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* 0187 ATTORNEY GENERAL—YOUNG OFFENDERS SENTENCING OPTIONS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—

- (1) Regarding a call by the Member for Northern Tablelands on issues of sentencing repeat offenders in the Children's Court for alleged serious crimes:
 - (a) What interventions are taking place when young offenders are sentenced before Court for serious offences?
 - (b) Do these 'serious offences' extend to stealing cars, joyriding and posting videos to social media channels?
- (2) Can the Minister indicate what programs and interventions these young offenders are subject to?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm the rate of participation and completion of these programs?
- (4) Can the Minister advise:
 - (a) How many young offenders in the past twelve (12) months have reoffended?
 - (b) What is the timeframe between reoffending?
- (5) What sentences or community supervision sentences or community supervision is being imposed for reoffenders?
 - (a) How many have breached these orders?
- (6) Can the Minister advise if:
 - (a) A review of current sentencing options will occur that will directly address the factors that lead to offending?
 - (b) Once reviewed when the implementation of suitable interventions that will address the factors that lead to reoffending will occur?
 - (c) The approximate cost of a review and implementation of effective interventions for the people of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions should be referred to the Hon. Jihad Dib MP to respond in his capacity as the Minister for Youth Justice.

* 0201 YOUTH JUSTICE—CUSTODY STATISTICS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) In March 2023, the custody statistics for young offenders was 215, what are the current numbers for youth in detention?
- (2) Of the total provided in answer to (1):
 - (a) How many are on remand?
 - (b) How many are female?
 - (c) How many are Aboriginal?
 - (d) How many have re-offended,
 - (e) How many re-offended within 3 months, 6 months, 12 months and 18 months from their last offence?

- (f) How many have been on detention prior and/or been supervised in the community?
- (3) Can the Minister and the Department advise the average length of time a young person serves on remand before they are sentenced?
- (4) What program interventions and/or Government support will be provided to youth in detention whilst on remand?
- (5) What program interventions and or Government support will be provided to youth in detention whilst serving a sentence?
- (a) What percentage of interventions or programs do the detainees participate in?
- (b) What is the percentage that are successfully completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 14 June 2023, there were 165 young people in detention.
- (2) Of the 165 young people in detention on 14 June 2023:
- a) 110 (67%) were on remand
- b) 6 (4%) were female
- c) 90 (55%) were Aboriginal
- d) and e)
- Youth Justice is unable to provide this data as it only has access to information relating to young people who had previous contact with Youth Justice. Under the Young Offenders Act 1997, young people who commit an offence can be diverted through cautions and warnings and would only have contact with Youth Justice if they receive a custodial or community order.
- f) 132 (80%) had previously been in detention and 108 (65%) had previously been supervised in the community.
- (3) Over the last 12 months, the average length of time a young person spent in custody on remand before they received a custodial sentence was 122.2 days. Youth Justice is unable to provide this data for young people discharged from custody who received a community sentence.
- (4) and (5)
- Youth Justice provides a range of interventions and supports for young people in custody on both remand and control orders.
- Young people in custody are supported through dedicated staffing roles and programs including a clinic run by medical staff from the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network and Education Training Units staffed by Department of Education teachers.
- Young people in custody are further supported by Youth Justice-employed caseworkers, psychologists and Aboriginal Practice Officers. Staff work proactively with young people to build rapport, establish positive relationships and promote desistance from future offending.
- Evidence-based assessments and interventions are used to identify and address issues influencing offending behaviour and respond to the unique and specific needs of each young person (for example, cultural identity, disability, substance abuse problems, history of trauma and abuse).
- 5 (a) and (b)
- Youth Justice is unable to provide this data as not all programs and activities are captured in the Youth Justice Client Information Management System.

* 0202 TRANSPORT—REVIEWS AND THE BUSINESS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Regarding the Toll Review being led by Professor Allan Fels AO and Dr David Cousins AM:
 - (a) What is the expected total cost of the Toll Review?
 - (b) Of this, how much is expected to be paid in remuneration and expenses to the two people appointed to Professor Fels and Dr Cousins? and
 - (c) How much is the expected cost for consultants?
- (2) Regarding the Business Industry Taskforce:
 - (a) What is the expected total cost on the Business Industry Taskforce?
 - (b) Of this, how much is expected to be paid in remuneration and expenses to the chair and panel members of the Taskforce?
 - (c) How much is the expected cost for consultants?
- (3) Regarding the Sydney Metro Review being led by Mr Mike Mrdak, assisted by Ms Amanda Yeates:
 - (a) What is the expected total cost of the Review?
 - (b) Of this, how much is expected to be paid in remuneration and expenses to Mr Mrdak and Ms Yeates?
 - (c) What is the expected cost for consultants?
- (4) Regarding the Sydney Trains Review being led by Ms Carolyn Walsh:
 - (a) What is the expected total cost of the Review?
 - (b) Of this, how much is expected to be paid in remuneration and expenses to Ms Walsh?
 - (c) How much is expected to be expended with consultants?
- (5) Regarding the review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems being conducted by Ms Carolyn Walsh, with the assistance of Mr Arthur Smith and Mr Peter Medlock:
 - (a) What is the expected total cost of the Review?
 - (b) Of this, how much is expected to be paid in remuneration and expenses to Ms Walsh, Mr Smith and Mr Medlock?
 - (c) How much is expected to be expended with consultants?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) This is a matter for NSW Treasury.
- (2) to (5)

The costs of the Bus Industry Taskforce, the Sydney Metro review and the Sydney Trains Rail Infrastructure & Systems review are being met from within existing agency resources. Transport for NSW discloses all relevant contract details not covered by commercial in confidence obligations to the Transport for NSW contracts register on the NSW Government eTendering website as required by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

* 0203 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—PUBLIC SECTOR AWARDS & RETURN TO WORK—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise which public sector awards have expired since 25 March 2023?
 - (a) Which public sector awards are due to expire before 19 September 2023?

- (i) For each of these awards what is the expiry date?
- (2) What guidelines are in place to assist agencies identify productivity savings to offset any increase in wages under new awards to replace these expired or expiring awards?
 - (3) With regard to “return to work”, what savings have been identified to apply to funding the \$618 million, 4.5 per cent offer made by the Treasurer to public sector workers on Monday 5 June 2023?
 - (4) Is the Government considering reducing the number of weeks for which public sector workers with a mental health injury may receive a workers compensation payment before being required to return to work?

Answer—

Public sector awards and their expiry dates are publicly available.

The 2.5 per cent legislative wages cap blunted negotiations and eliminated genuine productivity based discussion and improvement. The Government has established an Industrial Relations Taskforce to rebuild a cooperative productivity-based bargaining system. A Comprehensive Spending Review is underway and will provide savings and I refer further questions to the responsible Minister.

The Government has announced a Whole-of-Government return-to-work policy. Under the former government a worker injured in one part of the public sector would rarely if ever return to a role, if that role was in another part of the public sector. Return-to-work rates are a key cost driver in the public sector insurance scheme (Treasury Managed Fund) and improving return-to-work rates will result in savings. The government inherited a \$669 million bill for the Treasury Managed Fund.

This enquiry should be directed to the Minister for Finance who has primary responsibility for the relevant sections of the relevant legislation.

- * 0204 ROADS—FIRST PRIORITY—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what your first priority is as the Minister for Roads?

Answer—

I am advised:

Combating toll mania and supporting an overhaul of the toll road network and system to benefit the people of NSW and drive a fairer deal for drivers is my first priority.

- * 0205 ROADS—TOP THREE GOALS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what your top three goals are as Minister for Roads?

Answer—

- (1) Combatting toll mania and supporting an overhaul of the toll road network and system to benefit the people of NSW and driver a fairer deal for drivers.
- (2) Getting the Government's toll relief measures in place, in particular the \$60 toll cap.
- (3) A focus on local road projects, not mega toll road projects, that support thriving local communities, in line with the advice for the Government's expert infrastructure adviser.

- * 0206 ROADS—TRANSPORT FEES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether you intend to increase Transport for NSW fees and charges in the 2023-2024 Financial Year?

Answer—

Yes.

* 0207 ROADS—PROCUREMENT MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1). Can the Minister for Roads advise whether you will commit to following the recommendation of the relevant steering Committee when it comes to the procurement of major infrastructure projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

TfNSW complies with the NSW Government's procurement policy framework, to ensure all tenders are competitive and transparent, to deliver the best outcomes for customers and value for NSW taxpayers.

* 0208 ROADS—BUDGET BLOWOUT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the s Minister for Roads advise, how you define a budget blow out?

Answer—

I am advised

The term "budget blow out" is commonly used to describe a situation where the budget has been exceeded due to mismanagement. For an example, please see Budget Paper No 3 Infrastructure Statement 2022-23 page 5-53, Sydney Metro City and Southwest.

