather in person, School of the Air follows the relevant departmental Workplace Health and Safety policies.

* 8677 REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATIONS (RTO)—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—

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

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
 - (a) The registered training organisation (RTO) develops a full training plan in consultation with the employer, learner, parent/guardian and school. The training plan details when formal training and assessment delivery is to be undertaken. The plan also details the weekly school program, including days attending on the job training.

The RTO and school work together to ensure the proposed program of formal training and assessment documented in the training plan meets the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and HSC requirements. Issues with training or assessment delivery, including student attendance, are generally discussed and resolved between the school and nominated RTO. Schools that identify an issue with an RTO that can't be resolved, including failure to deliver training or assessment in accordance with the training plan or NESA requirements, should raise this issue with their nominated SBAT Coordinator or VET in Schools section who will explore possible solutions.

- (b) RT Os are required to meet the federal Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015. Standard 3.3 requires that the Australian Qualifications Framework certification documentation is issued to a learner within 30 calendar days of the learner being assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product if the training program in which the learner is enrolled is complete and providing all agreed fees the learner owes to the RTO have been paid.

Where training is subsidised in NSW under Smart and Skilled, RTOs additionally need to meet Smart and Skilled requirements, which includes, where students elect to transfer to another RTO, the RTO must complete the transfer out process within 30 days of the student notifying the RTO of their decision to transfer out, which includes issuing Statements of Attainment.

- (c) Schools negotiate with RTOs delivering SBAT training how they would like to receive advice (and how often) on the progress of formal training and assessment delivery. This may take the form of an updated training plan or some other report. In the first instance, if a school is having trouble getting this updated training plan/report, they will contact the RTO and attempt to resolve the situation. In the event that the issue cannot be resolved, they will raise this issue with their nominated SBAT Coordinator or VET in Schools section who will explore possible solutions.

- (2) The Department's Training Quality and Regulation Directorate takes a student centred, data driven and risk-based approach to quality assurance to make it responsive in as close to real time as possible. This includes employing data and risk tools to identify concerns and undertaking performance monitoring activities that are strategic and targeted.

When a concern is identified, the Department assesses the risk and takes appropriate action to address the concern. For example, a direct complaint from a student may prompt a targeted performance monitoring with the complaint being the focus.

The Department assesses the risk to students, the Department and the VET sector during the performance monitoring and imposes suitable sanctions against the Provider's Smart and Skilled contract, where and when necessary. An example may include suspending enrolments.

At the completion of the performance monitoring (audit), if a breach of the contract has been identified that cannot be remedied by the Provider, the Department will impose further sanctions, which may include terminating the contract if deemed as warranted.

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

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

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Answer—

- (1) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is responsible for accreditation, auditing and compliance of Accredited Certificate Providers (ACPs) under the NSW Energy Savings Scheme (ESS).

IPART applies a risk-based framework to its compliance functions using a range of tools and mechanisms including audits, data analysis, market intelligence and enforcement actions.

Currently, the Energy Savings Scheme rule and method guidance include the following safeguards:

- Audits by the Scheme Administrator or Auditors following installation
- A requirement for geotagged photos of installed equipment in place
- Evidence of disposal in accordance with legislation
- Scheme Administrator powers to issue warnings, penalty notices, civil penalties or prosecution where wilful, serious or repeated non-compliance is detected
- Scheme Administrator ability to impose conditions on accreditations to minimise risk of bad practice, including the ability to suspend or cancel an accreditation.

- (2) Businesses should take all due care to ensure that an energy efficiency upgrade meets their needs.

They should approach working with an ACP as they would approach working with any other contractor.

Businesses that are not happy with the quality of work or require more information need to speak to their ACP.

If they are unhappy with the ACP's response or are concerned that the ACP or its representative has not complied with the requirements of the ESS, they can contact IPART's ESS Compliance team. IPART has the power to issue warnings, penalty notices, civil penalties or prosecution where wilful, serious or repeated non-compliance is detected.

NSW Fair Trading also advises business and traders on fair and ethical practice. It investigates unfair practices and ensures that the products sold in NSW are safe and meet the relevant regulations and safety standards. A small business owner can make a complaint via Fair Trading's website.

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

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

Answer—

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District's Community Care Nursing Service Operational Guideline is a working document for all community nursing services.

The Moulamein community nurse's position description outlines key accountabilities and duties, developed in line with the Nursing Midwifery Board of Australia Registered Nurse standards for practice.

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

- (1) Can the Minister explain the process that determined which councils would be eligible to apply for grants under Round 3 of the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) which comprises of \$300m to help unlock new homes across the state?

- (a) Are areas such as Griffith, which is experiencing very high growth and significant demand for housing, eligible?

- (i) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Minimum population growth thresholds were used to establish program eligibility, with metropolitan councils needing forecasted growth of 13,000 or more people and regional councils needing forecasted growth of 3,000 or more people over the next 10 years to be eligible for AIF Round 3. These thresholds were based on the 2022 NSW population and housing projections.
- (a) This information is publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Infrastructure-funding/Accelerated-Infrastructure-Fund/Round-3.
- (i) The Griffith population is forecasted to grow by 2,157 people over the 10-year period to 2032. As this projection falls below the regional council population increase threshold of 3,000, Griffith is ineligible for AIF Round 3 funding.

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

- (1) How many full time equivalent positions are in each of the following departments at the Deniliquin Hospital:
- (a) Maternity?
- (b) Medical ward?
- (c) Emergency Department?
- (d) Operating Theatre?
- (e) Day Stay Unit?
- (f) Infusions?
- (g) Palliative Care?
- (2) What is the fulltime equivalent vacancies across each of these departments?

Answer—

(1 – 2)

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

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

Recruiting health professionals to regional, rural and remote areas remains a challenge across the country. To address this, the NSW Government is implementing an \$883 million regional health workforce incentive scheme which is being delivered alongside new training and recruitment pathways to build a pipeline of regionally based workers and help futureproof healthcare in the bush.

The \$883 million investment will include funding for, but is not limited to:

- Tailored incentive programs for healthcare staff to take up and retain positions in regional, rural and remote NSW – which can include a tailored incentive package of up to \$10,000 plus additional leave, relocation reimbursement, professional development and study assistance;
- Increased training positions for nursing graduates, nurse practitioners and medical interns;
- Expanding rural generalist and procedural training positions;

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- Career development and secondment opportunities for healthcare workers based in regional, rural and remote NSW, including for those based in metropolitan areas to ‘try out’ working in regional NSW;
- Increased numbers of Aboriginal nurse cadetships, and
- HECS incentive package for allied health professionals.

The NSW Government has also announced the largest ever health workforce boost in the nation’s history, with a \$4.5 billion investment over four years to recruit 10,148 full-time equivalent staff to hospitals and health services across the state, with around 40 per cent of staff to go to regional NSW.

The staffing boost is intended to relieve pressure on existing staff, fast-track more elective surgery, and ensure there are appropriate levels of health staffing for the government’s pipeline of health infrastructure projects.

Since 2012, the NSW Health workforce in regional and rural NSW has increased its workforce by an additional 10,629 full time equivalent staff - an increase of 26.6% including 1,818 more doctors, 4,502 more nurses and midwives, and 1,294 more allied health staff.

- * 8682 INCREASE IN WHOLESAL ELEC TRICIT Y—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

Given that the cost of wholesale electricity has increased, why has the solar feed in tariff remained the same?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is voluntary for electricity retailers to offer a solar feed-in tariff, and the value of the feed-in tariff is not set by the government.

To provide guidance to consumers and retailers, each year the Government asks the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to publish a ‘fair and reasonable’ benchmark range for solar feed-in tariffs.

The latest solar feed-in tariff benchmark report, published by IPART in June 2022, notes customers could expect to receive 6.2 to 10.4 cents per kilowatt hour (c/kWh) for their solar exports in 2022-23, up from 4.6 to 5.5 c/kWh in 2021-22, or a 64 per cent increase in the range median.

This year’s higher benchmark takes into account recent increases in wholesale electricity prices, and the benchmark will be updated again by IPART in 2023 to ensure the benchmark considers market price changes.

- * 8683 NURSE TO PATIENT RATIO—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Does the Government support the NSW nurses and Midwives Association call for patient ratios of 1:4 on the floor and 1:3 in Emergency Department?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the answer to LC 6621.

- * 8684 NET ZERO EMISSIONS AND CLEAN ECONOMY—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

(1) What were the operating expenses of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board for 2021-2022? Please distinguish between salaries and other expenses.

- (2) How much has been allocated to the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board for 2022-23?
- (3) What were the operating expenses of the Renewable Energy Sector Board for 2021-2022? Please distinguish between salaries and other expenses.
- (4) How much has been allocated to the Renewable Energy Sector Board for 2022-23?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The remuneration of the Chair and members of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board is published online by the Public Service Commission. The Board members were appointed in December 2021. In addition to Board Salaries, \$1930 was spent on operational expenses in 2021-22.
- (2) Salaries are budgeted for as per the rates published by the Public Services Commission. \$67,000 has been allocated for operational expenses of the Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board in 2022-23.
- (3) The operating expenses of the Renewable Energy Sector Board for 2021-2022 were \$796,180. This Board's members are not remunerated.
- (4) \$910,000 has been allocated to the Renewable Energy Sector Board for operating expenses in 2022-23.

* 8685 WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL ANNUAL REPORT 2021—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport—

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

Answer—

I am advised

Western Parkland City Liveability Program projects are delivered by councils and the NSW and Commonwealth Government provide equal and joint funding. The Western Sydney City Deal Annual Progress Report 2022 will be published on the website of the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

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* 8686 CENTRAL BARANGAROO CONTRACTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) When was the Project Development Agreement for the delivery of the Central Barangaroo precinct signed with Aqualand?
 - (a) Why has this agreement not been published on the Government eTendering website?
 - (b) Is the agreement publicly available anywhere else?
 - (c) What action will you take to publish the agreement on the Government eTendering website?
- (2) Is the Government aware that the website links to the Central Barangaroo Development Agreement with Grocon published on 16 November 2018 on the eTendering website ([eTendering - Contract Award Notice Detail View - Central Barangaroo Development Agreement \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/eTendering-ContractAwardNoticeDetailView-CentralBarangarooDevelopmentAgreement(nsw.gov.au))) connect to pages that no longer exist?
 - (a) When will these links be fixed so that the community can view the contract details, get a summary of provisions withheld and find out why these provisions were withheld?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Central Barangaroo Development Agreement was signed with the Central Barangaroo consortium on 15 November 2017.

The agreement is available on the eTendering website:

https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.cn.view&CNUUID=0953CCD9-BFBD-505D-239329FOD1_F245DA

Links to the website address which provide direct access to the contract have been updated.

* 8689 RENT INCREASES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Considering the significant increases in residential tenancy rents, what action does the Government plan to:
 - (a) Cap rent increases?
 - (b) Provide for long term leases?
 - (c) Other measures to limit rent costs?
- (2) What plan does the Government have to protect tenants from very high rent increases?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The NSW Government is committed to residential tenancy laws that strike the right balance between the interests of landlords and tenants.
 - (b) In March 2020, the Government introduced a new standard form of rental agreement which includes an option for a five-year fixed term to encourage landlords and tenants to consider longer fixed-term agreements.
 - (c) As part of the March 2020 reforms, the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) placed some limits on the frequency of rent increases. The rent payable under a periodic agreement may not be increased more than once in any period of 12 months. The same limit applies to fixed term agreements with a fixed term of 2 years or more.
- (2) Existing provisions in the Act give tenants the ability to challenge excessive rent increases. Tenants can apply to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (the Tribunal) within 30 days of receiving a rent increase notice if they believe it is excessive. The Tribunal will consider evidence, such as

comparable rent for similar properties in the same area, and has the power to set the rent for 12 months.

* 8690 TENANCY IMPACTS MORTGAGEE REPOSSESSION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) What rights do residential tenants have when the property they lease is repossessed?
- (2) Is it true that tenants can be evicted with very little notice irrespective of their lease and rent paid in advance?
- (3) What requirements do property owners and real estate agents have to inform tenants that the property they are going to lease is subject to mortgage foreclosure?
- (4) What requirements do property owners and real estate agents have to inform tenants that the property they are leasing is subject to mortgage foreclosure?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve tenancy protections in the case of mortgagee repossession?

Answer—

- (1) A mortgagee needs to obtain an order from the Supreme Court to take possession of a property. If the Supreme Court makes an order for possession, the tenant must be notified, however the Supreme Court can make an order even if the tenant does not know about the proceedings. A tenant cannot be forced to leave without a Supreme Court order.
- (2) The Supreme Court order will end the tenancy. Supreme Court orders for possession are enforced by the NSW Sheriff's Office and a sheriff's officer will serve the tenant with a notice giving the tenant at least 30 days to vacate the property. A tenant may negotiate with the mortgagee or their solicitor for a reasonable time to vacate the property. As a form of compensation, the tenant does not have to pay any rent for 30 days after they have been given the official notice to leave.
- (3) The Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) requires that a landlord or agent must disclose to a tenant before the tenant enters into the residential tenancy agreement if a mortgagee has commenced proceedings in a court to enforce a mortgage over the premises. If the landlord or agent was aware of the mortgagee's court action for possession before the tenant signed the agreement and did not inform the tenant, the tenant can give a 14 day termination notice to end the tenancy.
- (4) See question 1. A tenant must be notified if a court makes an order for possession.
- (5) The NSW Government does not currently plan to make any changes to the provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 relating to mortgagee repossessions. However, the NSW Government will continue to monitor the operation of these provisions.

* 8691 EX-PRISONERS SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What data does the Government collect about the number of ex-prisoners living in social housing?
- (2) How many ex-prisoners are social housing tenants in New South Wales and in the inner city?
- (3) What data does the Government collect about these tenants' needs and support to facilitate the best allocation of a home and capacity to maintain their tenancy?
- (4) How does the Government use information about individual prisoners' specific needs when allocating a property?
- (5) How does the Government ensure that these allocations will not disrupt the safety and quiet enjoyment of neighbours in these tenancies?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure ex-prisoners are allocated to appropriate properties that meet their specific needs and do not disrupt neighbours' safety and amenity?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1. – 2.) According to records held by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR), of the 5,337 adults released from sentenced custody in the six months to 31 December 2020, 277 were listed on a social housing tenancy within 12 months of release. However, data is not captured for the number of ex-prisoners who are social housing tenants in the inner city.

(3) When applicants apply for social housing, they must provide evidence to demonstrate that they, and their household meet the general eligibility criteria for housing assistance. This will ensure a tailored service is provided to clients safeguarding their needs and the support required is taken into consideration. This information can be found on the Department and Communities and Justice's website under the '[Eligibility for Social Housing Policy](#)' page.

When a client is eligible for social housing or a transfer, the social housing provider will place them on the [NSW Housing Register](#). The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and participating community housing providers will then use this register to offer housing when a suitable property in the social housing sector is available.

(4. – 5.) Individual social housing providers are responsible for allocating their own vacant properties in accordance with their own matching policies. When a social housing vacancy occurs, the social housing provider who manages the property will allocate it, in line with their matching policy, to the next appropriate person on the NSW Housing Register. The DCJ Housing matching criteria can be found in the [Social Housing Eligibility and Allocations Policy Supplement](#).

The social housing sector aims to promote a successful and sustainable tenancy when matching a client to a social housing property. Further information can be found in the [Matching and Offering a Property to a Client Policy](#). Once a client becomes a tenant, any antisocial behaviour will be managed under DCJ's [Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy](#).

(6) DCJ will continue to follow the 'Matching and Offering a Property to a Client Policy' to ensure that clients are suitably housed.

* 8692 VACANT HOUSING PROPERTIES IN CS3—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

(1) How many people are currently on the priority housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?

(2) How many people are currently on the general housing waitlist, with applicants approved for CS3 Leichhardt-Marrickville allocation zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to waiting times for social housing, including the priority list, can be found at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

* 8693 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARENTAL LEAVE POLICY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

(1) What are the eligibility requirements for Department of Education employees wishing to take parental leave?

(2) Considering Section 52(1) Determination No 3 of 2021 states that Department employees who do not have Primary Responsibility for the care of their child at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy are entitled to up to 2 weeks Paid Parental Leave at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy and a further 12 weeks Paid Parental Leave if:

- (a) They have completed at least 40 weeks' continuous service;
- (b) They assume Primary Responsibility for the care of the child during the 12 week period;
- (c) Their spouse is not concurrently receiving Paid Parental Leave or similar from their employer; and
- (d) The Employee was eligible for the leave at the time of birth, adoption or surrogacy.

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

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

Answer—

Department of Education requirements are consistent with other public sector agencies covered by the Government Sector Employment Act 2013.

- (1) Employees who make an application for paid parental leave must:
 - Have at least 40 weeks continuous service; and
 - Provide evidence of a birth, adoption or altruistic surrogacy.
- (2) The Department did require evidence that the birth partner was returning to work or study either full-time or part-time in order for the other parent to access the 12 weeks additional paid parental leave for births that occurred up to and including 30 September 2022. The Department's application of the requirement for evidence is consistent with the Premier's Memorandum of 1 July 2021 whereby the employee may be required to provide evidence of the employment or education status of their partner.
- (3) None. The Department has updated relevant conditions of employment consistent with the updated determinations issued by the Government to give effect to the changes.
- (4) No.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Six persons have been charged with committing an offence under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 since it was introduced. Of these, two convictions in 2020 were annulled in 2021; two had charges withdrawn in 2021; and two ongoing prosecutions have been adjourned to 2023.

