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\* 0472 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—AUTISM STRATEGY AND CHARTER—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) The South Australian Government is currently developing an Autism Strategy focusing on addressing challenges and barriers for people with autism, and an Autism Charter to ensure state government agencies are committed to creating an inclusive workplace for people with autism, to complement the National Autism Strategy, can the Minister please advise:

(a) Has the Department explored developing an autism strategy or similar for New South Wales?

(b) Has the Minister considered developing an autism strategy or similar for New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to supporting the development of the National Autism Strategy, which will be for all Australians with autism and will help to guide a more coordinated, national approach supporting people with autism at each stage of life. Following this body of work, further consideration will be given to the need for a NSW-specific strategy.

\* 0473 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COBB HIGHWAY—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) What is status of the Cobb Highway sealing project?

(2) Are the works to fully seal this highway still scheduled to be finished by July 2023?

(3) How many TFNSW staff are involved with this project?

(4) How many kilometres as of 14 June 2023 is yet to be sealed?

(5) How many kilometres as of 14 June 2023 have been sealed?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) The former Liberal-National Government did not complete sealing the Cobb Highway during their 12 years in government. As such, the project is ongoing.

(2) The premise of the question is incorrect. The December 2022 Community Update indicated that: *“The delivery program has been reviewed and it is expected that all remaining sections on the Cobb Highway will be completed by end October 2023, weather permitting.”* <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/rww/projects/01documents/cobb-hwy-silver-city-hwy-upgrade/cobb-hwy-silver-city-hwy-community-update-2022-12.pdf>

(3) Since the start of the project in 2018, there have been about 25-30 staff involved in the construction works at any given time.

(4) 7.8.

(5) 124.2.

\* 0474 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS—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) Will the Government and TFNSW fund the Pacific Bay sound wall as part of the Coffs Harbour Bypass?

- (2) As of 14 June 2023 has the Minister met with Pacific Bay Resort and Coffs Harbour City Council regarding the sound wall as part of the Coffs Harbour bypass project?
- (3) Will the funding for the sound wall as part of the Coffs Harbour bypass be included in the September Budget?
- (4) Will TFNSW have to absorb the cost of the sound wall for the Coffs Harbour bypass project?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The former Liberal-National government did not include this as a part of the project Coffs Harbour Bypass project. Transport for NSW has addressed Pacific Bay Resort's preliminary concerns with alternate planning pathways to include a noise wall as part of Pacific Bay Resort's future developments. This includes working with Regions NSW on a business case to support a noise wall application.

The Coffs Harbour Bypass project has included space proofing for a future noise wall to be constructed if this is determined to be built at a later date. Furthermore, Transport for NSW has minimised the property acquisition footprint at the request of the Pacific Bay Resort landowner.

Noise modelling for the Coffs Harbour Bypass under the 2019 Environmental Impact Statement determined that noise mitigation is not required in the vicinity of Pacific Bay Resort as the existing Pacific Highway will have lower volumes of traffic noise once the bypass is completed. There is no evidence at this time to suggest a noise wall is required at this location however, further modelling will take place following the finalisation of the Coffs Harbour Bypass detailed design.

- (2) My diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.
- (3) The Budget is yet to be finalised.
- (4) Transport for NSW has not undertaken planning or design work for a noise wall near Pacific Bay Resort, as the former Liberal-National government did not see fit to include this in the initial scope of the project.

\* 0475 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIRST PRIORITY—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) What is your first priority as the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads?

Answer—

- (1) Safety.

\* 0476 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOP THREE GOALS—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) What are your top three goals as Minister for Regional Transport and Roads?

Answer—

Noting that transport and roads in the regions are social determinants of health, education, opportunity and jobs, and that they are vital for social inclusion and ensuring access and equity to people from all backgrounds across regional, rural and remote areas, my top three goals as Minister for Regional Transport and Roads are;

1. Develop more collaborative relationships with local councils, members of parliament, industry, transport operators, community groups and other relevant stakeholders in regional, rural and remote areas which are focused on meeting the safety and transport needs of our communities in these areas.