* 0209 ROADS—WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the Government committed to the full delivery of the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (a) Will the Western Harbour Tunnel be tolled?
- (b) What will be the toll for the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (c) Will it be tolled each way?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Western Harbour Tunnel is being delivered in two stages and contracts for both stages were signed prior to the election. The Government will declare a position on future arrangements prior to the opening of the Western Harbour Tunnel which scheduled to open by the end of 2028.

* 0210 ROADS—FINANCIAL MODEL WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if you intend to release the financial model for the Western Harbour Tunnel?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government's commitment to transparency is on the public record.

We will endeavour to provide as much information to the public as possible given the former Liberal and National Government's commercial agreements with contractors.

* 0211 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—LANDCOM—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding Landcom, is the State Owned Corporation still permitted to enter into delivery partnerships with community housing providers?
- (2) Is Landcom still permitted to enter into delivery partnerships with local aboriginal land councils?
- (3) Is Landcom still permitted to enter into delivery partnerships?

Answer—

I am advised:

The answer to the questions (1)-(3) is yes.

* 0212 ROADS—FINANCIAL MODEL M6 STAGE 1—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether he intends to release the financial model for the M6 Stage 1?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government's commitment to transparency is on the public record.

We will endeavour to provide as much information to the public as possible given the former Liberal and National Government's commercial agreements with contractors.

* 0213 ROADS—CHARGING FOR TOLL ROADS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, whether he intends to charge tax-payers when you use toll roads in his capacity as Minister for Roads?

Answer—

Administrative arrangements in relation to this matter have remained unchanged after the change of government.

* 0214 ROADS—MOTORWAYS AND NATIONAL PARKS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government will ensure that any expansion for motorways will be underground to prevent loss of any National Parks land?

Answer—

I am advised

When identifying potential corridors for future motorways, Transport for NSW undertakes a range of investigations to understand ecological, topographical, hydrological, geological and other constraints. This includes consideration of existing uses, such as national parks and private property.

The NSW Government will continue to develop alignment options for future infrastructure that strikes the best balance between competing values and interests. Wherever possible, our priority is to avoid impacts to people's homes and businesses, and to environmentally sensitive areas.

Transport for NSW will consult with the community on alignment options for any potential future expansion to the motorway network.

* 0215 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—ELECTION COMMITMENTS IN THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES PORTFOLIO—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding the Planning and Public Spaces portfolio, what was every election commitment made by the Labor Party prior to the 2023 State Election?
- (2) How much money was allotted to each commitment by the Labor Party?
- (3) Were there any unfunded Planning commitments made by the Labor Party during the campaign?
- (4) If so in (3), why were these commitments unfunded?
- (5) Has the Department identified any commitments which will require more funding than was promised by the Labor Party during the campaign?
- (6) Does the Minister intend on delivering every commitment made during the campaign in Liberal-held electorates?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)-(6) The new Government will deliver all of its election commitments.

* 0216 ROADS—SYDNEY MOTORWAY EXPANSION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if the Government has any plans to expand Sydney's motorway network?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minns Government is following the advice of Infrastructure NSW in its May 2022 report that "it would become increasingly difficult for the NSW government to deliver complex, multi-billion-dollar projects due to labour shortages and the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic." Further the report stated "it would be especially challenging to deliver additional megaprojects in a cost-efficient manner in coming years."

* 0217 ROADS—WESTCONNEX CONTACTS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise when the Government intends to release the WestConnex contacts and base-case financial model?
 - (a) Has Transport for NSW provided any advice in relation to releasing these materials?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minns Government is committed to greater transparency, and we are working with the government departments and Transurban on the release of information to the public.

* 0218 PREMIER—LAND HOLDINGS AUDIT—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Regarding the ongoing audit into government landholdings, what is the definition of the term "surplus land"?
- (2) What is the definition of the term "under-utilised land"?

- (3) What is the definition of the term “public asset”?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

- * 0219 ROADS—TOLL REVIEW FAIR PRICING—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Regarding the Toll Review currently underway, can the Minister for Roads please advise, what is considered to be an equitable and fair price for a toll road user to pay when traveling between:
- (a) Penrith Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - (b) Blacktown Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - (c) Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - (d) Liverpool Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - (e) The Hills Shire Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?
 - (f) Hornsby Local Government Area and the City of Sydney LGA?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has appointed Professor Allan Fels AO to lead an Independent Review of Tolling. The review will consider the structure and level of tolls for the future including efficiency, fairness, simplicity and transparency. The final review report will be publicly released in 2024.

Further information about the review is available on the NSW Treasury website.

- * 0220 ROADS—TOLL REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Regarding the Toll Review currently underway, can the Minister please advise whether he:
- (a) Can make a commitment to implementing all recommendations of the review?
 - (b) Intends to implement all reforms prior to the 2027 NSW State Election?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has appointed Professor Allan Fels AO to lead an overhaul of the toll network in NSW. This policy reform is unique and highly complex.

The final report of the Independent Toll Review will be publicly released in 2024, before the NSW Government considers its recommendations.

- * 0221 LANDS AND PROPERTY—LAND HOLDINGS AUDIT—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Regarding the ongoing audit into government landholdings, what is the definition of the term “surplus land”?
- (2) What is the definition of the term “under-utilised land”?
- (3) What is the definition of the term “public asset”?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Government owned land is considered 'surplus land' if it is not required for current or future infrastructure or service delivery.
- (2) NSW Government owned land is considered 'under-utilised land' if it has scope for broader or more intensive use to deliver greater benefits.
- (3) A 'public asset' is one that is owned by the NSW Government or the Crown in Right of the State of NSW in all forms.

* 0222 ROADS—E-TOLL ACCOUNTS OVER \$60—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1). Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll accounts spent over \$60 per week between 01 April 2023 and 30 April 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

33,004. This data is incomplete.

* 0223 LANDS AND PROPERTY—BRIEFINGS OF ONGOING GOVERNMENT LAND AUDIT—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Regarding the ongoing audit into government landholdings, has the Minister received briefings from his Department on this matter?
- (2) Which member of the Department has briefed the Minister on the ongoing government land audit?
- (3) Does the Minister receive weekly briefings from his Department on the ongoing government land audit?
- (4) How often does the Minister receive briefings from his Department on the ongoing government land audit?
- (5) Has your Department advised you of specific parcels of land it has identified as suitable for re-zoning as part of the government land audit?
- (6) How many parcels of land has the Department identified as suitable for re-zoning?
- (7) Can the Minister list by suburb how many parcels of land has been identified by the Department as suitable for re-zoning?
- (8) How many parcels of land identified by the Department as suitable for re-zoning are located in the electorate of Rockdale?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, I receive regular briefings from the Department of Planning and Environment on the audit into government landholdings.
- (2) The property audit is being led by Property and Development NSW (PDNSW), an agency within my portfolio and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Key staff in PDNSW have briefed me on the audit.
- (3) I receive regular briefings from PDNSW on the property audit.
- (4) I receive regular briefings from PDNSW on the property audit.
- (5)-(8) The property audit is in the early implementation stages. Advice on specific sites will be forthcoming as the audit progresses.

* 0224 ROADS—E-TOLL TAGS OVER \$60—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how many e-toll tags spent over \$60 per week between 01 April 2023 and 30 April 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

24,189. This data is incomplete.

* 0225 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—DEVELOPMENT AROUND SYDNEY METRO STATIONS—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding comments by the now-Minister for Planning and Public Spaces prior to the March 25 election that the previous Government “dramatically reduced” the scale of buildings directly above the Crows Nest Metro Station, can you please clarify:
- (a) Does the Minister intend on revisiting the approval for residential buildings at Crows Nest Metro Station?
- (b) If the Minister does revisit the approval, by how many stories will the scale of residential buildings increase by?
- (c) Does the Minister intend to revisit approvals for any other residential buildings at Metro station sites?
- (i) If so, which sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

As Planning Minister, I cannot revisit approved development applications.

I have tasked the Greater Cities Commission with setting new housing targets around metro stations to rebalance population growth and increase the opportunity to increase affordable, social, and universal housing for the state's key workers, including teachers, police, health workers, cleaners, hospitality workers, bus and truck drivers and paramedics.

These new housing targets will signify a shared responsibility by all our communities to contribute to increasing the delivery of more homes. The housing targets will be the subject of consultation and engagement with local councils and communities.

This Government intends to deliver NSW's housing targets under the National Housing Accord.

* 0226 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION AND HOUSING TARGETS—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding the policy taken to the March 25 election by the Labor Party promising to direct the Greater Sydney Commission to review population and housing targets, can the Minister please advise on the following:
- (a) By which date does the Minister anticipate the review will be completed?
- (b) By which date does the Minister anticipate the altered housing targets to be released and implemented?
- (c) Will the Minister accept the advice of the Greater Sydney Commission in its entirety in respect to housing targets?
- (d) Will the Government make decisions contrary to the advice of the Greater Sydney Commission, if the Minister is not satisfied with the outcome of the review?