Decisions to commence proceedings under section 93Z of the Crimes Act 1900 are a matter for the NSW Police Force and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force and the Department of Communities and Justice are currently preparing proposed amendments to the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000. This process is considering recommendations from the Barr Review, as well as other matters to ensure that the legislation concerning forensic procedures remains fit for purpose.

This legislation is of critical importance to criminal investigations and the NSW Government intends to undertake further consultation before the Bill is introduced to NSW Parliament.

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

(1) Will you request, under s430 of the Local Government, an inquiry into the proposal by Liverpool Council to spend \$25 million on the purchase of a site on Cowpasture Road (previously known as the Oliveri Bus depot site) as a Council Depot?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If yes, when will the inquiry commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Neither I, nor the Office of Local Government, is aware of any matter relating to the proposed purchase, as detailed in the question, that would warrant investigation.

At my request, the Office of Local Government has contacted Liverpool Council about this matter.

Should the Member have further information about this matter that is of concern, I would encourage him to provide that information to me, or to the Office of Local Government, for consideration.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

While there are currently no plans for the use of the former Department of Communities and Justice office at Miller, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation may consider approaches for community use of the premises.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force and the Department of Communities and Justice are continuing work on this matter.

This process is considering recommendations from the Barr Review as well as other matters to ensure that the legislation concerning forensic procedures remains fit for purpose.

- * 8699 UPGRADE TO FIFTEENTH AVENUE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is developing a Program Strategic Business Case, to prioritise critical roads to connect the Western Parkland City with local communities. The program includes the future upgrade of the Fifteenth Avenue west corridor, to support the Bradfield town centre.

Liverpool City Council is currently responsible for the existing Fifteenth Avenue, Austral.

- * 8700 LUNA PARK GHOST TRAIN FIRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What progress, if any, has been made into holding a fresh inquest into the Luna Park Ghost Train fire of 1979?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the member to paragraph 2 of my answer to question 1 of LA QON 7959.

- * 8701 INQUEST INTO DEATHS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What progress, if any, has been made into holding a fresh inquest into the deaths of Mona Lisa Smith and Jacinta Smith in 1987?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 15 July 2022, the State Coroner reviewed the coronial file and ordered that the inquest into the deaths of Jacinta Rose Smith and Mona Lisa Smith be resumed.

The State Coroner has sought assistance from the Crown Solicitor's Office and seeks to expedite the hearing of this inquest given the significant lapse of time and age of family members, and the public interest in this matter.

As the matter is currently before the coronial jurisdiction, it is not appropriate to provide any further comment at this time.

- * 8702 OFFICE ELECTRICITY CHARGED—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

How much was charged for electricity for the office of what was Housing NSW at Miller Square, Miller from the time the office closed until 8 September 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The office and common areas of 33 Shropshire Street, Miller were on the same meter, and the charges for electricity at the site from December 2018 until 8 September 2022 were \$23,942.

The power outage which occurred at this address has been rectified following notification the electricity bills had been sent to an incorrect address due to an administrative error. Individual tenants' properties

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were not affected. The correct address has been provided to the energy provider and the bill has been paid in full.

A letter explaining the error, including an apology, and measures to prevent reoccurrence has been delivered to all tenants at the property.

* 8703 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—

- (1) With regard to the Powerhouse Museum:
- (a) Since 2015 how many education and collections based staff and staff positions have been terminated, deleted, unfilled, or combined?
 - (b) How many Senior Executive Service equivalent positions (temporary or permanent) have been created and filled since 2015?
 - (c) Did any of the successful candidates have previous relationships with the CEO, Lisa Havilah?
 - (d) How many of the successful candidates had museum qualifications and/or experience working in museums before their appointment?
 - (e) What is the total annual aggregated costs of the positions that have been created and filled since 2015?
 - (f) How does the cost of these positions and their number compare with those at the Art Gallery of NSW and the Australian Museum?
 - (g) How many of these positions were advertised, how many were 'direct appointments'?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No roles have been terminated. One role has been deleted. Two temporary roles have concluded.
 - (b) Information regarding Senior Executives is outlined in past Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Annual Reports.
 - (c) It is expected that Ms Havilah will hold a number of professional relationships across the NSW creative sector. All recruitment complies with NSW public service requirements, and all panel members are required to make the appropriate declarations.
 - (d) All Senior Executives have specialist experience relevant to their roles. This includes experience working in museums, management, operations, programming, curation, major capital projects, government administration and philanthropic fundraising.
 - (e) As a large renewal project, resourcing needs are constantly evolving and the CEO must regularly assess functions and recruit the right talent to best support the Museum. The Powerhouse has advised It is not possible to provide this information in the timeframe provided.
 - (f) It is not possible to provide this information with regard to the Powerhouse Museum.
 - (g) A small number of staff have been employed through Government Sector Employment (General) Rules 2014, Rule 21. These appointments have all been through a suitability assessment in line with NSW public service requirements, with contracts under 12 months.

- * 8704 ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
How is the Government rolling out its Electric Vehicle Strategy to the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions?

Answer—

The NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy is investing \$633 million into world-class charging infrastructure across New South Wales, including in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands areas. Two key NSW Government charging initiatives relevant to these areas include:

- The \$149 million EV Fast Charging Grants, which co-fund the installation of fast charging infrastructure every 100 kilometres along major highways and every 5 kilometres in metropolitan areas.
- The \$20 million EV Destination Charging Grants which co-fund the installation of destination charging infrastructure at local council and privately owned tourism locations across regional New South Wales.

As part of the first round of the EV Fast Charging Grants, six public fast charging stations were approved to be constructed within the Northern Rivers and Northern Tableland areas over the next two years. These include at: Ballina, Tweed Heads, Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, and Tamworth.

In line with the NSW Electric Vehicle Fast Charging Master Plan, the NSW Government forecasts a minimum of at least 10 further fast charging stations being funded in the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands regions, through the final two rounds of the EV Fast Charging Grants program.

Round one of the EV Destination Charging Grants program is currently open, and will close on 11 November 2022. The intent of these grants is to support regional local councils and businesses with installing EV chargers to attract visitors with electric vehicles to their region. A second funding round will open in the first half of 2023. Eligible applicants from within the Northern Rivers and Northern Tablelands areas are encouraged to apply.

- * 8705 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

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

Answer—

Information about the Responsible Gambling Fund will be available in the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling annual progress report.

- * 8706 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—

- (1) I refer to the Premier's comments in a media release of 4th July 2020 and ask:
 - (a) Have you been formally briefed on the three major Powerhouse Museum projects in the last twelve months?
 - (i) If so, when and by whom and have there been deviations from ERC/Treasury's agreed cost, scale and delivery program parameters?
 - (b) Will the Powerhouse at Ultimo continue to display historical and contemporary technology, science, engineering and design?

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

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a – a. i) As part of my regular meetings, I have been briefed on Powerhouse projects by the Deputy Secretary, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, the Interim Chief Executive, Create NSW and the Chief Executive, Powerhouse. The project is being delivered in accordance with cabinet decisions.
 - (b) The renewed Powerhouse Museum Ultimo will deliver a dynamic museum exhibition program across the applied arts and applied sciences. The exhibitions will present the Powerhouse Collection and feature internationally exclusive exhibitions that will support the visitor economy.
 - (i - ii) Further programming details are subject to the finalisation of the design, planning approvals and start of construction. The NSW Government has committed to retain the Boulton & Watt Steam Engine, Catalina and Loco 1 at Ultimo. The museum will continue to share stories and add to the historical interpretation of the site from a First Nations perspective and its industrial history as a power station.
 - (c – c. i) The Powerhouse is committed to ensuring an open, accessible and inclusive program that that highlights the museum's history and legacy. The views of the community are essential to the Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal. From the initial business case development to the

development of the new Conservation Management plan, to pre-lodgement of the Stage 1 State significant development application, and during public exhibition, Create NSW and the Powerhouse Museum have invited feedback and contributions from community members, staff, Guilds and Associations, precinct partners, First Nations organisations and key government agencies to understand their respective views and ambitions for the future of the museum.

- (d – d. i) This year, the Powerhouse education and public programs team will deliver over 190 programs specifically designed for children and young people. This includes dedicated educational programs run during the school holidays, and special events to align with flagship Powerhouse programs such as Sydney Design Week and Sydney Science Festival.

A highlight of the 2022 Sydney Science Festival was Family Science Day. Presented in partnership with Western Sydney University and the City of Parramatta, people of all ages were invited to participate a range of fun and educational events including demonstrations, talks and hands-on activities.

The Lang Walker Family Academy program commenced on 2022, delivering the 'Powerhouse: Future Space' program in schools within the Blacktown, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Bankstown, Penrith and Parramatta LGAs. An innovative collaboration between the Powerhouse, Magnitude.io and the NSW Department of Education, 'Powerhouse: Future Space' connects Western Sydney students with the International Space Station and challenges them to use NASA-inspired design thinking techniques. The Powerhouse Museum school holiday program provides a range of themed workshops for families. Activities are run across Powerhouse Ultimo, Powerhouse Castle Hill and Parramatta TAFE Creative Studio, and examples include:

- Creature masks, clay faces and animal sculpture workshops where children can explore, make and play with different materials.
- Minecraft coding and building worlds, game design using Unity, Blender 3D modelling, and Stop Motion Animation with our creative resident Dinalie Dabarera.
- Creative Studio in Castle Hill and Parramatta presented by the Powerhouse and TAFE NSW, a free digital and creative skills workshop for high-school aged students in Western Sydney.

- (e) No amendment was required.

- (f) There will be no commercial development included in the renewal of the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo. The renewal will include infrastructure that extends the museum's remit and adds to the visitor amenity when visiting the Powerhouse. This includes retail and food and beverage with a combined total target area of 760 sqm and event space with a total area of 1000 sqm. The scale and proportion of these spaces relative to the square meterage of the museum has been benchmarked with international museums across the world and is proportionate in scale. The Powerhouse Museum will manage these spaces and they will contribute to the self-generated revenue that assists in the delivery of Powerhouse programs.

- (2) The renewal of the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo will include infrastructure that extends the museum's remit and adds to the visitor amenity when visiting the Powerhouse. This includes retail, food and beverage with a combined total target area of 760 sqm, and at least 15,000 sqm of exhibition and public space. Powerhouse Parramatta will include 1,074 sqm of connected retail, food and beverage, and at least 18,000 sqm of exhibition and public space. The scale and proportion of these spaces relative to the square meterage of both museums has been benchmarked with international museums across the world and is proportionate in scale.
- (3) The data for 2010 is unable to be provided. Four FTE education staff were employed by the Powerhouse in 2015 and five FTE education staff were employed by the Powerhouse in 2020.

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- (a) The data for 2010 is unable to be provided. In 2015, 46,521 school students and teachers visited the Powerhouse Museum. From March 2020 onwards all onsite education programs were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 7,603 school students and teachers visited from January to March 2020. A more direct comparison would be in 2019, when 56,786 school students and teachers visited the Powerhouse Museum.
- (4) Museums of History NSW will care for the \$1 billion State Archives Collection and some of the most important historic sites in Australia, focusing on the social, cultural, historical, and political identities of NSW. The Museums of History Act 2022 joins Sydney Living Museums with part of the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW into a new cultural institution that collects, manages, preserves and provides public access to government archives, objects, materials, buildings, places and stories that shape the historic, social, political and cultural identity of NSW. Museums of History NSW does not limit or change what the Powerhouse Museum or any other Cultural Institution delivers for the people of NSW.
- (5) The Powerhouse Castle Hill expansion is due to be completed in early 2023. The construction of Powerhouse Parramatta is well underway and is due to be completed by the end of 2024. Powerhouse Ultimo is currently undergoing planning assessment for the Stage 1 Concept state significant development application, with a national design competition now underway and due to be finalised in November.

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

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

Answer—

Prior to any decision being made, all submissions were carefully considered by the Department of Planning and Environment and as part of the Independent Review of the planning proposal.

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

- (1) (1) With respect to Bombo Quarry:
- (a) When will the Bombo quarry be spent?
- (b) Have you been briefed on the future of the Bombo quarry?
- (c) Will you ask your Department to establish a local working group to progress the redevelopment and remediation of the Bombo Quarry?
- (d) Will you ensure that the community is consulted on the future of the Bombo Quarry throughout the redevelopment and remediation process?
- (i) If so, will you establish a working group?
- (ii) Will you ensure that the community is represented on the working group?

- (iii) If you do not agree to establishing a working group, what mechanism will you support to progress the future redevelopment of Bombo Quarry?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) is working closely with Baral, as owners of the adjacent and now inactive Boral Bombo Quarry, to ensure master planning for the site takes a holistic and coordinated approach, and delivers well planned, connected and managed spaces.

Sydney Trains' quarry will remain operational until transition plans for alternate ballast and rock supply are in place.

Community views on the Bombo Quarry Precinct have been sought and considered in preparation for both the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 (adopted in May 2021) and Kiama Council Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020.

The Bombo Quarry Precinct masterplan will deliver more diverse housing, commercial and community amenities, consistent with the vision for this site outlined in these strategic plans.

TAHE will seek Council and community feedback as the planning progresses. The community will also be invited to provide formal input as set out by the Department of Planning & Environment Local Environmental Planning processes.

- * 8709 MANDATORY ON-ROAD DRIVING TESTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Specialised assessments and testing for older drivers are a long-established feature of the driver licensing system in New South Wales. The current approach to older driver licensing in New South Wales has been in place since 2008 when a suite of changes were made for drivers aged 75 years and over. These changes were designed to balance the safety of road users and the general community with the continuing independence and mobility of older drivers.
- (b) This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.
- (c) A range of different medical assessment and driver testing regimes for older drivers apply in other states and territories. Certain jurisdictions impose an on-road driving assessment requirement in particular circumstances.
- (d - f) and (i) The NSW Government's current position to retain the licensing settings in place for older drivers has been informed by recommendations made by the Older Driver Taskforce in 2011, the NSW Parliament's Staysafe Committee in 2017, and the 2018 evaluation of changes to the older driver licencing system in 2008. All of these reviews and inquiries have recommended that the current licensing settings that apply to older drivers in NSW be maintained.
- (g) Medical evidence demonstrates that advancing age correlates with a greater risk of developing medical conditions which can pose a higher risk to safe driving. Further, research shows there is a broad correlation between advancing age and potential frailty, which may also significantly reduce the ability to survive a crash. NSW road crash data shows that persons aged 70 years or more have double the likelihood of being killed in a vehicle crash when compared with fatality rates for all age groups.
- (h) From 85 years of age, drivers are required to undertake an on-road driving assessment every two years to maintain an unrestricted licence. This is an assessment of safe driving ability and looks at issues which may not be picked up in a medical assessment, including vehicle control, spatial awareness and gap selection.
- The Graduated Licensing Scheme that applies to younger drivers is designed to support learner drivers to progress to solo driving through graduated experience, restrictions and conditions. Under the Scheme, novice drivers are required to pass three tests and progress through three licensing stages. Novice drivers do not progress to the next licensing stage until they can demonstrate the relevant skills and pass the required tests.
- (j) The NSW Government does not require older drivers temporarily visiting New South Wales from other states and territories to undertake a mandatory on-road driving test. If an older driver moves to NSW permanently, they are required to comply with NSW assessment requirements.
- (k) The Older Driver Taskforce, established by the NSW Government in 2011 to review the NSW older driver licensing system, found that the current older driver licensing system strikes the right balance between mobility for older people and safety for all road users.
- Surveys conducted in 2017 as part of the evaluation of the changes to the older driver licensing system in 2008 showed that 90 per cent of older drivers and their families believed the practical driving test from age 85 was fair and 80 per cent believed it was likely to result

in safety benefits for all road users. While many different views were expressed, the licensing changes were generally well supported by older drivers and their family members and carers.

Additionally, the modified licence in New South Wales allows drivers aged 85 years and over to continue driving without the need for biannual on-road driving assessments. A modified licence allows the holder to drive certain distances within their local area to access essential services including shopping, community activities and medical appointments.

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Specialised assessments and testing for older drivers are a long-established feature of the driver licensing system in New South Wales. The current approach to older driver licensing in New South Wales has been in place since 2008 when a suite of changes were made for drivers aged 75 years and over. These changes were designed to balance the safety of road users and the general community with the continuing independence and mobility of older drivers.

A range of different medical assessment and driver testing regimes for older drivers apply in other states and territories. Certain jurisdictions impose an on-road driving assessment requirement in particular circumstances.

The NSW Government's current position to retain the licensing settings in place for older drivers has been informed by recommendations made by the Older Driver Taskforce in 2011, the NSW Parliament's Staysafe Committee in 2017, and the 2018 evaluation of changes to the older driver licencing system in 2008. All of these reviews and inquiries have recommended that the current licensing settings that apply to older drivers in NSW be maintained.

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

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

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LC 9544.

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* 8712 ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGING GRANTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) When will the successful recipients of the Electric vehicle fast charging grants round 1 be announced?
 - (a) How many applications were received in round 1?
- (2) When will round 2 open?
 - (a) What will be the quantum of this round?
- (3) Will the criteria be expanded in round 2 to include sites identified as blue zones?
- (4) Will the optimal and priority zones be expanded?

- (a) If so when?

Answer—

- (1) The announcement occurred on 23 October 2022 and is available here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/supercharges-ev-rollout>.
- (a) Nine applications were received in the first round and six were successful.
- (2) The second round of co-funding is expected to open towards the end of 2022.
- (a) The announcement of the second round will include the quantum of co-funding that will be made available in this round, and the number of stations the NSW Government plans to fund through the round.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) No
- (a) Not applicable

* 8713 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG 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) What is the maintenance backlog for schools in the Maitland electorate, disaggregated by school, as at 21 September 2022?