2. Develop strategic regional integrated transport plans which ensure that the passenger and freight transport needs of people and industry in regional, rural and remote areas of NSW are met safely and efficiently.
3. Develop a more streamlined infrastructure and maintenance funding program to improve the deliverability of projects, financial and resource capacity of local councils, Transport for NSW and industry to deliver the projects, connectivity for people in regional, rural and remote areas, opportunities for betterment after natural disasters, and financial rather than the pork barrelling approach taken by the former Liberal and National Government which led to massive cost blow outs, massive increases in cost escalations and the failure of infrastructure to keep pace with some of the fastest growing regional communities in the state of New South Wales.

\* 0477 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FEES AND CHARGES—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) Do you intent to increase Transport for NSW fees and charges in the 2023-2024 Financial Year?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's road and maritime fees, fines and charges will be increased on 1 October 2023 in line with the CPI.

\* 0478 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RECOMMENDATIONS OF STEERING COMMITTEE—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) As Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, will you commit to following the recommendation of the relevant steering Committee when it comes to the procurement of major infrastructure projects?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government procurement policy framework incorporates a number of requirements, including the Enforceable Procurement Provisions arising from international procurement agreements, as well as social outcome drivers to support participation from Small to Medium Enterprises, Disability Enterprises, Regional Businesses, Social Enterprises and Aboriginal owned businesses.

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.

\* 0479 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DEFINING BUDGET BLOW OUT—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) As Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, how do you define a budget blow out?

Answer—

I am advised

Budget blow outs can be defined as the difference between the initial cost estimate and the final cost. For example, The Spanish-built Regional Rail Fleet is publicly reported to be more than three years late and more than \$1 billion over budget, under the previous government. The Korean-built Mayrung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed \$1 billion prior to entering revenue service.

There are many other examples of significant budget blow outs that meet this definition across the Transport portfolio over the last 12 years of the Liberals and Nationals being in Government.

- \* 0480 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FREIGHT AND HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATION—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) Are you responsible for the Freight and heavy vehicle regulation within the Government?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available via the Administrative Arrangements (Minns Ministry—Administration of Acts) Order 2023: <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/sl-2023-139>

- \* 0481 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRUCK TOLLS—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) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to refunding a third of the truck tolls to businesses for 10 truck trips taken per week, per account on the M5 East or the M8:

- (a) How many vehicles are expected to benefit from the scheme?  
(b) How will drivers be able to sign up to the scheme?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is continuing to work with NSW Treasury on the NSW Government's commitment to provide a reduced cost to heavy vehicles using M5 East or the M8 motorways for up to 10 trips.

The scheme is scheduled to be delivered in 2024. Details on how to access the scheme will be announced prior to commencement.

- \* 0482 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRIPS OF OFFICIALS—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) How many overseas trips have been approved for Transport for NSW officials since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) One.

- \* 0483 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MOBILE SPEED CAMERA FINE—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) Have you ever been fined from a mobile speed camera?

Answer—

(1) No.

- \* 0484 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MEETINGS WITH UNIONS—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) Since 28 March 2023, how many times have you met with the Rail, Tram and Bus Union?

Answer—

I am advised

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

- \* 0485 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MEETINGS WITH PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY—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) How many times have you met with your Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer—

I am advised

I meet with the Parliamentary Secretary frequently. In addition, my diary disclosures are made public in accordance with the Ministerial Code of Conduct via the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

- \* 0486 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROLES GIVEN TO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY—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) What specific roles have you given your Parliamentary Secretary?

Answer—

Parliamentary Secretaries may perform many of the functions of Ministers, as directed by the Ministers.

I work closely with the Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and for Regional Transport & Roads who has represented me at a number of events, provided and received briefings to Transport for NSW staff on a number of relevant portfolio issues undertaken other roles and responsibilities as required in accordance with the procedures and processes of the NSW Parliament.