- (e) Which specific regions or suburbs does the Minister identify to increase or decrease housing targets?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Six Cities Region Plan is due to be made in 2024 and will be subject to community consultation.

* 0227 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—NEW HOME BUILDS—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Which policies does the Government have to accelerate the building of new homes?
- (2) How will the Government ensure targets for new home builds are reached?
- (3) How many new homes have been built in the following years in NSW:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023 (to end of May)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government has a range of initiatives underway and made commitments to:
 - Set new targets to rebalance population growth around major infrastructure investment, including Sydney Metro.
 - Audit all NSW Government landholdings to identify surplus land that could be used to address the state's housing crisis.
 - Target 30 percent affordable, social and diverse homes for all new housing on surplus Government land.
 - Support affordable rental housing, including through a \$30 million Build to Rent pilot in the South Coast and Northern Rivers regions and tasking Landcom to deliver extra rental stock over two years.
 - Address skills shortages that affect regional council planning for new housing, through the *Strong Start* Cadetship program.
 - Introduced legislation to establish a fairer contribution scheme to provide much needed community infrastructure that supports housing delivery, which the Opposition has opposed.

The Government is investigating additional reforms to support housing supply and affordability in NSW, including to support NSW's contribution to the National Housing Accord. Australian Planning Ministers are to bring proposals back to National Cabinet in October this year.

The Premier announced a new policy to increase the delivery of both affordable and market well located housing on 15 June 2023.

On 19 June 2023, the Government announced major reforms providing the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) with an expanded State Significant Development (SSD) approval pathway for projects with more than 75 homes, or more than \$30 million capital investment. In addition, Landcom will have access to the same pathway where any project it develops contains at least 50% affordable housing.

- (2) The Department of Planning and Environment is engaging with state agencies, industry and local government to develop a new plan for housing supply and delivery targets as part of NSW's contribution to the National Housing Accord.

Housing delivery depends on a range of factors outside of planning decisions and it is crucial for these key stakeholders to collaborate and share this responsibility to support and supply homes for the people of NSW.

In addition, the Department continues to monitor the housing supply pipeline and share transparent reporting on progress through the Quarterly Housing Supply Insights Monitor.

This information is publicly available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/housing-supply-insights/quarterly-insights-monitor-q3/quarterly-pipeline-progress>.

- (3) NSW building completions are as follows:

- (a) 2018: 74,592
- (b) 2019: 66,666
- (c) 2020: 53,315
- (d) 2021: 49,238
- (e) 2022: 46,005
- (f) 2023 data is not yet available. The ABS will publish data for the March Quarter on 12 July 2023.

This information is publicly available at

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/industry/building-and-construction/building-activity-australia/latest-release#data-downloads>.

- * 0228 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding reports in The Daily Telegraph on 19 May 2023, after an interview with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, that the Greater Sydney Commission is “being stripped of much of its power”, which powers is the Minister removing from the Greater Sydney Commission?

Answer—

The Greater Cities Commission (GCC) staff and Commissioners remain. The Commissioners are independent under the *Greater Cities Commission Act 2022*. The GCC staff are employed under the *Government Sector Employment Act 2013* and have been transferred to the direction of the Acting Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) who will ensure the Commissioners will receive the support they need to fulfill their duties.

- * 0229 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—DA PROCESSING TIMES—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding development application processing times, what are most recent average development application processing times for each Local Government Area (LGA) in New South Wales?
- (2) What are the development application processing times for each LGA in New South Wales in:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

The data for assessment timeframes for all local DAs for each Local Government Area (LGA) in NSW is publicly presented on a Financial Year (FY) basis (as opposed to calendar year).

Data for items a, b, c, and d are publicly available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/local-development-performance-monitoring-ldpm>

* 0230 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—AI IN PLANNING—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence in Planning, in which areas of the Department does the Minister want to use AI?
- (2) Which DA processes does the Minister intend for AI to be trialled in?
- (3) Has the Minister prepared any costings for the AI trial?
- (4) How much will establishing AI in Planning cost?
- (5) Is using AI in Planning been formally adopted as Government policy?
- (6) Did the Minister or the Labor Party in Opposition consider the use of AI in Planning before coming to Government?
- (7) Will the Minister fund or roll out the use of AI to local councils for planning purposes?
- (8) Will human oversight be implemented to monitor the potential decisions of AI?
- (9) By how long (in days) will AI accelerate the decision making of planning proposals?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment is investigating how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can support the NSW planning system, including the role of local councils. This work is being undertaken using existing resources and in line with the NSW AI Policy and Ethics Framework.

* 0231 PREMIER—LABOR ELECTION COMMITMENTS ON THE CENTRAL COAST AND IN THE HUNTER—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) What was every election commitment by the Labor Party in the electoral districts of Gosford, Wyong, The Entrance, Swansea, Lake Macquarie, Charlestown, Newcastle, Wallsend, Cessnock, Maitland and Port Stephens during the election campaign?
- (2) How much money was allotted to each commitment by the Labor Party?
- (3) Has it been identified that any commitments will require more funding than was promised by the Labor Party during the campaign?
- (4) When will each of the commitments listed in response to (3) be delivered?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will deliver all election commitments as promised. A list of the Government's election policy costings is available on the Parliamentary Budget Office's website.

* 0232 HOUSING—RENEWAL OF THE WATERLOO ESTATE—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Regarding the renewal of the Waterloo Estate, what changes have been made or are being made to the current plan?

- (2) What is the status of the procurement plan for the Waterloo Estate renewal?
- (3) Will the Government appoint a consortium by the end of this year, if not, what is the timeframe?
- (4) How many homes will be delivered as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (5) What is the percentage of social housing as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (6) What is the percentage of affordable housing as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (7) What is the percentage of private housing as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (8) How many one-bedroom social housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (9) How many two-bedroom social housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (10) How many three-bedroom social housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (11) How many one-bedroom affordable housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (12) How many two-bedroom affordable housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (13) How many three-bedroom affordable housing homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (14) How many one-bedroom private homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (15) How many two-bedroom private homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (16) How many three-bedroom private homes will be built as part of the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (17) When was the last Waterloo Renewal Project Update issued to the community and residents?
- (18) Has the relocations strategy been completed and if so, when will it be made public?
- (19) When will the first social housing residents need to leave their homes by?
- (20) How many relocations officers are engaged to support the relations strategy for the renewal of the Waterloo Estate?
- (21) How many properties are available in the surrounding area for relocation of social housing residents?

Answer—

Details about the Waterloo Estate project are publicly available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/greater-sydney/waterloo>

If the Member is interested in the work we are doing on Waterloo I would welcome the opportunity to meet with him regarding this matter.

* 0233 HOUSING—BRIEFINGS OF ONGOING GOVERNMENT LAND AUDIT—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Regarding the ongoing audit into government landholdings, has the Minister received briefings from her Department on this matter?
- (2) Which member of the Department has briefed the Minister on the ongoing government land audit?
- (3) How often does the Minister receive briefings from her Department on the ongoing government land audit?
- (4) Does the Minister receive weekly briefings from her Department on the ongoing government land audit?

- (5) Has your Department advised you of specific parcels of land it has identified as suitable for re-zoning as part of the government land audit?
- (6) How many parcels of land has the Department identified as suitable for re-zoning?
- (7) Can the Minister list by suburb how many parcels of land has been identified by the Department as suitable for re-zoning?

Answer—

- (1-4) I have received briefings from the Department of Planning and Environment (OPE) on the audit into government landholdings. The property audit is being led by Property and Development NSW, an agency within my portfolio and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (5-7) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Lands and Property.

* 0234 HOUSING—LAND HOUSING CORPORATION FORWARD PROCUREMENT PLAN—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Regarding the directive to pause the sale of all government property, what, if any, is the impact on the projects outlined in the Land and Housing Corporation Forward Procurement Plan?
- (2) What is the status of the Social Housing – Telopea Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (3) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Kingscliff Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (4) What is the status of the Social Housing –Tweed Heads Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (5) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – North St Marys Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (6) What is the status of the Lift Maintenance Open Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (7) What is the status of the Specialised Fire Safety Services Open Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (8) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Rosemeadow Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (9) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Bradbury Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (10) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Airds Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (11) What is the status of the Social Housing – Unanderra Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (12) What is the status of the Social Housing – Glebe Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (13) What is the status of the Social Housing – Miranda Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (14) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Pagewood Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?
- (15) What is the status of the Seniors Housing – Claymore Open/Select Tender and what is its project timeline?

Answer—

Major projects underway by LAHC's renewal partners are not impacted by the pause as they are operating under already-exchanged contracts and are therefore exempt. New construction projects funded by asset sales, which was the practice of the former Government, are on hold.