Answer—

The 2022/23 NSW Budget allocated an additional \$1.2 billion for planned maintenance across NSW public schools taking the total investment over the next four years to \$2.2 billion.

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

Maintenance projects are prioritised on a needs basis using data collected at the school level.

* 8714 MAITLAND LOCAL FLOOD PLAN—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) When will the Maitland Local Flood Plan be made public?
- (a) Where will it be able to be accessed from?
- (b) What has been the delay in releasing it?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Maitland City Local Flood Plan has been made public.
- (a) The Maitland City Local Flood Plan is accessible via the NSW SES at <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/media/5439/maitland-city-lfp-endorsed-may-2022.pdf>
- (b) The plan was published to the NSW SES website on 15 August 2022. It is acknowledged the publishing of the plan took longer than expected as SES staff at the time were heavily focused on ongoing operational activity across much of NSW. Processes have since been refined to ensure flood plans are published on the NSW SES website in a more timely manner.

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* 8715 SUPPORT CLASSES IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—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) How many schools in the Maitland electorate currently have support classes?
 - (a) Please disaggregate by school and the number of students that each school can take.
- (2) How many students are currently waiting for a suitable support class placement?
 - (a) What is the average wait-time for a placement?
- (3) How many additional support classes are planned for 2023?
 - (a) When will those support classes be operational and in which schools will they be located?
- (4) How many students will the additional support classes accommodate?

Answer—

- (1) Fourteen schools in the Maitland Electorate currently have support classes.

The number of students each support class can accommodate is calculated on the maximum number specified for each type of support class and will vary based on the factor of need of current students in these classes at a particular time. Schools for Specific Purposes have students with higher factors of need.

Disability classes, abbreviations and maximum class sizes in the Maitland Electorate include:

Mild intellectual disability	IM	Up to 18 students
Moderate intellectual disability	IO	Up to 10
Severe intellectual disability	IS	Up to 10
Behaviour disorder	BD	Up to seven
Emotional disturbance	ED	Up to seven
Autism	AU	Up to seven
Hearing Impairment	H	Up to nine
Early Intervention	EI	Up to 21 across a week
Multi-categorical	MC	Up to 10
Tutorial (Behaviour Disorder)	TUT	Up to seven

Name of school	Number and type of support classes Please note: Numbers indicated are a maximum
Francis Greenway High School	AU x 2, ED x 1, IM x 2, IO/IS x 1 and MC x 2 classes
Hunter River Community School	IO/IS x 8 and MC x 3 classes
Maitland East Public School	MC x 3 classes

Maitland Grossman High School	AU x 1, ED, H and MC classes
Maitland High School	ED x 1, IO x 1 and MC x 6 classes
Maitland Public School	ED, IM and MC classes
Metford Public School	MC x 3 classes
Rutherford Public School	AU and MC x 2 classes
Rutherford High School	AU, ED x 3, IM x 2, IO, TUT x 2 and MC classes
Telarah Public School	EI and ED x 2 classes
Tenambit Public School	ED, H and MC classes
Thornton Public Scholl	ED class
Woodberry Learning Centre (SSP)	BD x 3 class
Woodberry Public School	ED x 2 and MC x 2 classes

- (2) The number of students who are currently unable to be placed in a suitable support class placement in the Maitland electorate for the 2022 school year is 23.

How long a student waits for placement varies depending on their need; therefore, an average is unable to be provided. Student placement decisions are informed by a deep understanding of student support options, evidence of assessed educational and access needs of students and the impact or support or interventions.

- (3. – 4.) There are currently nine new support classes planned for Term 1 2023. The following table indicates in which schools they will be located.

Name of School	New support classes planned for 2023
Rutherford Technology High School	2 classes (MC, ED)
Maitland Grossman High School	1 class (MC)
Francis Greenway High School	1 class (MC)
Ashtonfield Public School	1 class (AU)
Bolwarra Public School	1 class (MC)
East Maitland Public School	1 class (MC)
Woodberry Public School	1 class (MC)
Thornton Public School	1 class (AU)

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* 8716 PAEDIATRIC WORKING PARTY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) When was the paediatric working party at Maitland Hospital established?
 - (a) How many people form the working party?
 - (i) Who are they?
 - (b) How often does the paediatric working party meet?
 - (i) Who does the party report to?
- (2) What recommendations has the working party made?
 - (a) Have these recommendations been implemented?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) How many emergency staff have completed the paediatric specific skills training day?
 - (a) What does the training consist of?
 - (b) How many staff are yet to complete the training?
 - (i) When will training be conducted?
- (4) Are emergency department staff replaced when they attend the training day?
- (5) How many treatment spaces are in the paediatric zone at Maitland Hospital?
- (6) When did the emergency department paediatric zone open?

Answer—

(1. – 4.) Maitland Hospital Emergency Department established a paediatric working party to help improve care provided to paediatric patients. This working party is made up of department leads and key clinical staff and meets weekly, with any concerns escalated to the hospital executive leadership team.

Most of the recommendations made by the working party are in the process of being implemented.

Paediatric specific training has commenced and is ongoing, and provides education and training in paediatric assessment, treatment and clinical skills.

All staff who participate in this training are allocated a study day, and their shifts in the ED are covered by other arrangements.

(5. – 6.) The Emergency Department paediatric zone opened in July 2022. The number of treatment spaces do not reflect the volume and quality of health services delivered to patients in hospital or in the community.

* 8717 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION SHORTAGES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Is there a shortage of prescription medications at Maitland Hospital?
 - (a) If so, which medications?
- (2) Are prescription medicine shortages prolonging patient's hospital stay?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure public hospitals have adequate prescription medications for patients?

Answer—

(1. a – 2.) No

- (3) NSW Health has a comprehensive and integrated process for identification of potential and actual medication shortages. This includes identification of shortages through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) website, or through direct supplier notifications. All NSW public hospitals can report any acute shortages directly to the Clinical Excellence Commission.

Further, the NSW Health Policy Directive [Coordination of responses to urgent system-level medicine or medical device issues \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health-and-care-services/clinical-excellence/coordination-of-responses-to-urgent-system-level-medicine-or-medical-device-issues) outlines a framework that supports timely, effective, systematic and coordinated responses to medicine or medical device issues that present a potentially high or extreme risk to patient safety or system performance. Other actions can include quarantining and restricting available stock to priority areas, sourcing alternatives from local suppliers or importing under the TGA Special Access Scheme or Section 19A, as well as inter- and intra- Local Health District/Speciality Health Network stock transfers.

* 8718 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBL TAXI INTEREST FREE LOANS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many applications have been received under the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT Loan Scheme) in each financial year since 2015?
- (a) How many were successful?
- (b) How many were unsuccessful?
- (i) Why were they unsuccessful?
- (c) What is the quantum of the successful applications?
- (2) What is the quantum of the remaining funds in the funding pool?
- (3) How many Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) licences have been granted each financial year since 2015?
- (a) Please disaggregate by Local Government Area.
- (b) Please disaggregate by postcode.
- (4) How many licenses were not renewed after their 10 year term?
- (5) How many WAT vehicles are currently operating in New South Wales?
- (a) Please disaggregate by Local Government Area.
- (b) Please disaggregate by postcode.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) Loan Scheme was introduced during the 2016/2017 financial year, and received a total of 208 applications. Of these applications, 56 were successful and 152 were unsuccessful.
- Applications were deemed unsuccessful if they failed to meet one or more of the WAT Loan Scheme's assessment criteria.
- (2) More than \$4 million in loan funding has been issued to successful applicants. As of September 2022, approximately \$2.3 million was available in the funding pool.
- (3. – 5.) Since November 2017, 940 WAT licences were transitioned under the Point to Point transport law. Of those licences, 617 were licenced for Sydney and 323 were licenced for outside Sydney.

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* 8719 WAIT TIMES AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL AND NSW HOSPITALS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What is the longest wait time for any patient in the Maitland Hospital in the last 12 months, from their initial presentation at Triage to either admission to the hospital, treatment or discharge?
- (2) What is the longest wait time for any patient in a New South Wales public hospital in the last 12 months, from their initial presentation at Triage to either admission to the hospital, treatment or discharge?

Answer—

- (1. -2.) The Bureau of Health Information regularly reports on median wait times and 90th percentile wait times for patients who were treated and discharged, and treated and admitted to hospital. Results can be broken down by hospital or state level. More information is available at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal>

* 8720 STAMP DUTY IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) What was the Stamp Duty income received from the following postcodes during the 2021-2022 financial year:
 - (a) 2320
 - (b) 2321
 - (c) 2322
 - (d) 2323
 - (e) 2324
 - (f) 2326
 - (g) 2334
 - (h) 2335
 - (i) 2421
 - (j) 2000

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) \$48,503,715
 - (b) \$27,317,706
 - (c) \$34,109,553
 - (d) \$16,064,983
 - (e) \$29,738,563
 - (f) \$3,379,574
 - (g) \$2,677,313
 - (h) \$12,590,419
 - (i) \$2,598,232
 - (j) \$1,545,797,979

* 8722 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE INVESTMENT—Mr Stephen Bali to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Which schools in the Blacktown electorate are being considered to access the NSW Budget 2022/23 announced \$2.2 billion over 4 years for planned maintenance school investment program?
- (2) Which schools in the Blacktown electorate are being considered to access the NSW Government announced \$8.6 billion over the next 4 years including the delivery of 160 new and upgraded schools?

Answer—

- (1) The maintenance of NSW public schools is an ongoing program of works and a well-defined strategy ensures all statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant. The NSW Government's investment in planned maintenance across NSW public school will ensure that every school benefits from this program.
- (2) The NSW Government has invested significantly in public education infrastructure across Western Sydney.

All projects funded for delivery are detailed in 2022/23 NSW Budget Paper 3 –Infrastructure Statement including a new high school in Marsden Park and primary schools at Melonba and Nirimba Fields, as well as upgrades to Schofields Public School, Glenwood High School, John Palmer Public School, Rouse Hill High School and Galungara Public School (Stage 2).

This continues the NSW Government's historic school building program with 200 new and upgraded school projects delivered since 2011 and a further 118 in planning, design or construction.

* 8723 LAND HOLDINGS AT CAMERON PARK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Does the Department of Education continue to own the following two land holdings in Cameron Park as at 21 September 2022 which will be used for future educational needs:
 - (a) Lot 1121 DP 1053815 (corner of Jupiter Circuit and Constitution Drive)?
 - (b) Lot 793 DP 1094413 (fronting Portland Drive)?

Answer—

The Department of Education owns Lot 1121 DP 1053815 and Lot 793 DP 1094413.

* 8724 SOCIAL HOUSING PROVIDERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) With regard community and/or social housing providers in the Cessnock Electorate as at 31 August 2022:
 - (a) How many properties are owned by:
 - (i) Home in Place?
 - (ii) Pacific Link Housing?
 - (iii) Hume Community Housing?
 - (b) How many properties are managed by:
 - (i) Home in Place?
 - (ii) Pacific Link Housing?

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- (iii) Hume Community Housing?
- (c) How many properties for each provider are vacant?
 - (i) What are the reasons for the vacancies?
- (d) Are there any other providers?
 - (i) Who are they?
 - (ii) How many properties do they own?
 - (iii) How many properties do they manage?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a. – b.) This data is not available, as Community Housing Providers (CHPs) may have properties that they have purchased outright, are funded solely by the Commonwealth (e.g. Specialist Disability Accommodation through NDIS) or are managed on a fee for service arrangement on behalf of another organisation and are not required to be reported to the DCJ.
 - (c) Occupancy rates range from 95-98%:
 - (i) Vacancies can occur for a range of reasons; the main reason being that a property is undergoing minor or major works, prior to being re-let to the next tenant. Other reasons include a property is pending sale or redevelopment, is subject to a statutory vacancy period requirement of the Sherriff's Office, or is being held vacant pending its occupancy by a homelessness program client.
 - (d) See above response to (a) & (b)

* 8725 DUAL QUALIFIED NURSE PARAMEDICS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many dual qualified nurse paramedics are currently employed by NSW Health?
- (2) Which Health Districts are the dual qualified nurse paramedics employed in?
- (3) How many nurse paramedics are currently completing their training?
 - (a) How long does it take to complete the training to become a dual qualified nurse paramedic?
 - (b) Which Health Districts are they completing their training in?

Answer—

- (1. – 3.) NSW Ambulance employs paramedics that have attained registration with the Paramedicine Board of Australia following completion of a Board recognised qualification. All NSW Ambulance paramedics and nurses are highly trained and equipped to safely provide a range of interventions and treatment to patients.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce based on local health district boundaries.

* 8726 PRIVATE HOSPITALS PERFORMING OPERATIONS ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With regards to private hospitals performing operations on behalf of the public health system:
 - (a) How many operations were performed between:
 - (i) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
 - (ii) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?

(2) How many operations were performed at private hospitals located in the Hunter New England Local Health District over the above periods?

(a) Which private hospitals were involved in this service?

Answer—

(1. – 2.) The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) reports on elective surgeries performed in NSW, including how many surgeries were performed by private hospitals. More information can be found at <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>.

I am advised that detail on individual private facilities within local health districts is not available.

* 8728 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

(1) With regard Cessnock District Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) shifts:

(a) How many whole shifts had no VMOs in attendance for:

(i) April 2022

(ii) May 2022

(iii) June 2022

(iv) July 2022?

(v) August 2022?

(b) How many partial shifts had no VMOs in attendance for:

(i) April 2022

(ii) May 2022

(iii) June 2022

(iv) July 2022?

(v) August 2022?

(c) Was the ED closed at any time to presenting patients during these periods due to the lack of VMOs?

(i) If yes, how many times?

Answer—

(1. a. – b.) I refer the member to the response provided at LC 8298 and LA 8729.

(c) No

* 8729 DOCTORS AND VISITING RIGHTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

(1) As at 1 July 2022:

(a) How many Doctors are licenced/approved/permitted with visiting rights to attend patients at Cessnock District Hospital?

(b) How many of these attended during 2021-2022?

(c) How many of these attended during 2020-2021?

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- (d) How many of these attended during 2019-2020?
- (2) How many Doctors are licenced/approved/permited with visiting rights to attend patients at Kurri Kurri Hospital?
- (a) How many of these attended during 2021-2022?
- (b) How many of these attended during 2020-2021?
- (c) How many of these attended during 2019-2020?
- (3) How many doctors without visiting rights applied for visiting rights to attend Cessnock District Hospital in:
- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2020-2021?
- (c) 2019-2020?
- (i) How many were approved in each of these periods?
- (4) How many doctors without visiting rights applied for visiting rights to attend Kurri Kurri Hospital in:
- (a) 2021-2022?
- (b) 2020-2021?
- (c) 2019-2020?
- (i) How many were approved in each of these periods?

Answer—

- (1. -4.) General Practitioners (GPs) are appointed as Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) to provide services and have visiting rights. If a doctor is not available on site, Hunter New England Local Health District hospitals have business continuity plans in place where skilled nurses and clinicians use the virtual online medical support system - My Emergency Doctor.

The District always prioritises medical officers on-site. My Emergency Doctor will also provide relief and support to local GP VMOs, especially when they go on leave or are unavailable. The District anticipates that having this support available may attract some GPs to provide services who do not currently have a contract with the hospital.

When appointing a GP VMO, an assessment of the medical practitioner skills and qualifications is undertaken to determine their suitability for the role.

- * 8730 AUDIO TACTILE ROAD MARKINGS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regard to audio tactile line markings, otherwise known as rumble strips:
- (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 regional State roads and/or what kilometre distance of total regional State roads have rumble strips installed?
- (c) What plans are in place to further expand rumble strips on New South Wales regional 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Audio Tactile Line Marking can reduce the likelihood of crashes associated with fatigue and distraction. It is estimated to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries where a vehicle leaves the road by between 15 and 25 per cent.

In the 2022/23 Financial Year, \$16 million has been allocated to rumble strips under the Saving Lives Accelerated Package (ATLM Mass Action Program). As at 28 September 2022, 347 kilometres of rumble strip has been delivered under this program.

As part of the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan, the NSW Government has invested \$822 million in the Safer Roads Program, including \$640 million for Saving Lives on Country Roads. This program delivers road safety infrastructure, including rumble strips on NSW regional roads. In August 2022, the NSW Government announced a further \$196 million to the Safer Roads Program.

The initiatives are delivered through the Community Road Safety Fund, which ensures every dollar generated from road safety camera-detected offences goes back into delivery of road safety initiatives.

- * 8731 PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regards to funds raised through the Passenger Service Levy for the purposes of providing industry assistance:
- (a) What value of funds has been utilised as at 21 September 2022?
- (b) How many authorised taxi and booking service providers have received funds as at 21 September 2022?
- (i) What is the maximum amount received by an individual provider?
- (ii) What is the average amount received per provider?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 21 September 2022, more than \$145 million has been paid out under industry assistance schemes to help the taxi and hire car industry adjust to the point to point transport reforms.

Information about the payments made is available on the Transport for NSW website.

