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* 9253 EDUCATION IN THE 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) From the commencement of term 1 this year, on how many occasions have schools in the Maitland electorate been unable to fill a vacancy with a casual replacement?
 - (a) When this occurs what arrangements are put in place to ensure that classes can still be conducted?
 - (b) How many occasions have resulted in two classes or more being combined?
 - (c) Is there a capped number of students allowed in a classroom?
 - (i) If there is such a cap, has it has been breached?
 - (ii) If so, how many times?

Answer—

The data requested regarding minimal supervision and merged classes is not centrally held by the Department of Education. This data has also never been a requirement for schools to collect and record.

* 9254 TEACHERS ON EXTENDED LEAVE—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) Why is there no flexibility for teachers on extended leave who have relinquished their position to undertake casual employment within the same school?
- (2) Given there is such a shortage of teachers in New South Wales Schools, will this policy be reviewed?

Answer—

As extended leave is a benefit afforded to employees for the purpose of providing them with a break from their workplace after a significant period of service, they are currently not permitted to undertake work for the Department of Education during this leave period.

* 9255 SOCIAL HOUSING IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Are there plans for additional social housing in the Maitland electorate?
 - (a) Have the Fieldsend Street homes been opened for renters?
 - (i) How many new homes are available as part of the project?
 - (ii) Are all of the homes tenanted?
 - (iii) Who is managing those tenancies?
 - (b) Is the Woodberry project completed yet?
 - (i) If not, when will it be completed?
 - (ii) How many new homes will be available as part of the project?
 - (iii) Who will manage the tenancies?

- (c) Are there any other new projects in the pipeline?
- (i) What is the date of them becoming available for tenancies?
- (ii) How many new homes will be available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The link is publicly available:

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/search?query=maitland>

* 9256 ROAD UPGRADES IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the final quantum funding of the Testers Hollow road raising?
- (2) How much did the Government contribute to the project?
- (3) Will the Government upgrade Buchanan Road to a State Road as requested by Maitland City Council in the Roads Reclassifications program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This information is publicly available.
- (3) The recommendations in the Final Report of the Independent Panel for the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review is being considered by the NSW Government.

* 9257 MAITLAND TRAIN STATION ROUNDABOUT—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) Has modelling been conducted at the Maitland train station roundabout to assess the traffic flows?
- (a) If so, please advise all dates it has been conducted since March 2013?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2013, the New England Highway and Church Street roundabout has been upgraded twice to manage congestion and improve safety. The upgrades were undertaken in 2016 and 2020.

Both projects had traffic modelling carried out to identify any issues at the roundabout and to investigate options which would provide the best solution to improve congestion and safety.

* 9258 ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND TRANSFER AUDIT REPORT—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) Have condition audits been conducted for the projects that were identified in the Regional Roads Classification Review and Transfer priority round?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) When will they be conducted?
- (2) How many condition audits have been conducted?

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- (3) What is the estimated cost of bringing the priority rounds projects up to an acceptable standard before the transfer can occur?
- (4) Has the Minister received advice on the cost of bringing priority round projects up to a transferrable standard?
 - (a) Will the panel provide a report of the costs involved?
 - (i) If so, will this be publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Independent Panel's report on the priority round is publicly available on their website. The terms of reference is also available on the website.

With the exception of the Kempsey-Armidale Road, inspections have been conducted on all the roads endorsed from the Independent Panel's interim report. These inspections will identify and prioritise any improvement works and inform a business case which Transport for NSW is currently developing.

Restoration work on the Kempsey-Armidale Road is being delivered by Armidale Regional Council. Inspections on this road will commence once the works are completed, followed by the transfer of asset management responsibilities.

* 9259 REGIONAL ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND TRANSFER FUNDS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much of the \$250 million allocated for the Regional Roads Classification Review and Transfer has been spent as at 17 November 2022?
- (2) When will the rest of the funds be allocated?
- (3) Will the \$250 million only be used for the priority round?
- (4) Is this enough funding to complete the priority round?
- (5) What is the estimated time frame for the priority round to be completed?
- (6) What will happen to any other monies from the \$250 million that is left after the priority round is completed?
 - (a) Where will it be allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available.
- (2) This information is publicly available.
- (3) The \$250 million allocation relates to the supported recommendations in the priority round.
- (4) A Final Business Case is being prepared to identify, prioritise and justify investment in upgrades for transferring roads in regional NSW.
- (5) Transport for NSW is working with each council on implementing the endorsed recommendations.
- (6) See (4)

* 9260 SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What was the total quantum of funding allocated to the School Drive Subsidy in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021-22;
 - (b) 2020-21;
 - (c) 2019-20;
 - (d) 2018-19;
 - (e) 2017-18;
 - (f) 2016-17;
 - (g) 2015-16?
- (2) What was the total quantum of funding spent to the School Drive Subsidy in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2021-22;
 - (b) 2020-21;
 - (c) 2019-20;
 - (d) 2018-19;
 - (e) 2017-18;
 - (f) 2016-17;
 - (g) 2015-16?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total quantum of funding allocated to School Drive Subsidy and Private Vehicle Conveyancing payments to parents under the schemes is provided below:
 - (a) 2021-22: \$18,264,446
 - (b) 2020-21: \$21,990,946
 - (c) 2019-20: \$22,808,280
 - (d) 2018-19: \$22,416,000
 - (e) 2017-18: \$21,976,000
 - (f) 2016-17: \$21,440,000
 - (g) 2015-16: \$23,946,000
- (2) The total quantum of funding spent on the School Drive Subsidy and Private Vehicle Conveyancing payments to parents under the schemes is provided below:
 - (a) 2021-22: \$11,356,553
 - (b) 2020-21: \$8,715,235
 - (c) 2019-20: \$13,347,242
 - (d) 2018-19: \$20,599,773

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- (e) 2017-18: \$21,985,075
- (f) 2016-17: \$18,452,503
- (g) 2015-16: \$21,019 509

* 9261 TERTIARY STUDENT OPAL CARDS—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) Why are the student identification cards at both University of New England and Australian National University unacceptable proof of ID for students applying for the tertiary Student Opal Cards?
 - (a) Why are these Universities singled out?
 - (b) What other tertiary institutions proof of ID's are not accepted by Transport for NSW?
 - (c) Do students from regional communities in New South Wales attend these universities?
 - (i) If so, why are they disadvantaged and not able to access concession cards for travel.
- (2) Why are full time University, dependant Students (as assessed by Centrelink) under the age of 23 with parents on a disability support pension unable to get concession travel in their home state?

Answer—

I am advised:

The eligibility of education institutions and their students for concession fares is determined in accordance with the NSW Tertiary Student concessions guidelines. The guidelines as well as information in relation to the Transport Concession Entitlement Card is available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 9262 BUILD BACK BETTER FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

In relation to the \$512.5 million joint funding recently announced to help New South Wales build back better, what is the Government's contribution?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian and NSW Governments are delivering two complementary infrastructure betterment programs to support communities impacted by natural disasters. This investment totals \$512.5 million and is co-funded 50:50 by the Australian and NSW Government.

The investment includes a \$200 million Infrastructure Betterment Fund, administered by the Department of Regional NSW, and a \$312.5 million Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package, administered by Transport for New South Wales.

Both programs will be delivered as a consistent, whole-of-government approach to betterment.

* 9263 CCTV FUND—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Considering the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund was established in February 2019 with 10 local government areas (LGAs) eligible to apply:
 - (a) Has the program been assessed for expansion to other areas of New South Wales?
 - (i) If yes, when was this done?
 - (ii) If yes, what was the decision?
 - (iii) If no, when will this be done?

- (b) How many applications have been received from businesses in each of the 10 LGAs since inception of the program?
- (c) Will the program be extended past the original 4 years term?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The CCTV fund has been assessed for expansion to other areas of NSW.
- In October 2022, the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund was expanded to include an additional eight LGAs adjacent to the original 10 LGAs. The following LGAs were added as eligible LGAs under the CCTV fund:
- Burwood;
 - Canada Bay;
 - Georges River;
 - Inner West;
 - Strathfield;
 - Blue Mountains;
 - The Hills; and
 - Hawkesbury.
- (b) As of 23 November 2022, a total of 755 applications have been received from the original 10 LGAs.
- (c) At this time, there are no plans to extend the CCTV fund program following its conclusion on 30 June 2023.

* 9264 SPECIAL DISASTER GRANTS – NSW SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) With regard the Special Disaster Grants - NSW Severe Weather and Flooding February 2022 onwards of up to \$75,000 for eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs):
- (a) How many applications have been received to 13 October 2022?
- (i) How many of these applications have been approved?
- (ii) What LGAs were these located?
- (b) How many applications are pending a decision?
- (c) How many applications have been declined?
- (i) What LGAs were these located?
- (d) How many applications have received:
- (i) Full funding?
- (ii) Partial funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to response to Question on Notice 8890.

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* 9265 LANDHOLDER ACCESS TO LIVESTOCK HELICOPTER CHECKS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Given that due to the current floods, there are increasing instances of isolated landholders and livestock, that many landholders are also unable to pinpoint the location of stranded livestock to move them to higher ground, and that currently Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE) provides helicopters to do flyovers, but will not let landowners accompany them (as was previously the case) will the Minister detail why and how this change in policy occurred?
- (2) Will the Minister undertake to overturn this decision and provide vital access to landholders impacted by flooding?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture.

* 9266 LUMP SUM SUPPORT PAYMENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

- (1) Considering recent flood affected local government area within the Barwon electorate await an announcement for a lump sum support payment to assist with their recovery and that flood damage assessments performed by the SES are required before consideration can be made for the Disaster Recovery Payment, how quickly would you expect this report to be submitted to your office?
 - (a) Would you consider 3 weeks to be acceptable?
- (2) Considering lump sum payments are designed for an immediate relief measure for people severely impacted by a disaster, why are towns severely affected by recent September flooding still awaiting support?

Answer—

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP) is a Commonwealth administered grant program which provides a lump sum payment to help those impacted by natural disasters. This emergency payment is activated by the Commonwealth.

For further information on the AGDRP please visit the Services Australia website: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/new-south-wales-floods-september-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment>

The Commonwealth has access to ‘real-time’ data from NSW in their determination of which areas are eligible for the payment.

* 9267 EDUCATOR TO STUDENT RATIO—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Given that educator to student ratio requirements for early childcare centres in New South Wales are impacting the availability of support for families and that regional and Metropolitan areas of New South Wales have the same requirements for educator to student ratio provision, and considering the availability of qualified person/s, can the Minister consider adjusting regional requirements, as many families are going unsupported?
- (2) Attracting professionals to regional areas can often be determined by availability of childcare services, would more nurses, doctors and teachers be more inclined to move rurally if this measure was available?
- (3) If educator to student ratio adjustments cannot be considered, what other options can the Minister suggest to improve the availability of this service?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to supporting the ECEC sector and growing the workforce without compromising children's safety or standards. Given the size and diversity of this sector, we rightly set a high standard for service ratios.

Educator-to-child ratio and qualification requirements are important aspects of structural quality that affect the provision of quality education and care.

Provisions exist within the National Regulations for services experiencing difficulty in meeting regulatory requirements, particularly services located in remote and very remote areas of NSW. The NSW Regulatory Authority may grant waivers to regulatory requirements on application, and in exceptional circumstances. These are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to there being no increased risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of children in education and care.

The NSW Government is committed to supporting children and families with access to affordable and quality early childhood education and care, no matter their circumstances or where they live through a \$15.9 billion investment in the Early Years Commitment. Investments include:

- \$5.8 billion over 10 years for the introduction of a universal pre-kindergarten year for every child in the year before school by 2030,
- \$5 billion over 10 years to deliver the Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund
- \$281.6 million focused on growing, developing and retaining the ECEC workforce, including in regional and remote areas
- \$1.3 billion over four years in fee relief for affordable preschool, accessible across NSW from 2023
- \$376.5 million in Brighter Beginnings to implement a range of evidence-based inter-agency programs.

Since the \$281.6 million workforce package was announced in June 2022, over 1,000 successful early childhood scholarships have been announced.

* 9268 PROPERTY SALES IN NEWCASTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many Government properties have been sold in the Newcastle Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?
 - (j) 2020?
 - (k) 2021?
 - (l) 2022 to 17 November 2022?

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- (2) What is the total value of these sales for each year listed in (1)?
- (3) How many social housing properties have been sold in the Newcastle Local Government Area in the following years:
- (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?
 - (d) 2014?
 - (e) 2015?
 - (f) 2016?
 - (g) 2017?
 - (h) 2018?
 - (i) 2019?
 - (j) 2020?
 - (k) 2021?
 - (l) 2022 to 17 November 2022?
- (4) What is the total value of these sales for each year listed in (3)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The following number of NSW Government owned properties located in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) were sold in each calendar year:

Calendar Year	Number of Properties
2011	61
2012	71
2013	95
2014	114
2015	141
2016	121
2017	107
2018	22
2019	24
2020	17
2021	10
2022 to 17 November 2022	16

(2) The total value of NSW Government properties sales in the Newcastle LGA for each calendar year is:

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Calendar Year	Total Value of Property Sales
2011	\$17,171,185
2012	\$24,428,650
2013	\$46,470,915
2014	\$30,589,703
2015	\$59,353,532
2016	\$95,253,200
2017	\$61,603,410
2018	\$36,355,500
2019	\$37,899,875
2020	\$10,458,101
2021	\$23,702,600
2022 to 17 November 2022	\$7,566,500

(3) and (4)

The total number of properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) that have been sold and the total value of sales in the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) for the following financial years are:

Financial Year	Number of Properties	Total Value of Property Sales
2010-11	5	\$2.615 million
2011-12	7	\$3.409 million
2012-13	14	\$6.363 million
2013-14	31	\$7.362 million
2014-15	5	\$2.961 million
2015-16	4	\$3.050 million
2016-17	4	\$3.408 million
2017-18	9	\$6.9 million
2018-19	12	\$9.730 million
2019-20	7	\$3.408 million
2020-21	4	\$3.118 million
2021-22	8	\$6.297 million

In the same periods 202 social housing dwellings were delivered by LAHC.

Data relating to residential properties sold by LAHC in 2022-23 will be available following release of 2022-23 audited financial statements in late 2023.

* 9270 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION WASTE MANAGEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What is Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) bulk waste collection policy in the Newcastle area?
- (2) Is LAHC responsible for picking up bulk rubbish at LAHC properties in Newcastle?
- (3) What role does Newcastle City Council play in bulk rubbish collections at LAHC properties in Newcastle?
- (4) How can members of the public and tenants report rubbish at LAHC properties that needs to be removed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) LAHC's waste management services are arranged in response to identified needs.
- (2) Households are responsible for placing their items on the kerbside, in accordance with the bulk waste services provided by Newcastle City Council.
- (3) Newcastle City Council provides 2 x six monthly bulk waste kerbside collection services per property, and LAHC may seek additional services for bulk waste removal if required.
- (4) Any illegally dumped rubbish on LAHC properties can be reported to the local Department of Communities and Justice housing services office, and illegally dumped rubbish on public land should be reported to Newcastle City Council.

* 9271 GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How much money has been allocated to advertising Government series this financial year?
- (2) How much advertising money is allocated to be spent in each of the following months this financial year:
 - (a) July?
 - (b) August?
 - (c) September?
 - (d) October?
 - (e) November?
 - (f) December?
 - (g) January?
 - (h) February?
 - (i) March?
 - (j) April?
 - (k) May?
 - (l) June?