- \* 0487 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OFFICE—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) Does your Parliamentary Secretary have a desk in your Ministerial Office in Parliament and/or in 52 Martin Place?

Answer—

I am advised

The Parliamentary Secretary has an office in the NSW Parliament.

- \* 0488 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY EVENTS—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) How many events has your Parliamentary Secretary attended on your behalf?

Answer—

I understand that the Parliamentary Secretary has attended events on my behalf on at least two occasions. The Parliamentary Secretary represents me at a variety of events subject to constraints of our respective diaries.

- \* 0489 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY CABINET DOCUMENTS—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) Has your Parliamentary Secretary seen and/or had access to Cabinet documents?

Answer—

The scope of this question is so broad as to be unanswerable with any certainty.

- \* 0490 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL FLEET ROLL OUT—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—

(17) What is the status of the New Regional Fleet roll out?

Answer—

I am advised

Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built regional rail fleet. The Spanish-built Regional Rail Fleet is publicly reported to be more than three years late and more than \$1 billion over budget, under the previous government. The Korean-built Mayrung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed \$1 billion.

A timeline for their delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the rollingstock is complete.

- \* 0491 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—STATUS OF RAILWAY—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) What is the status of the Railway?

Answer—

I am advised

The railway has been significantly neglected under the former Liberal-National government.

- \* 0492 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY—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) How many times have you met with the Acting Secretary of Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I have met with the Acting Secretary on multiple occasions in a variety of forums. The most recent being a meeting on 3 July 2023.



- \* 0493 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PYES CREEK—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) What is the status of the proposed upgrade to New Line Road over Pyes Creek?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is progressing with investigating options to upgrade New Line Road to ease congestion, improve safety, and cater for future growth in the area. This includes the section of New Line Road over Pyes Creek.

Preliminary site investigations have been undertaken to inform the development of options. This included Preliminary Environmental Investigation that identify potential impacts to native vegetation and ecological communities.

Further development of feasible options is subject to further community consultation, as well as environmental and funding approvals.

- \* 0494 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN—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) What is the status of the Road Safety Action Plan?

Answer—

I am advised

The Road Safety Action Plan is a publicly available document:  
[https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/TNSW10046-Road-Safety-Action-Plan-2026\\_1.pdf](https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-05/TNSW10046-Road-Safety-Action-Plan-2026_1.pdf).

- \* 0495 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROAD CLASSIFICATION—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) As at 5 June 2023 has the Minister met with the Chair of the Independent reclassification Panel Wendy Machin?
- (2) When will the NSW government release the reclassification report?
- (3) How many of the 37 recommendations of the priority round have been completed as at 14 June 2023?
- (4) Will the \$250 million allocated for the priority round be repurposed?
  - (a) If so, where will this funding allocation be redirected to?
  - (b) And how it is to be spent?
- (5) How many roads have been transferred across NSW as part of the priority round?
  - (a) Please list the roads transferred as at 14 June 2023?
- (6) Will you re open the applications for the Road Reclassification process?
- (7) Does the Road Reclassification process come under the Strategic Infrastructure Review?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) No

- (2) Transport for NSW is seeking to obtain the approval of the previous government to provide a copy of the final report to the new Government.
- (3) As of 14 June 2023, 33 of the 37 recommendations from the panel's interim report had been implemented, constituting:
- 38.42 km of Regional roads transferred to Transport for NSW management as a result of reclassification to State roads, across three Local Government areas;
  - 24.2 km of Local roads transferred to Transport for NSW management as a result of reclassification to State roads, across four Local Government areas;
  - 6.48 km of State roads transferred to Council management as a result of reclassification to Local roads, across two Local Government areas.
- (4) The NSW Government is working to improve road funding for regional Councils. The NSW Government has committed to create a \$670 million Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund to support regional Councils over the next two years to improve roads in Regional NSW. This includes:
- Additional investment of \$390 million over the next two years and continuing the existing \$280 million regional pothole program, to ensure there is enough funding available to start the vital work of repairing our regional roads.
  - Deferral of the regional road transfer and reclassification program and putting the existing NSW Budget funding of \$193 million – along with the additional \$197 million of new money - into the new Emergency Road Repair Fund.