Details about the status of the projects mentioned in Mr Farlow's question are publicly available at: https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/552703/Forward-Procurement-Plan-2023-Q3.pdf

* 0235 HOUSING—LABOR HOUSING ELECTION COMMITMENTS—The Hon. Scott Farlow to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Regarding the Housing Portfolio, what was every election commitment made by the Labor Party prior to the 2023 State Election?
- (2) How much money was allotted to each commitment by the Labor Party?
- (3) Were there any unfunded Housing commitments made by the Labor Party during the campaign?
- (4) If so in (3), why were these commitments unfunded?
- (5) Has the Department identified any commitments which will require more funding than was promised by the Labor Party during the campaign?
- (6) Does the Minister intend on delivering every commitment made during the campaign in Liberal-held electorates?

Answer—

The Government's election commitments are on the public record and will be delivered as promised.

The NSW 2023-24 Budget will be released in September 2023. More information will be available at that time.

* 0236 ROADS—E-TOLL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the eligibility requirements are for motorists to access the \$60 per week toll rebate scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government committed to introducing a weekly toll cap of \$60, in addition to the existing toll rebate and M5 cashback schemes. Details of the \$60 per week toll rebate scheme are currently being finalised. Eligibility requirements will be announced prior to the scheme commencing on 1 January 2024.

* 0237 ROADS—NORTHERN BEACHES LINK—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Given that no savings would arise from its cancellation according to the Parliamentary Budget Office, can the Minister advise what the Government's current position is on the Northern Beaches Link project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Northern Beaches Link project has been cancelled.

* 0238 ROADS—CONSOLIDATED TOLL NOTICES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor proposed a policy mandating toll operators to issue consolidated toll notices to any road users commencing in 2023-2024 over the forward estimates, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) When this policy will be implemented?
 - (b) What is the cost of this policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has reinforced its commitment to establish rules for consolidated toll notices and the future level of administration fees as part of its extensive review of the toll network, with changes due to be rolled out in 2024.

* 0239 ROADS—REVIEW TOLL ADMINISTRATION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to undertaking a review of the existing administration fee structure for road tolls across the network of New South Wales with a focus on reducing fees and cap the total in administration fees charged to road users, can the Minister advise:
- (a) When will this reform be initiated by the Government?
 - (b) How much in foregone revenue will this policy decision impact the budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of its extensive review of the toll network, the NSW Government has reinforced its commitment to establish rules for consolidated toll notices and the future level of administration fees, with changes due to be rolled out in 2024

* 0240 ROADS—URBAN ROAD FUND—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to a \$770 million urban road fund to build major roads into metro areas, including improvements to key corridors in Heathcote, Riverstone and a range of road projects to be announced as part of Labor's pipeline of roads projects, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What projects are included in the fund?
 - (b) What is the budget for each project?
 - (c) Has a business case been completed for any of the projects selected?
 - (d) What is the forecast capital expenditure for each project in:
 - (i) Financial year 2023-2024?
 - (ii) Financial year 2024 - 2025?
 - (iii) Financial year 2025 - 2026?
 - (iv) Financial year 2026 - 2027?
 - (e) For each project referenced in (1)(a) when is the delivery contract expected to be awarded?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) The projects to be funded via the Urban Road Fund are being reviewed with a confirmed project list to be finalised as part of the NSW State budget.
- (b) The total funding committed for the Urban Roads Fund is \$770 million. Individual project budgets are being reviewed with a potential project list confirmation to be finalised as part of the NSW State budget.
- (c) All projects will meet the Infrastructure NSW Infrastructure Investor Assurance Framework and Treasury Guidelines. This would include the requirements for Business Cases.
- (d)
 - (i) Financial year 2023- 2024: \$55 million per Parliamentary Budget Office
 - (ii) Financial year 2024 - 2025: \$275 million per Parliamentary Budget Office
 - (iii) Financial year 2025 - 2026: \$440 million per Parliamentary Budget Office
 - (iv) Financial year 2026 - 2027: Nil
- (e) Delivery Contract timing is subject to confirmation of the finalised project list and business case finalisation.

* 0241 ROADS—FREIGHT & HEAVY VEHICLE REGISTRATION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether he is responsible for freight and heavy vehicle regulation within the Government?

Answer—

Under the Administrative Arrangements (Minns Ministry- Administration of Acts) Order 2023, the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads are jointly responsible for freight and heavy vehicle regulation within NSW.

* 0242 ROADS—\$60 TOLL LIMIT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to setting a \$60 limit on tolls paid on the Sydney motorway network within a one-week period starting on 1 January 2024, can the Minister please advise, what specific actions have Transport for NSW undertaken to achieve this result?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government committed to introducing a weekly toll cap of \$60, in addition to the existing toll rebate and M5 cashback schemes. The toll cap will be in place for two years, commencing on 1 January 2024, administered by Service NSW.

Transport for NSW is working closely with Treasury and Service NSW to finalise details of the scheme which is on track to commence on 1 January 2024.

* 0243 ROADS—TRUCK TOLL TO BUSINESSES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to refunding a third of the truck toll to businesses for 10 truck trips taken per week, per account on the M5 East or the M8, can the Minister advise:
 - (b) How many vehicles are expected to benefit from the scheme?
 - (b) How will drivers be able to sign up to the scheme?
 - (c) How does the cap interact with the WestConnex trip cap available to freight vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has committed to reduce the existing large vehicle multiplier on the M5 East and M8 tolls from three times to two times, for up to 10 truck trips per week. The scheme will commence on 1 January 2024 and be in place for two years. Details of the truck multiplier refund scheme are currently being finalised. Eligibility requirements will be announced prior to the scheme launch on 1 January 2024.

* 0244 ROADS—OVERSEAS TRIPS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise, how many overseas trips have been approved for Transport for NSW officials since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 28 March 2023, one request for overseas travel has been approved by Minister Jo Haylen, Minister for Transport.

* 0245 ROADS—PARRAMATTA ROAD—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, what the Government's plan is for the Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy is the NSW Government's 30-year plan to drive and inform land use planning and development decisions, as well as longterm infrastructure delivery programs along and adjoining the Parramatta Road Corridor.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with the Department of Planning and Environment and relevant councils involved in the implementation of Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy to ensure that draft planning proposals support the future delivery of transport infrastructure along and adjoining the Parramatta Road Corridor.

* 0246 ROADS—BUS LANES PARRAMATTA ROAD—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government is committed to providing two bus lanes along Parramatta Road in line with Planning Condition B34 of the M4 East Planning Approval?
 - (a) If so, when will it be implemented by?

(b) What will it cost?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating short, medium and long-term term options for bus priority on Parramatta Road. Bus priority initiatives are being considered as part of the B34 assessment for the section between Haberfield and Burwood. Timing and project costs are not finalised at this stage.

* 0247 ROADS—CLEARWAYS ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Can the Minister advise what action the Government is taking to review the impacts of clearways on local communities and businesses throughout Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the previous Government's clearway program, including community consultation reports for individual clearways, is available on the Sydney Clearways Program - Easing Sydney's Congestion Program Office | Transport for NSW website.

* 0248 ROADS—GRAND PARADE CORRIDOR—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government intends to implement the Grand Parade corridor clearway proposal by Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minns Government committed during the election campaign to not proceed with the proposal to extend of clearways between Kyeemagh and Sans Souci.

* 0249 ROADS—FINE SPEED CAMERA—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether he has ever been fined from a mobile speed camera?

Answer—

To the best of my recollection, on one occasion.

* 0250 ROADS—MEET RAIL TRAM BUS UNION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union?

Answer—

In accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 *Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information*, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals.

Ministers' diary disclosure are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

* 0251 ROADS—MEET TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times have you met with officials or members of the Transport Workers Union?

Answer—

In accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 *Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information*, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals.

Ministers' diary disclosure are published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

* 0252 ROADS—MEET PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many times he has met with his Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer—

I meet regularly with both Parliamentary Secretaries as I do with many members of Parliament.

* 0253 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROAD FUNDING—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Given the Minister said emergency road repairs were a cost-of-living issue, can the Minister detail how much additional funding on top of the \$280 million provided through the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program by the former Government in January has been provided to regional councils since the election?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm if all regional councils have received the additional funding?
- (3) Can the Minister detail how many potholes have been fixed by the additional funding in regional New South Wales?
- (4) Is there a deadline of when councils must use the funding by?
- (5) Will the Minister add road repairs and road maintenance to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List as the South Australian Government have done?
- (6) Has the Minister received any briefings on Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (7) Has the Minister met with the Federal Government in regard to Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (8) Has the Minister written to her federal counterpart asking for federal assistance for emergency road repairs?
- (9) Has the Minister written to her federal counterpart to request federal investment into the Betterment Program?
- (10) Has the Minister written to her federal counterpart specifically requesting funding for round two of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (11) Will the Minister commit to additional funding for the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (12) Has the Minister met with Mayors of flood impact communities?
- (a) If so when?

(i) Which Mayors?