If the answer refers to a budget page can you please reference what paper and page the information can be found on?

Answer—

I am advised this question is best directed towards the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

* 9272 STOCKTON EROSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Will the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation apply for the mining license required to undertake mass sand nourishment to address erosion at Stockton Beach?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Responsibility for lodging any required mining application is a matter for the City of Newcastle, as the appropriate lead proponent from the outset.

* 9273 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many social housing properties have been constructed in the Newcastle Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2011?
 - (b) 2012?
 - (c) 2013?

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- (d) 2014?
- (e) 2015?
- (f) 2016?
- (g) 2017?
- (h) 2018?
- (i) 2019?
- (j) 2020?
- (k) 2021?
- (l) 2022 to 17 November 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has delivered 202 social housing dwellings in the Newcastle Local Government Area including those constructed, acquired and converted for the following financial years:

	FY	Dwellings
a)	2010/2011	52
b)	2011/2012	59
c)	2012/2013	28
d)	2013/2014	8
e)	2014/2015	0
f)	2015/2016	0
g)	2016/2017	0
h)	2017/2018	11
i)	2018/2019	22
j)	2019/2020	0
k)	2020/2021	8
l)	2021/2022	14

Data relating to residential properties delivered by LAHC by Local Government Area for 2022-23 financial year will be available following the release of the 2022-23 audited financial statements in late 2023.

The number of new homes delivered in the Newcastle LGA by the Aboriginal Housing Office in each year is as follows:

	Year	Dwellings
a)	2011	8
b)	2012	4
c)	2013	1
d)	2014	2
e)	2015	4
f)	2016	0
g)	2017	0
h)	2018	0

i)	2019	0
j)	2020	0
k)	2021	8
l)	2022*	1
		*up to 30 October 2022

* 9274 HISTORICAL CLAIMS RECORDS—Mr Michael Daley to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) With respect to claims for survivors of historical institutional abuse, can the Minister advise the average wait time for claimants to be provided with access to justice health records in order to proceed with a claim under the Civil Liability Amendment (Child Abuse) Act 2021 and the Government Guiding Principles for Government Agencies Responding to Civil Claims for Child Abuse, by the Department of Community and Justice (DCJ)?
 - (a) Specifically, can the Minister advise:
 - (i) What is the average time between when the request is made and when the claimant is provided with the record?
 - (ii) What is the Department of Community and Justice's own recommended time between when a request is made and when the claimant is provided with the record in order to comply with the Government Guiding Principles and Model Litigant Policy?
 - (iii) What is the time between when the request is made and the DCJ begin processing the request?
 - (iv) What is the DCJ's own recommended time to begin processing requests when they are made in order to comply with the Government Guiding Principles and Model Litigant Policy?
 - (v) What is the process for fulfilling these requests, from the point where the request is made and until the request is fulfilled?
 - (vi) What is the number of staff members and resources allocated to fulfilling these requests to ensure that the Government is complying with the Government's own Guiding Principles and Model Litigant Policy?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if a claimant's Commonwealth tax records are required by statute or policy by the Department of Community and Justice and/or the Government for the resolution of historical abuse claims?
 - (a) If so, will the Minister commit to enabling the use of other forms of Commonwealth Government income verification, such as Centrelink records, to resolve claims efficiently and ensure that survivors of abuse are not re-traumatised with lengthy, unnecessary delays?
- (3) With respect to claims for survivors of historical institutional abuse, can the Minister advise the number of mediations and settlement conferences the department has cancelled between 1 January 2022 and 11 November 2022?
 - (a) What the reasons for these cancellations?
 - (b) Furthermore, can the Minister advise how many of these were court-ordered mediations and/or settlement conferences?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network is part of the Ministry of Health and not the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). Questions relating to Justice Health should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- (2) A claimant's Commonwealth tax records are not required by statute or policy by DCJ and/or the government for the resolution of historical abuse claims.
- (3) There were 24 matters where DCJ postponed mediations/Informal Settlement Conferences (ISCs) between 1 January 2022 and 11 November 2022. Of those 24, eight of the claims have now been resolved. During this same period, 424 mediations or ISCs were held in relation to child abuse claims.

* 9275 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ACCOMMODATION AT RADIOTHERAPY UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Has there been funds allocated to the future building of the patient accommodation for the Griffith Radiotherapy Clinic?
 - (a) If so, what funds have been allocated?
 - (b) If not, will there be funds allocated for this community project?

Answer—

- (1) (a – b)

NSW Health will be supporting the operational cost of the Griffith Cancer Care Centre through an infrastructure payment to reduce out of pocket expenses to patients.

Patients needing to travel to Griffith to receive radiotherapy may have travel and accommodation subsidised by the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS).

In case the honourable Member is not aware, the NSW Government announced a major funding boost to IPTAAS in the current budget, doubling both fuel and accommodation subsidies for regional patients which is already delivering thousands of dollars of savings to those most in need. Along with additional changes that expanded eligibility for the scheme, New South Wales now has the most generous IPTAAS scheme in the country.

I strongly urge the honourable Member to make her constituents aware of this generous scheme, as it is a key priority for us to ensure that anyone who is eligible for the scheme is aware of it and is receiving the assistance that is available.

* 9276 NARRANDERA TO TOCUMWAL RAIL LINE—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 consider upgrading the Narrandera-Tocumwal rail line, to enable greater efficiencies and invest in nation building infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

A feasibility study for the Narrandera to Tocumwal Rail Line was completed in August 2018. Based on the analysis undertaken, the project was deemed economically unviable.

* 9280 HELIPAD FOR GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

As part of the \$250 million redevelopment of the Griffith Base Hospital, will you consider the installation of a helipad?

Answer—

The majority of transfers out of Griffith Base Hospital to larger, tertiary facilities require a fixed wing aircraft that depart from Griffith airport, which is 5 kilometres away from the hospital.

* 9286 DRUG DETECTION DOG INDICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) In each of the following calendar years, how many searches were undertaken following drug detection dog indications by each Police Area Command?
- (a) 2019?
(b) 2020?
(c) 2021?
(d) 2022?
- (2) In each of the following calendar years, in each Police Area Command, how many of these searches resulted in illicit drugs being discovered?
- (a) 2019?
(b) 2020?
(c) 2021?
(d) 2022?

Answer—

(1)

RESPONSIBLE PAC	EVENT REPORTED YEAR			
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to 24/11)
Auburn PAC	1,286	268	233	594
Bankstown PAC	36	12	18	45
Blacktown PAC	252	36	30	79
Blue Mountains PAC	17	0	7	28
Burwood PAC	30	2	13	70
Camden PAC	312	5	51	56
Campbelltown City PAC	141	48	44	100
Campsie PAC	9	3	19	12
Cumberland PAC	150	8	30	20
Eastern Beaches PAC	602	118	104	324
Eastern Suburbs PAC	222	70	114	84
Fairfield City PAC	141	33	60	65
Hawkesbury PAC	78	3	19	13
Inner West PAC	415	105	138	179
Kings Cross PAC	325	65	99	209
Kuring Gai PAC	80	0	18	33
Leichhardt PAC	57	3	17	46
Liverpool City PAC	353	64	69	138
Mt Druitt PAC	54	48	31	24
Nepean PAC	124	12	59	137

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North Shore PAC	452	41	115	211
Northern Beaches PAC	62	0	6	7
Parramatta PAC	575	290	46	171
PT&PSC Marine Area Command	1	10	13	41
Riverstone PAC	31	0	4	18
Ryde PAC	69	12	32	74
South Sydney PAC	440	13	18	35
St George PAC	306	56	187	116
Surry Hills PAC	464	153	62	272
Sutherland Shire PAC	267	34	76	60
Sydney City PAC	792	425	325	625
The Hills PAC	3	1	6	44

(2)

RESPONSIBLE PAC/PD	EVENT REPORTED YEAR			
	2019	2020	2021	2022 (to 24/11)
Auburn PAC	233	59	41	135
Bankstown PAC	8	8	12	19
Blacktown PAC	68	10	8	18
Blue Mountains PAC	7	0	4	6
Burwood PAC	6	1	2	15
Camden PAC	70	2	17	10
Campbelltown City PAC	37	13	11	27
Campsie PAC	4	2	7	3
Cumberland PAC	38	5	11	8
Eastern Beaches PAC	215	35	43	98
Eastern Suburbs PAC	78	27	48	38
Fairfield City PAC	20	10	15	11
Hawkesbury PAC	21	2	4	9
Inner West PAC	116	48	71	63
Kings Cross PAC	92	25	42	48
Kuring Gai PAC	16	0	21	15
Leichhardt PAC	16	4	8	12
Liverpool City PAC	97	22	22	39
Mt DrUITT PAC	25	17	8	8
Nepean PAC	32	5	18	47
North Shore PAC	122	18	26	61
Northern Beaches PAC	11	0	3	9
Parramatta PAC	157	110	9	40
PT&PSC Marine Area Command	0	3	5	13
Riverstone PAC	5	0	1	4
Ryde PAC	24	4	9	19
South Sydney PAC	118	6	6	14
St George PAC	47	17	50	30
Surry Hills PAC	192	75	36	114
Sutherland Shire PAC	67	28	33	25
Sydney City PAC	274	154	185	199
The Hills PAC	0	0	5	12

* 9288 SYDNEY TRAIN NETWORK ON TIME RUNNING FACTORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What factors contributed to the poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to meeting its punctuality goals, however, the performance of trains can be affected by a number of issues including passenger illness and unfortunately, fatalities. Furthermore, mechanical and fleet issues also contribute to disrupted running times.

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In September and October 2022, the factors that impacted the punctuality of Sydney Trains include;

- Extreme weather events causing floods on tracks and damaged wires.
- Track issues at St James, Redfern, and Auburn.
- Fleet-related incidents at Sydenham, Coniston and Wynyard.
- Passenger illness requiring medical assistance at Wolli Creek and a trespass incident at Dulwich Hill.

All of these contributing factors were further impacted by the ongoing industrial relation actions.

During disruptions, all efforts are made to safely rectify the issue in order to keep commuters moving to their destination and to restore services back to timetable as quickly as possible.

* 9289 SYDNEY TRAIN NETWORK ON TIME RUNNING ADVICE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What advice did Transport for NSW provide to the Government regarding poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?
- (2) Did transport provide advice to the Government which stated that industrial action contributed to poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to meeting its punctuality goals, however, the performance of trains can be affected by a number of issues including passenger illness and unfortunately, fatalities. Furthermore, mechanical and fleet issues also contribute to disrupted running times.

In each of the previous three financial years, Sydney Trains exceeded their punctuality target with 92.1 per cent in the 2021-22 financial year, 95 per cent in the 2020-21 financial year and 92.5 per cent in the 2019-20 financial year.

Throughout most of this year, major industrial action including work stoppages, bans on operating foreign-made rolling stock, bans on issuing and accepting transpositions, bans on altered working, bans on trains operating above certain speeds, and bans on overtime have disrupted day to day operations, maintenance activities and project work and have contributed to the decline of rail performance.

During disruptions, all efforts are made to safely rectify the issue in order to keep commuters moving to their destination and to restore services back to timetable as quickly as possible.

* 9290 SYDNEY TRAIN NETWORK ON TIME RUNNING MAINTENANCE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many fleet maintenance issues contributed to poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to meeting its punctuality goals, however, the performance of trains can be affected by a number of issues including passenger illness and unfortunately, fatalities. Furthermore, mechanical and fleet issues also contribute to disrupted running times.

The most significant fleet-related incidents in September and October were on 21 September at Sydenham, 26 October at Coniston, and 29 September at Wynyard.

During disruptions, all efforts are made to safely rectify the issue in order to keep commuters moving to their destination and to restore services back to timetable as quickly as possible.

* 9291 SYDNEY TRAIN NETWORK ON TIME RUNNING WEATHER—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did Transport for NSW provide advice to the Government which stated that weather events contributed to poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?
- (2) How many weather events contributed to poor levels of on time running across the Sydney Train network in September and October of 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Damage to rail infrastructure from severe weather events was one of the causes that impacted Sydney Trains' punctuality in September and October 2022. For example, on 6 October 2022 flooding affected tracks and infrastructure at Central Station which caused extensive disruption across the rail network.

* 9293 SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON PARRAMATTA ROAD—Mr Jason Li to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many units have been planned for Parramatta Road, between Frederick Street and Centenary Drive?
- (2) What services, transport, schools, hospitals and roads are needed to supply the rapid population increases associated?
 - (a) What infrastructure has been planned to support the rapid population increases on Parramatta Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available and can be accessed at:

- www.landcom.com.au/organisation/publications/parramatta-road-urban-transformation-strategy-2016/
- <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Infrastructure-funding/Parramatta-Road-Urban-Amenity-Improvement-Program>
- <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Parramatta-Road>
- <https://www.landcom.com.au/assets/Publications/Parramatta/e54023d6e6/parramatta-road-implementation-tool-kit-infrastructure-schedule.pdf>

* 9294 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) On 6 September 2022, I made representations on behalf Mr and Mrs McKinney regarding their experience of the NSW Foster/Kinship care system. I am yet to receive a response. Can you please advise when I may receive a response given that it has been over two months since I made the representations?

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Answer—

I can advise that the representations made on behalf of Mr and Mrs McKinney regarding their experience as kinship carers have been considered.

On 21 November 2022, a response to your representations was sent to your electorate office.

* 9295 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What social and affordable housing is proposed for The Entrance electorate and the wider Central Coast provided by the Government?
- (2) What support is being provided to councils Affordable Housing Strategy to ensure its success?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since July 2017 to June 2022, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) has delivered 41 properties across the Central Coast local government area (LGA). No new supply projects are currently proposed for the Central Coast LGA including The Entrance electorate. However, LAHC continually reviews the state's portfolio of social housing assets to identify opportunities to deliver more and better housing across NSW.

It is also important to note 25 new social houses are currently proposed for delivery by the Aboriginal Housing Office over the next three years in the Central Coast. The homes will be built in the following suburbs:

- West Gosford (3)
 - Argenton (6)
 - Charlestown (8)
 - Woy Woy (4)
 - Mt Hutton (4)
- (2) This information is publicly available:
Housing SEPP EIE - www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/housing-policy-eie

* 9296 FISHING BUSINESSES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many fishing businesses are registered with postcodes in the range 2250-2264?
- (2) How many of these hold entitlements to fish in waters on the Central Coast?
- (3) How many businesses outside of the postcode range 2250 – 2265 hold entitlement to fish on the Central Coast?

Answer—

- (1) As of the 22 November there are 65 fishing businesses registered with postcodes in the range 2250-2264.
- (2) As of the 22 November, a total of 65 hold entitlements to fish in waters on the Central Coast.
- (3) As of the 22 November there are 151 fishing businesses outside the range of 2250-2264 which hold entitlements to fish region 4 and region 5 which include the Central Coast area.

* 9297 ACCOMMODATION OUTREACH—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Are you aware of outreach provided to the person who is sleeping on Elizabeth Street outside the 7-eleven retail shop at #287?
- (2) What outreach has been provided to the person?
- (3) Has the person been offered accommodation instead of the street?
- (4) Why are there so many people sleeping on the street in the city?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is aware of the person rough sleeping outside the 7-Eleven retail shop on Elizabeth Street.
- (2) The Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney District Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST) has engaged with this person. HOST, along with partner agencies including health, councils, local police and specialist homelessness services, conduct between two to five visits a week to this location on assertive outreach patrols.
- (3) Accommodation and support have been offered, in line with the assertive outreach practice principle of a persistent approach.
- (4) Recent research commissioned by DCJ (Pathways to Homelessness Report, 2021) supports that some of the key drivers of homelessness in NSW at present are usually an intersection of:
 - poverty and financial disadvantage
 - domestic family violence and relationship issues
 - mental health and substance dependence
 - structural barriers affecting young people who feel they are unable to continue living in the family home
 - exiting from government services.