- * 8732 SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY—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—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a recent survey of Southern Cross University (SCU) staff conducted by the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU)?
- (2) If yes, is the Minister aware the results show:
- (a) 82% of all respondents said they experience at least one psychosocial hazard often or always;
- (b) 44% of current staff said they are likely or very likely to seek medical advice for work-related stress;
- (c) 46% current staff said they are likely or very likely to take sick leave for work-related stress;
- (d) 65% of academic staff said they can rarely or never complete all their work within their allocated hours;

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- (e) 40% of professional staff said they can rarely or never complete all their work within their allocated hours;
 - (f) 63% of respondents rated the workplace culture at SCU as negative or extremely negative;
 - (g) 36% of current staff said they are likely or very likely to resign from SCU?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of Southern Cross University's new course delivery model, which entails 6 semesters, each of 6 weeks duration (6 x 6 model)?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) In relation to 2 (iv) and (v) above, is the Minister aware respondents to the Survey identified Southern Cross University's 6 x 6 model as a significant contributor to their work intensification, and their unsustainable and unachievable workloads?
- (5) What action has the Minister taken to address concerns about the wellbeing, work health and safety of staff?
- (6) Is the Minister aware of any steps being taken to address staff wellbeing, and work health and safety concerns identified by the Survey?
- (a) If yes, what steps?
- (7) Regarding the appointment of the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Southern Cross University, and with reference to the University of Southern Cross Act 1993, can the Minister advise:
- (a) was a competitive selection process conducted for the appointment of the VC? If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what was the process?
 - (c) If not, what process was conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

Southern Cross University, like all NSW public universities, is an administratively autonomous institution that is regulated by the Commonwealth's Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

The university has full responsibility for decision-making across teaching, learning, curriculum and staffing, within the bounds of the Commonwealth's regulatory system. It is TEQSA's responsibility to ensure universities comply with the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework, including around university governance and accountability.

Under Section 13 of the Southern Cross University Act 1993 (NSW), the Vice-Chancellor is appointed by the Southern Cross University Council. The Minister for Skills and Training has no role in the appointment process for the role of Vice-Chancellor.

* 8733 NSW GOVERNMENT OFFICES ENERGY USE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) Are Government offices and other institutions required to turn off lights and air conditioning outside of business hours?
- (2) What measures is the Government taking to reduce energy use in Government offices and institutions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government does not have a requirement specifically singling out after-hours lighting and air conditioning use. Rather, the NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP) sets energy savings targets. There is a wide variety of strategies that government entities may use to reduce energy use, such as improved building management, enhanced building controls and the installation of more efficient equipment, as well as controlling after hours energy use.
- (2) Since 2019, the GREP requires government owned offices to achieve a minimum NABERS (National Australian Built Environment System) of 5 stars. NABERS energy ratings assess the energy efficiency of a building based on its operational performance. This is the highest energy efficiency standard for government office buildings in Australia and improvements have been achieved through energy efficiency projects, such as replacement LED lighting, and monitoring and metering systems to turn off unnecessary lighting and air conditioning after hours. Buildings that the NSW Government leases from the market are also required to achieve a 5 stars NABERS energy rating in Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle, and a 4.5 stars NABERS energy in regional NSW.

In addition, NSW Government agencies are working to implement energy efficiency measures on other types of buildings including public hospitals, schools, tertiary education campuses (TAFE) and Museums.

Since the GREP was introduced in 2012, NSW Government agencies have saved over 600 million kilowatt-hours of energy.

* 8734 ALLAN APARTMENTS, NOBBYS ROAD NEWCASTLE EAST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many times have Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) repaired the foyer door at Allan Apartments, Nobbys Road, Newcastle East in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018;
 - (c) 2019;
 - (d) 2020;
 - (e) 2021 and;
 - (f) 2022?
- (2) How much money has LAHC spent on repairing the foyer door and intercom at the Allan apartments Nobbys Road, Newcastle East in each of the following years?
- (3) Has LAHC requested that the Department of Communities take, action against the person responsible for damaging the door?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) 2017 - Nil
 - (b) 2018 – 3 times
 - (c) 2019 – 2 times
 - (d) 2020 – 2 times
 - (e) 2021 – Nil
 - (f) 2022 – 4 times

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- (2)
- (a) 2017 - Nil
 - (b) 2018 - \$1,401
 - (c) 2019 - \$391
 - (d) 2020 - \$644
 - (e) 2021 - Nil
 - (f) 2022 - \$1,658
- (3) To date, there is no evidence of who is responsible for damaging the doors. On each occasion that LAHC has been made aware of damage to the doors it has liaised with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). DCJ has also discussed this issue with local police.

* 8735 STOCKTON BEACH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Has the Coastal Council assessed the mass sand nourishment options to address erosion at Stockton Beach?
- (a) If so, is there advice publicly available?
 - (i) If so, where?
- (2) Has the Coastal Council assessed the volume of sand required to deliver mass sand nourishment to address erosion at Stockton Beach?
- (a) If so, is there advice publicly available?
 - (i) If so, where?
- (3) Will any future reviews of mass sand nourishment at Stockton Beach be conducted by the Minister, the Department or the Coastal Council?
- (4) The NSW Coastal Council advised the former Minister for Local Government on 27 Nov 2019 that Department of Planning Industry and Environment should be directed to provide an assessment on sand nourishment using quarry sand at Stockton Beach, has this report been completed?
- (a) If so, where can a copy of the report be found?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The certified Stockton CMP 2020 outlines mass nourishment as the primary action to restore beach amenity and protect assets at Stockton Beach. The City of Newcastle is investigating sand sources and opportunities to implement key actions in the Stockton CMP 2020.
- (2) See answer to (1).
- (3) See answer to (1).
- (4) This was a suggestion put forward by the Coastal Council at the time. For more information, see answer to (1).

* 8736 RED LIGHT CAMERA DONALD STREET HAMILTON—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

Is the government proceeding with the installation of a new red light speed camera on Donald Street, Hamilton?

Answer—

I am advised:

The installation of the fixed red-light speed camera at the intersection of Donald and Beaumont streets, Hamilton, is almost complete and is expected to go live in the coming weeks.

As with all red-light speed camera locations in NSW, the new enforcement camera in Hamilton will be clearly signposted. The new camera will operate in warning mode for one month during which time drivers caught speeding or running red lights will be sent a warning letter to encourage them to change their behaviour.

* 8737 TAFE NSW FINANCIAL INCENTIVES—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—

- (1) Is TAFE NSW's Leadership team provided financial incentives to remain under budget each year?
 - (i) If so, what are the financial incentives?

Answer—

I am advised:

No

* 8738 FREIGHT MOVEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) For the last five years what is the quantity of freight that travels over the Liverpool Range between Willow Tree and Murrurundi by:
 - (a) heavy vehicles;
 - (b) freight trains?
- (2) What are the likely volumes for 2022?
- (3) What are the predicted volumes for the next five years?
- (4) Of that freight what percentage would pass through Newcastle by each mode both eastbound and westbound?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW uses data and assumptions to forecast the total freight volumes expected to move on road and rail, and does not have historical data on the actual quantities on specific corridors. This information is held by individual operators.
- (2. – 3.) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW Open Data Hub.
- (4) Freight forecasts are based on origin and destination at the Statistical Area 3 level, which does not include movements where the Statistical Area 3 is not the origin or destination. As such, the data cannot be interpreted to estimate the percentage of through traffic.

* 8739 CENTRAL WEST PUMPED STORAGE HYDRO PROJECT—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) At what stage of the approval process is the proposed Central West Pumped Storage Hydro Project near Yetholme?
 - (a) What community consultation has taken place with regards to this project?

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- (b) How much stored energy will the project be capable of delivering if online?
- (c) What is the anticipated completion date of the project?
- (d) What is the expected cost of the project?

Answer—

- (1) The Energy Corporation of NSW awarded grants to five pumped hydro projects under the Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program to support delivery of the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, including ATCO's 325 megawatt/2600 megawatt hour Central West Pumped Hydro project.
 - (a) Questions relating to the assessment and approval of pumped hydro projects under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 including enquiries relating to community consultation are a matter for the Minister for Planning.
 - (b. – d) Project details including cost information have been provided by ATCO to the Energy Corporation of NSW as part of a confidential application and assessment process.

For up to date information on key project details including information on the expected project completion date, please refer to ATCO's project webpage at <https://www.atco.com/en-au/projects/central-west-pumped-hydro-project.html>.

* 8740 AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES FOR THE SES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Considering the recent extreme weather events both coastal and inland, will the Government consider the procurement of and/or research and trailing of Amphibious Vehicles for the New South Wales State Emergency Service?
 - (a) Is the Minister aware the use of such a vehicle would dramatically increase the unit capability of the SES and make their activities more effective and safe?

Answer—

NSW SES continually evaluates capability requirements and follows defined processes to enhance operational response through their Capability Framework model. The Capability Framework model provides access to understand capability gaps, incorporating consideration of risks and consequences, new and emerging ideas, equipment, and technologies, that inform capability requirements. This Framework ensures the NSW SES embraces continuous improvement, innovation, and research.

* 8741 CARDIOPULMONARY RESCUSCITATION AND FIRST AID—Mr Philip Donato 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 public schools in the state offer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid courses as part studies?
- (2) How many schools have direct access to a Defibrillator?
- (3) What measures are the Government putting in place in schools to ensure education on and access to CPR and Defibrillators?

Answer—

- (1) First aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training may be studied by students as learning experiences in line with syllabus requirements and curriculum delivery. The Department of Education does not collect data regarding participation in this kind of training.
- (2) There are currently 1,020 schools in NSW that have purchased and registered ownership of Defibrillators.

It is a departmental requirement that all NSW government schools arrange for annual CPR Training. While this training is not mandatory for all school staff, it is strongly recommended that a significant proportion of school staff attend and complete the training. The Department has also published guidelines to provide advice and support to schools considering the purchase of defibrillators as first aid equipment.

The mandatory Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) K–10 Syllabus provides opportunities for all students to learn about the actions they can take in emergency situations, with a consistent focus on how to access expert assistance and the DRSABCD strategy. Knowing what defibrillation is and its role in emergency care is a specific action of this strategy.

* 8742 CARRINGTON ROAD WESTERN CHANNEL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Does Sydney Water have plans to raise the height of the banks of the Western stormwater channel that runs parallel to Carrington Road, Marrickville, on the western side?
- (2) If so, what plans are in place and when will they be actioned?

Answer—

Under the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy, local councils are responsible for developing flood plain risk management plans (FRMP) for the catchments within their jurisdiction

The Marrickville Valley FRMP did not identify a flood modification measure requiring Sydney Water to raise the heights of the banks of the western stormwater channel that runs parallel to Carrington Road.

* 8743 EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) What specific programs has the Government put in place to support the recruitment, training and retention of people with disability in New South Wales?
- (2) What specific actions are in place to increase employment for people with disability within the New South Wales Public service?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government activities in relation to employment of people with disability are published in the Australia's Disability Strategy-Targeted Action Plan -Employment document available at <https://www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/document/3151>. This document also lists the activities of other states and territories and the Commonwealth, which has primary responsibility for disability employment support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Disability Employment Services and support for Australian Disability Enterprises.

At 30 June 2022, there are approximately 95,000 working age NDIS participants in NSW (15 years plus) and each of these has the potential for specific funding for capacity building to support employment outcomes. The NSW Government supports efforts of the National Disability Insurance Agency to engage on employment goals at each NDIS plan review point.

Specific disability employment activities of NSW agencies and local councils will be listed in their respective Disability Inclusion Action Plans. Coordination of work across NSW Government agencies to achieve the Premier's Priority of building a world-class public service and ensuring 5.6 per cent of government sector roles are held by people with a disability is being led by the NSW Public Service Commission.

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), in particular, has taken extensive steps to reduce barriers to employment and career progression for people with disability:

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- DCJ participated again in the Australian Network on Disability's (AND) Access and Inclusion Index, a national benchmarking index for the maturity of an organisation's access and inclusion policies. DCJ was the only organisation to top the index in three different areas -commitment, career development and workplace adjustments. DCJ's Disability Employee Network, which DCJ funds, won the Inaugural Disability Employee Network of the Year at AND's Disability Confidence Awards.
- DCJ continues to maintain its Australian Network on Disability -Disability Confident Recruiter status, one of few government agencies to do so. This means DCJ's recruitment and selection practices have been independently validated as accessible and inclusive.
- DCJ undertook a behavioural analysis to identify and test new ways to encourage employees to share their diversity data and improve completion rates in 2022. The pilot findings recommended a new behaviourally based communications approach that has been implemented across DCJ, and should significantly improve overall diversity response rates.
- DCJ closely monitors its employee perceptions of workplace adjustments. In 2021, 69 per cent of employees reported that their manager demonstrates a commitment to meeting the needs of employees with disability who require a workplace adjustment, a 4 per cent improvement from the previous year. It is anticipated that the introduction in September 2022 of the Workplace Adjustment Passport (employees record their adjustment needs) will improve this score further.

* 8744 PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding allocated for public libraries in the 2022-2023 State Budget?
- (2) What is the total amount spent on public libraries funding in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2019?
 - (e) 2017-2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for the Arts.

* 8745 CATARACT SURGERY WAIT TIMES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the current wait-time for cataract surgery in New South Wales?
- (2) How many patients are currently on the wait list for cataract surgery in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Wait times are allocated according to a patient's clinical urgency, with the most urgent patients seen first.
- (2) The Bureau of Health Information provides quarterly updates on waitlist numbers by local health district and on elective surgery activity and performance. More information is available at: <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>.

* 8746 FERRY MASTERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many Masters have been made redundant in the following time periods (financial years):
 - (a) 2020/2021?
 - (b) 2021/2022?
- (2) How many Masters have been made redundant in the following time periods (financial years):
 - (a) 2020/2021?
 - (b) 2021/2022?
- (3) How many Outer Harbour Masters have been made redundant in the following time periods (financial years):
 - (a) 2020/2021?
 - (b) 2021/2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ferry Master redundancies are a matter for Transdev as the operator of the ferries.

* 8747 SOUTH MARRICKVILLE STORMWATER NETWORK—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

What is the current maintenance schedule for:

- (1) Desilting stormwater channels?
- (2) Removing obstacles from stormwater channels?
- (3) Clearing Sydney Water-owned intake pipes to the channels?
- (4) Clearing the Gross Water Pollutant Trap at the Cooks River and Carrington Road?
- (5) Clearing and maintaining the water pump at the north end of Carrington Road?
- (6) Clearing and maintaining the water pump at the south end of Carrington Road?

Answer—

- (1) Sydney Water has a silt removal program to thoroughly clean large-scale build-up of silt within its stormwater channels. The program is designed to maintain the hydraulic capacity of the channel. These silt removal works are carried out every 12-18 months, depending on the level of silt build up in the channel. Any issues with stormwater channels are identified through three-monthly inspections, post flooding inspections, and specific customer requests. The last clean of the channel along Carrington Road was undertaken in May-June 2022. During this clean approximately 80 tonnes of silt was removed from the channel.
- (2) A regular inspection program is carried out every three months to check for a build-up of materials which may cause blockages and identify any other problems which may be present. Any identified blockages are removed to ensure the system is working as designed. Sydney Water also inspects the channel following flood events and removes obstacles as reported by customers.
- (3) Sydney Water is responsible for the trunk drainage in this area. Inner West Council is responsible for street drainage and intake pipes. There is a 10-yearly traverse program to assess Sydney Water's covered stormwater assets which includes a CCTV program. Any blockages identified in these inspections are removed soon after. Any remedial or repair works are planned within the capital works program.

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- (4) The trash rack located at Mackey Park, being the Cooks River Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT), is cleaned weekly. The trash rack located along Carrington Road is cleaned monthly. During wet weather, these GPTs are not safe to clean due to access issues. Cleaning resumes once it is safe. The Mackey Park GPT was recently cleaned on 24 and 30 September 2022, with 6m³ removed on each occasion. The Carrington Road GPT was recently cleaned on 29 August and 23 September, with 4.98 tonnes and 3.78 tonnes removed respectively.
- (5) The drainage pumping station at the northern end of Carrington Road diverts some stormwater flows from the Central Channel to the Eastern Channel to help reduce flooding in the area. Levels in the pumping station wet well and the status of the pumps are continually monitored using Sydney Water's remote monitoring system. Any changes to normal operations will raise an alarm and a job will be issued for maintenance crews to investigate and repair as required.
- (6) The pumping station at the southern end of Carrington Road pumps flows from the main channel into the Cooks River to help reduce flooding in the area. There is a trash rack at the inlet works to the pumping station in Mackey Park which is inspected and cleaned monthly to ensure that the pumping station operates as designed. Levels in the pumping station wet well and status of the pumps are continually monitored using Sydney Water's remote monitoring system. Any changes to normal operations will raise an alarm and a job will be issued for maintenance crews to investigate and repair as required.

* 8748 COOKS RIVER BANKS NATURALISATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding spent on the naturalisation of the banks of the Cooks River in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
 - (c) 2020-2021?
 - (d) 2021-2022?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding allocated on the naturalisation of the banks of the Cooks River in 2022-2023?

Answer—

The Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Lands does not hold this information as a number of NSW Government agencies have provided funding to support naturalisation of banks of the Cooks River over this period.

* 8749 OUT-OF-SCOPE TAP IN APPLICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) How many out-of-scope tap in applications have been submitted to Sydney Water in:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2021-2022?
 - (d) 2022-2023 (to date)?
- (2) What is the total amount of revenue in associated fees collected by Sydney Water in relation to these applications in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2020-2021?

- (c) 2021-2022?
- (d) 2022-2023 (to date)?
- (3) What is the average wait-time for these applications to be assessed in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019-2020?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2021-2022?
 - (d) 2022-2023 (to date)?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) 2019-2020 - 544
 - (b) 2020-2021 - 413
 - (c) 2021-2022 - 370
 - (d) 2022-2023 - 89
- (2)
 - (a) 2019-2020 - (e-Developer Application) \$152,657.28 + (Tap in Application) \$10,836.48
 - (b) 2020-2021 - (e-Developer Application) \$112,451.64 + (Tap in Application) \$7,281.19
 - (c) 2021-2022 - (e-Developer Application) \$102,974.70 + (Tap in Application) \$6,667.40
 - (d) 2022-2023 - (e-Developer Application) \$26,328.87 + (Tap in Application) \$1,705.24

Since mid-2021, developers are required to pay for time spent for additional engineering assessments prior to the final Conditional Approval being issued (2021-22 - \$115,000, 2022-23 expected \$160,000).

