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0001 FOSTER CARERS IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) How many foster carers were there in the Pittwater electorate during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-9 May 2023?
- (2) How many children were cared for by foster parents in the Pittwater electorate during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-9 May 2023?

0002 KU-RING-GAI CHASE, LION ISLAND, LONG ISLAND AND SPECTACLE ISLAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for Energy, and Minister for Climate Change—

In relation to the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and Lion Island, Long Island and Spectacle Island Nature Reserves Draft Plan of Management:

- (1) When is the Plan of Management due to be finalised?
- (2) Will the proposal for the permissibility of short-stay visitor accommodation at Barrenjoey Headland be removed from the Plan of Management prior to it being finalised?
- (3) Will the proposal for the permissibility of short-stay visitor accommodation at any other locations covered by the Plan of Management also be removed prior to the document being finalised?

0003 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW NARABEEN UPGRADE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When will School Infrastructure NSW award a construction contract for the Narrabeen Education Campus Upgrade?
- (2) What is the anticipated total construction time for the project?

0004 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) On how many occasions was Wakehurst Parkway closed due to flooding during:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-9 May 2023?
- (2) On how many occasions was Wakehurst Parkway closing due to vehicle accidents during:
  - (a) 2018-19?

- (b) 2019-20?
- (c) 2020-21?
- (d) 2021-22?
- (e) 2022-9 May 2023?

0005 MONA VALE HOSPITAL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —

- (1) What was the annual budget allocation for Mona Vale Hospital during the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?

0006 MONA VALE PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —

- (1) What is the status of the staff recruitment process for Mona Vale Hospital's public dental clinic?
- (2) When is Mona Vale Hospital's public dental clinic scheduled to resume providing services to patients?

0007 MONA VALE HOSPITAL MEDICAL INTERNS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —

- (1) What was the total number of medical interns (university graduate doctors) that undertook training at Mona Vale Hospital in;
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-9 May 2023?
- (2) What was the total number of medical interns (university graduate nurses) that undertook training at Mona Vale Hospital in;
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-9 May 2023?

0008 NSW AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —

- (1) What is the total number of NSW Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Narrabeen Ambulance Station?
- (2) What is the total number of NSW Ambulance Paramedics currently working out of the Avalon Beach Ambulance Station?

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- (3) What is the total number of NSW Ambulance Paramedics currently working out of the Mona Vale Hospital Ambulance Station?
- (4) Are there any plans to increase the number of NSW Ambulance Paramedics assigned to ambulance stations within the Pittwater Electorate?

0009 SERVICE NSW INITIATIVES IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Service NSW support and stimulus initiatives:

- (1) How many businesses (in total) in the Pittwater electorate participated in the Dine and Discover program?
- (2) How many organisations (in total) in the Pittwater electorate are currently registered as an Active Kids provider?
- (3) How many organisations (in total) in the Pittwater electorate are currently registered as a Creative Kids provider?
- (4) How many Active Kids vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Pittwater electorate during:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-9 May 2023?
- (5) How many Creative Kids vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Pittwater electorate during:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-9 May 2023?

0010 BUS ROUTE SUBSIDY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that the Bus Route Subsidy (also known as the Public Vehicle Tax or the Bus Tax), is provided to assist Councils to maintain public roads used by buses, and that Section 108 of the Transport Administration Act 1998 applies the grants to the Metropolitan, Newcastle and Wollongong transport districts, does the Bus Route Subsidy also apply to routes used by School bus services?
- (2) If so, can the Minister advise why Regional and Rural Areas of New South Wales are not included in the grants outlined in Section 108 of the Transport Administration Act 1998?
- (3) Could the Minister consider making Councils in the Barwon Electorate eligible for this funding?

0011 COBB HIGHWAY UPGRADE COMPLETION DATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that the Government provided \$145 million dollars to Transport NSW to seal and upgrade all remaining unsealed sections on the Cobb and Silver City Highways in Far Western New South Wales and that, as of December 2022, all remaining sections of the Silver City Highway were completed with 10.9 kilometres remaining to be sealed on the Cobb Highway, can the Minister advise when the sealing of the remaining 10.9 kilometres of road on the Cobb Highway is scheduled to be completed?

0012 TREASURY MANAGED FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—

- (1) Considering that recent Governments have been unable to provide identification of the Minister who oversees fund allocation for the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF), that confusion has long been associated with Workers Compensation Claims in dispute being investigated by the same Government agency providing the insurance for the insurer associated with the claim, can the Premier advise which Minister he has appointed to oversee fund allocation within the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF)?
- (2) If the Premier's response is either Insurance for NSW or the NSW Treasury, could the Premier advise which Minister is therefore responsible for each of these Government departments?