The high concentration of people sleeping rough within the city can be attributed to the tendency for people to relocate to the inner city when they become homeless for reasons including:

- safety and security in places that are well lit and have a higher police or security presence
- services are tailored to addressing more complex needs, such as mental health and issues with alcohol and other drugs
- accessibility of specialist homelessness services, non-government organisations, charities and food services
- anonymity of the city due to the stigma of sleeping rough in their community of origin
- a sense of community, especially for Aboriginal people, in locations including Redfern and Waterloo
- the perception of greater opportunities for employment.

* 9298 ACCOMMODATION OUTREACH—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Are you aware of the person who has been sleeping on the street at the corner of George and Liverpool Street and has done so for the last several months?
- (2) What outreach has been provided to the person?

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- (3) Has accommodation been provided to the person?
(4) Why are there so many people sleeping on the streets of the city?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is aware of the person rough sleeping at the corner of George and Liverpool Street for the last several months.
- (2) Sydney, South Eastern Sydney and Northern Sydney District Homelessness Outreach Support Team (HOST), as well as key partners, are involved in conducting assertive outreach patrols in the inner city. Patrols are conducted in the area five times a week where the general welfare of persons sleeping rough is checked and engagements occur, as has occurred for this person.
- (3) This person has been offered accommodation and support consistently; in line with the assertive outreach practice principle of a persistent approach.
- (4) Recent research commissioned by DCJ (Pathways to Homelessness Report, 2021) supports that some of the key drivers of homelessness in NSW at present are usually an intersection of:
- poverty and financial disadvantage
 - domestic family violence and relationship issues
 - mental health and substance dependence
 - structural barriers affecting young people who feel they are unable to continue living in the family home
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- anonymity of the city due to the stigma of sleeping rough in their community of origin
- a sense of community, especially for Aboriginal people, in locations including Redfern and Waterloo
- the perception of greater opportunities for employment.

* 9299 DEVELOPMENT PLANS GUARANTEE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Given that the Department of Planning is currently considering the Bankstown and Campsie Master Plans for approval, what guarantees can you provide to the communities in Bankstown, East Hills and Canterbury that the Labor lobbyists and property developers who support Mayor Khal Asfour's overdevelopment plans will be ignored?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently undertaking the assessment of separate planning proposals to implement the Bankstown CBD Master Plan (PP-2022-1153) and Campsie Town Centre Master Plan (PP-2022-2726). Both are at the Gateway assessment stage and the process for this assessment is outlined in greater detail in the Local Plan Making Guideline available on the Department's website.

* 9300 AUDIT OF MAYORAL AND GENERAL MANAGERS EXPENSES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Given reports that Canterbury-Bankstown Mayor Khal Asfour, spent close to \$50,000 of Bankstown and East Hills ratepayers money on his Uni degree, what action have you and your Department taken to audit the Mayoral and General Managers expenses at Canterbury-Bankstown Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of Local Government has reviewed Council's application of its Councillor Fees and Expenses Policy and is satisfied that the matter has been appropriately addressed.

* 9301 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will the Minister investigate how the Mayor of Canterbury-Bankstown Council Khal Asfour's sister's real estate agency (LJ Hooker) was awarded property management opportunities at Canterbury-Bankstown Council?
- (2) Did the Council ratify the General Manager's decision to procure LJ Hooker's services at Canterbury-Bankstown Council?
- (3) Given the Canterbury-Bankstown Council Mayor Khal Asfour's sister Ms Gizele Asfour procured property management services at Canterbury-Bankstown Council and donated \$5000 to Asfour's re-election campaign is the Minister aware if the Mayor disclosed this serious conflict to the General Manager and is there any paper trail to confirm this disclosure was made in accordance with statutory obligations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Should the Member have information that Council has departed from proper procurement practices relating to its property management contracts, or any failure by the Mayor to properly disclose and manage any conflicts of interest, I encourage her to provide that information to the Office of Local Government for consideration.

* 9302 ENERGY PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

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

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to the Legislative Assembly Question on Notice No. 8915.

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* 9303 ENERGY PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to answer to LA QoN 8915.

* 9304 BANKSTOWN CITY MASTERPLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Given Canterbury-Bankstown Council has submitted a Bankstown City Masterplan that would see the very valuable West Terrace car park converted to open space rendering it worthless, will the Minister investigate how the Council came to this decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

Should the Member have information that Council has departed from its legal obligations, I encourage her to provide that information to the Office of Local Government for consideration.

* 9305 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN 2022—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister investigate why Canterbury-Bankstown Council has resolved to allocate funds through the Canterbury-Bankstown Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2022 Infrastructure Schedule for Open Space and Recreation (Reference OS107) in the order of \$3,860,000 in ratepayers money for the “new open space” at the west terrace carpark, neighbouring the controversial Bellevue Function centre site at Restwell St?

Answer—

I am advised:

Should the Member have information that Council has departed from its legal obligations, I encourage her to provide that information to the Office of Local Government for consideration.

* 9306 DEVELOPER INCENTIVE MAPS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if Canterbury-Bankstown Council has exhibited all the components of the Development Control Plan and Developer Incentive Maps for each site impacted by the Bankstown City Masterplan?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment is currently undertaking a Gateway assessment of a planning proposal (PP-2022-1153) to implement the Bankstown City Centre Master Plan. Should the Department support the planning proposal proceeding, Canterbury-Bankstown Council will then be required to exhibit the planning proposal and supporting documentation including any development control plan/s and mapping.

* 9307 STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Have all Canterbury-Bankstown Council's potential conflicts of interests been discharged in accordance with statutory obligations in regards to Campsie and Bankstown Masterplans?
 - (a) If yes, please provide all paperwork and/or links.

Answer—

I am advised:

The Bankstown City Centre and Campsie Town Centre Master Plans were developed and adopted by Canterbury-Bankstown Council. Questions regarding the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interests relating to these master plans should be directed to Council.

* 9308 MAINTENANCE IN SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) What is the itemised maintenance list and costings for:
 - (a) Randwick Boys High School?
 - (b) Randwick Girls High School?
 - (c) Rose Bay Public High School?
 - (d) Bronte Public School?
 - (e) Clovelly public School?
 - (f) Waverley Public School?
 - (g) Bondi Public School?
 - (h) Coogee Public School?
 - (i) South Coogee Public School?
 - (j) Randwick Public School?
 - (k) Bondi Beach Public School?
 - (l) Rainbow Street Public School?
 - (m) Centennial Park School?
- (2) What is the maintenance budget for:
 - (a) Randwick Boys High School?
 - (b) Randwick Girls High School?
 - (c) Rose Bay Public High School?
 - (d) Bronte Public School?
 - (e) Clovelly public School?

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- (f) Waverley Public School?
- (g) Bondi Public School?
- (h) Coogee Public School?
- (i) South Coogee Public School?
- (j) Bondi Beach Public School?
- (k) Randwick Public School?
- (l) Rainbow Street Public School?
- (m) Centennial Park School?

Answer—

The Department of Education has a well-defined maintenance strategy that ensures statutory and preventive maintenance is completed as the first priority to ensure our schools are safe and compliant.

Planned maintenance is undertaken in consultation with the school principal.

* 9309 BUS NOISE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What mechanism is used to measure bus noise?
- (2) What data has been collected that demonstrates the appropriateness of noise coming from buses?
- (3) Where can concerned constituents access the data?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is committed to replacing the State's ageing diesel bus fleet with zero emission vehicles. The Government will invest \$218.9 million over the next seven years to support the bus fleet move to zero emissions and will also set aside almost \$2 billion to help the transition process for more than 8,000 buses across the state ensuring NSW has a fully transitioned fleet by 2047.

The benefits of transitioning to zero emission vehicles include: significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions from public transport, reduced noise, better air quality for NSW communities, and quieter, smoother and more comfortable bus journeys for customers.

In accordance with Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 83/00 -External Noise) 2005, Transport for NSW monitors external noise limits for the various categories of vehicles and the test conditions under which they apply.

Under the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017, inspections are conducted in relation to defects on buses that might cause increased noise levels. These inspections are carried out twice per year as a minimum requirement.

Additionally, the Environment Protection Authority can act on reports of high levels of noise from vehicle exhausts and direct vehicles for inspection.

Data in relation to vehicle noise emissions is publicly available on the Infrastructure Australia website.

* 9310 RENTAL SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How long is the current application processing wait time for residence who have submitted rental subsidy applications?

- (2) Why have applications submitted not been addressed in a timely manner?
(3) What is causing the backlog in applications not being processed?

Answer—

I am informed:

(1)

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) policy is for a rent subsidy application, with all the required information, to be processed without delay and activated within 14 days of receiving the application.

(2) and (3)

There are a range of reasons that can impact the time taken to process a rent subsidy application. This can include payslips not supplied, the application not signed or other required documentation not supplied at the time of the application.

* 9316 NURSING ROSTER—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) When will the Government institute a 3x3 nursing roster at Prince Albert Memorial Hospital, Tenterfield, to provide safer patient care?

Answer—

Tenterfield Hospital is staffed in accordance with the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' State Award.

The Hunter New England Local Health District determines reasonable workloads for nurses in all services. Workload assessments measure demand through regular clinical assessment including patient acuity, staff skill mix and specialisation where relevant.

The District continues to monitor these workload measures and hospital activity, to ensure high quality and safe care is provided.

* 9317 NIMBIN'S ICONIC AQUARIUS FESTIVAL—Ms Janelle Saffin 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) Is the Government considering my request to provide financial support to the Committee organising the 50th anniversary celebrations of Nimbin's iconic Aquarius Festival in May 2023? Noting that this seed funding would cover the costs of a festival manager.

Answer—

I am advised:

Your correspondence on this matter has been received and is being processed in accordance with our usual practice. A response will be provided in due course.

* 9318 AMENITIES BLOCK IN NIMBIN'S PEACE PARK—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

Is the Government considering my request, made on behalf of Lismore City Council, to allocate \$400,000 in special one-off funding for an amenities block in Nimbin's Peace Park to cater for the village's 2400 residents and an estimated 160,000 tourists annually?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Your correspondence on this matter has been received and is being processed in accordance with our usual practice. A response will be provided in due course.

* 9319 RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK PROPOSAL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) Will the Government reconsider the NSW Rural Doctors Network's proposal to institute a Northern Rivers Non-Government Healthcare Business Grant to help flood-impacted general practices and specialists rebuild and remain in the region to continue providing essential health services? Noting that this proposal, which I have strongly advocated for, is supported by the Australian Medical Association.

Answer—

Through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), the Australian Government provides financial assistance directly to the states to assist them with costs associated with certain disaster relief and recovery assistance measures. Category C and D support is negotiated in consultation with the Federal Government. For more information visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/disaster-recovery/disaster-recovery-funding-arrangements>

I have written to the Federal Minister on behalf of the AMA and RDN asking for their support. The Federal Minister in his reply has indicated that his department is considering the proposal from the RDN for a new Healthcare Flood Recovery Grant targeting primary care services in the Lismore region.

Therefore I encourage the honourable Local Member to direct her strong advocacy towards her Federal Labor colleagues in support of this Proposal.

* 9320 SENTENCING COUNCIL REPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) On what date will the review by the Sentencing Council provide you with its report of sentencing for firearms, knives, and other weapons offences?
 - (a) Will the report be made public?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

This is a matter for the NSW Sentencing Council, which is an independent advisory body established under the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999. Reports completed and transmitted by the Sentencing Council are published on the NSW Sentencing Council's website on the 'Completed projects' webpage.

Information about the current status of the Sentencing Council's review is available at <https://sentencingcouncil.nsw.gov.au/our-work/current-projects/firearms-knives-and-other-weapons.html>

* 9321 UPDATE TO FIGURES PROVIDED—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

Can you provide an update to LA 7886 with figures between 1 April 2017 to 17 November 2022?

Answer—

The answer to LA QoN 7886, was provided by the Minister for Transport, and Minister for Veterans and contains no figures.

- * 9322 UPDATE TO FIGURES PROVIDED—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

Can you provide an update to LA 9511 with figures from 2010-11 to 2021-22 financial years?

Answer—

As there is no LA 9511, no.

- * 9323 COMMON PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Have any changes been made to the NSW Common Planning Assumptions?
 - (a) If so, what are the changes?
 - (b) Why were the changes proposed?
 - (c) Who approved the recommendation to make the changes?
- (2) How have the changes to the NSW Common Planning Assumptions effected the 2022 population growth figures in each local government area from the population growth figures of the previous five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.

- * 9324 HYDROGEN PROJECTS SUPPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) How much of the \$70 million in support for hydrogen projects in the a) Hunter and b) the Illawarra has been allocated?
 - (a) What are the details of the projects to which funding has been allocated, including the project name, purpose, amount allocated, and the location of the project?
 - (b) By what date will the funding under this program be fully allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The grant support for hydrogen hub projects in the Hunter and the Illawarra is yet to be allocated.
 - (a) The hydrogen hubs initiative assessment process and negotiations for selected applicants is still underway.
 - (b) The Departmental decision makers expect grant monies to be allocated fully during the first half of 2023.

- * 9325 ILLAWARRA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) On what date will the draft Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) declaration commence public exhibition?
- (2) When will the formal declaration of the Illawarra REZ, originally scheduled for the end of 2022, now be made?

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Answer—

The Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone is one of the biggest infrastructure projects in the region's history, championed by the Coalition Government.

The Registrations of Interest (ROI) process attracted a significant response with over \$43 billion in potential investment registered. 44 projects were registered, potentially delivering over 17 gigawatts of generation and storage capacity.

This overwhelming response demonstrates industry's support for the NSW Coalition Government's plans.

The Energy Corporation of NSW is reviewing responses to the ROI in order to declare the zone, balancing network infrastructure needs, social licence and investor interest.

The draft declaration of the Illawarra REZ is imminent.

NSW Labor voted for the Illawarra Renewable Energy Zone and should get on board or get out of the way.

* 9326 M1 BETWEEN PICTON ROAD AND BULLI TOPS—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) On what date will work commence on the improvements to the M1 between Picton Road and Bulli Tops?
- (2) What is the reason, or reasons, for the delay since the detailed design for stage one improvements were completed in April 2019?
- (3) How much of the \$42.1 million allocated to the project has been spent?
 - (a) What are the details of the expenditure to date on this project?
- (4) What is the total amount of Government funding committed to stage one of this project?
- (5) When is stage 2 of this project due to commence?
- (6) What is the total amount of funds committed by the Government to stage two of this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

* 9327 MOUNT OUSLEY TO YALLAH CORRIDOR STUDY—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) On what date is the Mount Ousley to Yallah corridor study due to be completed?
 - (a) Will the study be made public?
 - (i) If so, by what date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has undertaken preliminary investigations on the M1 Princes Motorway between Mount Ousley and Yallah. The project is part of the Mount Ousley to Yallah Integrated Transport Plan, which looks at broader transport solutions to address growth, which include the West Lake Illawarra Growth Area.

This project is in the scoping phase and will build on previous modelling and design investigations. It will also consider the bigger transport picture, including public and active transport alternatives, before the delivery of any capacity upgrades along the motorway.