- (3)

Note: Applications are submitted under Adjustment/Deviation, so response times include a 50/50 mix of Out-of-Scope Building Plan Approval and Adjustment/Deviation applications. The response time also includes time waiting for additional information requested by Sydney Water to be submitted by the developer/Water Servicing Coordinator.

 - (a) 2019-2020 – 58.5 days
 - (b) 2020-2021 – 71.2 days
 - (c) 2021-2022 – 85.5 days
 - (d) 2022-2023 (to date) – Full data on responses for the current financial year is limited, precluding an adequate calculation.

* 8750 SYDNEY WATER SERVICING CO-ORDINATORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Why was the assessment of out-of-scope tap-in applications outsourced in 2020?
- (2) How many Sydney Water Servicing Coordinators are currently accredited to undertake these assessments in New South Wales?
- (3) Are fees charged by Sydney Water Servicing Coordinators regulated in New South Wales? How?

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Answer—

- (1) This is incorrect.
- (2) There are 35 Water Servicing Coordinator companies.
- (3) Water Servicing Coordinators are privately owned businesses and set their own charging rates. Customers have choice of providers and are encouraged to shop around.

* 8751 BATEMANS BAY MARINA—Dr Michael Holland to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2017 to maintain a safe environment for the public at the Batemans Bay Marina?
- (2) Have all the safety issues highlighted in the Elfcom Electrical Inspection Report (2019) been rectified?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Batemans Bay Marina is the responsibility of the Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office within Transport for NSW. This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport.

* 8752 EUROBODALLA HOSPITAL—Dr Michael Holland to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) How much of the allocated \$260m budget for the development of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be used to upgrade existing facilities, such as works being undertaken at the Moruya District Hospital?
- (2) How much of the budget referred to in (1) is being spent on the current improvement to Emergency and Close Observation services?
- (3) What further costs are expected to be extracted from this budget to assist in infrastructure related projects not on the site of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital?
- (4) What does the NSW Department for Health have planned for the current Moruya District Hospital site once the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is open?

Answer—

- (1. – 4.) The \$260 million new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital budget includes an allocation of \$2 million for upgrades to the existing Moruya Hospital Emergency Department and Close Observation Unit. The reason for this upgrade, while the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is being built, is to provide an opportunity to boost the capability of staff in readiness for the opening of the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital as a Level 4 facility,

The upgrades at Moruya Hospital form part of the overall budget for the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. No additional upgrade work is required at Moruya Hospital to support the transition to the new hospital.

Following the opening of the New Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, disposal of the decommissioned Moruya and Batemans Bay Hospital sites will be managed in accordance with NSW Government property disposal guidelines.

* 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—

- (1) When is the Moruya High School Support Unit upgrade project expected to begin?

- (2) Has the project been put to tender?
 - (a) If so, where can the tender be found?
- (3) If the tender has already been awarded, to who has it been awarded?
- (4) What is the estimated total cost of the project (as of 21 September 2022)?
- (5) How much was originally allocated to the Moruya High School Support Unit upgrade in the 2020/21 NSW Budget?
- (6) How has the scope of works been amended to meet Local Council and Fire Authority conditions?

Answer—

- (1) A commencement and completion time frame will be negotiated with the successful tenderer.
- (2) Yes
 - (a) The tender was released as a closed tender on the NSW e-tendering website.
- (3) Tender submissions have been reviewed and a preferred tender identified.
- (4) The budget is Commercial in Confidence until the tender has been awarded.
- (5) Expenditure on all major projects is outlined in NSW Budget Paper 3 –Infrastructure Statement and published in the Department of Education’s Annual Report.
- (6) As part of the development consent process the Department was required to provide a stormwater retention system and additional hard stand for emergency vehicles as part of the design.

* 8754 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CONSENTS—Dr Michael Holland to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many development application consents are now considered 'Zombie' or 'Sleeping' developments in the Bega electorate prior to the introduction of the 5-year consent lapsing period?
- (2) What is the location of these development consents in (1)?
- (3) Has the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) received any representations from (a) individuals, (b) community groups and (c) council about 'zombie' developments in the Bega electorate since March 2011?
 - (a) If so, what has the DPE advised in relation to (3) (a)-(c)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) ‘Zombie’ or ‘Sleeping’ development consents are generally local developments approved by councils. Councils are responsible for considering whether development has commenced and therefore if a development consent remains valid. As such, Councils are best placed to advise if and how many of these developments exist.
- (2) Bega Valley Shire Council has advised that potential ‘Zombie’ developments could be located across the Bega Valley Shire. A report on this matter will be considered by Bega Valley Shire Council on 19 October 2022.

Development consents at Dalmeny, Broulee and Tuross Heads have been identified as potential ‘Zombie’ developments within the Eurobodalla Shire.

- (3)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) Yes

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- (c) Yes. Officers at the Department of Planning and Environment have had ongoing discussions with both Bega Valley Shire Council and Eurobodalla Shire Council regarding a broad range of development matters. However, whether a development consent has commenced and therefore remains valid, is a matter for councils to consider.

* 8755 SERVICES STOPPING AT CRYDON STATION—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many all stop services between Strathfield and Central Stations exclude Croydon Station?
- (2) What is the frequency of services stopping at Croydon Station?
 - (a) How does this compare to other stations servicing similar sized or smaller areas, such as Macdonaldtown Station?

Answer—

I am advised

Currently every all-stop service between Strathfield and Central Station stops at Croydon.

During the busiest morning peak period there are a total of six services per hour for customers travelling from Croydon to the Sydney CBD. In comparison, customers travelling from Macdonaldtown to the Sydney CBD receive four services per hour during the busiest morning peak hour. During the off-peak period, all Inner West stations receive an average of four services per hour.

When developing the train timetable, Transport for NSW considers commuter demand and what will deliver the best outcomes for the majority of commuters. This is done through the analysis of Opal data which demonstrates where and when commuters are travelling, as well as forecasting changes in future travel needs.

* 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—

- (1) Have the databases linked to Government website and service platforms such as Service NSW been updated to include detailed addresses from the Centenary Park apartment complex, 81-86 Courallie Avenue, Homebush West?
 - (a) If not, when will they be added?

Answer—

The addresses from the Centenary Park apartment complex, 81-86 Courallie Avenue, Homebush West have been added to NSW Point and are available to Service NSW. Service platforms such as Service NSW validate addresses against those available in NSW Point via a secure API. The addresses from the Centenary Park apartment complex, 81-86 Courallie Avenue, Homebush West have been available in NSW Point since 30 July 2021.

Please see below for a summary of the timeline for the processing completed to activate these addresses:

- 17 June 2021 – Spatial Services Addressing team contacted Strathfield Council regarding addresses at 81-86 Courallie Ave, Homebush West. Offering to assist Council with capturing and formalising all address sites within the large Strata site.
- Strathfield Council worked with the residents of the site and determined to capture all the addresses that were currently being used for the site.
- 15 July 2021 – Strathfield Council sent in a list of all addresses at the site totalling 1,145 across 18 buildings and also included town houses and duplexes.
- 29 July 2021 – All address at the site have been added and geolocated in the NSW Addressing Database.

- 30 July 2021 - The addresses are included in NSW Point and available to Service NSW.

NSW addresses are added through the automated services of the Valuer General's Office as part of the land valuation process. Other addresses are provided directly to DCS Spatial Services by Local Councils. This information is then added to NSW Point so that all agencies can access new address information, via secure API.

* 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—

- (1) What bus services service the approximately 1500 residents of Centenary Park, 81-86 Courallie Ave, Homebush West?
 - (a) What bus routes service this community?
 - (b) What is the location of the nearest bus stops?
 - (i) How many bus stops are nearby?
 - (c) What services are available to support Elderly and Disabled residents access public transport?

Answer—

I am advised

Bus services do not operate for the gated Centenary Park community.

Residents of Centenary Park can access Flemington Station, which is about 800 metres walking distance, to access T2 rail services and route 408 bus services.

There is also Access Sydney Community Transport, a community transport provider which services customers in the area with walking difficulties.

* 8758 HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

I refer to my correspondence to you dated 12 August, 2022 regarding high clearance vehicles (HCV)s for the Central Coast. Can you please advise: -

- (1) When I may receive a response to this correspondence?
- (2) Whether you will provide additional HCV's for the Central Coast?

Answer—

A response to the correspondence was sent on 5th October.

* 8759 UPGRADE OF CRACKNECK LOOKOUT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

I refer to your correspondence (Your Ref IM22/1027) arising from my representations regarding the major upgrade of Crackneck lookout in the Wyrabalong National Park. Can you please advise: -

- (1) When construction is due to commence, given your advice in March that the proposal was currently in the planning process?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment and Heritage

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- * 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—

I refer to my previous QON's (No 6384 and more recently 8421). Can you please now advise: -

What 'potential improvements' have been made to pedestrian infrastructure that will improve safety across the Pacific Highway for students and pedestrians in the area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW notes there are significant constraints to providing pedestrian facilities between Lisarow and Narara including the width of road formation, road geometry, and limited sight distance on the approach to some potential sites for pedestrian facilities.

Transport for NSW is investigating several other critical sections of the State Road network and will complete its investigation of opportunities for potential pedestrian improvements between Lisarow and Narara, when practicable.

Any projects arising from this investigation will need to be considered for future funding alongside other worthwhile projects across the State.

- * 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—

I refer to my previous QON 8342. Can you please advise: -

- (1) What were the outcomes that resulted from Transport for NSW investigations surrounding pedestrian improvements between Lisarow and Narara?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the answer provided to LA 8760.

- * 8762 NARARA PUBLIC SCHOOL PACIFIC HIGHWAY CROSSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

I refer to my QON 8421 previously addressed to the Minister for Transport.

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW notes there are significant constraints to providing pedestrian facilities between Lisarow and Narara, including in the vicinity of Narara Public School, with the width of road formation, road geometry, and lack of sight distance on the approaches to some of the potential sites for pedestrian facilities.

Transport for NSW is planning to undertake a broader movement and place type investigation which may help to identify opportunities for pedestrian safety improvements in the area. This will involve working with the local council and school.

- * 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—

(1) Considering the recent revelation that Chester Hill High School is the hardest school to staff in the state, with 18 vacant teacher positions in June 2022, what additional support services have been allocated to Chester Hill High School to ensure the students' quality of learning is not affected by the shortage of teachers?

Answer—

Chester Hill High School has been provided with intensive recruitment support through the new Priority Recruitment Support initiative.

As a result of the additional support provided over the last two school terms, 16 positions at the school have been successfully filled and the school maintains a high ratio of one teacher to every 10 students.

- * 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—

Considering the recent revelation that Chester Hill High School is the hardest school to staff in the state, with 18 vacant teacher positions in June 2022, what is the Government doing to assist Chester Hill High School in recruiting teachers?

Answer—

See answer to 8764.

- * 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—

(1) What is the current student to teacher ratio in Chester Hill High School?

(a) What is the current average Sydney Metropolitan student to teacher ratio?

Answer—

(1) In 2021, the full time equivalent (FTE) student to teacher ratio for Chester Hill High School was one teacher to 11.5 students. In the same year, for all NSW public schools in Sydney, the student to teacher ratio was 14.5.

This information was based on publicly available information published on the ACARA My School website at <https://acara.edu.au/contact-us/acara-data-access>. The 2022 student to teacher ratio information data will be sent to ACARA to be published on the My School website in March/April 2023.

- * 8767 BANKSTOWN CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Considering the Canterbury-Bankstown Council have submitted the Bankstown City Centre Masterplan on 31 March 2022, which was adopted by Council at their meeting on 28 September 2021, to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway determination, what stage the request is at with the Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

The status of the planning proposal is publicly available at

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[Bankstown City Centre and Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

- * 8768 MASTERPLAN FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Considering that Canterbury-Bankstown Council have submitted the Bankstown City Centre Masterplan on 31 March 2022, which was adopted by Council at their meeting on 28 September 2021, to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway determination, could the Minister advise whether the Department has received any further correspondence from Canterbury-Bankstown Council after the date of when the Bankstown City Centre Masterplan was submitted to the Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) is currently undertaking the Gateway assessment of the planning proposal submitted by Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

As part of the assessment process, some correspondence has occurred between Council staff and Department staff to clarify aspects of the proposal.

- * 8769 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL SITE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health—

In response to QA8266, what exact services or items classify as “due diligence activities”, given that \$10 million has been expended on planning for the new Bankstown Hospital yet no site has been announced?

Answer—

I am advised that due diligence activities for the New Bankstown Hospital include independent expert assessments to inform the site selection process, and early planning activities.

- * 8770 AVERAGE WAITING TIMES AT SERVICE NSW—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) Between 1 January 2022 to 31 August 2022, what is the average waiting time for customers utilising the Service NSW centre at Bankstown?
- (2) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of waiting times per month?
- (3) Could the Minister provide a breakdown of customers per month?

Answer—

- (1) Average counter wait time – 6:57 minutes

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* 8771 COMMUNITY HOUSING INNOVATION FUND—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Considering the Government's recent acquisition of dwellings in Bankstown under the Community Housing Innovation Fund (CHIF), how many dwellings have been obtained?
 - (a) How many additional individuals are now expected to receive housing under the CHIF program in the Bankstown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Eight units were delivered using the Community Housing Innovation Fund approach in early 2022. A further 27 units are being delivered, including the seven recently acquired units by Women's Housing Company. Of the 27 units, 15 will be ready for tenancing by the end of 2022. The remaining 12 units are targeted for delivery in 2023.
 - (a) Thirty five households will be accommodated in the Bankstown electorate.

* 8773 NEW BUSINESS CASE—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) On Tuesday 20 September 2022 a meeting took place at Randwick Boys High School where Parents and Community (P&C) Members were informed a new business case was developed for Randwick Boys High School but that it would not be made publicly available. Why will this new business case not be made publicly available?
 - (a) What is the name of the new business case?
 - (b) When was the new business case finalised?
 - (c) When did the process of starting the new business case begin?
 - (d) Who gave the instruction for a new business case to be developed?
 - (i) When was this instruction given?
 - (e) Which community stakeholders were consulted in the process of developing the new business case?
 - (f) What is being outlined in the new business case?
 - (g) What additions have been made to the new business case that aren't in the Final Business Case Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School – Upgrade projects from 10 March 2021?
 - (h) What is omitted from the Final Business Case Randwick Boys High School and Randwick Girls High School – Upgrade projects in the new business case?

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Answer—

The business case for the Randwick Boys and Girls High School Upgrade was finalised in April 2022. Preparation of the business case followed confirmation of the available funding from NSW Treasury and the current scope of works reflects the most appropriate option to meet the needs of the local community. The approved scope involved consultation with the School Principals and the Department's Director Education Leadership (DEL).

Details can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW website at

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/r/Randwick-Boys-High-School-and-Randwick-Girls-High-School-upgrade.html>.

* 8774 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries (as stated in the NSW Budget Papers 2019-20) to take place:
 - (a) How many of the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries did take place in each financial year:
 - (i) 2019-2020?
 - (ii) 2020-2021?
 - (iii) 2021-2022?
 - (b) What were the health district locations for the additional cataract surgeries each financial year?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response provided at LA 8745.

* 8775 DENTAL VOUCHERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many dental vouchers were distributed in the Illawarra in the 2021-2022 financial year?
- (2) What is the average waiting time for someone needing attention for dental services in the Illawarra?
- (3) Are there plans to reduce these waiting times?

Answer—

(1. -3.) I am advised that Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District issues dental vouchers in line with the NSW Health Priority Oral Health Program and the NSW Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme.

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

Additional funds have been allocated to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District as part of the NSW Government's 2022-23 Budget for COVID-19 Waitlist Recovery to help reduce dental waiting lists impacted by COVID-19. The NSW Government has committed \$408 million over two years to deliver additional services, including dental care.

* 8777 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to the 100 new palliative care nurses and ward refurbishment (as stated in NSW Budget Papers 2019-20):
 - (a) How many of the 100 new palliative care nurses were employed in financial year:
 - (i) 2019-2020?
 - (ii) 2020-2021?

- (iii) 2021-2022?
- (b) Which wards have been targeted for refurbishment?
- (c) Which wards were refurbished in financial year:
 - (i) 2019-2020?
 - (ii) 2020-2021?
 - (iii) 2021-2022?

Answer—

I am advised that all local health districts and specialty health networks have received funding for these initiatives and that implementation is on track.

* 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—

- (1) In relation to Cooler Classrooms Programs:
 - (a) When did the below schools receive air conditioning:
 - (i) Austinmer Public School?
 - (ii) Wollongong High School of Performing Arts?
 - (iii) Woonona East Public School?
 - (b) Considering the schools in (a), if the school did not receive air conditioning, when will they received air conditioning?

Answer—

Austinmer Public School, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts and Woonona East Public School have all had air conditioning installed as part of the NSW Government's \$500 million Cooler Classrooms Program. The Department of Education is currently working with the contractors overseeing these works to finalise handover of these projects.