0013 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that, in regional New South Wales, Boarding School students use the SSTS as a means of travelling to and from school each term, that this is 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, but that cards are issued based on students returning to their hometown/suburb, regionally, which is not always viable as larger town centres have the availability of more reliable and frequent public transport options, can the Minister advise whether the scheme can be designed more specifically for regional Boarding School travellers?

0014 ST GEORGE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —

- (1) When will Stage 3 of the St George Hospital redevelopment be completed:
  - (a) As part of this redevelopment how many additional parking spaces will be added to the Hospital campus?
  - (b) As part of this redevelopment how many additional patients will be able to be treated each year as a result of this redevelopment?
- (2) After the completion of Stage 3, will the Government commit to progressing with the Stage 4 redevelopment of St George Hospital:
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, can the Government outline what Stage 4 would entail?
  - (c) If the Government proceeds with Stage 4, can they outline a timeframe for its completion?

0015 NEW INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER FOR GLENLEE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for Energy, and Minister for Climate Change—

- (1) Noting the Government's commitment to issue a new Interim Heritage order for the Glenlee Property in Lugarno:
  - (a) Can the Minister advise when this new Interim Heritage Order will be issued?
  - (b) Alternatively, if the Minister does not intend to issue a new Interim Heritage Order, can the Minister please outline the reasons for this?
- (2) Further, noting the Government's commitment during the election campaign to save Glenlee:
  - (a) Will the Government purchase the property and transform it into public green space?
  - (b) If not, why not?

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- 0016 CARSS PARK POOL REBUILD COMMITMENT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Premier—
- (1) What progress has been made on the Government’s commitment to rebuild and re-open Carss Park Pool?
    - (a) Will any Government funding be provided to Georges River Council for the pool rebuild in financial year 2023/2024?
    - (b) If not, can the Government outline when Georges River Council should expect to receive funding towards this project?
- 0017 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm how many Active Kids vouchers have been provided to families on the Central Coast since its inception in 2018?
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm how many Active Kids vouchers have been provided to families in the Terrigal electorate since its inception in 2018?
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm that the Government will continue to fully fund the Active Kids voucher program every year for the next four years?
- 0018 EMPIRE BAY BOAT SHED REMEDIATION AND REPLACEMENT—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm when remediation of the current contaminated site will proceed and provide a detailed timeline for the entire process?
  - (2) Can the Minister provide the cost for a replacement replica boatshed to be constructed on the remediated site?
  - (3) Can the Minister provide a detailed timeline and process for the construction of the replacement replica boatshed?
  - (4) Can the Minister confirm when Crown Lands will release an EOI for the management of the site and construction of the replica boatshed?
- 0019 WARDS HILL ROAD AND EMPIRE BAY DRIVE FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm funding for Transport for NSW to deliver an extended merging lane on Empire Bay Drive from Wards Hill Road at Empire Bay?
  - (2) Can the Minister confirm a timeline for the work?
  - (3) Can the Minister confirm that the Government will provide \$1 million required for Transport for NSW to carry out the necessary site investigations to improve safety at this intersection for the community?
- 0020 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many demountable classrooms – per school – are there in the Drummoyne electorate?
- 0021 ELECTION COMMITMENTS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) What election commitments were made by the Labor Party in the seat of Drummoyne during the campaign?
  - (2) When will these commitments be funded and delivered?

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- 0022 KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) Is the Minister aware that the previous Government committed \$600,000 over four years for the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway?
  - (2) Will the Minister commit to ongoing funding for the Memorial?
- 0023 RYDE HOSPITAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —
- (1) What is the scheduled date of completion of the Ryde Hospital rebuild?
  - (2) When will substantive construction works commence?
  - (3) What is the anticipated total cost of the Ryde Hospital rebuild?
- 0024 MACQUARIE PARK AND MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Is the Government committed to building a new K-12 public school in Macquarie Park and a new school in Melrose Park?
  - (2) Where will the new schools be located?
  - (3) How much funding has been allocated to these projects?
  - (4) When will they be built?
- 0025 VICTORIA ROAD RAILWAY OVERPASS IN WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads , Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Does the Government plan to widen Victoria Road at the railway overpass in West Ryde
  - (2) Will additional funding be allocated over the forward estimates to commence construction?
  - (3) When does the Government anticipate this project will be completed?
- 0026 THE NORTHERN CENTRE'S SAFET DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Is the Government aware of The Northern Centre's SafeT Domestic Violence program?
  - (2) Will the Government fund, either in full or in part, the continuation of the program over the next 12 months?
- 0027 MEADOWBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) When will the rezoning of the old Meadowbank Public School site be completed?
  - (2) When will management of the site be transferred to the City of Ryde Council?
  - (3) Will the Government commit to maintaining the community hall on the site?
- 0028 MARSDEN MULTI-SPORT FACILITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) When does the Government anticipate construction of the Marsden Multi-Sport Facility on Winbourne Street, West Ryde, will be completed?