The approach will allow Transport for NSW to make an informed decision on improvements on the whole transport system, instead of looking at the motorway in isolation.

The work is expected to be completed at the end of 2023.

* 9329 AGRITOURISM PLANNING CHANGES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to Agritourism planning changes:
 - (a) Why did the Minister instruct his department to reverse previous assurances given to councils prior to March this year that they could prohibit the new Agritourism land uses in all rural zones?
 - (b) Why have you reversed the basis of the Agritourism initiative, which was intended to supplement farmers' incomes in times of drought, with the unannounced fundamental change that allows landowners to "earn more income from their agritourism business than their primary production business" on an ongoing basis?
 - (c) What consultation was undertaken with communities and stakeholders about these changes?
 - (i) Can the Minister provide detail of this consultation other than the initial media release, the Planning Portal and the Facebook campaign targeting those with interest in agriculture related activities?
 - (d) What changes were made to the initial policy proposals based on this community and industry consultation?
 - (e) On 6 April 2022, the Director of State and Regional Economy stated that "development standards that are proposed for exempt and complying development are being set at a limit to ensure that the activities remain small scale and low impact, and they are ancillary in nature. For example, in relation to the farm experience premises use, a farming business would only be able to erect a new building or convert an existing building that is up to 100sqm in floor area." Why did the Minister instruct his department to reverse this position and increase the maximum size to 200sqm?
 - (f) What stakeholders did the Minister meet with in favour and against this proposal before March 2022 and in the period March to September 2022?
 - (g) When did the Minister's Department commence working on these proposed policy changes?
 - (i) Were there any parliamentary or industry inquiries prior to this work commencing?
 - (h) What advice and support will the Minister and his department offer to councils who believe their limited compliance resources will be overwhelmed by the proliferation of significant unregulated commercial activity resulting from exempt and complying development to be permitted in the rural environment?
 - (i) Will the Minister consider pausing the policy and instead instructing his department to work with local councils to map appropriate locations for policy changes to support agritourism rather than blanket changes to planning policies?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

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- (1) (a)-(c) and (g) The agritourism planning reforms aim to make it easier for primary producers to set up, run and grow agritourism experiences on their farms. Agritourism showcases what's unique about a region, educates the public about farm-to-plate, and encourages the next generation to farm the land.

Research by the NSW Small Business Commission and Service NSW in 2018-19, under the Making Business Easier program, identified blockages in the planning system which prevented farmers doing their preferred agritourism activities and subjected them to delays and costs associated with development applications.

State-wide public consultation on the agritourism proposals in early 2021 and subsequent consultation with industry about the types of agritourism farmers are already doing, confirmed the need for broad land use terms, broad applicability, and simpler and low-cost planning pathways for minor development. This encourages innovation and saves farmers time and money.

To protect prime agricultural land, agritourism must be ancillary to the farm but could bring in more income than the agricultural operations, particularly during periods of drought or other circumstances beyond the farmer's control.

- (1) (d) This information is publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/agritourism
- (1) (e) Farm buildings up to 1200sqm can be built under complying development. A 200sqm building is about the size of a small shed and is not significant for farming properties but will enable a viable agritourism business. Development standards will limit impacts of events on neighbours, roads and amenity.
- (f) My diary is publicly disclosed.
- (1) (h) For the first time, the reforms give clear definitions and metrics for agritourism development that can be easily understood by farmers, neighbours and councils.
- These measures reduce uncertainty for the farming community and will assist council officers when taking compliance action.
- (1) (i) By starting the agritourism changes on 1 December, farmers can benefit from the policy over the summer period, including farmers recovering from recent floods. The Department of Planning and Environment is working with councils to ensure agritourism is permitted in the right places and local issues are considered. The agritourism policy will be monitored over the next 12 months to ensure it responds to community expectations.

* 9330 JAMBEROO MOUNTAIN ROAD—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) Given the importance of Jamberoo Mountain Road:
- (a) Will the Minister consider transferring Jamberoo Mountain Road to the NSW State Road Network?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (b) Has the Minister driven on Jamberoo Mountain Road?
- (i) If no, will he agreed to visit the site with me?
- (c) Is the Minister aware of the impact of the closure of this road associated with flooding this year?
- (d) Can the Minister provide reasons why the former Labor Government transferred the road from the NSW Road Network to Kiama Municipal Council without any compensation in 2009?

- (e) Can the Minister provide copies of the reasons or correspondence between his department and Kiama Council about the decision to transfer Jamberoo Mountain Road from the state to the local road network by the former Labor Government?
- (f) Since March 2011, how much funding has the Government provided to Kiama Council for Jamberoo Mountain Road?
 - (i) Can the Minister or his department detail these grants?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) The Independent Panel for the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review has delivered their Final Report and the NSW Government is considering the recommendations.
- (b) The Local Member is welcome to reach out to Transport for NSW and my office.
- (c) The impact of the recent closure of Jamberoo Mountain resulted in traffic being diverted onto other roads such as Macquarie Pass, which may have added additional travel time to the journey of road users.
- (d) and e) Jamberoo Mountain Road has been classified as a Regional Road, under Kiama Municipal Council's management, since at least 1994.
- (f) Since 2011, Transport for NSW has provided Kiama Municipal Council with \$8 million in Block and REPAIR grant funding, for maintenance of their regional roads. In 2015, Transport for NSW provided Kiama Municipal Council with \$16,000 in Blackspot funding, and a further \$100,000 in fatal response funding in 2018 for Jamberoo Mountain Road. Kiama Municipal Council has also received more than \$500,000 in Disaster Relief funding in 2020 for damages to Jamberoo Mountain Road.

* 9332 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) With respect to Mental Health Services in the Kiama electorate:
 - (a) What mental health services are available to the Kiama electorate?
 - (b) When was the last occasion the Minister's department reviewed the provision of mental health services to the Kiama electorate?
 - (c) What mental health services does the Minister's department provide to youth and young people in the Kiama electorate?
 - (d) Can the Minister or her department advise what demographic (such as age and gender) most accesses mental health services in the Kiama electorate?
 - (e) How does the Government collaborate with the Commonwealth Government on the delivery of mental health services in the Kiama electorate?
 - (f) Is the Minister or her department aware of the Commonwealth Government's announcement of a Headspace Office in the Kiama electorate?
 - (i) What details does the Minister or her department have about how this service will operate?
 - (g) How will this new Headspace Office interact, supplement and work with existing mental health supports in the Kiama electorate?

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- (h) What is the budget for mental health services in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District this financial year?
 - (i) How does this compare to the last three years?
- (i) How many staff are employed in mental health in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (i) How does this compare to the last three years?

Answer—

- (1) (a – i).

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

* 9333 RELOCATION OF SYRIAN FAMILIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) With respect to media coverage of women and children returning from Syria to New South Wales with links to Islamic State:
 - (a) Has the Minister been briefed by his department on this matter?
 - (b) How many women and children will be located in New South Wales?
 - (c) How are these families being monitored by the Minister's department?
 - (d) Has the Minister or his department briefed the Minister for Family and Community Services on these families?
 - (e) Has the Minister or his department briefed any other Minister?
 - (i) If yes, who?
 - (ii) If no, why not?
 - (f) Has the Minister or his department spoken with their Commonwealth counterparts about the relocation of these families?
 - (i) Did the Minister raise any concerns or objections?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is the lead Department for strategic oversight of this matter. This question should be referred to the Premier.

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* 9335 REGIONAL ROAD TRANSFER AND NSW ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW—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) Given that the Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review - Independent Panel delivered their final report on 8 November 2022, why has the report not been released to the public?
 - (a) When will the report be publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is currently considering the Final Report and the recommendations of the Independent Panel and will keep the community informed as it progresses.

- * 9336 SINGLETON BYPASS LAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

How many representations have you received from the Member for Upper Hunter relating to the acquisition of land for the Singleton Bypass?

Answer—

I am advised:

Multiple representations have been received from the Member for Upper Hunter relating to the acquisition of land for the Singleton Bypass.

- * 9337 FLOOD RECOVERY DISASTER RELIEF GRANT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery—

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

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 4 January 2023, 10 applications for the Disaster Relief Grant from the Maitland Local Government Area across the flooding events of 2022 have been received. At this time;

- 5 applications have been approved

- 2 applications are being processed

- 3 applications from the Maitland LGA have been denied with 1 applicant exceeding the income eligibility amount and 2 applications closed due to no contact from the applicant when requested to provide information or documents to support their application.

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

- * 9338 FLOODGATE LOCATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

Can you please provide the location of all floodgates in the Maitland electorate? Please disaggregate by controlling authority.

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Answer—

The general location of all floodgates in the Maitland electorate can be found on the Department of Planning and Environment's public website.

Questions about the location of floodgates under the control of Maitland Council should be referred to Maitland Council.

* 9339 NON-OPERATIONAL FLOODGATES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) In relation to an answer provided to LA Question 7885, have the two floodgates that were not operating correctly during the March 2022 flood now been repaired?
- (2) You previously advised 'There are 164 floodgates in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) under state or council control' and 'During the February/March 2022 flood, 132 scheme floodgates and all 26 council floodgates were operational.' There are six floodgates that are not accounted for. Were these floodgates non-operational?
 - (a) If so, have they now been repaired?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The previously reported figure of 164 floodgates in Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) was incorrect as this figure included ancillary floodgate infrastructure such as pipe inlets and inspection pits.

There are 156 operational floodgates in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA). The Department of Planning and Environment is responsible for 132 floodgates and Maitland Council is responsible for 24 floodgates. All floodgates are currently operational.

* 9340 MRI MACHINE AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

- (1) What are the operating hours of the MRI machine at Maitland Hospital for:
 - (a) Inpatients?
 - (b) Outpatients?
- (2) Can outpatients now access an MRI scan at Maitland Hospital?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How many MRI scans have been performed at the hospital to date? Please disaggregate between inpatient and outpatient.

Answer—

- (1) – (3)

Maitland Hospital was granted an MRI licence in November 2022. MRI scans are available for admitted inpatients, emergency department patients, Medicare eligible outpatient referrals from specialists and general practitioners, and imaging clinic referrals that meet criteria.

All patients who require imaging services are prioritised based on clinical need, with priority given to patients requiring urgent consultation.

* 9341 FLEXIBILITY FOR RURAL AND REMOTE EARLY EDUCATION CENTRES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Considering the education and early childhood sector is facing workforce shortages, with more children going without the opportunity of learning experiences at that crucial young age, long waitlists across Barwon meaning the children of critical workers are without access to care, and places like Bourke and District Children's Service closed due to damage to their original premises forcing local children to go without, will the Minister consider flexibility for remote communities to the capacity rules in a simple way to allow more children to attend Preschool and more critical workers being able to go to work?
- (2) Will the Minister review the temporary building options available to centres like Bourke while the long wait for funding and construction of new centres is being conducted?

Answer—

The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government is investing more than \$15.9 billion in early childhood education and care (ECEC) over the next ten years to deliver a brighter future for every child in NSW.

Through our Early Years Commitment, we are committed to supporting the ECEC sector and growing the workforce without compromising children's safety or standards.

Educator-to-child ratio and qualification requirements are important aspects of structural quality that affect the provision of quality education and care. Given the size and diversity of this sector in NSW, we rightly set a high standard for service ratios.

Provisions exist within the National Regulations for services experiencing difficulty in meeting regulatory requirements, particularly services located in remote and very remote areas of NSW. The NSW Regulatory Authority may grant waivers to regulatory requirements on application, and in exceptional circumstances. These are considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to there being no increased risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of children in education and care.

The Department of Education has been working closely with Bourke and District Children's Services to support the temporary service re-location and minimise the impact on children and families while a long-term solution is coordinated, including a \$4.8 million grant awarded to Bourke and District Children's Services under the Start Strong Capital Works Crisis Fund.

* 9342 SELF-FUNDED SCHOOL BUS SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Training, Minister for Science, Innovation and Technology, Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Education and Early Learning—

- (1) Considering that a regional New South Wales school has established and funded a school bus service to support students who live remotely but are unable to support this service moving forward, also that a request was made to the Minister asking for support in 2024 but was declined due to student demand not meeting the requirements of the School Student Transport scheme (SSTS), when regional schools are unable to support the requirements of the SSTS model, can consideration be made by the Minister to ensure a service can be offered to those who live remotely?
- (2) If a bus service is already established and self-funded, would the Minister consider some support to ensure the service can remain active?
 - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

The School Student Transport Scheme is managed by Transport for NSW.

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Where there is no public transport available, the School Drive Subsidy, also managed by Transport for NSW, partly offsets the cost for driving students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point, by car, motorcycle or boat.

Principals work with their school communities regarding queries about getting students to and from school and may assist with local arrangements.

- * 9343 PRIMARY PRODUCER VEHICLES REGISTRATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

Considering that Service NSW cannot accept an email copy of the Primary Producer Declaration (PPD) as Transport for NSW auditing requires the original document and when establishing a vehicle registration under the PPD, the original is required. For Primary Producers in flooded areas this is impossible. Will the Minister adjust Service NSW's requirements so that Primary Producers can register their vehicles under this declaration whilst flood conditions remain?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence.

- * 9344 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering the fact that in regional NSW Boarding Schools students utilise the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) as means of travelling to and from school each term, a Government subsidy which enables students to be returned to school without parents having to travel hundreds of kilometres, and often incurring an accommodation cost as the trip has to be travelled over a two day period and that travel cards are issued based on students returning to their hometown/suburb only, rather than a close regional centre. However, regionally this is not always viable as bigger town centres have the availability of more reliable and frequent public transport options that may suit families better, can the Minister advise whether the scheme can be designed more specifically for regional Boarding School travellers or have flexible options?

Answer—

I am advised:

The School Student Transport Scheme is supported by the School Drive Subsidy. The School Drive Subsidy is provided to families where there is no public transport available. The subsidy partly offsets the cost for driving students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point. To provide flexibility, this subsidy can be applied for in conjunction with the travel available for boarders if this option suits the transport needs of the family.

Under the current School Student Transport Scheme, free travel is provided between the home and school to allow students to access education. For school students that are weekly boarders, up to 22 trips per semester can be claimed. Students that are term boarders can claim up to nine trips per year.

In addition, a Long Distance Coach Subsidy is available for students that require coach travel from a train line to either the school or home.

- * 9345 BROADMEADOW LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Will the Minister seek clarification from the NSW Heritage Council as to why it has not endorsed any s38A Heritage Act 1977 (NSW) conservation management plan (CMP) for the Broadmeadow Locomotive Depot State Heritage Inventory Site at 35 Cameron Street, Broadmeadow?
- (2) Noting that the site's irreplaceable heritage values are falling into disrepair, will the Minister commit to ensuring a CMP for the site is prepared for the Heritage Council's consideration without

delay and before the development proposed for the site pursuant to DA 2022/01269 (Newcastle City Council Local Government Area) proceeds?

- (3) Noting the state of disrepair into which the site has fallen, will the Minister commit to assessing whether use of his enforcement powers under s120 of the Act is necessary in order to ensure the Transport Asset Holding Entity complies with its obligations under clauses 10 and 25 of the Heritage Regulation to protect the heritage values of the site?

Answer—

- (1) The Heritage Act 1977 (the Act) does not require a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for every State Heritage Register-listed place, nor that a CMP must be endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW.
- (2) The current land subdivision application (integrated development application DA2022/01269), includes a Statement of Heritage Impact which Heritage NSW considers sufficient to manage the heritage values of the place.
- (3) The Heritage Council of NSW has powers under section 120 of the Act to issue repair orders. That power is reserved for critical breaches of the Act.