* 8779 SWORN OPERATIONAL OFFICERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) What is the number of sworn operational officers for each police district and police area command, as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2019?
 - (b) 30 June 2020?
 - (c) 30 June 2021?
 - (d) 30 June 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

* 8780 PUBLIC HOUSING VACANIES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) As of 21 September 2022, how many public housing properties in the Wollongong Local Government Area, had been vacant for a period longer than:

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- (a) One month?
(b) Two months?
(c) Three months?
(d) Greater than three months?
(i) Why were these properties left vacant for a period longer than three months?
- (2) As of 21 September 2022, how many public housing properties in the Shellharbour Local Government Area, had been vacant for a period longer than:
- (a) One month?
(b) Two months?
(c) Three months?
(d) Greater than three months?
(i) Why were these properties left vacant for a period longer than three months?
- (3) As of 21 September 2022, how many public housing properties in the Kiama Local Government Area, had been vacant for a period longer than:
- (a) One month?
(b) Two months?
(c) Three months?
(d) Greater than three months?
(i) Why were these properties left vacant for a period longer than three months?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) works closely with its maintenance contractors and tenancy manager, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), to ensure vacant properties are re-let in the shortest time possible.

As of 4 October 2022, the total number of LAHC-owned properties managed by the DCJ in the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA), that have been vacant for a period of:

- (a) 1 month: 57 and one Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) property
(b) 2 months: 15
(c) 3 months: 13
(d) Greater than 3 months: 30
(i) The reasons and number of properties left vacant for longer than three months are:
- Undergoing Demolition/redevelopment: 20
 - Sale: 4
 - Damaged property (Fire): 2
 - Programmed work: 1
 - Relet with DCJ: 3
- (2) As of 4 October 2022, the total number of LAHC-owned properties managed by DCJ in the Shellharbour LGA that have been vacant for a period of:

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- (a) 1 month: 17
 - (b) 2 months: 3
 - (c) 3 months: 4
 - (d) Greater than 3 months: 2
 - (i) The 2 properties vacant for longer than 3 months were due to sale of the properties.
- (3) As of 4 October 2022, no LAHC-owned properties (managed by DCJ) in the Kiama LGA were vacant for a period longer than one month.

* 8781 PUBLIC HOUSING SOLD OR REMOVED FROM STOCK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many public housing properties were sold or removed from the stock in the Wollongong Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
- (2) How many public housing properties were sold or removed from the stock in the Shellharbour Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
- (3) How many public housing properties were sold or removed from the stock in the Kiama Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?

Answer—

There were no public housing properties that were sold in LGA's Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama from FY2017 to FY2021 for the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO).

The total number of public housing properties sold or removed from the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) stock in the Wollongong LGA are as follows:

- (a) 2020-21: 12 dwellings (10 dwellings sold and 2 demolished)
- (b) 2019-20: 40 dwellings (15 dwellings sold and 25 demolished)
- (c) 2018-19: 30 dwellings (25 dwellings sold and 5 demolished)

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- (d) 2017-18: 23 dwellings (8 dwellings sold and 15 demolished)
- (e) 2016-17: 17 dwellings (16 dwellings sold and 1 demolished)

In the same periods, 65 dwellings were delivered in the Wollongong LGA with a further 107 dwellings either completed or under construction between financial years 2022 and 2023.

The total number of public housing properties sold or removed from LAHC stock in the Shellharbour LGA are as follows:

- (a) 2020-21: 1 dwelling sold
- (b) 2019-20: 13 dwellings (10 dwellings sold and 3 demolished)
- (c) 2018-19: 1 dwelling demolished
- (d) 2017-18: 5 dwellings (3 dwellings sold and 2 demolished)
- (e) 2016-17: 3 dwellings (2 dwellings sold and 1 demolished)

No LAHC public housing properties were sold or removed from LAHC stock in the Kiama LGA between financial years 2016 and 2021.

LAHC sells properties that are not fit to be used as social housing and uses the proceeds to fund new fit for purpose social housing and capital maintenance. Every dollar generated from a property sale goes back to LAHC to deliver more, and better social housing.

* 8782 RECOMMENDATION TO MERGE SERVICE FUNCTIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the recommendation of the independent flood inquiry to merge functions of the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service?
- (2) Has the Minister requested the State Emergency Service identify positions and roles that could be subject to merger as a result of this recommendation?
 - (a) How many positions have been identified?
 - (b) How many full-time equivalent positions are involved in (2)?
- (3) What is the process of consultation on changes to these roles, functions and positions with employee representatives?
 - (a) When will the consultation referred to in (3) take place?
- (4) From what date will the merger in (1) take effect?
- (5) How much longer is remaining on the lease on the State Emergency Services Headquarters in Wollongong?
- (6) In each of the last five financial years how much has been spent on (a) repairs, (b) fit-out and (c) employee office accommodation expenses at the State Emergency Headquarters in Wollongong?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
- (2) DPC is leading the response to the entire flood inquiry report, including outcomes and timeframes. NSW SES is contributing to that work.
- (3) DPC is leading the response to the entire flood inquiry report, including outcomes and timeframes. NSW SES is contributing to that work.
- (4) DPC is leading the response to the entire flood inquiry report, including outcomes and timeframes. NSW SES is contributing to that work.

- (5) The term of the lease is 12 years (expiring on 29 April 2028). There are 2 x 5 year options available to extend. The term remaining is 5.75 years.
- (6) Refer to the table below:

Expenditure – NSW SES State Headquarters in Wollongong

Financial Year	(a) Repairs	(b) Fit-out	(c) Expenses and Routine Maintenance*	(d) Rent
FY 17-18	\$122,189	\$13,544,086 (Total WBS exp)	\$457,735	\$2,932,511
FY 18-19	\$57,492	\$ 4,088	\$509,199	\$3,007,545
FY 19-20	\$84,379	\$ 4,155	\$662,870	\$3,097,771
FY 20-21	\$52,761	\$ 57,044	\$743,522	\$3,190,703
FY 21-22	\$95,832	\$159,237	\$1,176,719	\$3,286,427

* 8784 GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES SOLD IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What are the details for all Government properties sold in the Wollongong Local Government Area in the 2021-22 financial year, including the (a) address of the property, (b) size of the property, and (c) department or agency which owned the property?
- (2) How many of the properties sold in (1) were within the postcodes:
- (a) 2518?
 - (b) 2519?
 - (c) 2500?
 - (d) 2526?
 - (e) 2502?
 - (f) 2505?
 - (g) 2506?
 - (h) 2528?
- (3) What was the total value of the property sales in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government sold a total of 20 properties located in the Wollongong Local Government Area to non-NSW Government entities in the financial year 2021-22. The total area of those properties as reported in the Government Property Register (GPR) was 12,923m².

A summary by vendor agency is provided below:

NSW Government Agency	Number of Properties
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Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands	1
NSW Land and Housing Corporation	17
Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE)	2
Total	20

There are overriding privacy and commercial obligations that prevent the individual addresses of properties sold by the NSW Government being provided and published. The size of individual properties has not been provided as it would be possible to identify the properties from this data.

(2) The following of the 20 properties fall within the nominated postcodes.

Postcode	Number of Properties sold
2518	1
2519	2
2500	2
2526	0
2502	1
2505	0
2506	5
2528	0
Total	20

(3) The total sale value of the 20 properties was \$23,822,320.

* 8785 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many additional public housing properties were added to stock in the Wollongong Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
- (2) How many additional public housing properties were added to stock in the Shellharbour Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?
 - (e) 2017?
- (3) How many additional public housing properties were added to stock in the Kiama Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2019?
 - (d) 2018?

(e) 2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total number of public housing properties added to NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) stock in the Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA), Shellharbour LGA and Kiama LGA are as follows:

LAHC

	Wollongong LGA	Shellharbour LGA	Kiama LGA
FY 2020-21	NIL		
FY 2019-20	NIL		
FY 2018-19	28	6	0
FY 2017-18	17	0	0
FY 2016-17	20	1	0

AHO

	Wollongong LGA	Shellharbour LGA	Kiama LGA
FY 2020-21	1	3	0
FY 2019-20	4	0	0
FY 2018-19	0	2	0
FY 2017-18	NIL		
FY 2016-17	NIL		

In 2021-22, a further 26 LAHC dwellings were completed in the Wollongong LGA and another 81 LAHC dwellings have either been completed or are under construction in 2022-23.

LAHC is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout NSW, including Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama LGAs, in line with priority waitlist demand data.

* 8786 PLANNED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many additional public housing properties are planned to be added to stock in the Wollongong Local Government Area in:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) 2025?
 - (e) 2026?
- (2) How many additional public housing properties are planned to be added to stock in the Shellharbour Local Government Area in:

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- (a) 2022?
(b) 2023?
(c) 2024?
(d) 2025?
(e) 2026?
- (3) How many additional public housing properties are planned to be added to stock in the Kiama Local Government Area in:
- (a) 2022?
(b) 2023?
(c) 2024?
(d) 2025?
(e) 2026?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 30 September 2022, NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is currently forecasting to deliver about 214 new public housing dwellings in Wollongong Local Government Area (LGA) between calendar years 2022-2026 subject to timely tenant relocations, planning approvals and project funding.

This includes:

	Wollongong LGA	Shellharbour LGA	Kiama LGA
2022	24	NIL	NIL
2023	76		
2024	59		
2025	37		
2026	18		

LAHC is continually reviewing the State's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing throughout NSW, including Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama LGAs, in line with priority waitlist demand data.

Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO)

The table below outlines the public housing properties planned to be added to AHO stock across the

	Wollongong LGA	Shellharbour LGA	Kiama LGA
FY 2022-23	4	3	NIL
FY 2023-24	4	0	

Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama local government areas per financial year (FY):

* AHO new supply programs beyond 2023/24 are yet to be finalised.

* 8787 URGENT CARE SERVICES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Will an urgent care service be established in the Wollongong Local Government area?
- (a) If so, how many?
- (2) Will an urgent care service be established in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (a) If so, how many?

- (3) On what date will the services in (1) and (2) be available?
- (4) Will services provided by urgent care services be bulk-billed?
 - (a) Will patients face any out-of-pocket costs for using any of the services at an urgent care service?
- (5) What, if any, restrictions on the nature of illness or injuries will apply to services provided through an urgent care service?
- (6) What is the total cost of the program each year?
- (7) Will there be minimum operating hours for urgent care services to be established in New South Wales?
- (8) How will the locations of urgent care services in New South Wales be determined?
 - (a) By whom will they be determined?
- (9) Will the Minister for Health or any other Minister, contribute to the assessment of locations or make the final decision on locations of urgent care services in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1. – 9.) I refer the Member to the joint announcement by the Victorian and New South Wales governments made on 30 August 2022 and available at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/priority-care-partnership>.

* 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—

- (1) How many employees are currently working in the NSW Finance Building:
 - (a) Full time?
 - (b) Part time?
 - (c) How many hybrid/flexible work desks are available?

Answer—

As at 17 October 2022, the Department of Customer Services (Principal Department) Corporate Services, Corporate Finance function has a headcount of 95.

91 of these employees are employed on a full-time basis, 4 on a part-time basis.

Not all are finance professionals, and the headcount does not include specialised finance professionals employed directly within the business divisions of DCS requiring specific skillsets.

DCS workplaces operate primarily on a default premise of flexible work desks and activity-based working. Anchored desks (assigned to individuals) are the exception rather than the rule. The number of desks available at each DCS workplace varies between sites.

* 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—

- (1) How many Native Title Claims are outstanding in New South Wales from:
 - (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?

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- (e) 2015-16?
 - (f) 2016-17?
 - (g) 2017-18?
 - (h) 2018-19?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (j) 2020-21?
 - (k) 2021-22?
- (2) How many staff were working on Native Title consent determinations in New South Wales from:
- (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?
 - (e) 2015-16?
 - (f) 2016-17?
 - (g) 2017-18?
 - (h) 2018-19?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (j) 2020-21?
 - (k) 2021-22?

Answer—

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

* 8790 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) What is the proposed use of the \$23.3 million Economic Development Fund for the Central Coast?
- (2) Is the Six Cities Economic Development Fund \$23.3 million for the Central Coast additional to the \$18 million for the University of Newcastle, Gosford Campus?
- (3) How much of the Six Cities funding will be provided for planning for the new TAFE in the City of Gosford?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Economic Development Fund for the Central Coast will be used to deliver priorities for economic growth in the Central Coast City in line with the priorities of the Central Coast Strategy.

The Fund is additional to the \$18m allocated for the University of Newcastle Gosford Campus.

* 8791 HOMELESSNESS—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 homelessness:

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- (a) How many times has the Premier's Homelessness Taskforce met since you have been Minister?
- (i) How many of those meetings have you attended?
- (b) Has the Minister refused to meet with funded Specialist Homelessness Services and other providers that have requested meetings with her to discuss homelessness?
- (c) How many additional assertive outreach patrols have you commenced since you have been Minister?
- (d) How many times have you joined an assertive outreach patrol since you have been Minister?
- (e) Is the Government continuing to undertake a twice annual street count to track the Premier's priority of halving street sleeping by 2025?
- (f) How far progressed is the Government in meeting the Premier's priority of halving street sleeping by 2025?
- (g) Does the Government intend to renew and extend funding for Together Home, Start Safety and Rent-Choice over the forward estimates?
- (h) What is the Government's current position on the Housing First Approach and will this be an ongoing fixture in Government homelessness programs and supports?
- (i) What actions has the Government taken since the completion of the review of Premier's Youth Initiative?
- (i) Can you list these actions and their status?
- (j) Has the Government reviewed the success of the HomeShare Program?
- (i) Will the program have its funding extended?
- (k) Which specific actions from the NSW Housing Strategy with respect to homelessness has the Government implemented?
- (i) How have these strategies been implemented?
- (ii) How is success being measured?
- (l) How many people contacted Link2Home in 2021/22?
- (i) What was the average wait time?
- (ii) How many calls were not answered?
- (m) What percentage of people who contacted Link2Home were connected to a caseworker?
- (i) Of those persons who contacted Link2Home that were connected to a caseworker, how many of these persons were found a permanent housing solution?
- (n) Of those persons accessing temporary accommodation, how many people were refused additional temporary accommodation in 2020/21 compared to 2021/22?
- (i) What were the reasons for refusal?
- (o) How many people accessed specialist homelessness services in 2021/22?
- (i) Can you provide a breakdown based on youth, men, women, aboriginal and ethnically diverse persons who accessed these services?
- (ii) Was this an increase or decrease in the previous two financial years?
- (p) Of those persons utilising specialist homelessness services, how many have been identified as being National Disability Insurance Scheme participants?

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- (q) Is the Government pursuing ‘by-name’ list technology to better connect people experiencing homelessness with homelessness services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1. a. – i.) The NSW Premier’s Council on Homelessness (PCOH) was established in 2010 as a non-statutory advisory body to the NSW Government on homelessness to support the implementation of the then Homelessness Action Plan and the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. I meet and discuss homelessness with a range of organisations including, but not limited to, St Vincent de Paul, Homelessness NSW, Business Sydney, The End Street Sleeping Collaboration, Mission Australia, and Y-Foundations.
- (b) I regularly meet with sector and peak representatives as well as individual providers.
- (c) 3,294 assertive outreach patrols have been undertaken from December 2021 to August 2022 (September data not yet available).
- (d) I have accompanied a number of assertive outreach patrols, covering both metropolitan and regional New South Wales.
- (e) The NSW Government has committed to undertake annual street counts. The fourth annual count will take place in February 2023.
- (f) The ABS Census is the key metric to measure the Premier’s Priority. The ABS will release the final 2021 Census data on homelessness in 2023. The 2021 Census data will be a key indicator on the progress of the target to halve street sleeping by 2025.
- (g) Start Safely and Rent Choice are programs under Future Directions for Social Housing in NSW and are both currently funded to 30 June 2025.
- As part of the 2022/23 NSW Budget the government announced additional funding of \$55.4 million for the Together Home program to extend support for up to 200 existing clients, beyond the program’s two-year service model. Additional funding for new supply of 120 dwellings was also announced.
- (h) Housing First is an internationally recognised approach to support people experiencing long term rough sleeping into housing, with access to supports to remain housed. The principles of Housing First remain a key element of the current assertive outreach model.
- (i) A range of actions have been taken to address the recommendations in the Premier’s Youth Initiative (PYI) evaluation, including continuing to use the eligibility criteria for PYI to identify the most vulnerable young people, improved practices and referrals to the Health Pathway program.
- (j) The provider (Holdsworth Community) contracted to deliver the 12-month pilot of the HomeShare Program will be providing DCJ a final report on the outcomes and key learnings of the pilot.
- (k) This question is best directed to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.
- (l) This data is not yet published. The data for the year 2020-21 is available in the most recent annual report.
- (m) Of the households and individuals that contacted Link2Home during the 2021/22 financial year, 19 per cent were provided with referrals to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS).
- (i) Link2Home is a telephone service that provides callers with an assessment, information and referrals to SHS. Link2Home is unable to track and report on client case management outcomes

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- (n) Of those clients accessing temporary accommodation, 1,565 clients were not provided additional temporary accommodation in 2020/21 compared to 1,718 clients in 2021/22.
- (i) Link2Home assesses a person's eligibility for accommodation assistance and reasons for denying access include: the client has already found alternative accommodation, the client is not at risk of homelessness, the client has provided false information, the client cannot live independently, the client does not live in NSW, the client is under the influence of alcohol and drugs.
- (o. – p.) This information is not yet available for 2021/22.
- (q) The government is investigating how to improve homelessness services, including through the use of 'by name' lists.

* 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—

- (1) In relation to any current or future plans for motorsport facilities:
- (a) Does the Government have any plan for developing a new motorsport facility?
- (i) If yes, what are these plans and where can they be viewed?
- (b) Has the Government or the Minister for Sport met with any representatives from Shoalhaven City Council or Motorsport Australia as the governing body to discuss any future motorsport facilities or future motorsport complex sites located in the Shoalhaven?
- (c) Will the Government commit to working with local stakeholders to develop a new sporting plan for New South Wales which includes a renewed focus on motorsport and the many social and economic benefits it provides to local communities particularly in rural and regional areas such as the Shoalhaven?
- (d) Will the Minister for Sport commit to consulting and working with the local Shoalhaven community if there are any proposals for new motorsport facilities in the Shoalhaven?