In addition, a capped \$334 million Regional Roads Fund will be established to build new roads in rural and regional areas.

- (5) From the interim report, six roads have been transferred from Councils to Transport for NSW management:
- Showground Road, Bland Shire Council
  - Sloane, Grafton and Reynolds streets, Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council
  - Packham Drive, Cabonne Shire Council
  - Manildra and Culling streets, Narromine Shire Council
  - Eumungerie Road, Dubbo and Gilgandra councils
  - Northern Distributor Road, Orange City Council.

Two roads have been transferred from Transport for NSW to Council management:

- Main Street, Neeld Street and Reg Rattey Drive, Bland Shire Council
  - Auburn and Lagoon streets, Goulburn Mulwaree Shire Council
- (6) The NSW Government is working on an approach for road classifications to be a business-as-usual activity.
- (7) No. The Strategic Infrastructure Review is focused on projects and programs in the forward capital program with an Estimated Total Cost of over \$50 million.

\* 0496 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SINGLETON BYPASS—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) What is the status of the negotiations between TFNSW and the landowners impacted by the Singleton bypass?
- (2) Will the impacted landowners on the Singleton Bypass be paid full market rate?
- (3) Will the Government increase the existing compensation to the impacted Singleton Bypass landowners and pay what is deemed full market value?

- (4) As at 14 June 2023 has the Minister met with this Singleton landowners as the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads?
- (5) Will the Singleton Bypass be delayed due to the land acquisition negotiations?
- (6) Is the Singleton bypass project included in the Government's Strategic Infrastructure Review?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 39 properties have been impacted by the Singleton Bypass Project. The property acquisitions were conducted by the former Liberal-National government. I am advised that at that time, the local member refused to advocate on behalf of his constituents. All acquisitions have been completed except for six matters that remain before the Land and Environment Court (Court). Transport for NSW is unable to comment about matters before the Court. This court action proceeds the current NSW Government.
- (2) Transport for NSW is required to pay compensation in accordance with Section 55(a) of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 - "landowners are entitled to the market value of the land on the date of its acquisition". Market Value is determined by an independent valuation and is subject to negotiations between the parties involved to try to seek a mutual agreement. The property acquisitions were conducted by the former Liberal-National government. I am advised that at that time, the local member refused to advocate on behalf of his constituents.
- (3) The property acquisitions were conducted under the former Liberal-National government. I am advised that at that time, the local member refused to advocate on behalf of his constituents. As the remaining six matters are before the Court, Transport for NSW is unable to comment.
- (4) It is unclear from the question who 'this Singleton landowners' refers to.
- (5) Potentially.
- (6) Yes.

\* 0497 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—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) How many 2023 Regional Seniors Travel Card have been applied for as at 14 June 2023?
- (2) How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards have been applied for since the start of the program in 2020?
- (3) Will the Regional Seniors Travel Card be expanded to include Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas?
- (4) Will the extension of the Regional Seniors Travel Card be included in the September budget?
- (5) What is the cost break down of administering the Regional Seniors Travel card per card?
  - (a) Is there a cost per card?
- (6) Does the Regional Seniors Travel Card come under review in the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (7) Can a regional senior purchase a bottle of Fanta, cigarettes or a packet of lollies using the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
- (8) How many non fuel related items have been purchased using the Regional Seniors Travel Card in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 320,492 Regional Seniors Travel Card have been applied for as at 14 June 2023.