I am advised Heritage NSW (as a delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW) is holding ongoing discussions with the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) about its obligations under the Act, and to discuss its longer-term conservation and activation aspirations for the site.

* 9346 NEW SOUTH WALES HYDROGEN STRATEGY—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) I refer to page 60 of the NSW Hydrogen Strategy, what resources have been dedicated to the Australian Hydrogen Council to support their program of works related to skills and training?
- (2) How much money has the Government provided to the Australian Hydrogen Council to support their program of works related to skills and training?
- (3) What skills and training does the Australian Hydrogen Council provide?

Answer—

- (1) In relation to Action 15 of the NSW Hydrogen Strategy, staff in the Office of Energy and Climate Change, within NSW Treasury, have supported the Australian Hydrogen Council's (AHC) program of works on skills and training, standards, technical regulatory policy development and social licence. This includes presenting at AHC's conferences, attending regular information sharing meetings, quarterly members meetings and webinars.

The NSW Government is working with AHC, the National Hydrogen Working Group under the National Hydrogen Strategy, and other key stakeholders to identify and address critical hydrogen skills and training gaps. This includes the development of the national report on Australia's hydrogen workforce, released in October 2022. This is to ensure the NSW Government supports nationally consistent skills development under the NSW Hydrogen Strategy.

- (2) The NSW Government has not provided any funds to the AHC for skills and training to date.
- (3) The AHC is the peak body for the hydrogen industry and is focused on advocacy and collaboration activities. The AHC engages in a range of educational activities, including conferences, webinars and information sessions, and provides a suite of tools across a range of issues, including skills and training requirements.

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* 9347 BROADMEADOW HERITAGE LOCOMOTIVE DEPT LOTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the purpose of the Transport for NSW subdivision at the Broadmeadow Locomotive Depot located 35 Cameron Street, Broadmeadow?
- (2) Can the Minister please indicate the proposed use for each of the following lots:
 - (a) Lot 49/A/4020?
 - (b) Lot 57/A/DP4020?
 - (c) Lot 26 in DP1147480?
 - (d) Lot 13/1231619?
 - (e) Lot 14/1231619?
 - (f) Lot 15/1231619?
 - (g) Lot 16/1231619?
- (3) Has Transport for NSW ever had a conservation management plan for the former Broadmeadow locomotive depot?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Are the heritage values being maintained at the Broadmeadow locomotive depot?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 9348 389 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What locations have been explored for a potential new bus stop for the 389 in Pyrmont and in the Central Business District (CBD)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Route 389 provides connections to a large number of bus and rail services in the Sydney CBD and Bondi Junction. Stops in the Pyrmont area are less than 400 metres apart, except in areas where the route operates as a one-way loop where it is not common to provide stops. Transport for NSW found that a stop spacing of about 400 metres provides the best balance between commuter access and reasonable journey times.

Transport for NSW undertook a review of adding another bus stop on York St, travelling towards Bondi Junction, however, the proposed stop is already highly utilised by other bus services and the addition of the 389 would result in unnecessary delays to services and commuters.

* 9349 ADOPTION REVERSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What consideration has been given to the Western Australian adoption reversal process?
- (2) What steps are being taken to make the process of adoption reversal easier for residents of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities as these matters fall within the Minister's portfolio of responsibilities.

* 9350 COAL MINING: SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Given coal mines are responsible for three percent of the state's electricity use and 14 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in New South Wales, including methane, the most destructive greenhouse gas:
 - (a) How does the Government require all coal mines in New South Wales implement all "reasonable and feasible" mitigation measures for scope 1 and 2 emissions?
 - (b) What greenhouse gas abatement measures are imposed on the 24 coal mines that are "high emitting facilities"?
 - (c) What work is the Government doing to achieve the IEA goal of eliminating technically avoidable methane emissions by 2030 in the coal mining sector?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Development consents for mining projects require that greenhouse gas emissions are minimised and that best practice management is employed. In recent approvals, greenhouse gas performance measures have been set for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions along with a requirement for ongoing review and implementation of reasonable and feasible greenhouse gas abatement measures to reduce emissions over time.

The Environment Protection Authority has recently released its Climate Change Policy and Climate Action Plan. The plan requires coal mine operators to prepare and implement climate change mitigation and adaptation plans.
- (b) Recent mining approvals have been recommended a range of conditions to minimise, mitigate and offset greenhouse gas emissions if required. These conditions include requiring the preparation and implementation of a Scope 1 Emissions Minimisation Plan (to be updated and reviewed every 3 years), in consultation with the Advisory Panel for Underground Mining and key NSW government agencies, to ensure that GHG emission abatement technology continues to be comprehensively investigated and adopted.
- (c) The NSW Government is committed to reducing emissions from coal mining and is taking several actions including:
 - Conditioning development consents to require mining projects to reduce emissions overtime as technology improves
 - Establishing the coal innovation fund to advance low emission technology research
 - Releasing the EPA Climate Change Policy and Action Plan that will progressively place emission reduction targets and limits on the mining industry.

* 9351 COAL MINING: SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Police—

- (1) Given coal mines are responsible for three percent of the state's electricity use and 14 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in New South Wales, including methane, the most destructive greenhouse gas:
 - (a) What work is the Government doing to ensure all coal mines in New South Wales transition to using renewable energy?

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- (b) Under this work, when will all coal mines in New South Wales be powered by 100 percent renewable energy?
- (c) What work is the Government doing to ensure all coal mines in New South Wales transition their fleet to electric or low/zero carbon fuel?
- (d) Under this work, when will the fleet in all coal mines in New South Wales be electric or low carbon fuel?
- (e) Other than the demonstration project to partially abate some of the Scope 1 fugitive ventilation air methane (VAM) emissions at South32's Appin /Bulli Seams coal mine by 2024-2025, what is the government doing to fast-track VAM abatement at underground coal mines in New South Wales?
- (f) What are the current barriers to broad deployment of VAM abatement and what is the Government doing to work through these?
- (g) What does the Government estimate will be the cumulative total of new and additional Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions from the following projects to be determined in 2023 (annual GHG and lifetime emissions):
 - (1) Newstan Mine Extension Project?
 - (2) Boggabri MOD 8?
 - (3) Mt Arthur Coal MOD 2 (Pathway to 2030)?
 - (4) Angus Place West?
 - (5) HVO Continuation Project?
 - (6) Chain Valley Colliery Consolidation?
 - (7) Ulan Coal Mod 6 - u/ground extension?
 - (8) Moolarben OC3 Extension Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) This question should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy. There are various initiatives to reduce emissions from the mining sector such as the High Emitting Industries fund under the Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program.
 - (b) This question should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.
 - (c) This question should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.
 - (d) This question should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy.
 - (e) In addition to the NSW Government's South 32 and CSIRO collaboration to construct a full-scale next generation ventilation air methane (VAM) mitigation reactor (VAMMIT unit), the NSW Government has funded two other ventilation air methane abatement projects, one at the Appin coal mine and one at the Mandalong coal mine.
 - (f) There are currently some barriers to wide deployment of VAM. These include cost and technical issues. A focus of research projects funded by the NSW Government through the Coal Innovation NSW Fund has been centred on addressing obstacles to implementation of VAM abatement technology at coal mines in NSW.
 - (g) This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes.

* 9352 RESTRICTED DATA BREACHES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) To what extent can a victim who has had their personal restricted data illegally accessed or modified take action against the perpetrator if the unauthorised access occurred through a company information or computer system, such as an employee illegally accessing customer data held by their employer?
- (2) To what extent is there a gap in pursuing the perpetrator if the company where the data breach occurred does not pursue the perpetrator for the data breach?
- (3) What steps have been taken to ensure that customers are protected from unauthorised access and what penalties are there for companies whose employees exercise breaches?
- (4) What steps are being taken to better protect customers from unauthorised access to their data in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 \(NSW\)](#) (PIIP Act) places obligations on NSW public sector agencies regarding the way personal information is collected, stored, used and disclosed.
- The [Privacy Act 1988 \(Cth\) \(Cth Privacy Act\)](#) regulates how Australian Government agencies and organisations with an annual turnover of more than \$3 million, and some other organisations, handle personal information.
- Depending on the setting of the breach, an aggrieved individual can raise a complaint with the NSW Information and Privacy Commission (for breaches of the PIIP ACT) or the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) (for breaches of the Cth Privacy Act).

The NSW Government has taken proactive action to prevent data breaches:

- In 2021, the NSW Government established ID Support NSW, which provides a ‘no wrong doors’ approach to support NSW citizens affected by identity misuse and which plays a role in uplifting privacy and cyber resilience across both the public and private sectors through an education and awareness campaign.

In November 2022, the NSW Government introduced the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Amendment Bill 2022 (NSW) (the MNDB Bill) to create a Mandatory Notification of Data Breach Scheme and to extend the PIIP Act to NSW State-Owned Corporations that are not already regulated by the Cth Privacy Act.

- In 2020, the NSW Government allocated \$60 million to establishing and funding Cyber Security NSW across three years. Cyber Security NSW is dedicated to uplifting the cyber security maturity of all NSW Government entities and has grown rapidly to provide a range of support services and tools to enhance the NSW Government’s holistic capability to better prevent, detect and respond to cyber security incidents aimed at government entities. One of the outcomes of this ongoing maturity uplift is more effective protection against data breaches that have occurred due to a cyber attack.

Breaches of the Cth Privacy Act are enforced by the OAIC and are a matter for the Federal Government.

* 9353 LIGHT POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) What laws or controls are currently in place to regulate light pollution?
- (2) How are residents able to protect themselves from the impacts of light pollution in their homes at night, particularly from signs and advertisements in new developments?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to reduce light pollution such as introducing new controls?

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Answer—

(1 – 3) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, as the minister responsible for the relevant planning instruments.

* 9354 STRATA SCHEMES TERMINATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Fair Trading—

- (1) How many applications for strata schemes termination have been made to the Land and Environment Court since the commencement of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015?
- (2) How many of these were in the Sydney electorate?
- (3) How many applications did the Land and Environment Court approve and how many did the court reject:
 - (a) Across New South Wales?
 - (b) In the Sydney electorate?
- (4) How many requests for assistance have come through the Strata Collective Sales Advocacy Service since it commenced?
- (5) To what extent have requests for assistance increased since the legislation passed?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Customer Services does not have access to information on applications made to the Land and Environment Court. However, before an application can be made to the Land and Environment Court an owners corporation must notify the Registrar General that the required level of support for a strata renewal plan was been obtained (s 176 Strata Scheme Development Act 2015).

Since commencement of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 the Registrar General has received notification under s 176 of the Act, relating to the required level of support for a strata renewal plan, from 17 strata schemes.

- (2) Of the schemes that have notified the Registrar General of obtaining the required level of support for a strata renewal plan - 3 are in the Sydney electorate.
- (3)
 - (a) The Registrar General is only aware of one application being approved by the Land and Environment Court and that was in the Sydney electorate.
 - (b) The Registrar General is not aware of the number of applications that have been rejected by the Land and Environment Court.
- (4)

Services Provided	Total Figures (July 2017- June 2018)	Total Figures (July 2018- June 2019)	Total Figures (July 2019- June 2020)	Total Figures (July 2020- June 2021)	Total Figures (July 2021- June 2022)
Whole of Service Legal Enquiries	0	7,751	3,305	832	818
Total Legal Activity	457	1,031	1,178	1,020	623

Education Courses	353	14,201	462	300	290
* Funding for the Strata Collective Sale Advocacy Services commenced on 1 November 2016.					

- (5) As per the figures provided in question (4), requests for assistance peaked during the 2018/19 financial year. In the subsequent financial years, the number of clients seeking assistance significantly reduced due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* 9355 RETURN AND EARN EXPANSION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) How many submissions were made to the recent consultation on expanding the Return and Earn container deposit scheme to include wine bottles and other packaging?
- (2) When will the Government report on the findings of the consultation?

Answer—

- (1) A total of 905 submissions were received.
- (2) A consultation summary report is expected to be released in the first half of 2023.

* 9356 MILTON STREET RESIDENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) What support has been provided to residents impacted by excessive night works at Milton Street for the Georges River Road widening project?
- (2) How many complaints were received by residents?
- (3) On how many occasions was nightwork carried out between the hours of 8pm-6am?

Answer—

I am advised:

The intersection of Georges River Road and Milton Street, Ashfield currently has significant congestion issues, particularly during weekdays.

Installing a pedestrian crossing on the south side of the intersection and restricting right turn movements from Milton Street into and out of nearby Blackwood Avenue will help improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Between September 2020 and December 2022, noise-monitoring regimes were carried out throughout the 208 nights of work.

Since September 2020, Transport for NSW has received 86 complaints all of which have been individually addressed.

Transport for NSW and the Principal Contractor regularly consult, engage and communicate with residents throughout the project by informed notifications of upcoming works as well as provide SMS notifications, letter box drops, and door knock communications to residents

* 9357 SYDENHAM ROAD AND FITZROY STREET, 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—

- (1) What is the status of investigations into the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Sydenham Road and Fitzroy Street, Marrickville?

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- (2) What conversations have Transport for NSW had with Inner West Council regarding this issue?
- (3) What other consideration is being given to a pedestrian crossing on Sydenham Road between Vitoria Street and Buckley Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

Currently, there is a signalised pedestrian crossing on Sydenham Road at Victoria Road and Railway Parade.

Transport for NSW is planning to review the intersection of Sydenham Road and Fitzroy Street, Marrickville. The review will include the current operation of intersection and consider if any additional safety measures are warranted at this location, such as traffic signals.

* 9358 DULWICH HILL STATION TRAFFIC LIGHTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

- (1) What is the status of the permit applications to install traffic lights on Wardell Road at Dulwich Hill Train Station?
- (2) When are traffic lights due to be installed at the intersection of Dudley Street and Wardell Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has been working with Inner West Council on a proposed set of traffic lights at the intersection of Wardell Road and Dudley Street in Dulwich Hill. On 6 December 2022, Transport for NSW approved the plan to install new traffic lights at the intersection that will improve customer access to the train station and also adjacent shops and nearby houses.

Inner West Council is responsible for installing the new traffic lights.

* 9359 MARRICKVILLE TRAIN STATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Given residents have reported a persistent odour from Marrickville Train Station over the past few months, possibly associated with works to convert the line to Metro, what investigations have been undertaken by Transport for NSW?
- (2) What actions are planned to fix the issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Metro Marrickville Station site project team has reported that they are not aware of any persistent or irregular environmental odours.

Regular inspections are conducted by the Sydney Metro project's independent Environmental Representative and other stakeholders, who have not provided any feedback related to odours.

* 9360 EMERALD CLASS 2—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Have the Emerald Class 2 Ferries ever been inspected and certified in any other jurisdiction apart from New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

In Australia, commercial vessels, including passenger ferries, are assessed against the National Standards for Commercial Vessels (NSCV). Compliance with NSCV is determined by an Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) accredited surveyor before a Certificate of Survey and Operations can be issued.

The Second Generation Emerald Class ferries were designed and built in accordance with NSCV requirements. The vessels have been inspected by AMSA accredited surveyors in New South Wales and certified to operate, issued a Certificate of Survey and Operations, in passenger service in Australia.

During the construction of the Second Generation Emerald Class fleet in China, inspections were carried out by third parties, including an international class society, as part of the assurance process for the build.