Answer—

I am advised that the Office of Sport has not been approached by Shoalhaven City Council or Motorsport Australia regarding plans for motorsport facilities or future motorsport complex sites located in the Shoalhaven.

* 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—

- (1) With respect to electric vehicles:
- (a) Does the Government have an electric vehicle plan for the Princes Highway?
- (i) If no, will you commit to developing one?
- (b) How many changing points for electric vehicles are currently available on the Princes Highway?
- (i) Where are their locations?
- (c) How many charging points are planned for the Princes Highway?
- (i) Where are their locations?
- (ii) When will they be installed?
- (d) How much is the Government investing into infrastructure for electronic vehicles?

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- (i) Is any of this planned infrastructure targeting the Princes Highway?
- (e) If the Government is planning on investing into infrastructure for electronic vehicles?
 - (i) Can the Minister please detail these investments?
- (f) Is the Government planning on banning the sale of petroleum powered vehicles in New South Wales?
 - (i) If yes, when?
 - (ii) If no, why not?
- (g) Does the Government have a target for the number of electric vehicles on New South Wales roads?
 - (i) If yes, what is it?
 - (ii) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government recognises the benefits of electric vehicles. The NSW Government's Electric Vehicle Strategy outlines a number of initiatives that will reduce barriers for electric vehicle purchases and encourage their uptake.

The NSW Government's Electric Vehicle Strategy falls under the responsibility of the Treasurer and Minister for Environment.

An interactive map of public electric vehicle charging points is available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 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—

- (1) With respect to repairs to roads in the Shoalhaven and Kiama Local Government Areas since the March floods:
 - (a) How much has been spent on logistics each month as part of road repairs?
 - (i) Can you provide a breakdown per Local Government Area and per project?
 - (b) How much has been spent each month of traffic control?
 - (i) Can you provide a breakdown on costs per Local Government Area and per project?
 - (c) Which companies were used to provide traffic control logistics?
 - (i) Can you provide a breakdown per Local Government Area and per project?
 - (d) Which budget do these funds come from?
 - (e) How much longer is it anticipated that traffic controllers will be required at each project?
 - (i) When and how will the public be notified when traffic controls will be discontinued?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1. a. – c.) and (e) This is a matter for individual councils.

- (d) Funding for these works is split between the NSW Natural Disaster Budget and the individual local councils. The level of the funding split is determined by the scope and extent

of works involved, in accordance with the NSW Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration Guidelines.

- * 8796 MAINTENANCE BACKLOG AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

Is there a backlog of maintenance work to be carried out at Fairfield Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no backlog of major maintenance work at Fairfield Hospital.

- * 8797 ELECTRIC BEDS NOT IN USE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

How many electric beds at Fairfield Hospital are currently unable to be used as they are awaiting maintenance?

Answer—

I am advised that on average, less than 1% of the total number of electric beds at Fairfield Hospital are unable to be used at any time. Repairs are typically undertaken within 2-3 days.

- * 8798 MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC BEDS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

Is regular maintenance scheduled for all electric beds at Fairfield Hospital or is work carried out only when a bed is reported as non-functional?

Answer—

As per the response provided at LA 8797, on average, less than 1% of the total number of electric beds at Fairfield Hospital are unable to be used at any time. Repairs are typically undertaken within 2-3 days.

I am advised that all patient hospital beds are maintained in accordance with Biomedical "AS/NZS 3551:2012 Management programmes for medical equipment annually". In addition, service calls can be submitted through an asset and facilities management system on an as-needed basis.

- * 8799 REVENUE GENERATED THROUGH HOSPITAL MEALS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

How much revenue did Fairfield Hospital generate by preparing and selling meals to Braeside Hospital?

Answer—

None. Patient meals do not generate 'revenue' and the arrangements for providing meals to Braeside Hospital ended in 2015.

- * 8800 USE OF FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL KITCHEN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

Now that patient meals are being provided by a centralised location, what is the industrial kitchen at Fairfield Hospital now being used for?

Answer—

I am advised that the Fairfield Hospital kitchen is used for the preparation and delivery of all hospital patients' meals. In addition, salads, sandwiches and other food items are prepared fresh on site each day.

- * 8801 HOSPITAL MENU ITEMS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

(1) Are the menu items/meals the same for all New South Wales hospitals or do items/meals differ according to Budgets?

(a) Is the menu dependant on the budget allocation for patient meals?

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(b) Is it a case of the more money there is in the hospital's budget, the better the food?

Answer—

All patient meals are provided in accordance with statewide nutrition guidelines and local health district service requirements. Menus are designed in consultation with local health district clinicians, dietitians, and community representatives to ensure the menus are appetising and meet patients' nutritional and clinical needs.

* 8802 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NEW SOUTH WALES HOSPITALS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

How many points from the 2017 – 2022 South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Strategic Plan for New South Wales Hospitals were successfully implemented at Fairfield Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that there is no such document titled '2017-2022 South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) Strategic Plan for New South Wales Hospitals'.

* 8803 STAKEHOLDER INPUT IN STRATEGIC PLAN—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which stakeholders were contacted directly to provide input and comment on the 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan for New South Wales Hospitals?
- (2) Were face-to-face sessions available for interested parties to provide feedback and comment on the 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan for Fairfield Hospital?

Answer—

(1. – 2.) I am advised that there are no documents titled the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan for New South Wales Hospitals or 2022-2027 Strategic Plan for Fairfield Hospital.

* 8804 VACANT NURSING POSITIONS AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) What is the number of vacant nursing positions at Fairfield Hospital for full-time, part-time and casual positions?
- (2) How often are nurses required to work extra hours at Fairfield Hospital due to staff shortages?

Answer—

(1. – 2.) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. I am advised that South Western Sydney Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care at Fairfield Hospital.

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8805 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE EXPANSION—Mr Roy Butler 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—

8806 LIVE TRAFFIC REPORTS FOR LOCAL AND STATE ROADS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

8807 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANNING PROJECT FOR AGRICULTURE AND AGRITOURISM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

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—

Regarding the Carers Registration Concession rebate for each of the years 2016 to 2021:

- (1) How many applications were lodged?
- (2) How many applications were approved?
- (3) How many applications were declined?
- (4) What is the total value of rebates?
- (5) Why are vehicles under 976 kg excluded from claiming the rebate?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

8811 LOW INCOME SOLAR PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

8812 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

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—

Will the Government consider waiving the mandatory \$100+ fee for residents who, primarily in very rural areas, have always recycled their green waste in a self-sufficient manner, and continue to do so, for example through composting, mulching, or feeding animals on their land, and therefore have no need for an additional bin and additional charges?

Answer—

- (1) Each local council is responsible for choosing how to implement and charge their residents for the food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection services they offer. The future mandates when enacted into law will include provision for local councils to apply to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for exemptions to mandate provisions based on their unique circumstances, including in rural areas where separate collection services may not be viable.

During 2021, the EPA consulted with local government on the implementation of the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041, including ways to improve funding to support new FOGO services. Consultation included one-on-one discussions and deep dive workshops.

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A pool of up to \$46 million for Go FOGO grant funding is now available to support NSW councils to deliver new weekly food only or food and garden organics services to their communities. This is in addition to the \$27 million invested in organics collections from 2013 to 2021, under the Waste Less, Recycle More program.

- 8815 HUME DAM AIRSPACE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8816 SWAN HILL BRIDGE TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8817 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MERGER—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—
- * 8818 YANGA NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What is the Government doing to reverse the decline of the Yanga National Park?
 - (2) Has the Government considered a split funding model, between National Parks and Forestry NSW, which could potentially unlock more funding so that this park can be managed properly?
- Answer—
- (1) The Government does not accept that Yanga National Park is in decline. Since it was added to the national park estate there have been notable improvements to the protection of natural and cultural assets and increased recreational opportunities.
 - (2) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has committed significant resources to maintain Yanga Homestead, Woolshed and other historic buildings, in conserving and promoting the park's rich pastoral heritage. Maintenance funds are prioritised to Yanga National Park's most significant heritage assets.
 - (3) A split funding model between NPWS and the Forestry Corporation of NSW has not been considered. Current management programs are delivering significant outcomes in feral animal control, threatened species protection, Aboriginal and historic heritage conservation and the provision of a range of visitor experiences.
- 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—

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- 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—

- (1) What is the location of air monitoring equipment on the Central Coast;
- (2) Are the emissions from Vales Point, Eraring and Colongra Power Stations regulated?
 - a. are licenced emissions regulated for each?
 - b. are the Power Stations required to reduce emissions?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning and Environment operates an ambient air quality monitoring network across NSW that includes stations at Morisset (70 Fishery Point Road, Mirrabooka) and Wyong Racecourse on the Central Coast. In addition, the operator of the Vales Point power station is required, under their environment protection licence, to install and operate an ambient air quality monitoring station in the vicinity of Wyee Point by the end of 2022.
 - (2) Yes.
 - (a) Air emissions from Vales Point, Eraring and Colongra power stations are regulated under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2021 and their respective environment protection licences.
 - (b) Power stations operators are required to ensure their facility's air emissions comply with their regulatory limits.
- * 8830 UPPER HOUSE COAL ASH INQUIRY—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

What action has been taken in response to the Upper House Coal Ash Inquiry?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is progressing its work to implement its response to the Public Works Committee's inquiry into costs for remediation of sites containing coal ash repositories. An update for each of the Public Works Committee's 16 recommendations was recently provided during Budget Estimates 2022-2023 for the Environment and Heritage Portfolio. The information is publicly available and can be accessed directly through the NSW Parliament website.
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 8835 PASS RATE FOR L PLATE DRIVERS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 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—
- 8846 TEACHER NUMBERS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—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—

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—

8848 MEDICAL STAFF TARGETS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

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8849 POLICE FORCE IN COONAMBLE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8879 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8880 JOINT FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 8881 KHANCOBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 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—
- 8887 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER GRANTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 8888 REFRIGERATION UNITS IN HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8889 CCTV FUND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 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—
- (1) With regards to the Golden Highway (Route B84):
 - (a) How many designated rest stops are there along the highway/route?
 - (i) Where are they located?
 - (b) How many rest stops have public toilets installed?
 - (i) Which rest stops are they located at?
 - (2) Who maintains and cleans these toilets i.e. local councils or Transport for NSW?
 - (3) What is the greatest distance between available public toilets along this route?
- Answer—
- I am advised
- This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- (1) Has Transport for NSW come to an agreement with CAF as to the design of the Regional Fleet?
 - (2) Has Transport for NSW paid any payments to CAF resulting from the 1205 day delay in the rollout of the Regional Fleet?

Answer—

I am advised

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

- 8908 EMERALD CLASS 2 FERRIES PENALTIES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 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—
- 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 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—
- * 8922 SOUTH COAST LINE FLOODING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Following the flooding events that led to closures of sections of the South Coast Line during 2022, has funding been committed to an assessment of landslip areas along the track and the weather resilience of the Line?
 - (2) If so,
 - (a) how much has been committed? and
 - (b) when will this assessment be completed?
- Answer—
- I am advised
- This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.
- 8923 AMBULANCE STAFFING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 8938 ESSENTIAL ENERGY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8939 RADAR COVERAGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8945 SERVICE TRANSACTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8946 URBAN ENVIRONMENT DECLINE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 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—
- 8948 CITY WEST HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8949 CITY WEST HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 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—
- * 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?

Answer—

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This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

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- 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—
- 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—
- 8954 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8955 VACANT POSITIONS AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8956 PRIVACY LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—
- 8957 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 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—
- 8959 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8960 HOSPITAL BED MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—
- * 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?
- (b) Do you still propose to proceed with the prohibition of right hand turns into and out of Dorrigo Ave?
- Answer—
- I am advised
- This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.
- 8962 BIGGE STREET SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 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—
- 8964 ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 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—
- 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—
- 8967 HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT RESTORATION SOCIETY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- 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—
- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the response to LA 8708.

- 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—
- 8971 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8972 SENIOR COUNSEL IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

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- 8973 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANNING PROJECT FOR AGRICULTURE AND AGRITOURISM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8974 TAFE COMPLETION RATES—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—
- 8975 TOOLEYBUC 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—
- 8976 FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

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- 8977 SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS—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—
- 8978 SCHOOL FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES IN DENILIQUIN—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—
- 8979 TAGGED LICENCES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
- 8980 AVIATION ATTRACTION FUND: BENGALURU ROUTE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—
- 8981 JEFFREY HOUSE, PARRAMATTA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8982 SPORT BUDGET—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—
- 8983 MOTOR VEHICLE SPORTS (PUBLIC SAFETY) ACT 1985—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—
- 8984 PENRITH STADIUM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—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—
- 8985 WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORT—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—
- 8986 YOUTH ORGANISATION GRANT FUNDING—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8987 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 8988 CIRCULAR QUAY RENEWAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 8989 INTEGRATED TICKETING—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—
- 8990 SOCIAL HOUSING RENT ARREARS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8991 PESTICIDES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 8992 CASINO BREACHES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

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- 8993 INCREASING POVERTY GAP—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- * 8994 METHANE EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of action that can be taken to reduce dangerous methane emissions?
 - (2) What programs does the Government provide or fund to help reduce methane emissions?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to expand and extend support to reduce methane emissions?
- Answer—
- (1-3) These questions should be referred to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy, the Hon Matt Kean MP.
- 8995 PLAIN LANGUAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—
- 8996 ELECTRIC HOMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- 8997 COMMUNITY HOUSING INSURANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—
- 8998 HABERFIELD AMBULANCE SUPERSTATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Health—
- 8999 VACANT TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Jo Haylen 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—
- 9000 TEMPORARY TEACHING POSITIONS—Ms Jo Haylen 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—
- 9001 SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 9002 RIVER CLASS FERRY PROCUREMENT - MEDIA—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9003 RIVER CLASS FERRY PROCUREMENT - DOCUMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9004 RIVER CLASS FERRY PROCUREMENT - NOTIFICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9005 RIVER CLASS FERRY PROCUREMENT - BRIEFINGS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9006 RIVER CLASS FERRY PROCUREMENT - TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9007 HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—
- 9008 SOLAR PANELS OVERSHADOWING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

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9009 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

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9010 POLICE VEHICLES PARKED ON THE STREET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

9011 HOSPITALS WITH SOLAR POWER—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

9012 LOWER HUNTER FREIGHT CORRIDOR—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

9013 NO PARKING SIGNAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

9014 DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

9015 PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

9016 SOLAR POWER IN HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health—

9017 ELECTION CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Local Government—

9018 POLICE USE OF GEO TARGETING SMS SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

9019 SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS—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—

9020 RETURN OF RECOVERED GOODS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

9021 INSURANCE IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

9022 EARLWOOD/CLEMTON BUSES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

9023 BUS SERVICE TIMES—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

9024 CANTERBURY HOSPITAL BUS SERVICE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 9025 FOWLER STREET RUBBISH—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 9026 TRAIN STATION RECYCLING BINS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9027 HOUSING SERVICES FOR WOMEN EXITING PRISON—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Corrections—
- 9028 TEMPORARY HOUSING SERVICES FOR WOMEN EXITING PRISON—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Corrections—
- 9029 SAFE SHELTER SHOALHAVEN—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
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- 9031 PACIFIC HIGHWAY-MANNS ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 5—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 9032 LIFTS AT TUGGERAH STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9033 ACCESSIBILITY AT BONDI PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—
- 9034 DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICE WAIT TIMES—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- 9035 SES ADDITIONAL ASSETS FOR FUTURE FLOODS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9036 COST OF TEMPORARY HOUSING—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9037 LOCAL HIRES FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9038 LOCAL COUNCIL FLOOD PLAN ASSISTANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9039 PLANNERS TO ASSIST SES WITH FLOOD PLANS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9040 POD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
- 9041 NORTHERN RIVERS RESILIENT HOMES PACKAGE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

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- 9042 O'KANE-FULLER FLOOD REPORT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—
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- 9044 MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE STANDARDS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 9045 RETURN AND EARN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- 9046 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TAXI DRIVERS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9047 UNANDERRA STATION UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9048 NEW POLICE RECRUITMENT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—
- 9049 AUDIT OFFICE CLIMATE REPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 9050 TAFE UPGRADES—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—
- 9051 CENSUS DATA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 9052 REZONING SYSTEM IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- 9053 PORTABLE RAMP INCIDENTS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9054 NEW INTERCITY FLEET—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 9055 CLOSURE OF JAMBEROO MOUNTAIN ROAD—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

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- 9056 6 KYLE STREET RUTHERFORD—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) When will the remediation of the site at 6 Kyle Street Rutherford be completed?
- (a) What is the expected quantum of funding for the completion of the remediation?
- (b) Have all contractors expected to complete the work been appointed?
- (c) Have the final works been commenced?

9057 GOLDEN HIGHWAY (ROUTE B84)—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regards to the Golden Highway (Route B84):
 - (a) How many designated rest stops are there along the highway/route?
 - (i) Where are they located?
 - (b) How many rest stops have public toilets installed?
 - (i) Which rest stops are they located at?
- (2) Who maintains and cleans these toilets i.e. local councils or Transport for NSW?
- (3) What is the greatest distance between available public toilets along this route?