- (2) 1,374,329 Regional Seniors Travel Cards have been applied for since the start of the program in 2020.
- (3) The program is currently under review given the poor design parameters set by the former Liberal-National government, which allowed card holders to purchase cigarettes, scratchies, soft drink and confectionary and other non-travel related items at service station outlets.
- (4) Decisions made as part of the State Budget will be communicated as part of the budget.
- (5) Administration costs have a variable element. However, these costs are around 16 per cent of the scheme costs.
- (6) No.
- (7) Yes.
- (8) The poor design parameters set by the former Liberal-National government, do not allow for data to be provided on non-fuel expenses at service stations such as cigarettes, soft drink, scratchies and confectionary.

\* 0498 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—STATUS OF PINCH POINT PROGRAMS—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) What is the status of the Pinch Points Program?

Answer—

I am advised

Ongoing.

\* 0499 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—METRIC FOR NSW TRAINLINK PUNCTUALITY—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) As the representing Minister for Regional Transport and Roads/as the Minister for Roads, what is a successful metric for NSW TrainLink punctuality performance reports?

Answer—

I am advised

The current successful metrics (set by the former Liberal-National government) are outlined below.

NSW TrainLink operates to a punctuality target of 78% for regional (diesel) train services, measured within 10 minutes of scheduled arrival time.

NSW TrainLink operates to a punctuality target of 92% for all intercity (electric & diesel) train services, measured within 6 minutes of scheduled arrival time. All intercity services operate under the OPAL card system.

NSW TrainLink operates to a punctuality target of 90% for regional coach services, measured within 10 minutes of scheduled arrival time.

\* 0500 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS REVIEW INTERIM REPORT—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) Did your Ministerial office see, edit, and/or change any language or documents in the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review interim report?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes.

The report makes damning findings on the management of the railway network under the former Liberal-National government. A copy of the report is available here:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/independent-reviews/rail-infrastructure-and-systems-review-interim-report>

- \* 0501 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FINDINGS OF THE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS REVIEW INTERIM REPORT—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) On what date were you specifically briefed on the findings of the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review interim report?

Answer—

19 May 2023.

- \* 0502 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSPORT PLAN—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) Will the Government commit to the development of a Transport Plan that includes the following actions:
- (a) Support the creation of jobs and capabilities in the industry?
  - (b) Manufacture all rolling stock, both public transport and freight in Australia?
  - (c) Targeted support for New South Wales industry which emphasises the skill development of the workforce and promotes collective capability across the industry?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government went to great efforts to undermine local manufacturing, which included procuring heavy rail rolling stock from China and South Korea, metro rolling stock from India, light rail rolling stock from France and Spain and ferries from China and Indonesia.

The current NSW Government is committed to redressing the destruction of local manufacturing, industry, jobs and skills presided over by the former Liberal-National government.

- \* 0503 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO STRATEGIC DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING PLAN—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) Will the Government reaffirm its commitment to establish a strategic domestic manufacturing and industry plan which includes the following actions:
- (a) Direct Government investment to build the capacity of local manufacturing in strategic areas?
  - (b) Prioritise the building and servicing of all trains and buses in Australia and where viable, in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes.

The former Liberal-National government went to great efforts to undermine local manufacturing, which included procuring heavy rail rolling stock from China and South Korea, metro rolling stock from India, light rail rolling stock from France and Spain and ferries from China and Indonesia.

\* 0504 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ELECTRIC AND HYDROGEN BUS VEHICLES—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) Will the Government commit to transition all buses for public transport away from internal combustion engines and towards electric / hydrogen vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is leading the way in the transition of diesel and Compressed Natural Gas buses to Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs) that will be powered by renewable energy. There are currently over 100 ZEBs operating on Sydney roads, with 200 expected by the end of 2023.

Under the ZEBs Transition Plan, all Greater Sydney public transport buses will be transitioned to zero emissions technology by 2035, with outer metropolitan regions to follow by 2040, and regional and rural areas by 2047.