- (13) Has the Minister received any correspondence from Mayors of flood impacted communities supporting the continuation and further investment into the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) to (4)

As shown in the Parliamentary Budget Office documents, [C1485 - Costing- \\$1 billion to build better bush roads and rail.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](#), the former NSW Liberals and Nationals Government did not commit any new funding to road maintenance funding until the 2024-25 financial year. The NSW Government committed to create a \$670 million Emergency Road Repair Fund, incorporating the \$280 million from the former Government's Regional and Local Roads Repair Program (RLRRP). The Labor Government's commitment adds an additional \$390 million in funding to regional Councils over the next two years.

This was to address the gross inequity of the NSW Liberals and Nationals funding under the RLRRP which equated to approximately \$1823 per kilometre going to regional councils, compared to approximately \$10,814 per kilometre for metropolitan councils (593 per cent higher).

Under the NSW Labor Government's Emergency Road Repair Fund, regional councils will receive an additional approximately \$2,474 per kilometre, giving a total amount of \$4,297 per kilometre to regional councils.

The NSW Government is currently working with regional councils across the state on the framework for this program with details to be provided in the coming months. This consultative approach will ensure Councils have the capacity to complete the works in a timely and efficient manner for their local communities.

- (5) The Australian Government has commenced a 90-day independent review of the Infrastructure Investment Program, this will review the projects in the infrastructure pipeline. I note that the former NSW Liberal-National Government did not include road maintenance to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List as the South Australian Government have done.
- (6) I have been briefed on a plethora of issues including the \$7 billion budget blackhole left by the former Liberal-National Government and the abysmal state of road maintenance left by the former Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

(7) to (13)

I communicate with my federal counterparts as well as state and local government representatives across a range of issues on a regular basis. This includes programs to address the abysmal state of road maintenance left by the former Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. My diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

* 0254 ROADS—FORECAST EXPENDITURE TOLL REVIEW—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what is the forecast expenditure for the Toll Review led by Professor Alan Fels that is currently underway?

Answer—

I am advised:

The overall cost of the review will depend upon detailed scope of work, determining what additional external resources may be required, and government approvals. The costs for the appointment of Professor Fels and Cousins will be published on NSW Treasury's contract disclosure website.

* 0255 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—INFRASTRUCTURE AUSTRALIA REVIEW—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding the Commonwealth Government's review into major infrastructure projects:
 - (a) Has the Minister met with the Federal Minister for Infrastructure?
 - (b) Has the Minister met with Federal Minister for Transport?
 - (c) Has the Minister met with the Federal Minister for Regional Development and Local Government?
- (2) Has the Minister received any departmental advice, briefings or reports on the Infrastructure Australia Review and will she make them public?
- (3) Does the Minister believe the Singleton Bypass, Muswellbrook Bypass, and Great Western Highway Upgrade (east, west and central) should remain on the Infrastructure Priority List?
- (4) Should any projects in regional New South Wales be taken off the Infrastructure Priority List?
 - (a) Can the Minister confirm that the state's 20 per cent will not go into infrastructure projects in Western Sydney?
- (5) Does the Minister have any new projects that she will submit to Infrastructure Australia?
- (6) Should any projects in regional New South Wales be taken off the Infrastructure Priority List?
 - (a) Can the Minister confirm how she will make up the job losses?
- (7) Has the Minister met with Civil Contractors Federation regarding the Infrastructure Australia review?
- (8) Has the Minister met with any contracted companies or subcontractors working on the any of the major infrastructure projects subject to the Infrastructure Australia review?
- (9) Will the Minister commit to finishing the east and west sections of the Great Western Highway regardless of the outcome of the Infrastructure Australia review?
- (10) Has the Minister met with Ron Finemore Transport, Linfox, Fletchers International, or any other logistic and freight companies regarding the Great Western Highway upgrade?
- (11) Has the Minister met with local councils based in the Central West regarding the Great Western Highway upgrade?
- (12) Has the Minister met with Central New South Wales Joint Organisation regarding the Great Western Highway?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) My diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

(2) to (6)

The Federal Government is conducting a 90-day review of federally funded infrastructure projects. The NSW Government will work with the Federal Government on the outcomes of the review. The NSW Government is working to ensure a sustainable and funded pipeline of value-adding projects across the state.

Future projects for the infrastructure pipeline will be considered as part of the independent review of the Infrastructure Investment Program. This is due for completion in September 2023.

(7) and (8)

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- (9) The Medlow Bath and Coxs River Road Upgrades are now progressing, with construction underway.

The NSW Government has undertaken a Strategic Infrastructure Review, an independent review of the infrastructure pipeline, including the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program. The proposed Katoomba to Blackheath and Little Hartley to Lithgow upgrades are currently paused pending outcome of the Strategic Infrastructure Review and further consideration by both the NSW and Australian governments.

- (10) to (12)

My diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

- * 0256 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NEW INTERCITY FLEET—The Hon. Sam Farroway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister make available any updates to the testing of the Intercity Fleet?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a date as to when the Intercity Fleet will be operational?
- (3) Can the Minister list any issues with the intercity fleet during testing?
- (4) Since 28 March 2023, has the Rail, Tram and Bus Union written, met or called the Minister regarding the Intercity Fleet?
- (5) Will the minister install fridges on the new intercity fleet trains?
- (6) When operational:
 - (a) How many guards will be on each intercity fleet per trip?
 - (i) List their duties and legal responsibilities?
 - (b) How many guards will be on each intercity fleet trip during 6:00pm - 5.00am?
 - (i) List their duties and legal responsibilities?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) to (3)

Testing of the new trains is underway. Transport for NSW will continue working with the Rail, Tram, and Bus Union, and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator to implement an operating model that will allow the trains to enter passenger service in 2024.

- (4) The Minister regularly engages with unions as important representatives of our workforce.
- (5) Fridges are not included on the new Mariyung fleet.
- (6) The Mariyung fleet will operate with a driver, and guard on board each train in full revenue services. Train Guards are responsible for the safety of our customers and train operations. Train Guards provide customer service and physical assistance, communicate service information via public announcements and answering enquiries, and are trained to handle critical incidents or emergency situations.

- * 0257 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NSW SUPPLY CHAIN—The Hon. Sam Farroway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Minister adopt the former Government's commitment and appoint a supply chain commissioner?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- (2) Can the Minister detail the costs to obtain a heavy vehicle licence?
- (a) With reference to (1) above, please include:
- (i) Light Rigid?
 - (ii) Medium Rigid?
 - (iii) Heavy Rigid?
 - (iv) Heavy Combination?
 - (v) Multi Combination?
- (3) Will the Minister adopt the former Government's commitment and subsidise the cost of heavy vehicle licences courses for young truck drivers?
- (4) Has the Minister directed her department to work on a supply chain strategy?
- (5) Has the Minister directed her department to work on a freight rail strategy?
- (6) Has the Minister met with Australian Rail Track Corporation regarding Inland Rail?
- (7) Has the Minister met with UGL Regional Linx regarding the Country Rail Network?
- (8) Has the Minister met with UGL Regional Linx regarding vegetation management on the Country Rail Network?
- (9) Has the Minister received any briefings or reports on the Inland Rail project?
- (a) Will the Minister make the briefings or reports public?
- (10) Has the minister met with New South Wales Farmers and any producers regarding the increased transportation of goods and services on Rail?
- (11) Has the Minister met with Woolworths, Coles, IGA or other major retailers to understand their views how the state's supply chain can be improved?
- (12) Can the minister advise how many heavy vehicle rest stop upgrades have been started and/or completed through the Heavy Vehicle rest stop improvement program?
- (13) Will the minister continue the former Government's program to upgrade Heavy Vehicle rest stops?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The former Liberal-National Government had 12 years to implement policy reform. The former Liberal-National government did not set aside any additional funding to establish a Supply Chain Commissioner. The unfunded commitments of the former Liberal-National government can be found here:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pbo/Documents/2023CoalitionCostingsandRequests/C1478%20-%20Costing%20-%20Unblocking%20Supply%20Chains.pdf>
- (2) This information is publicly available at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/>.
- (3) The former Liberal-National Government had 12 years to implement policy reform. The former Liberal-National government did not set aside any additional funding to subsidise heavy vehicle licences courses. The unfunded commitments of the former Liberal-National government can be found here:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pbo/Documents/2023CoalitionCostingsandRequests/C1478%20-%20Costing%20-%20Unblocking%20Supply%20Chains.pdf>
- (4)and (5)
 Transport for NSW continues to develop a range of strategies to address supply chain constraints and freight rail issues.
- (6) to (8)

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- (9) Yes.
- (9)(a) Information on the Inland Rail project is available at: <https://inlandrail.artc.com.au/>
- (10) and (11) My diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.
- (12) 21.
- (13) Transport for NSW are developing a program of rest stop upgrades that will improve safety and reduce driver fatigue by supporting the freight industry with their requirements around driving hours and breaks. Transport for NSW recognises that roads are heavy vehicle drivers' workplace, and rest areas are important facilities that support driver wellbeing and compliance with mandatory rest breaks.