* 9361 QUEENSLIFF—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When does Transport for NSW expect the Queenscliff to return to service after works at Garden Island?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW expects the MV Queenscliff to return to service in the second quarter of the 2023 calendar year.

* 9362 LAND VALUE AND LAND TAX REVENUE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Lands and Water, and Minister for Hospitality and Racing—

- (1) What was the total revenue from Premium Threshold land tax in the 2021/22 Financial Year?
 - (a) How many properties are currently subject to the Premium Threshold land tax payment in New South Wales?
 - (i) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?
- (2) How many residential properties in New South Wales have a land value greater than \$10 million?
 - (a) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?
- (3) How many residential properties have an improved land value of over \$20 million?
 - (a) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?
- (4) What data is available regarding the improved land value of residential properties in New South Wales?
- (5) What data is available regarding the numbers of residential properties owned by a single person or company in New South Wales?
- (6) How many people who pay land tax in New South Wales own 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or more properties in New South Wales?
 - (a) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Questions about land tax should be directed to the Minister for Finance.
- (2) Information on residential properties valuations can be found on the Valuer Generals website.

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- (3) Valuer General NSW does not capture data on improved values.
Valuer General NSW determines land values in alignment with the Valuation of Land Act 1916.
- (4) As above, Valuer General NSW does not capture data on improved values.
- (5) Property ownership information in NSW is collected by NSW Land Registry Services and provided to the Valuer General. Valuer General NSW hold data about property ownership but as NSW Land Registry Services are the data source, it is recommended that this question be referred to them.
- (6) Questions about land tax should be directed to the Minister for Finance.

* 9363 LAND VALUE AND LAND TAX REVENUE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

- (1) What was the total revenue from Premium Threshold land tax in the 2021/22 Financial Year?
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 - (a) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

I refer you to answers for QoNs 9362 and 9367.

* 9364 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITLIST—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Corrections representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) As of December 2022, how many people are on the waiting list for public housing in New South Wales?
 - (a) How does this figure compare with the waiting list figures from 2012?
 - (b) Please provide breakdown of application numbers and numbers of people for 2022 and 2012?
- (2) Of the total number of people on the waiting list for public housing, how many are:
 - (a) Children under the age of 18?
 - (b) People over the age of 65?
 - (c) Women over the age of 65?
 - (d) People living with a disability?

- (3) In the 2021-22 financial year, how much money did the Department of Communities and Justice - Homes spend on temporary accommodation for public housing tenants?
- (4) How many transfer requests by people over the age of 65 are currently pending?
- (5) How many transfer requests by people with a disability are currently pending?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Housing Register is not available on a month by month basis. It is published as at 30 June each year.

Information for the 30 June 2022 data can be found at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

Information for the 30 June 2012 data can be found at https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/TableA2B1C2D0N68_/Performance_measure

The data is not directly comparable

- (2) The age breakdowns of the number of people on the NSW Housing Register are not publicly available.
- (3) Information about the amount spent for public housing tenants on temporary accommodation is not publicly available.
- (4) and (5) This information is not publicly available.

* 9365 REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Explorer Street, Eveleigh is included on the list of locations identified for redevelopment under the Department of Planning & Environment's recently announced Rezoning Pathways Program.
 - (a) What is the timeline for redeveloping locations that have been included on this list?
 - (b) Does inclusion on this list supersede the 2020 plan to redevelop the Explorer Street public housing estate under the Communities Plus model?
 - (c) If it does supersede the 2020 plan, what is the projected number of social and affordable housing units that would be developed on site through the Rezoning Pathways Program?
- (2) We understand that the planned redevelopment of the Clothing Store sub-precinct in Eveleigh has a 15% affordable housing target. Does this 15% figure refer specifically to the new development or is it inclusive of the Platform Apartments affordable housing that is already on the sub-precinct site?
- (3) Has the Department of Planning and Environment received any unsolicited proposals for the Newtown Tram Sheds in Newtown? If so:
 - (a) From whom were these received, and when?
 - (b) What was the substance of these proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Explorer Street, Eveleigh is forecasted to be rezoned by 30 June 2024.
- (1) (b) In 2020, the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) released three concept options for the redevelopment of Explorer Street. No concept plan was finalised.

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Under the Rezoning Pathways Program, it is expected that the Department of Planning and Environment will prepare a new concept plan to support a rezoning, with reference to previous work and through engagement with the City of Sydney, LAHC and the community.

LAHC would then consider the appropriate delivery model based on the concept plan.

- (1) (c) The 2020 plan will be superseded. No decision has been made on the precise mix, although it would include social, affordable, diverse and market housing.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.
- (3) (a) and (b) The Department of Planning and Environment has not received any proposals.

* 9366 REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Cities, and Minister for Active Transport—

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 - (b) What was the substance of these proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I refer you to the Minister for Planning and Homes.
- (2) In late 2022, Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport Rob Stokes announced a target for 30% affordable and diverse housing for future projects on TAHE land. TAHE is committed to achieving these outcomes across their precincts including for the Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct Renewal. The final composition of affordable housing within the Clothing Store Sub-Precinct will be determined through the EOI process. Confirmation of the composition will be made public once further assessment is completed, which is expected in early 2023.
- (3) I refer you to the Minister for Planning and Homes.

* 9367 LAND VALUE AND LAND TAX REVENUE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) What was the total revenue from Premium Threshold land tax in the 2021/22 Financial Year?
 - (a) How many properties are currently subject to the Premium Threshold land tax payment in New South Wales?
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- (5) What data is available regarding the numbers of residential properties owned by a single person or company in New South Wales?
- (6) How many people who pay land tax in NSW own 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or more properties in New South Wales?
- (a) What is the breakdown by Local Government Area?

Answer—

- (1) Land tax is based on a calendar year, not financial year. It is levied based on land holdings owned at the taxing date, which is 31 December of the preceding year. The total revenue from the premium threshold for 2022 was \$2,806,142,990 of which \$439,355,466 was the revenue portion attributable to the additional 0.4% premium rate.
- (a) Land tax is not apportioned per property. It is levied on the value of the total taxable land owned by the customer. For the 2022 tax year 72,647 properties were owned by customers who were taxed at the premium threshold.
- (b) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Local Government Area.
- (2)-(4) These questions are best directed to the Minister for Lands and Water
- (5) Revenue NSW holds information regarding land ownership for the purpose of administering taxes and duties. Land tax data sets are available at: www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/helpcentre/resources-library/statistics
- (6) The number of properties owned only includes those properties subject to land tax in NSW.

No of properties	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 or more
No of owners	82,116	39,625	20,475	10,532	5,623	3,255	2,041	5,828

- (a) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Local Government Area.

* 9368 WYONG ROAD AND BROOKE AVENUE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) I refer to my QON 8185 regarding the roundabout at Wyong Road and Brooke Avenue, Killarney Vale. Can you please advise:
- (a) What is the outcome of the feasibility investigation?
- (b) What is the current status or progress of any works determined by Transport for NSW at this location?

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Answer—

I am advised:

To install an upgraded pedestrian refuge at this location, the exit from Brooke Avenue will need to be reduced from two lanes to one.

Traffic counts at this location are scheduled to commence in February 2023, which will determine the impact of reducing the number of lanes if a pedestrian refuge is installed.

* 9369 TUGGERAH ST UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) On 21 December 2022, I made representations on behalf of Lisarow Public School P&C regarding the road upgrade being made to the Tuggerah St and MacDonalds Rd intersection in Lisarow (my Ref: 530/22/ak). Can you please advise:
 - (a) Whether Transport for NSW have indeed consulted with Central Coast Council to obtain their approval to changes to pedestrian safety at the location?
 - (b) If a Transport for NSW representative has contacted the Principal of Lisarow Public School on this matter?
 - (i) If so, when?
 - (ii) If not, why?
 - (c) What action Transport for NSW is going to take to ensure that the relevant works are undertaken prior to Term 1 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is undertaking a review of the proposed design to remove the painted zebra crossing and replace it with a pedestrian refuge. Transport for NSW consulted with Central Coast Council and Lisarow Public School in November 2022 and the consultation is ongoing.

Transport for NSW is also reviewing school zone signage for Lisarow Public School.

Transport for NSW will keep Central Coast Council, Lisarow Public School, School Infrastructure and the Department of Education informed about the progress of the review.

* 9370 TUGGERAH STATION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In November 2022, concerns were raised by the community regarding changes to the plans for the upgrade to Tuggerah Station. Can you please advise:
 - (a) What is the status of the station upgrade?
 - (b) Have the plans been downgraded so that the platforms will no longer be widened?
 - (c) Will any changes be publicly made?
 - (i) If so, when will this happen?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 12 January 2023, an update about the Tuggerah Station Transport Access Program upgrade was published on the project website.

Work on the main project will start in February, with early works already underway and progressing well. The platform will be widened to accommodate wheelchair access at the Boarding Assistance Zone, in accordance with Disability Standards Accessible Public Transport.

* 9371 WASTE MANAGEMENT—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) Following the release of the Audit Office's report into 'Waste levy and grants for waste infrastructure' which showed that less than 15% of revenue collected from the NSW Waste Levy is being spent on waste management, will the Government review this spending in order to allocate more funds to waste management?
- (2) What is the Government doing to build soft plastic recycling facilities here in New South Wales to reduce our state's reliance on overseas and interstate recycling facilities?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041, and Auditor General for NSW's recommendations support formal five-yearly reviews of the operation of the waste levy to ensure it is continuing to achieve its policy objectives. This includes a review of levy area boundaries. The next review of the waste levy is due to commence in 2023.

All waste levy funds in NSW are returned to consolidated revenue, with a third returned to the environment portfolio, and the rest retained by the NSW Government to fund essential government services.

An interagency working group was formed in late 2022 to consider strategic waste infrastructure planning matters.

- (2) The NSW Government committed to tripling the plastics recycling rate by 2030 in the NSW Plastics Action Plan.

This commitment is backed by financial support for the sector to reduce the amount of hard to recycle plastics used in manufacturing, increase the capacity to collect, sort and process more soft plastics in NSW, and to stimulate the end markets for the recycled product.

Through the Remanufacture NSW and Remanufacture NSW: Regional and Remote grant programs, \$26.3 million has been awarded to 27 projects, including four projects that will increase recycling and reuse processing capacity for soft plastics.

In September 2022, the NSW EPA opened the \$9 million Circular Plastics Program, which incentivises small to medium manufacturers to improve recyclability of the plastics they use, stimulate demand for recycled plastics, and for new infrastructure. Round 1 closed on 17 November 2022, and further funding will be available under Round 2.

* 9372 SHORE POWER AND WHITE BAY BERTHS 3 AND 4—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given the NSW Port Authority is open to including shore power capabilities at White Bay berths 3 and 4 once long-term users of the sites have been identified, what steps are now being taken to ensure the use of shore power is being encouraged and prioritised for potential users of these sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

Port Authority of NSW is undertaking an open market process to find suitable long-term tenants for White Bay berths 3 and 4. Port Authority of NSW expects that all future tenants of these sites will commit to utilising the available shore power infrastructure for their commercial shipping activities.

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- * 9373 RED-LIGHT SPEED CAMERA INSTALLATION CRITERIA—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given Transport for NSW's safety audit of September 2020 found there is an "intolerable" risk of pedestrian safety resulting in potential fatality by motorists running red lights at the Victoria Road and Darling Street intersection, Rozelle, (which is a major pedestrian crossing for children attending Rozelle Public School) and that this intersection was not included in the shortlist for installation of a red-light speed camera in previous site selections, what is the criteria against which decisions to install red-light speed cameras are made?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Metropolitan Roads.

- * 9374 NOISE MONITORING DATA AT WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What are the results of noise monitoring for the Pacific Adventure during its stay at White Bay Cruise Terminal on December 17 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

Preliminary advice received by the specialist noise consultants for the Port Authority of NSW, indicates the average noise level for the Pacific Adventure on 17 December 2022 was 60 dBA. The vessel was only berthed during the daytime period.

- * 9375 GLEBE FERRY SERVICE PATRONAGE—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many trips have been taken each day on the F10 ferry service running between Glebe and Barangaroo since the service resumed in January 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 2 January 2022 until 17 January 2023, on days which the F10 Blackwattle Bay service has operated, there have been an average of 140 trips made per day.

- * 9376 INSURANCE GAP—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy—

What action have you taken with your Federal counterpart to address the insurance gap we have across the flood-impacted communities within the electorate of Lismore and wider Northern Rivers region?

Answer—

The expected rise in the cost of flood disasters, which is linked with the frequency of disaster events and rising value of property, raises several challenges.

These challenges can lead to reduced insurance coverage against flood risk, particularly for people located in NSW flood-prone areas. For example, insurance companies may be less inclined to offer flood cover for properties exposed to a high level of flood risk or only offer cover at a high premium.

In December 2022, the National Cabinet tasked Treasurers, through the Council for Federal Financial Relations, to lead work on reforms to improve insurance affordability. This work is in progress and will be done in consultation with the Insurance Council of Australia.

The NSW Government is also progressing the implementation of the 2022 Independent Flood Inquiry Report recommendations. Insurance coverage and accessibility are being considered in this ongoing work.

- * 9377 NON-GOVERNMENT HEALTHCARE BUSINESS GRANT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Health representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Mental Health—

Has the Government made representations to the Commonwealth Government to share the costs of a Northern Rivers Non-Government Healthcare Business Grant to help flood-impacted general practices and specialists rebuild and remain in the region to continue providing essential health services?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 9319.

- * 9378 STATE MITIGATION PLAN—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

Does the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority realise that the State Mitigation Plan requires more than planning as indicated in their statement on the Authority's website?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Reconstruction Authority is responsible for facilitating disaster prevention, preparedness, recovery, reconstruction, and adaptation to the effects of natural disasters in NSW.

The authority's responsibilities include the development and implementation of the State disaster mitigation plan. The State disaster mitigation plan will set priorities for the plan, disaster adaptation plans and strategic plans under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

- * 9379 PREPARATION FOR NATURAL DISASTERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

How does the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority propose to prepare for natural disasters?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSWRA) is dedicated to disaster prevention, preparedness, recovery, and reconstruction. It reports to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, and the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery, the Hon Steph Cooke MP.

This represents a new and unique alignment between disaster planning and strategic planning that did not previously exist in NSW. This new approach will be an integral part of how we design our future cities and towns.

The NSWRA will lead disaster resilience, risk reduction, adaptation and mitigation activities in our communities. The NSWRA will also provide education and infrastructure before disasters to minimise harm. This will enable the reconstruction process begins swiftly when a disaster strikes and will reduce community devastation.

- * 9380 NATURAL DISASTER PLAN—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

If a natural disaster happened today how would the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority coordinate the rescue, response, recovery and rebuild?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Reconstruction Authority (NSW RA) is dedicated to disaster prevention, preparedness, recovery, and reconstruction. It reports to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, and the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, and Minister for Flood Recovery, the Hon Steph Cooke MP.

The NSW emergency services organisations will continue to lead the response and rescue efforts during natural disasters under the NSW State Emergency Management Plan. The NSWRA will focus on better preparing NSW communities against future disasters and building more resilient places that will protect lives and property.

- * 9381 REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

When will the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority's promised Regional Liaison Officers be onboarded and allocated to local councils?

Answer—

I am advised:

Regional Liaison Officers are a fixture of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and have not been announced as part of the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority works closely with local councils via its network of regionally based operational staff. As at December 2022 there are 54 regionally based staff.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority has also onboarded 17 Community Recovery Officers to support recovery following the successive flood events in 2022, to a total of \$9.24 million, which is jointly funded with the Commonwealth.