9058 ROUND 3 ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Considering the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Round 3 which focuses on areas undergoing highest growth across New South Wales including the 18 metropolitan and 23 regional councils eligible for funding which account for 94% growth over the next 10 years, according to recent 2022 NSW population projections, and that Government elected AIF Regional town eligibility is based on population growth, was this determined by percentage of growth against the current population?
 - (a) If not, will smaller regional towns with low populations be excluded from this program in the future?
 - (b) Would the Minister consider developing a program applicable to smaller regional towns, ensuring we have the same opportunities for fast-tracked investment in infrastructure?

9059 TRAFFIC FINE LENIENCY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

Given that section 24A of the Fines Act allows drivers who have been issued with speeding related fines a chance to appeal their infringement if they can provide evidence to prove they have had a clear driving history of 10 years or more, can the Minister contemplate approaching all vehicle related fines, including overdue registration and licence renewals with the same consideration?

9060 CLEARING CONSENT APPROVAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) Given that Landholders wishing to obtain clearing consent in Regional New South Wales are required to have Local Lands Services along with the Minister for Lands and Forestry NSW sign off on the application approval, after approval is granted, how long should landholders expect to wait before they can actively begin clearing?
- (2) If a Ministerial changeover occurs during a clearing consent approval process, there is a requirement that the newly elected Minister for Lands also commits to the nominated decision. In this circumstance, how long would the landholder expect to wait for the result of their application?
- (3) If the approval has been granted, and landholder payment has been made during a Ministerial changeover, is there a requirement for the newly elected office to commit to the nominated decision?
 - (a) If so, what would be the expected time period for the landholder to wait this decision?

9061 FLOOD IMPACT MEASURES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Given that in recent months a large area of the Barwon electorate has been inundated with flood water, leaving many towns suffering long durations of isolation, impacting them mentally

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emotionally and financially, is the current method used to determine the impact of flooding on individuals and businesses accurate and timely in its capacity to deliver cash and other relief?

- (a) If so, can the Minister advise why towns isolated by flood water are still not being identified as needing cash and other grants?

9062 CARERS REGISTRATION CONCESSION REBATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

Regarding the Carers Registration Concession rebate for each of the years 2016 to 2021:

- (1) How many applications were lodged?
- (2) How many applications were approved?
- (3) How many applications were declined?
- (4) What is the total value of rebates?
- (5) Why are vehicles under 976 kg excluded from claiming the rebate?

9063 FISH IN BLACKWATER EVENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In blackwater events, will the Government consider exemptions to the permit system to allow safe removal of affected fish into farm dams?

9064 JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VIRUS VACCINE—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 provide additional clinics across flood affected Local Government Areas in Murray to administer the Japanese Encephalitis Virus Vaccine?

9065 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

What additional mental health support is being offered for victims of the flood event in the Murray electorate?

9066 NEED FOR MORE DAMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

Will Government build more dams to mitigate future flooding and drought events?

9067 AMBULANCE FIXED WING FLEET—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Can the King Air 350 fixed wing aircraft land at the Deniliquin Airport?
- (2) Was any consultation done with any rural airports to ensure this aircraft could land?
 - (a) If so, what airports?

9068 PRIORITY ROAD REPAIRS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government prioritise road repairs, especially in rural and remote areas recently impacted by devastating floods?

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- 9069 WYANGALA DAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—
How much will the Environment Impact Statement for Wyangala Dam cost and when will it be completed?
- 9070 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
Will the minister look at additional financial support for flood affected farmers in the Murray River Council Local Government Area who have lost their bumper spring crops?
- 9071 EMPLOYMENT OF OVERSEAS TRAINED DOCTORS AND NURSES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—
- (1) Throughout Murrumbidgee and Far West Local Health Districts:
 - (a) How many overseas trained doctors and nurses are employed?
 - (i) Are they sponsored by Local Health Districts?
 - (b) What is the cost to Local Health Districts to sponsor overseas medical staff?
- 9072 CENTRAL WEST PUMPED STORAGE HYDRO PROJECT—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) At what stage of the approval process is the proposed Central West Pumped Storage Hydro Project near Yetholme?
 - (a) What community consultation has taken place with regards to this project?
- 9073 FEE FREE COURSES—Mr Jihad Dib 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) Of the 200,000 fee free courses the Minister referenced in Question Time on 8 November 2022, how many have been completed by students?
 - (a) How many were expected to have been completed by this stage?
- 9074 METHANE EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of action that can be taken to reduce dangerous methane emissions?
 - (2) What programs does the Government provide or fund to help reduce methane emissions?
 - (3) What plans does the Government have to expand and extend support to reduce methane emissions?
- 9075 PUBLIC LIBRARIES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Regional Youth, and Minister for Tourism—
- (1) What is the total amount of funding allocated for public libraries in the 2022-2023 State Budget?
 - (2) What is the total amount spent on public libraries funding in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021-2022?
 - (b) 2020-2021?
 - (c) 2019-2020?
 - (d) 2018-2019?

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(e) 2017-2018?

9076 REGIONAL FLEET AGREEMENT—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW come to an agreement with CAF as to the design of the Regional Fleet?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW paid any payments to CAF resulting from the 1205 day delay in the rollout of the Regional Fleet?

9077 BATEMANS BAY MARINA—Dr Michael Holland to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What works have been undertaken since 2017 to maintain a safe environment for the public at the Batemans Bay Marina?
- (2) Have all the safety issues highlighted in the Elfcom Electrical Inspection Report (2019) been rectified?

(a) If not, why not?

9078 MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION STRIPS—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—

- (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?

9079 HOXTON PARK ROAD UPGRADE—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 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?
 - (b) Do you still propose to proceed with the prohibition of right hand turns into and out of Dorrigo Ave?

9080 FUNDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What representations, if any, did you or your office receive from
 - (a) The Mayor of Liverpool Council?
 - (b) Liverpool Council?
 - (c) Coronation Developments?
 - (d) Or anyone acting on their respective behalfs, in relation to funding for Light Horse Park in Liverpool from the West Invest Fund, or any other funding source?
- (2) If such representations were made by or on behalf of the Mayor of Liverpool, or by Liverpool Council, were any disclosures made concerning advocacy or lobbying for the project by Coronation Property or the Leamac Property Group, or anyone on their behalf or by John Barilaro?

9081 FUNDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What representations, if any, did you or your office receive from:
 - (a) The Mayor of Liverpool Council?
 - (b) Liverpool Council?
 - (c) Coronation Developments?
 - (d) Or anyone acting on their respective behalfs, in relation to funding for Light Horse Park in Liverpool from the West Invest Fund, or any other funding source?
- (2) If such representations were made by or on behalf of the Mayor of Liverpool, or by Liverpool Council, were any disclosures made concerning advocacy or lobbying for the project by Coronation Property or the Leamac Property Group, or anyone on their behalf or by John Barilaro?

9082 FUNDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) What representations, if any, did you or your office receive from:
 - (a) The Mayor of Liverpool Council?
 - (b) Liverpool Council?
 - (c) Coronation Developments?
 - (d) Or anyone acting on their respective behalfs, in relation to funding for Light Horse Park in Liverpool from the West Invest Fund, or any other funding source?
- (2) If such representations were made by or on behalf of the Mayor of Liverpool, or by Liverpool Council, were any disclosures made concerning advocacy or lobbying for the project by Coronation Property or the Leamac Property Group, or anyone on their behalf or by John Barilaro?

9083 FUNDING REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—

- (1) What representations, if any, did you or your office receive from:
 - (a) The Mayor of Liverpool Council?
 - (b) Liverpool Council?
 - (c) Coronation Developments?
 - (d) Or anyone acting on their respective behalfs, in relation to funding for Light Horse Park in Liverpool from the West Invest Fund, or any other funding source?
- (2) If such representations were made by or on behalf of the Mayor of Liverpool, or by Liverpool Council, were any disclosures made concerning advocacy or lobbying for the project by Coronation Property or the Leamac Property Group, or anyone on their behalf or by John Barilaro?

9084 OUTCOME OF CASE CONFERENCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

What was the outcome of the case conference mentioned on 2 November referred to in Question no. 8602?

9085 TRANSPARENCY AT LIVERPOOL COUNCIL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—

What steps will you take to ensure transparency at Liverpool Council, following the Council's refusal to endorse the lobbying policy drafted, at the Council's request, by Council staff?

9086 PATIENT ACCESS TO CANCER CENTRE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health—

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- (1) What steps will you take to alleviate the problem of what has become a long walk by patients at Liverpool Hospital to the cancer centre?
 - (2) Will you provide funding to allow the current "buggy" system that operates 3 days a week to increase the number of days it operates?
- 9087 PLUMBING LICENCES APPROVAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—
- (1) What will you do to reduce the current delay in approving plumbing licences?
 - (2) What steps will you take to compensate those applicants for plumbing licences whose capacity to earn greater remuneration is limited by the delays?
- 9088 REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING MOORE PARK PROJECT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—
- (1) Have you or your office received any representations from the Mayor of Liverpool City Council or from Liverpool City Council or on their behalf concerning the Moore Park Project?
 - (a) If so, what was the substance of these representations?
 - (2) If such representations were received from the Mayor of Liverpool, was any relationship with Coronation Property or with John Barilaro, disclosed?
- 9089 UPGRADE OF CRACKNECK LOOKOUT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- I refer to your correspondence (Your Ref IM22/1027) arising from my representations regarding the major upgrade of Crackneck lookout in the Wyrabalong National Park. Can you please advise: -
- (1) When construction is due to commence, given your advice in March that the proposal was currently in the planning process?
- 9090 MARINE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—
- (1) When will Stage 2 of the Draft NSW Marine Park Management Plan come out for community consultation?
 - (2) When will Stage 1 of the Draft NSW Marine Park Plan come out with its revision?
 - (3) Are the submissions for Stage 1 Draft NSW Marine Park Plan going to be made public/put on the website?
 - (4) The Australian Marine Sciences Association (AMSA) submission was quite critical of Stage 1 Draft NSW Marine Park Plan, and indicated that they thought the plan was not adequate to ensure an effective network of MPAs – to what extent will the revised plan reflect the comments made by the AMSA in their submission?
 - (5) Specifically, has consideration been given to:
 - (a) An increase of sanctuary zones to 30%, and other elements of the NEOLI criteria?
 - (b) Integrating MPAs with ecosystem-based fisheries management?
 - (c) Recognising that recreational fishing is one of many important social activities conducted in MPAs and ensure research, funding and management actions are fairly distributed and inclusive of all use categories e.g. snorkelers, swimmers, boarders etc?
 - (6) How will “healthy coast and sea” be defined and measured?
 - (7) Will resources be increased for additional research, monitoring and compliance?

- (8) Will the precautionary principle be applied as required by legislation when there is inadequate information to ensure that the goals will be met?

9091 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) In relation to Shoalhaven Hospital:
- (a) Are cataract surgeries /procedures currently undertaken at Shoalhaven hospital?
 - (i) If not, when did this stop?
 - (ii) If not, what was the rationale for ceasing these procedures at this hospital?

9092 PAEDIATRIC OPERATION WAIT LIST—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) How many children were on the paediatric operation wait list in New South Wales in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
 - (d) 2022 (as at 11 October 2022)?
- (2) How many paediatric operations were undertaken in:
- (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
 - (d) 2022 (as at 11 October 2022)?

9093 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Will the Mental Health Unit at the Shoalhaven Hospital be closed over the Christmas period and patients diverted to Shellharbour Hospital?
- (a) If so, for how long?
 - (b) If so, does this decision have the Minister's support?
 - (c) If not, what does the Minister intend to do to stop this planned shutdown?

9094 ASBESTOS RELATED WORK PLANS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Are there any asbestos related works planned at public schools in the Keira and Heathcote electorates for 2022-2023?
- (a) If so, what works are planned?
 - (i) At which schools will they be conducted?

9095 THIRROUL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the Thirroul Community Feedback Summary report released In April 22 from the Bulli and Thirroul traffic Improvement consultation:
- (a) When will the new investigations be released to the community for consultation?

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- (b) Are there any plans to formalise the Woodward Memorial Car Park?
(i) If so, when?

9096 ALCOHOL AND DRUG REHABILITATION SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) Why is the Government publicly responding to the ice inquiry by committing to invest in alcohol and other drug (AOD) rehabilitation services and expand the Drug Court program whilst simultaneously making decisions that forces a successful AOD rehabilitation service aligned with the Drug Court program to close, for e.g. Wayback?
- (2) Who will now offer the 120 (approximately) incarcerated clients each year, many of who are indigenous the opportunity to break the cycle of addiction with associated criminal behaviours and incarceration?

9097 SOUTH COAST LINE FLOODING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Following the flooding events that led to closures of sections of the South Coast Line during 2022, has funding been committed to an assessment of landslip areas along the track and the weather resilience of the Line?
- (2) If so,
(a) how much has been committed? and
(b) when will this assessment be completed?

9098 NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) How many Native Title Claims are outstanding in New South Wales from:
- (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?
 - (e) 2015-16?
 - (f) 2016-17?
 - (g) 2017-18?
 - (h) 2018-19?
 - (i) 2019-20?
 - (j) 2020-21?
 - (k) 2021-22?
- (2) How many staff were working on Native Title consent determinations in New South Wales from:
- (a) 2011-12?
 - (b) 2012-13?
 - (c) 2013-14?
 - (d) 2014-15?

- (e) 2015-16?
- (f) 2016-17?
- (g) 2017-18?
- (h) 2018-19?
- (i) 2019-20?
- (j) 2020-21?
- (k) 2021-22?

9099 MANDATORY ON-ROAD DRIVING TESTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) With respect to the requirement for those 85 and over to have an on-road driving assessment:
 - (a) What is the annual cost to the NSW Budget of this policy?

9100 HOMELESSNESS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to homelessness:
 - (a) Which specific actions from the NSW Housing Strategy with respect to homelessness has the Government implemented?

9101 PROGRAM FOR COUNCILS FILLING IN POTHoles—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 \$50 million funding package recently announced by the Government to assist local Councils across New South Wales filling in potholes:
 - (a) How much of this funding was allocated to Shoalhaven City Council?
 - (b) How much of this funding was allocated to Kiama Municipal Council?
 - (c) How much of this funding was allocated to Shellharbour City Council?

9102 BERRY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—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—

- (1) With respect to the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre:
 - (a) What is the annual recurrent budget for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre this financial year?
 - (b) What was the annual recurrent budget for the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre over the last 3 years?
 - (c) What was the value of capital expenditure at the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre over this financial year and the three years prior?
 - (i) What represented the largest investments?
 - (d) How many full time equivalent (FTE) staff are currently employed at the centre?
 - (i) Has this changed in the last three years?
 - (e) How many contractors are employed on site this financial year?
 - (f) Will the Minister rule out the privatisation of the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre?

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(g) Is the Minister aware of plans and proposals to locate a criterion cycle track at the centre?

9103 NEW SCHOOLS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—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 new schools in the Kiama electorate:
 - (a) Is the NSW Department of Education considering any new schools in the Kiama electorate?
 - (i) If yes, where are these sites or localities?
- (2) Based on data from local councils and Education Infrastructure NSW, what are the next three localities earmarked by the Department of Education for a new school?
 - (a) What is the anticipated timeline?
- (3) Has the Minister received any advice by way of briefing note, text, email or phone call which proposes a new school anywhere in the Kiama electorate?
- (4) If there are proposed sites for new schools in the Kiama electorate, has any funding been allocated by the NSW Department of Education towards planning or preparatory works?
- (5) Does the NSW Department of Education own land in the Kiama electorate which is set aside for a new school?
 - (a) If yes, where is this land located?
- (6) Has the Department of Education discussed the purchase of land for a proposed new school in the Kiama electorate with any landholder or any local government authority?

9104 NOWRA BYPASS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to the Nowra Bypass:
 - (a) Given that the Commonwealth Government has announced funding for planning work for the Nowra Bypass, when will the Government deliver on its share of funding?
 - (b) Has the Government negotiated at 80/20 funding split for future funding arrangements, beyond the planning work, for the Nowra Bypass with the Commonwealth Government?
 - (c) Who will undertake the planning work for the Nowra Bypass?
 - (d) What is the scope of works for the funding committed by both State and Commonwealth Governments?
 - (e) When is the planning work set to be completed?
 - (f) Will the community be updated on progress on the planning work?
 - (i) If yes, how will the community be kept updated?

9105 TAFE STUDENTS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—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—

- (1) With respect to TAFE students in the Kiama electorate:
 - (a) How many TAFE students currently reside in the Kiama electorate?
 - (i) Of these students, how many received a part or full fee free scholarship?
 - (b) Of those students receiving fee free scholarships, how many were from:

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- (i) Social housing?
 - (ii) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds?
 - (iii) Disability?
 - (iv) Out-of-home care?
- (c) What are the top ten TAFE courses in terms of applications in the Kiama electorate?
- (d) Were any applicants for courses unable to gain enrolment because of a lack of places available?
- (i) If yes, how many students and in which courses?
- (e) How many teaching positions are located in the Kiama electorate and can the Minister provide a breakdown on these positions by discipline or faculty?
- (f) What percentage of students discontinued their studies entirely?
- (g) What percentage of students discontinued their studies and moved to another course?

9106 GRANDFRIENDS DAY—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 ‘Grandfriends day’:
- (a) What is a ‘grandfriend’?
 - (b) Does the Minister have a ‘grandfriend’?
 - (i) If yes, what are their names?
 - (c) Has the Minister or her department been made aware that some schools have renamed grandparents day to grandfriends day?
 - (d) Will the Minister instruct her department to issue policy advice to New South Wales Schools to respect grandparents and ensure that the name of grandparent’s day does not change?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (e) Has the Minister been made aware of comments made on the Today show by National Grandparent Movement founder Ian Barnett that renaming the day excludes “one of the most significant people in a child's life”?