* 0259 TRANSPORT—TRAIN SERVICES WITHIN 5 MINS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise for each week since March 28 2023, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the following train lines:
- (a) The Inner West line?
- (b) The Leppington line?
- (c) The Illawarra line?
- (d) The South Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised

(a), (b) & (c)

Week Range	Sydney Trains Weekly Peak Punctuality%		
	Inner West	Leppington	Illawarra
28-Mar-2023 to 31- Mar-2023	90.2	91.0	81.1
03-Apr-2023 to 07- Apr-2023	86.4	82.4	98.0
10-Apr-2023 to 14- Apr-2023	87.0	79.8	92.2
17-Apr-2023 to 21- Apr-2023	93.6	92.8	92.7
24-Apr-2023 to 28- Apr-2023	96.2	91.0	88.1
01-May-2023 to 05- May-2023	92.6	88.5	85.7
08-May-2023 to 12- May-2023	87.4	84.7	95.6
15-May-2023 to 19- May-2023	93.0	91.5	97.8
22-May-2023 to 26- May-2023	87.0	81.7	97.0
29-May-2023 to 02-June-2023	93.0	93.2	92.7
05-Jun-2023 to 09-June-2023	85.7	80.0	82.7

- (d) NSW Trainlink reports on time running within six minutes of scheduled arrival, not five minutes. NSW Trainlink operates intercity (electric) services on the South Coast Line with on time running for peak train services for each week being:

Week Beginning	On time running%
27 March 2023	80
3 April 2023	88.75

10 April 2023	76.25
17 April 2023	85
24 April 2023	81.25
1 May 2023	82
8 May 2023	94
15 May 2023	93
22 May 2023	91
29 May 2023	96
5 June 2023	77

* 0263 TRANSPORT—PUNCTUALITY FOR SYDNEY TRAINS PEAK SERVICES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what the Government's plan is to improve punctuality rates for Sydney Trains peak services?

Answer—

I am advised

Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review's interim report made 12 recommendations in relation to improving reliability of Sydney Trains services, and the NSW Government has accepted all the recommendations. Sydney Trains has commenced implementation of the recommendations, which include improving asset reliability, refining incident recovery in the Rail Operations Centre and developing ways to more effectively communicate with frontline staff and customers during incidents.

Sydney Trains has mapped out a large-scale maintenance program taking place every weekend for approximately the next year, designed to carry out several years' worth of normal maintenance works in that time. The works will cost an estimated \$97 million funded out of existing unspent budgets.

The Rail Repair Plan identified:

- More than 1,900 high priority defects repaired
- Around 3,700 repairs, upgrades, and refurbishments
- Around 100 worksites every weekend (around 300 additional worksites on some weekends)
- Around 450km of rail repair, such as grinding, and electrical inspections

The maintenance program began on 3 June 2023.

* 0264 TRANSPORT—WEATHER RESILIENCE PLAN FOR TRAINS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what the Government's plan is to make the rail network in New South Wales more resilient to severe weather events?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's Transport Emergency and Crisis Coordination Hub works with the operational divisions and agencies within Transport for NSW, including Sydney Trains, NSW Trainlink and Sydney Metro, to monitor hazards and risks. This includes flooding risks to the rail corridor. The Transport Emergency and Crisis Coordination Hub has a variety of capabilities that allows for both active monitoring of hazards, including floods, storms and severe weather events. The Transport Emergency and Crisis

Coordination Hub proactive forecasting and flood modelling capabilities help inform appropriate hazard mitigations.

Transport for NSW also works with rail infrastructure managers across the state to understand the impacts of recent and predicted climate patterns and the potential impacts on the rail network within NSW. This information will be used to inform capital enhancement programs and maintenance planning and delivery.

The NSW Government announced an independent review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems on 6 April 2023. As outlined in the Terms of Reference, the Review will investigate governance and accountability, asset management and planning, reliability and resilience. This includes the ability of Sydney Trains to respond to incidents and events which interrupt, or have the potential to interrupt, the delivery of services to the public.

The Review Panel handed down its interim report to Government on 12 May 2023. The Government has accepted all 12 recommendations made in the report.

The Review Panel will undertake further detailed investigation during Phase Two before making its final recommendations to Government.

* 0265 TRANSPORT—OPAL+ TRIAL FINDINGS AND IMPLEMENTATION—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise when the Government will release the findings from the Opal+ trial?
- (a) Is the Government committed to implementing Opal+?

Answer—

I am advised

The Opal+ customer trial ended on 9 June 2023 and we thank those who participated for their valuable contribution and feedback. The learnings and the feedback we receive will help inform our future Transport products and services. Transport for NSW review and analysis are underway.

* 0266 TRANSPORT—ISSUES OCCURRING ON VARIOUS GENERATION 2 FERRIES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how many issues have occurred on each of the following vessels since 28 March 2023 that have required that the vessel be withdrawn from service:
- (a) Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?
- (i) At what date and time did these incidents occur?
- (ii) On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?
- (b) Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?
- (i) At what date and time did these incidents occur?
- (ii) On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?
- (c) Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?
- (i) At what date and time did these incidents occur?
- (ii) On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?
- (d) Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?
- (i) At what date and time did these incidents occur?
- (ii) On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?
- (e) Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?
- (i) At what date and time did these incidents occur?
- (ii) On each of these occasions, what was determined to be the cause of the issue?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has been advised by Transdev Sydney Ferries, the operator of the service, that between 28 March 2023 and 14 June 2023, Emerald Class Generation 2 vessels have withdrawn from service on five occasions, outlined below:

(a) and (d)

Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry was withdrawn from service on 16 April 2023 at 08:53 due to failure of bilge pump.

(b) and (e)

Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry was withdrawn from service on 19 May 2023 at 11:20 due to a fault with the fuel sensor.

(c) Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry was withdrawn from services on:

- 14 April 2023 at 17:30 due to a loose drain plug causing the starboard engine to overheat.
- 20 April 2023 at 13:50 due to a loose anode in the sea chest.
- 22 May 2023 at 17:05 due to coolant leaking from the port main engine.

* 0267 TRANSPORT—NUMBER OF FERRIES THAT COMPLETED THEIR TRIPS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(7) Can the Minister please advise for each vessel listed below (i – x), how many trips have completed the journey since 28 March 2023:

(a) Trips that began at Manly and finished at Circular Quay?

(b) Trips that began at Circular Quay and finished at Manly?

(i) Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

(ii) Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

(iii) Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2?

(iv) Catherine Hamlin Emerald-class Generation 1?

(v) the Fred Hollows Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

(vi) Victor Chang Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

(vii) Pemulwuy Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

(viii) Bungaree Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

(ix) May Gibbs Emerald-class Generation 1 ferry?

(x) Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 ferry?

Answer—

I am advised

The number of trips completed between Manly and Circular Quay are listed below:

For Balmoral Emerald-class Generation 2 Vessel

a. 1129 trips between Manly and Circular Quay

b. 1129 trips between Circular Quay and Manly

- 2258 total trips made

For Clontarf Emerald-class Generation 2 Vessel

- a. 1142 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 1142 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 2284 total trips made

For Fairlight Emerald-class Generation 2 Vessel

- a. 1070 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 1045 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 2115 total trips made

For Catherine Hamlin Emerald-class Generation 1

- a. 148 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 150 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 298 total trips made

For Fred Hollows Emerald-class Generation 1 Vessel

- a. 21 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 21 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 42 total trips made

For Victor Chang Emerald-class Generation 1 Vessel

- a. 127 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 125 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 252 total trips made

For Pemulwuy Emerald-class Generation 1 Vessel

- a. 64 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 63 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 127 total trips made

For Bungaree Emerald-class Generation 1 Vessel

- a. 103 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 104 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 207 total trips made

For May Gibbs Emerald-class Generation 1 Vessel

- a. 186 trips between Manly and Circular Quay
- b. 186 trips between Circular Quay and Manly
 - 372 total trips made

* 0268 TRANSPORT—PUNCTUALITY FOR TRAINLINK PEAK INTERCITY SERVICES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what the Government's plan is to improve punctuality rates for TrainLink peak intercity services?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW Train Link's purpose is to connect people and communities throughout NSW. NSW Trainlink operates services on rail infrastructure owned by third parties.

NSW Train Link is working with rail infrastructure maintainers including Sydney Trains, Australian Rail Track Corporation and Country Rail Network to minimise the effects of planned and unplanned trackwork and drive improved network performance outcomes for its customers.