Under the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) grants, The NSW Reconstruction Authority are also funding for 18 months a small group of Community Resilience Officer roles.

These commenced recently and are place-based so that duties vary depending on a particular LGA need, with the aim being to help local communities build resilience.

- * 9382 RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY STAFF—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

How many staff does the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority have?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at December 2022, the NSW Reconstruction Authority has a total headcount of 223. This reflects the interim structure of the new agency. A completed establishment will be finalised following the conclusion of organisational management changes.

- * 9383 MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS—Ms Janelle Saffin 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—

Will you accept Tweed Shire Council's latest invitation sent earlier this month (5 December 2022) to meet with community representatives, Parents and Citizens, students and families affected by the Government's decision to move ahead with the Murwillumbah Education Campus and closing the four public schools in Murwillumbah?

Answer—

I have visited Murwillumbah and spoken with the local community to hear first-hand the views and perspectives on the NSW Government's significant investment in public education infrastructure. The Murwillumbah Education Campus will bring together the two high schools as one school and the two primary school as one school, co-located on the Murwillumbah High School site. It offers the best opportunity to provide new facilities and enhanced education outcomes for all public school students in Murwillumbah.

- * 9384 MURWILLUMBAH EDUCATION CAMPUS CONCERNS—Ms Janelle Saffin 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—

Are you aware that Tweed Shire Council as of this month (December 2022) is still formally objecting to the Government's proposed Murwillumbah Education Campus due to 'remaining concerns' about 'a number of unresolved matters', including carparking, traffic and vegetation clearing associated with the proposal?

Answer—

A Council's right to object to a State Significant Development (SSD) application is acknowledged as part of a robust statutory planning process. The Department of Education's position is that the development application appropriately addresses all potential impacts including carparking, transport management and vegetation impacts.

The Department has now provided the Department of Planning and Environment with a full response to all matters raised by Tweed Shire Council so this information can be considered as part of the assessment of the application.

- * 9385 COVID RELATED FINES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer, and Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Employee Relations—

- (1) How many residents in the Wollongong electorate received COVID related fines?
- (2) What was the total revenue collected from those fines?
- (3) Have all of those who received COVID related fines been advised they can receive a refund?
- (4) What was the method of communication for providing this advice?
- (5) As of 21 December 2022, how many fines have been refunded:
 - (a) Across New South Wales?
 - (b) Across the Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

- (1) (2) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Electorate
- (3) (4) The Commissioner of Fines Administration exercised his statutory power to withdraw four types of Public Health Order fines:
 - 'Fail to comply with noticed direction in relation section 7/8/9 - COVID-19' – Individual.
 - 'Fail to comply with noticed direction in relation section 7/8/9 - COVID-19' – Company.
 - 'Unlawfully participate in outdoor public gathering - area of concern' – Individual.
 - 'Fail to comply with requirement of public health – COVID-19' – Individual.

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Where COVID fines have been withdrawn Revenue NSW tailored its response to support customers' circumstances. The method of communication to advise customers of refunds was via the Media, the Revenue NSW website.

For those customers who had paid their fines, automatic refunds have been made where available and all others are being contacting to obtain their refund preference.

- (5) (5) (a) As at 20 December 2022, 4,337 refunds have been made directly to the customer and a further 19,273 refunds have been applied to offset other debt owed by the customer.
- (b) Revenue NSW does not collect data by Electorate.

* 9386 LOBBYING REPORT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Premier—

Could you please provide an update on the Government's implementation of each recommendation from the Independent Commission Against Corruption report, entitled Lobbying and the NSW public sector - the regulation of lobbying, access and influence in New South Wales (Operation Eclipse)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government accepted or accepted in principle all 27 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption's ("ICAC") recommendations directed to the Government in the ICAC's report entitled Lobbying and the NSW public sector - the regulation of lobbying, access and influence in NSW following an investigation known as Operation Eclipse.

Work to implement the lobbying reforms is ongoing. The Government is consulting the regulator of lobbying, the NSW Electoral Commission, on the implementation of the remaining recommendations.

* 9387 REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR LAND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Why are commercial real estate agents responsible for collating responses to the Registration of Interest for the land on King Street, Warrarong?
- (a) How were these agents chosen?
- (b) What background do these agents, or their firm have in conducting public registration of interest processes?
- (c) Will the results of the registration of interest process be published?
- (i) If so, where and by when?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) Why are registration of interest only being accepted via webform given that the land is in an area with relatively low household internet connectivity?
- (3) What is the cost of conducting the registration of interest process?
- (4) Why were commercial real estate agents chosen to conduct this process rather than a Government department or agency?
- (5) How were the dates for the conduct of the registration of interest process chosen?
- (6) By what date will a decision be made on whether this parcel of land will be sold?
- (7) What is the latest valuation of this parcel of land and when was the valuation conducted?
- (8) What price will Property and Development NSW seek to achieve on this parcel of land?

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- (9) How much sale revenue, if any, will be reserved for projects in and on Lake Illawarra if the property is sold?
- (10) What measures are in place to guarantee that the data collected by the commercial real estate agent for the registration of interest process is secure and protected?
- (11) What guarantees have been secured from the real estate agent that no data obtained from this process will be used for private marketing purposes?
- (a) If no guarantees have been secured, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The commercial real estate agents serve as independent property professionals that can coordinate input from market participants, not-for-profits and the community and is a common practice applied by government.
- (a) The commercial real estate agents were selected via a select Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Real estate agencies with experience in managing multi-faceted Registrations of Interest (ROI) campaigns were invited to tender their services.
- (b) The selected real estate agency (Savills) has extensive experience in government property dealings and ROI campaigns, with strict adherence to probity and privacy.
- (c) No.
- (i) Not applicable.
- (ii) The results of the process will not be published due to proponent privacy and confidentiality requirements.
- (2) Online access and communication has been effective in obtaining community, not-for-profit and market participants' feedback. Over 100 enquiries and feedback comments have been received to date from a wide spectrum of the community via the website.
- In addition, there is signage at the site which provides agent contact details so interested parties can obtain further information, including the opportunity to request hard copies of the documents. The ROI process was also advertised in the local media, including the Illawarra Mercury.
- (3) This information is commercial in confidence.
- (4) The commercial real estate agents selected serve as an independent party that can coordinate input from market participants, not-for-profits and the community. The real estate agents selected have a good understanding of the subject property and have extensive experience in dealing with government properties, with demonstrated strict adherence to probity and privacy. Engagement of a real estate agent to run an ROI process is a common practice applied by government.
- (5) The period of the ROI process was the standard 6-week period, however due to the process falling over a holiday period, Property & Development NSW (PDNSW) has extended the closing date to 17 February 2023, providing 9 weeks for parties to submit ROIs.
- (6) The ROI process seeks input from the community, not-for-profits and market participants on the future use of the site. No decision on the sale of the land has been made.
- (7) This information is commercial in confidence.
- (8) The Government is undertaking the ROI process for this site to identify potential future uses for the site that will deliver real benefits for locals and visitors. The Government is committed to making the best use of government land by divesting property assets surplus to requirements to help achieve the best possible social and economic outcomes for the community.

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- (9) The ROI process is intended to help inform the optimal future use of the site. No decision on the sale of the land has been made.
- (10) As provided under the Privacy Policy section of the ROI Webpage, Savills (Aust) Pty Ltd respects individual privacy rights under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (the Act) and will comply with all of the Act's requirements in respect to the collection, management and disclosure of any personal information received.

Further details on data collection and use of personal information is provided via the Savills website.

- (11) Savills has provided confirmation that all information collected is only used for reporting purposes to PDNSW. Savills does not store any of the information collected within its buyer data bases for this ROI process.

Savills has confirmed that no information gathered is shared with third parties.

* 9388 PLANNING PROCESS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the current planning process underway for:
- (a) Lizard Rock?
 - (b) TG Milner Grounds?
- (2) Have the respective planning panels assessed these planning proposals?
- (a) On what date did they do so?
 - (b) What was the outcome of this assessment?
 - (c) If not, when are the respective panels expected to assess the proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The current status and next steps for the Lizard Rock planning proposal are publicly available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Northern-Beaches-Aboriginal-land
- (b) TG Milner Grounds planning proposal was assessed by the Sydney North Planning Panel on 30 November 2022 where the panel determined the proposal should not proceed to Gateway determination.
- (2)
- (a) The Sydney North Planning Panel met on 21 December 2022 to assess the Lizard Rock planning proposal.
 - (b) The Sydney North Planning Panel determined that the proposal should be submitted for a Gateway determination because the proposal demonstrated strategic and site specific merit. A copy of the Panel's determination is publicly available at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/rezoning-reviews/under-assessment/lizard-rock-morgan-road-belrose

* 9389 GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) How many Government owned parcels of land are currently involved in a registration of interest process?
- (2) On what date do each of these registrations of interest processes close?
- (3) Please provide the location of each of the properties in (1)

Answer—

I am advised:

A Registration of Interest (ROI) process is currently being undertaken for an 8.2-hectare parcel of land adjacent to Lake Illawarra on King Street, Warrawong. The ROI process closes on 17 February 2023.

This response provided relates to ROI's being conducted by Property & Development NSW only.

More information is publically available at: <https://www.commercialrealestate.com.au/property/king-street-warrawong-nsw-2502-2018254260>

* 9390 LAND REZONING HOMES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) In relation to the Minister's media announcement on 5 December 2022, in what year will the first home be built on each of the 10 land rezonings in:
 - (a) Broadmeadow, Newcastle?
 - (b) Camellia-Rosehill?
 - (c) Explorer Street, Eveleigh?
 - (d) Macquarie Park Stage 1?
 - (e) Orchard Hills?
 - (f) Parramatta North's University and Northern sites?
 - (g) Riverstone East Stage 3?
 - (h) Appin?
 - (i) Gilead?
 - (j) North Appin?
- (2) Is there an infrastructure plan for the provision of local roads, sewage, and other services for each of the locations listed in (1)?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is committing to delivering these state-led rezonings and state assessed planning proposals by 2024 under its Rezoning Pathways Program.

Typically, it can take on average 4-5 years for the market to deliver new completed dwellings on rezoned lots.

The NSW Government is creating a healthy housing pipeline under the \$2.8 billion 2022 Housing Package to bring forward housing supply and fast-track critical infrastructure to support supply and improve the readiness of land for development.

- (2) The NSW Government will share further details regarding the infrastructure and services plans for each of the identified state-led rezonings once they have been placed on public exhibition.

The exhibited planning proposals of Appin and Gilead included infrastructure assessments as part of their planning proposal packages. Further details are publicly available here:

- Gilead: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/post-exhibition/gilead-stage-2>
- Appin: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/post-exhibition/appin-part-precinct>

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* 9391 LIFTS AT UNANDERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Further to LA9328:
 - (a) Have the electrical permits required to complete the construction of lifts at Unanderra Station been obtained?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Has Transport for NSW revised its maintenance program to allow for weekend closures to install the footbridges at Unanderra Station?
 - (i) If not, are these being reviewed and when will this be completed?
 - (c) Has the timeline for completion and opening of the lifts at Unanderra Station been revised?
 - (i) If so, by what date and year are the lifts expected to be open for public use?

Answer—

I am advised:

Remaining works have been included in current scheduled possessions, however, permits are only issued on the day of the track possession.

The Sydney Trains network possession calendar is continuously reviewed to assess whether there are further available scheduling opportunities.

The timeline for completion has not been revised since the response provided in LA 9328, however, the project team continues to work towards a reduced timeline. The lifts are expected to be open for public use in early 2024.

* 9392 WAKEFIELD PARK RACEWAY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) What discussions has the Minister and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) had about the future of Wakefield Park Raceway in Goulburn?
- (2) Please list the a) participants in these discussions and b) the date they were held.
- (3) What proposals have been put to the Minister and DPE on options to resolve the issues presented by the decision of the NSW Land and Environment Court on 13 July 2022?
- (4) Has the Government assessed these options?
 - (a) If so, what is the outcome of this assessment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) See response at (2).
- (2) The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has been involved in the following meetings regarding the future of Wakefield Park Raceway (WPR):
 - 23 August 2022 - DPE, Office of Sport (OoS), Department of Regional NSW (DRNSW) met with Goulburn Mulwaree Council.
 - 7 September 2022 - DPE, OoS, DRNSW met with Benalla Auto Club.
 - 22 December 2022 - DPE, OoS, DRNSW met with Save Wakefield Park.

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- (3) As part of 22 December 2022 meeting Save Wakefield Park presented the following options to DPE (and OoS and DRNSW):
- Rezone WPR land into a motorsport precinct and surrounding properties as a noise buffer (similar to the Western Sydney Parklands 'Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct: Vision and Indicative Masterplan' 2021).
 - Include motorsport facilities as State Significant Development (SSD) under State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 (Planning Systems SEPP), or inclusion of motorsport more specifically under State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021. Noting that within such SEPPs, WPR could be protected from noise complaints like Luna Park's operations are by the Luna Park Site Amendment (Noise Control) Act 2005 No 72.
 - Resolve the implications of recent agritourism legislation on WPR's future.
 - NSW Government to financially support the Raceway to reopen such as an interest free loan or subsidy.
 - Launch an independent inquiry to the Development Application assessment process for DA/0117/2021.
 - Compulsory acquisition of surrounding properties to create a noise buffer and/or compulsory acquisition of WPR to be owned and operated on behalf of the residents of NSW (as per Sydney Motorsport Park).
- (4) The Government is considering these options.

* 9393 WOMEN ON WORK SITES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Metropolitan Roads, and Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence—

- (1) How was the Government's objective to achieve a target of 15 per cent women on work sites by 2030 determined?
- (2) Which organisations were consulted in determining this target?
- (3) Did any a) agency or b) stakeholder suggest a higher target?
 - (a) If so, which a) agency or b) stakeholder?
- (4) How and b) what milestones will be used to determine whether the 15 per cent target is on track?
- (5) On what date will applications for funding under the Industry Innovation Program close?
- (6) Does the Government intend to announce recipients for round one funding under the program before 25 March 2022?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Women as it most appropriately falls within this portfolio of responsibilities.

* 9394 NOWRA BYPASS CONFIRMATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Agriculture, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to a Nowra Bypass:
 - (a) Will the Government commit to a Nowra Bypass?
 - (b) Has the Commonwealth Government agreed to an 80/20 funding split for beyond the planning money it has committed to a Nowra Bypass in conjunction with the State?

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- (c) Will the Government seek a commitment for an 80/20 funding split for the construction costs of a Nowra Bypass from the Commonwealth Government?
 - (i) If yes, when will the Government seek this commitment from the Commonwealth?
- (d) With respect to planning money announced, how will these funds be used, and will the community be consulted?
- (e) Will planning involve revisiting the route for the Nowra Bypass identified in the Regional Environmental Plan to the west of Nowra?
- (f) How will the Government consult and update the community on the planning process?
- (g) Once the planning process is complete, when is it estimated that a Nowra Bypass will start construction and how long does the Government anticipate this project may take?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is committed to completing an integrated transport study, which includes options for a Nowra bypass. The scope of any future work or initiatives will be determined as part of the early planning and investigations currently underway. Following a Strategic Business Case, including the identification of the preferred option/s, appropriate funding pathways will need to be investigated.