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- 0029 FUNDS COMMITTED TO THE RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Premier—
- (1) What was the total quantum of funds committed to the Ryde electorate by the new Government before the election, and what were the projects/programs these funds were allocated towards?
- 0030 MELROSE PARK BOAT RAMP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—  
In relation to Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2,
- (1) What is the proposed relocation site of the electricity tower currently adjacent to the Melrose Park boat ramp?
  - (2) Have all residents whose properties may be impacted by the project been notified?
  - (3) Will the boat ramp be closed during construction?
    - (a) If so, for how long?
- 0031 TG MILLNER PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Is the Government committed to preserving the TG Millner playing fields on Vimiera Rd, Marsfield, for open green space?
- 0032 TEACHERS FTE IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Separately for each public school in the Cronulla electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many teachers (FTE) are employed in that school?
- 0033 POLICE OFFICERS FTE IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- (1) As at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many police officers (FTE) were allocated to the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command and how many Police officers were actually based in the command?
- 0034 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Separately for each public school in the Cronulla electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- 0035 THE NEW SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —  
With respect to the Shellharbour Hospital Project:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that there will be an intensive care unit, as originally proposed, in the new Shellharbour Hospital?
  - (2) Have there been any changes to the original plans to have a fully operational intensive care unit at the new Shellharbour Hospital?
  - (3) Have there been any changes to proposed services and specifications to the new Shellharbour Hospital since 2022?
    - a) If so, what are they?
    - b) If yes, what consultation has taken place?
  - (5) Based on the consultation undertaken with the local community on the new Shellharbour Hospital, what changes have been made to published plans and proposed services?

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- (6) Given the Member for Shellharbour committed the Government to birthing services at Shellharbour Hospital, when will these services return to Shellharbour Hospital?
- a) How many obstetricians will be operating at Shellharbour Hospital as a result of this commitment?
- (7) Can the Minister provide advice on whether a helipad will be in operation when the new hospital opens its doors?
- a) If not, why not?
- 0036 SOUTH KIAMA REZONING PROPOSAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- With respect to the South Kiama re-zoning proposal:
- (1) As the new New South Wales Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, what new policy actions will the Government implement to deliver the fresh start that the New South Wales planning system needs?
- (2) With respect to the rezoning of Lot 1 DP 707300, Lot 5 DP 740252, part of Lot 102 DP 1077617 will the Minister consider a fresh review of this rezoning decision of the previous Government?
- a) If yes, will the Minister consider reversing the rezoning decision?
- (4) Can the Minister advise what his departments growth projections are for the Municipality of Kiama?
- a) Can the Minister outline if these growth projections have changed in the last 4 years?
- 0037 TRIPOLI WAY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- With respect to New South Wales Labor's election commitment to provide an additional \$20 million to Shellharbour City Council to progress the Tripoli Way extension project:
- (1) When will this funding be delivered to Shellharbour City Council?
- (2) Does your agency require any further reports, assessments and analysis before the promised funding will be delivered?
- (3) Will the Minister confirm that this funding is in addition to the \$16 million provided through the NSW Planning Departments Accelerated Infrastructure Fund?
- (4) Will these funds be listed as a budget item in the forthcoming New South Wales State Budget?
- 0038 FUTURE OF FREE CARPARKING AT SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast —
- With respect to the availability of free car parking at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital:
- (1) Can the Minister for Health and Regional Health provide a detailed update on the future availability of free carparking at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?
- (2) Will the Minister and the Government commit to delivering free car parking at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital for all patients, medical staff, nurses, families, carers and visitors to the Hospital once the current redevelopment is completed?
- (3) Has the Minister met with representatives from the Shoalhaven-Illawarra Local Health District to discuss the mounting concerns of local patients, staff and visitors on the importance of free car parking at the Hospital?
- (4) Can the Minister provide details of existing parking concessions at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital?

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