* 0269 TRANSPORT—DISTANCE TRAVELLED BY VARIOUS FERRIES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what distance has been travelled by the following vessels since 28 March 2023:

- (a) MV Collaroy?
- (b) MV Narrabeen?
- (c) MV Freshwater?
- (d) MV Queenscliff?
- (e) MV Shortland?
- (f) MV Alexander?
- (g) MV Borrowdale?
- (h) MV Charlotte?
- (i) MV Fishburn?
- (j) MV Friendship?
- (k) MV Golden Grove?
- (l) MV Scarborough?
- (m) MV Sirius?
- (n) MV Supply?
- (o) MV Betty Cuthbert?
- (p) MV Dawn Fraser?
- (q) MV Evonne Goolagong?
- (r) MV Marlene Mathews?
- (s) MV Marjorie Jackson?
- (t) MV Nicole Livingstone?
- (u) MV Shane Gould?
- (v) MV Pam Burridge?
- (w) MV Louise Sauvage?
- (x) MV SuperCat 4?
- (y) MV Catherine Hamlin?
- (z) MV Fred Hollows?
- (aa) MV Victor Chang?
- (bb) MV Pemulwuy?
- (cc) MV Bungaree?
- (dd) MV May Gibbs?

- (ee) MV Fairlight?
- (ff) MV Balmoral?
- (gg) MV Clontarf?
- (hh) MV Ethel Turner?
- (ii) MV Ruth Park?
- (jj) MV Cheryl Salisbury?
- (kk) MV Lauren Jackson?
- (ll) MV Liz Ellis?
- (mm) MV Kurt Fearnley?
- (nn) MV Olive Cotton?
- (oo) MV Margaret Olley?
- (pp) MV Esme Timbery?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has been provided the following information by Transdev Sydney Ferries, the operator of the fleet, outlining the distance travelled by the vessels (in kilometres), as per the table below.

Vessel Name	Total km Travelled
Alexander	3,983
Balmoral	13,099
Betty Cuthbert	0
Borrowdale	2,969
Bungaree	8,428
Catherine Hamlin	5,859
Charlotte	4,138
Cheryl Salisbury	4,406
Clontarf	13,212
Collaroy	1,152
Dawn Fraser	3,972
Esme Timbery	4,560
Ethel Turner	5,156
Evonne Goolagong	4,909
Fairlight	12,222
Fishburn	4,383
Fred Hollows	6,575
Freshwater	3,252
Friendship	2,042
Golden Grove	3,973
Kurt Fearnley	4,848
Lauren Jackson	99
Liz Ellis	4,601
Louise Sauvage	1,633
Margaret Olley	4,010

Marjorie Jackson	4,560
Marlene Mathews	1,933
Mary Reibey	394
May Gibbs	7,071
Me-Mel	374
Narrabeen	0
Nicole Livingstone	5,648
Olive Cotton	4,609
Pam Burridge	2,953
Pemulwuy	8,261
Queenscliff	0
Ruby Langford	4,170
Ruth Park	5,078
Scarborough	2,656
Shane Gould	5,895
Sirius	4,255
Supercat 4	3,495
Supply	4,504
Victor Chang	4,053
Violet Mckenzie	66

Transport for NSW has been provided the following information by Keolis Downer Hunter Pty Ltd, the operator of Newcastle Transport (including ferry services), outlining the approximate distance travelled by the vessel (in kilometres), as per the table below.

Vessel Name	Total km Travelled
Shortland	3,461

* 0270 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF FRESHWATER VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the Freshwater-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the Freshwater-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil.

* 0271 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF EMERALD CLASS GENERATION 1 VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the Emerald-class Generation 1 vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the Emerald-class Generation 1 vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

- * 0272 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF EMERALD CLASS GENERATION 2 VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the Emerald-class Generation 2 vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the Emerald-class Generation 2 vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

- * 0273 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF RIVERCAT CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the RiverCat-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the RiverCat-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

- * 0274 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF FIRST FLEET CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the First Fleet-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the FirstFlett-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

- * 0275 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF HARBOURCAT CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the HarbourCat-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the HarbourCat-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

- * 0276 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF SUPERCAT CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the SuperCat-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the SuperCat-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

* 0277 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF RIVER CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the River-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the River-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

* 0278 TRANSPORT—FUEL TYPE OF MINICAT CLASS VESSELS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please advise what fuel type is used by the MiniCat-class vessels?

Answer—

I am advised

The fuel type used for the MiniCat-class vessels is Marine Diesel Oil..

* 0279 TRANSPORT—MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister advise if he has been fined from a mobile speed camera?

Answer—

I have had three speeding fines since obtaining my licence in 1997. The last time I received a fine was over a decade ago in 2012. I am not aware that any of these fines were from a mobile speed camera.

* 0280 TRANSPORT—RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister advise, whether they have responsibility for Active Transport?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0281 TRANSPORT—THREE GOALS ACTIVE TRANSPORT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister advise what the three goals are for Active Transport?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's Active Transport Strategy is publicly available on Transport for NSW's website.

* 0282 TRANSPORT—PORTABLE WARNING SIGNS FOR MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On 11 May 2023, the Minister stated in NSW Parliament, “One of the Premier's first acts upon taking office was to ensure that all mobile speed cameras in New South Wales are now equipped to carry portable warning signs”, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What was the source of this information?
 - (b) What specific action did the Premier take?
 - (c) When did this action as referenced by your comment occur?
 - (d) In line with the Administrative Arrangements (Minns Ministry—Administration of Acts) Order 2023, how did the Premier complete this act?
 - (e) Are the operations of Transport for NSW under the responsibilities of the Premier?

Answer—

I am advised

On 23 April 2023, the Premier and the Minister for Roads announced that all mobile speed cameras are now equipped to carry portable warning signs which are displayed during enforcement.

* 0283 TRANSPORT—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY DESK IN MINISTERIAL OFFICE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise if his Parliamentary Secretary has a desk in his Ministerial Office in Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised

No.

* 0284 TRANSPORT—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY CABINET DOCUMENTS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether your Parliamentary Secretary has seen and/or had access to Cabinet documents?

Answer—

I am advised

My office upholds and respects the rules and guidelines with respect to Cabinet documents in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2006-08 Maintaining Confidentiality of Cabinet Documents and Other Cabinet Conventions.

* 0285 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH UNIONS NSW MEMBERS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of any union affiliated with Unions NSW?
- (a) For each instance, what are the names and positions of those he met with?

Answer—

I am advised

Ministerial diaries are disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

- * 0286 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION MEMBERS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Transport Workers Union?
- (a) For each instance, what are the names and positions of those he met with?

Answer—

I am advised

Ministerial diaries are disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

- * 0287 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION MEMBERS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union?
- (a) For each instance, what are the names and positions of those he met with?

Answer—

I am advised

Ministerial diaries are disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

- * 0288 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise how many times he has met with his Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer—

I am advised

I meet with my Parliamentary Secretary regularly.

- * 0289 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH MARITIME UNION OF AUSTRALIA MEMBERS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Maritime Union of Australia?
- (a) For each instance, what are the names and positions of those he met with?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 0290 TRANSPORT—MEETINGS WITH AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION MEMBERS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise, since 28 March 2023, how many times he has met with officials or members of the Australian Services Union?
 - (a) For each instance, what are the names and positions of those he met with?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 0291 TRANSPORT—MEET ACTING SECRETARY—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, can the Minister please advise how many times he has met with the Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

I meet with the Acting Secretary regularly of Transport for NSW regularly.

* 0292 TRANSPORT—INDEPENDENT RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS REVIEW—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise regarding the findings of the Independent Rail Infrastructure Systems Review:
 - (a) What is the remuneration of Carolyn Walsh?
 - (b) How many meetings have you had with Ms Walsh?

Answer—

I am advised

1 (a) Transport for NSW discloses all relevant contract details not covered by commercial in confidence obligations to the Transport for NSW contracts register on the NSW Government eTendering website as required by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

1 (b) Meetings are disclosed in accordance with M2015-05-Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information.

* 0296 TRANSPORT—TOP PRIORITY FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, what the top priority for Active Transport is?

Answer—

I am advised

Walking or riding to school is to be the first and best choice for parents and students across NSW.

* 0298 TRANSPORT—COMMUNICATION OF NEW DELIVERY DATES AND COST CHANGES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On 10 May 2023, the Minister stated, “we will be honest about the costs of delivering new services and projects. We will be honest about when they actually will be delivered. And we will be up-front if those delivery dates and costs change”, referring to this quote, can the Minister please advise:
 - (a) How will you communicate any delivery date and cost changes?
 - (b) What specific projects have you been briefed on that have new delivery dates or cost changes?

Answer—

The cost blow outs to the previous governments projects are numerous and include :

- (1) The cost of the overseas built New Intercity Fleet blew out to \$3.2 billion. It was meant to be carrying passengers to Newcastle and Central Coast in 2019. Blue Mountains by 2020, and the Illawarra by 2021.
- (2) The New regional fleet trains. Being built by the same overseas manufacturer that brought us the 12 cracked inner west trams. Blown out by at least \$1 billion. Years behind schedule. Passengers in the regions will be forced to travel on old XPTs for years longer than necessary, because of the former Liberal and National Government's incompetence.
- (3) \$9 Billion blowout on the CBD and South West Metro.
- (4) \$12 billion blowout on Metro West.