An additional \$65 million of federal funding was announced on 10 January 2023, bringing the total joint commitment with the NSW Government to \$105 million. The funding committed will allow an options assessment for a bypass of Bomaderry and Nowra to be completed. This will also include a broader integrated transport plan that identifies and prioritises a range of transport solutions to complement a potential future bypass while ensuring the broader transport system is safe, efficient and can offer improved transport choice.

Community consultation will form part of the project development and the consultation plan is still being developed. Transport for NSW will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

* 9395 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL BUILD CONSIDERATIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health—

- (1) With respect to capital works in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District:
 - (a) How many items of correspondence have you received from the Members for Kiama, Shellharbour, Wollongong, Keira and Heathcote each year for the last four years?
 - (b) Why will the new Shellharbour Hospital not have a helipad when it opens to the public?
 - (c) Has the Minister been briefed on the reasons why the new Shellharbour Hospital will not have a helipad?
 - (d) Is the Minister aware that the existing Shellharbour Hospital does have a helipad?
 - (e) Is the Minister aware of concerns from local ambulance officers and paramedics about the lack of a helipad at the new Shellharbour Hospital and will the Minister consider bringing forward plans to ensure the new Shellharbour Hospital has a helipad?
 - (f) Will the Minister meet with me and local paramedics to discuss this issue?
 - (g) Is the Minister aware that a new Shellharbour Hospital will not have birthing services?
 - (h) Will the Minister seek to recruit more obstetricians, including those who live in the Illawarra, to practise at the new Shellharbour Hospital for the provision of birthing services at the new Shellharbour Hospital?

Answer—

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I am advised:

The project design of the more than \$700 million new Shellharbour Hospital to be built at Dunmore will enable the construction of a rooftop helipad in the future. In disaster emergency response situations, helicopters will be able to land in the grounds next to the new hospital. NSW Ambulance continues to consult with Health Infrastructure and the local health district regarding the redevelopment of the Shellharbour Hospital.

Maternity services will be provided to expectant mothers on a daily basis at the new Shellharbour Hospital for both pre and post birthing care. These services will include midwifery-led clinics, doctor-led clinics, midwifery group practice (MGP) clinics, the establishment of an MGP in-home ante-natal and post-natal service both in-person and virtually, lactation support clinics, gynaecology clinics, women's health physiotherapy and childbirth education classes.

The new Shellharbour Hospital has been designed with the future in mind. There will be opportunity, should it be possible, for expanded or new services in line with the needs of the community. Birthing services will remain at Wollongong Hospital in the short to medium term due to the specialist services and staff that are required to maintain a safe birthing facility for mothers and their babies.

NSW Health records indicate that a number of representations have been received from the Member for Kiama about the redevelopment.

* 9396 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Environment and Heritage—

- (1) With respect to Commonwealth Government initiatives to promote offshore wind farms and renewables in general:
- (a) What engagement (if any) has the Minister had with the Commonwealth on Commonwealth proposals to develop off-shore wind farms on the south coast of New South Wales?
 - (b) Has the Minister been briefed on specific proposals for an offshore wind farm on the South Coast of New South Wales?
 - (c) What is the Government's position on offshore wind farming?
 - (d) Is the Minister aware of environmental impacts and amenity concerns from local residents with respect to proposals to expand pumped hydro at Kangaroo Valley?
 - (e) Has the Minister been briefed on the proposal?
 - (i) If no, will the Minister seek a briefing on the environmental impacts of this proposal?
 - (ii) Will the Minister meet with concerned locals about these proposals as part of the consultation process?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, as the minister responsible for State Significant Project Environmental Impact Statements, and the Treasurer and Minister for Energy, the Hon Matt Kean MP, as the minister responsible for energy related projects.

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* 9397 YALLAH INTERCHANGE—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 Yallah Interchange on the Princes Highway:
- (a) Is the Minister aware of calls by locals to provide for a Yallah Interchange on the Princes Highway?
 - (b) What planning was undertaken as part of the Albion Park Rail bypass to integrate a Yallah Interchange with the Princes Highway?
 - (c) Will the Minister request a briefing from her department to progress this matter?
 - (d) Will the Minister agree to meet with me and the Mayors of Shellharbour and Wollongong councils to discuss this matter?
 - (e) Will the Minister consider working with other agencies to examine population growth in the southern Illawarra and consider partnering with Wollongong and Shellharbour councils to upgrade local council roads such as Calderwood Road and Marshall Mount Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 9398 SHELLHARBOUR TRAFFIC—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 traffic congestion in the Shellharbour Local Government Area (LGA) component of the Kiama electorate:
- (a) What consultation did the Minister undertake with respect to recent clearway changes on Tongarra Road in Albion Park?
 - (b) Did the Minister's department consult with the local MP?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (c) Did the Minister's department consult with local businesses, including the local Chamber of Commerce?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (d) Is the Minister aware of calls to upgrade Calderwood and Marshall Mount Roads to ease traffic congestion created by residential development in the western part of the Shellharbour LGA?
 - (e) Will the Minister instruct his department to work with Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils to plan for and identify funding opportunities to upgrade critical local infrastructure to ease congestion in Calderwood, Tullimbar and Albion Park?

Answer—

I am advised:

Prior to implementing the trial of timed no parking zones on Tongarra Road in Albion Park, Transport for NSW conducted comprehensive consultation with the Shellharbour City Council, the Albion Park Chamber of Commerce, as well as a door knock of local residents. Transport for NSW also consulted with the Member for Kiama's representative through the Local Traffic Committee.

Traffic operations and maintenance of Calderwood and Marshall Mount roads are a matter for Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council.

Transport for NSW is working with Shellharbour City Council and Wollongong City Council, to understand and plan for future transport needs in the area. This includes the initiatives outlined in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan.

* 9399 THE COST OF LIVING—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 Government's cost of living program:
- (a) What grants, subsidies and relief are available to residents of the Kiama electorate with respect to the cost of living?
 - (b) Can the Minister list the total value of each cost of living measure for the Kiama electorate?
 - (c) Can the Minister list the total number of applications for each cost of living measure for the Kiama electorate?
 - (i) If yes, can the Minister list how many applications were rejected and provide reasons for their rejection?
 - (d) With respect to question (c), how does the number of applications, both successful and unsuccessful, in the Kiama electorate compare to the rest of the State, on average?
 - (e) What is the Government doing to promote cost of living relief and measures available to residents in the Kiama electorate?

Answer—

- (a) This information is available on the Service NSW website at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder>
- (b) Service NSW is unable to provide this detail as it does not collect and store any personal details for customers of the Savings Finder program, including postcode data.
- (c) Service NSW is unable to provide this detail as it does not collect and store any personal details for customers of the Savings Finder program, including postcode data.
 - (i) Service NSW is unable to provide this detail as it does not collect and store any personal details for customers of the Savings Finder program, including postcode data.
- (d) Service NSW is unable to provide this detail as it does not collect and store any personal details for customers of the Savings Finder program, including postcode data.
- (e) The NSW Government is promoting the Savings Finder program to ensure that people across the State, including in the Kiama electorate, know where to access the rebates and savings they are eligible for. This support includes media campaigns, marketing activities directly to customers and community engagement by Service NSW team members locally.

The promotion is instrumental in driving uptake and awareness of the rebates and savings available, targeting audiences via paid media such as television, press, outdoor marketing, radio and digital channels across NSW.

Promotional activity in Regional Southern NSW, encompassing the Kiama electorate, specifically includes:

- television activity on all free-to-air commercial channels, including SBS
- radio activity on i98FM and WAVE FM

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- print in the Illawarra Mercury, including the metropolitan newspapers distributed in Wollongong Sydney Morning Herald, Sun Herald, Daily Telegraph, and Sunday Telegraph
- digital activity across News Corp, Nine, Australian Community Newspapers, SBS, Google, Facebook and others
- regular Service NSW Savings Finder marketing emails to the 106,452 subscribers in the 10 postcodes provided for the Kiama electorate
- partnership with HOYTS Warrawong in the Kiama region, including locating a Savings Finder pop up counter at the cinema in early January 2023, as well as electronic direct mail communications and cinema advertising.

The Kiama Service Centre team undertakes local community engagement activities to promote cost of living relief measures. For example, Service NSW will have a pop-up stall at the Seniors Festival at Shellharbour Civic Centre on 1 February 2023.

* 9400 THE PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) With respect to the presumption of innocence:
- (a) What is the Government's position on the presumption of innocence?
 - (b) What initiatives has the Attorney General undertaken to safeguard the presumption of innocence since 2011?
 - (c) How does the Government educate the public about the fundamental tenants of our justice system, such as the presumption of innocence?

Answer—

The presumption of innocence is a longstanding principle of the criminal justice system.

Information about the presumption and its statutory exceptions is available in the Criminal Trial Courts Bench Book published by the Judicial Commission of NSW.

There are a range of public-facing educational materials available about the justice system and the NSW Government's justice reforms.

Legislation is published on the www.legislation.nsw.gov.au website. Extrinsic materials, such as Second Reading Speeches and Statements of Public Interest, are published on the relevant bill page of the Parliamentary website at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au>

* 9401 SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL 2016-2022—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) With respect to Shoalhaven City Council:
- (a) Can the Minister please provide the breakdown of staff salaries and Full time equivalent (FTE) head count at Shoalhaven City Council for the following years:
 - (i) 2016/17?
 - (ii) 2017/18?
 - (iii) 2018/19?
 - (iv) 2019/20?
 - (v) 2020/21?
 - (vi) 2021/22?

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- (b) Can the Minister please provide the total amount of roads funding received by Shoalhaven City Council from the Government (broken down by department) and the Commonwealth Government under the FAGS program for the following years:
- (i) 2016/17?
 - (ii) 2017/18?
 - (iii) 2018/19?
 - (iv) 2019/20?
 - (v) 2020/21?
 - (vi) 2021/22?
- (c) Can the Minister please provide the number of Code of Conduct Complaints received at Shoalhaven City Council for the following years:
- (i) 2016/17?
 - (ii) 2017/18?
 - (iii) 2018/19?
 - (iv) 2019/20?
 - (v) 2020/21?
 - (vi) 2021/22?
- (d) With respect to question (c), what was the cost to ratepayers for each investigation?
- (e) Can the Minister please provide the total costs (broken down by type) for councillor expenses for Shoalhaven City Council for the following years:
- (i) 2016/17?
 - (ii) 2017/18?
 - (iii) 2018/19?
 - (iv) 2019/20?
 - (v) 2020/21?
 - (vi) 2021/22?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) This information is publicly available. Content about salaries can be accessed via Council's Annual Financial Statements here:
<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Access-to-Information/Financial-Statements-Previous-Years>
Content about full-time equivalent (FTE) can be accessed here:
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/about-councils/comparative-council-information/your-council-report/
- (b) Total amount of roads funding received by Council from the Government (broken down by department), and the Commonwealth Government under the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) program:
- (i) 2016/17

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\$4,872,264 (Commonwealth - Roads to Recovery Program),

\$2,212,000 (State Grants/cash contributions - Transport for NSW/Roads and Maritime Services (regional roads, block grant), and \$4,692,220 (Commonwealth FAGs Local Roads Component)

(NB: this figure is higher as there was no advance from 2015-16 to deduct, but an advance of approximately half of 2017-18 was paid early)

- (ii) 2017/18
\$1,476,819 (Commonwealth - Roads to Recovery Program), \$2,252,000 (State Grants/cash contributions), and \$3,332,328 (Commonwealth FAGs Local Roads Component)
 - (iii) 2018/19
\$1,476,819 (Commonwealth - Roads to Recovery Program), \$2,298,000 (State Grants/cash contributions), and \$3,490,421 (Commonwealth FAGs Local Roads Component)
 - (iv) 2019/20
\$2,141,844 (Commonwealth - Roads to Recovery Program), \$2,562,000 (State Grants/cash contributions), and \$3,515,899 (Commonwealth FAGs Local Roads Component)
 - (v) 2020/21
\$2,142,000 (Commonwealth - Roads to Recovery Program), \$2,345,000 (State Grants/cash contributions), and \$3,617,438 (Commonwealth FAGs Local Roads Component)
 - (vi) 2021/22
Not yet available
- (c) This information is publicly available and can be accessed here:
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/about-councils/comparative-council-information/your-council-report/
- (d) This information is publicly available and can be accessed here:
www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/about-councils/comparative-council-information/your-council-report/
- (e) This information is publicly available and can be accessed here:
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* 9402 PLANNING DECISIONS AND POWERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes—

- (1) With respect to the NSW Coalition's commitment in 2011 to return planning powers back to local communities:
 - (a) How as the Government returned planning powers back to local communities?
 - (b) How many planning proposals did the Government consider each calendar year from 2011 to 2022?
 - (c) How many amendments to planning legislation has the Government made since 2011?
 - (d) With respect to question (c), how many changes to planning policies, regulation, rules or legislation enhanced community consultation and community-based decision making?

- (e) With respect to question (c), how many changes to ‘exempt and complying’ rules has the Government made since 2011?
- (f) What role and input will local communities have in planning decisions that relate to offshore wind farms (and related onshore substations and networks) on the south coast of New South Wales?
- (g) What role and input will local communities have in planning decisions that relate to the expansion of pumped hydro at Kangaroo Valley?
- (h) With respect to questions (f) and (g), will the Minister meet with me and locals to discuss these concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Over the last decade there have been significant reforms to the way the planning system operates and a renewed focus on local decision-making and accountability. Reforms have included the removal of Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the establishment of local and regional planning panels to improve local decision-making and an enhanced focus on strategic planning whereby councils and communities are able to outline and deliver on their plans for the local area.
- (b) Details of the approved planning proposals can be searched on the legislation.nsw.gov.au website. Specific proposals can be found on the NSW Planning Portal.
- (c) The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 has been amended 78 times since April 2011. Details of these amendments are available on the legislation.nsw.gov.au website.
- (d) Details of legislative amendments are available on the legislation.nsw.gov.au website. However, notable reforms have involved the development of Community Consultation Plans and Local Strategic Planning Statements.

Community participation is a key aspect of the NSW planning system and is fundamental to both strategic and statutory planning (including rezoning and development assessment).

- (e) The State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 has been amended 94 times since April 2011. Details of these and other amendments are available on the legislation.nsw.gov.au website.
- (f) The Commonwealth is yet to declare any offshore wind areas off the south coast of NSW. Offshore wind farms in NSW will be regulated by the Commonwealth Government.

The Department will however have a role in assessing and approving any transmission and other infrastructure required in NSW waters and land for any declared offshore wind areas. The Department would assess any applications for infrastructure under the existing development assessment process which includes extensive provisions for community consultation.

During the exhibition period for any applications for infrastructure the Department will request the local community provides submissions relating to the relevant application. Any issues raised in submissions must be addressed by the proponent and will be considered by the Department as part of its thorough assessment of the application.

- (g) The Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project, a critical State significant infrastructure application for a new 235 MW underground pumped hydro power station, was exhibited from 9 November 2022 to 6 December 2022. The project is required to be re-exhibited due to a procedural error by the proponent. The application, environmental impact statement and

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accompanying documents are unchanged from the original exhibition and are on re-exhibition from Friday 13 January 2023 until Friday 10 February 2023.

During this re-exhibition of the application any members of the local community may provide their considered input regarding the project. Submissions made during the initial exhibition period do not need to be re-submitted during the second exhibition period.

Once the second exhibition period is concluded the proponent will be requested to prepare a submissions report which will respond to all issues raised in submissions. All submissions made during both exhibition periods must be addressed by the proponent and will be considered by the Department as part of its thorough assessment of the application.

- (h) Please forward any meeting request to office@roberts.minister.nsw.gov.au