* 0299 TRANSPORT—COMMENTS ABOUT FORMER LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On 11 May 2023, the Minister stated in NSWParliament that “the former Liberal Government mobile speed cameras were frequently positioned on downhill slopes”, can the Minister please advise:
 - (a) What the source of this information is?
 - (b) Did he take advice from Transport for NSW prior to making this comment?
 - (c) Does he support Transport for NSW's administration of the mobile speed camera program?

Answer—

It is public knowledge that the former Liberal Government used unmarked and un-signposted mobile speed cameras to reach into the wallets of motorists every day.

This including using the state's most lucrative mobile speed camera on Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford.

I note that the former Minister for Roads, and now Shadow Minister for Transport Natalie Ward said publicly on 2GB that she had concerns about the placement of a mobile speed camera on Pennant Hills Road and committed to investigate the placement of that camera.

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(Paper No. 23)

* 0332 TREASURER—COMPREHENSIVE EXPENDITURE REVIEW—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the Government's comprehensive expenditure review include examination of the overfunding of Parliament House in particular:

- (a) The \$15 million spent on two attempts at roof replacement?
 - (b) The abandoned frosted door project costing \$235,000.00?
 - (c) Bollards costing \$50,000 each?
 - (d) Speaker office/courtyard renovations costing \$1.7 million?
 - (e) The ongoing status of the building as a permanent construction zone, costing \$32 million this financial year?
 - (f) Publicly funded art on display?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise does austerity "start at home"?

Answer—

(1) and (2)

The Comprehensive Expenditure Review is a comprehensive review of government spending with the objective of identifying budget savings and reforms to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of services to NSW communities. The Review encompasses activities of the Parliament.

I appreciate the member drawing attention to the items listed. While I note that the Review is focussed on future savings and reform, and the examples given may relate to historic expenditures, I am advised these may nevertheless assist the Review process.

The Government remains committed to ensuring that value for money is a central tenet of good administration (of all arms of government), and that future procurements are properly planned and executed.

The work of the Review is ongoing, however, it will initially inform Cabinet deliberations for the 2023-24 Budget. I am informed that this information is subject to Cabinet confidentiality.

* 0347 TREASURER—INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) What funding, if any, has been provided by the Government to the Invasive Species Council in the last 5 years?
 - (a) To the extent any funding has been provided, please specify:
 - (i) The amounts of the funding?
 - (ii) The purpose of the funding?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that questions on this subject matter should be referred to the Minister for Regional NSW.

In the interests of assisting the Member, I am advised the Environment and Heritage Group within the Environment Portfolio has provided no funding to the Invasive Species Council in the last five years.

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(Paper No. 37)

0712 GAMING AND RACING—BARCIA JAZZ—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Regarding the answer given on the 21 June 2023 in the Legislative Council with respect to greyhound rehoming, the Minister advised that Barcia Jazz died of 'natural causes' that were 'unrelated to travel', can the Minister advise:
 - (a) What the specific cause of death of Barcia Jazz was determined to be?

(i) If the cause of death is not known, why?

0713 AGRICULTURE—PIG OWNERS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how much did it cost Local Land Services to host the event ‘Pig Owners-Learn How to Make Salami (Inverell)’ on 29 June 2023?
- (2) How many people attended the event?
- (3) Please explain the rationale behind Local Land Services hosting an event teaching people to make salami?
- (4) Have any other ‘Learn how to make salami’ events been hosted by Local Land Services?
 - (a) If so, how many events have occurred?
 - (b) What was the cost of hosting each event?

0714 HOMELESSNESS—STATEWIDE STREET COUNTS—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise when did they receive the results of the 2023 New South Wales Statewide Street Count?
- (2) Will the Government continue to support annual Statewide Street Count?
 - (a) If so, will the Minister expand the street count to all local government areas across New South Wales?
 - (i) If not, why?

0715 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) How is it determined which greyhounds will be sent to the United States as part of the 'greyhound rehoming' program?

0716 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) What health assessments are being conducted on greyhounds prior to being exported to the United States?
 - (a) Who conducts these assessment and what are their qualifications?

0717 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - PTSD SUPPORT DOGS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Can the Minister advise what assessments are being conducted on greyhounds prior to being exported to the United States to determine if they are suitable to be ‘PTSD support’ dogs?
 - (a) Please provide details, including who conducts this assessment and their qualifications?

0718 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - DESEXING—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and

Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Are all greyhounds desexed prior to being sent to the United States as part of the 'greyhound rehoming' program?

0719 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - TRAVEL CONDITIONS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Can the Minister please provide specific details on the conditions in which greyhounds are being held in flights to the United States?
 - (a) Please include the size of their cages and any other welfare measures put in place during the flight?

0720 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - PAYMENT—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Who pays for the transport of greyhounds to the United States?
- (2) Is any taxpayer money, including money from grants given to the greyhound racing industry or to Greyhounds as Pets being used to fund the transport?

0721 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - FURTHER DEATHS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Regarding the answer given on 21 June 2023 in the Legislative Council relating 'greyhound rehoming', have there been any further deaths of greyhounds en route, or after arriving in the United States?

0722 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - MONITORING PROGRAM—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) What steps have the Government and/or the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission put in place to monitor this export program, including any greyhound deaths that occur en-route to the United States or after arrival in the United States?

0723 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - UNABLE TO BE REHOMED—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) What will happen to greyhounds that arrive in the United States but are unable to be placed in a home?

0724 GAMING AND RACING—GREYHOUND REHOMING - PUBLIC REPORTING—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing 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) Will there be any public reporting on the export program to the United States going forward, including any public reporting of any greyhound deaths?

0725 NATURAL RESOURCES—COAL ROYALTIES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How much in coal mining royalties did the government receive in:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0726 NATURAL RESOURCES—AUDITS COAL COMPANIES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many audits of coal company annual reporting of volumes mined occurred, in:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
- Can the Minister advise, how many audits of royalties owed occurred in:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0727 NATURAL RESOURCES—COAL COMPANIES AUDITS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) If coal company audits occurred, which companies were audited in:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0728 NATURAL RESOURCES—WHO COMPLETED COAL COMPANIES AUDITS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) If coal company audits occurred, which organisation or department did the audits, in:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0729 NATURAL RESOURCES—COAL MINING UNDERPAYMENTS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, in regards to coal companies, were any underpayments over \$10,000 detected in annual returns?
- (a) If yes, what was the amount of underpayment?
 - (b) Which company or companies made the underpayments?

- (c) If there were any underpayments over \$10,000 detected were any penalties imposed in the period 2020-2022?

0730 NATURAL RESOURCES—ACTIVE COAL MINES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Which coal mines are currently active and generating royalties in New South Wales?

0731 NATURAL RESOURCES—COAL ROYALTY INCREASES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) When were coal royalty rates last increased in New South Wales?

0732 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POLICE AND CANNABIS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) How many people were caught by the police with cannabis in:

- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?

0733 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—CANNABIS AND ABORIGINAL INDIVIDUALS CAUGHT BY POLICE—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of those caught by police with cannabis how many were Aboriginal, in:

- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?

0734 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—CANNABIS AND CAUTIONS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of the people caught with cannabis, how many fulfilled the conditions to be eligible to be issued with a caution instead of being charged, in:

- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?

0735 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POLICE EXERCISING DISCRETION AND CAUTIONS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of the people caught with cannabis who fulfilled the conditions to be eligible to be issued with a caution, on how many occasions did the Police exercise their discretion and issue a caution, in:

- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?

0736 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POLICE DISCRETION AND CANNABIS AND ABORIGINAL INDIVIDUALS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture,

Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of the Aboriginal people caught with cannabis who fulfilled the conditions to be eligible to be issued with a caution, on how many occasions did the Police exercise their discretion and issue a caution, in:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0737 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—YOUNG INDIVIDUALS CAUGHT WITH CANNABIS—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of the people caught with cannabis how many were under the age of eighteen, in:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0738 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—ABORIGINAL INDIVIDUALS AND CAUTIONING INSTEAD OF CHARGING—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Of the Aboriginal people caught with cannabis how many fulfilled the conditions to be eligible to be issued with a caution instead of being charged, in:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

0739 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—VENTILATION IN SCHOOLS—Dr Amanda Cohn to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many schools in New South Wales currently have permanent comprehensive fresh air ventilation systems installed?
- (2) How many schools in New South Wales currently have High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) grade air filtration installed in all classrooms?
 - (a) How many schools have HEPA grade air purifiers installed in some classrooms, but not all?
- (3) Can the Minister please provide in full the most recent audit report of the Department of Education's statewide ventilation and asset use strategy across all New South Wales public schools?
 - (a) If the Minister cannot provide this, why not?
- (4) What is the current progress to date on the Department of Education's carbon dioxide trial in public schools?
 - (a) If this process is complete or no longer underway, can the Minister please provide the report?

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