\* 0505 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW—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) Are the Fixing Country Rail, Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Roads programs included in the Government's Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (2) What regional road projects and programs are included in the Government's Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (3) Is the Road Reclassification and Transfer included in the Government's Strategic Review?
- (4) Are roads that are disaster declared with funding attached to that road included in the Government's Strategic Review?
- (5) Why was Mr Ken Kanofski chosen to do the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (6) What was included in the selection process to appoint Mr Ken Kanofski to undertake the review?
- (7) What major projects are included in the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (8) Is the \$312.5M Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package included in the Government's Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (9) Does the \$50 million Pothole fund come under the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (10) Does the \$500 million road package come under the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (11) Do the TAP program upgrades come under the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (12) What are the terms of reference for the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (13) Will the Government implement all the recommendations of the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (14) Does Regional NSW projects have a different set of terms of reference under the Strategic Infrastructure Review?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government announced the Strategic Infrastructure Review and the review will focus on the successful delivery of the current pipeline and consider projects and programs in the forward capital

program with an Estimated Total Cost of over \$50 million to ensure maximum benefits to the state and balance fiscal, service delivery, and market capacity pressures.

More information about the review is available on the Infrastructure NSW website.

- \* 0506 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AT REGIONAL TRAIN STATIONS—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) Will the Government commit to funding accessibility upgrades at regional train stations?

Answer—

Yes.

- \* 0507 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RACE TO THE TOP FOR BUS DRIVERS—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) Will the Government ensure that there is a ‘race to the top’ with wages and conditions for all private sector bus drivers transitioning to the top of the industry under the principle of ‘same job, same pay’?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government had 12-years to improve the wages and conditions of bus drivers but chose to privatise all remaining bus regions.

The current NSW Government has established a Bus Industry Taskforce, the details of which are publicly available.

- \* 0508 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FAIR AND REASONABLE WAGE INCREASE FOR BUS DRIVERS—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) Will the Government ensure that bus drivers will receive a fair and reasonable wage increase on an industry basis each year, at least in line with inflation or the minimum wage rise (whichever is higher)?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government had 12-years to improve the wages and conditions of bus drivers but chose to privatise all remaining bus regions.

The current NSW Government has established a Bus Industry Taskforce, the details of which are publicly available.

- \* 0509 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TENDERING IN RELATION TO WAGES AND CONDITIONS FOR BUS DRIVERS—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) Will the Government ensure that when tendering occurs the wages and conditions of private sector bus drivers will be maintained?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government had 12-years to improve the wages and conditions of bus drivers but chose to privatise all remaining bus regions.

The current NSW Government has established a Bus Industry Taskforce, the details of which are publicly available.

\* 0510 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COMMITMENT TO IMPROVED RAIL CONNECTION BETWEEN SYDNEY AND COASTAL REGIONS—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) Will the Government commit to an improved rail connection between Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter Valley, and Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is investigating service and infrastructure improvements along the existing rail corridors.

\* 0511 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MOBILE PHONE CHARGING STATIONS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION—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) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to implementing mobile phone charging stations across the New South Wales rail network, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) When this policy will be implemented?
  - (b) Does this policy include Regional New South Wales?
  - (c) At how many train stations and what locations will there be mobile phone charging stations?
  - (d) How many individual phones will be able to be charged at a single time?
  - (e) What types of phones will be compatible with the charging stations?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

- (a) A Mobile Phone Charging Test and Trial is currently underway with charging options to become available at two Sydney train stations by September 2023. This trial will then be evaluated to ensure it meets passenger requirements.
- (b) This trial includes Greater Sydney only.
- (c) The trial will be available at two Sydney train stations by September 2023. Full roll out will be to 15 of Sydney's busiest interchanges.
  - (i) Bankstown, Blacktown, Bondi Junction, Campbelltown, Chatswood, Central, Epping, Hurstville, Lidcombe, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith, Strathfield, Town Hall, Wynard.
- (d) The specifications of the charging solutions will be determined using the following requirements:
  - minimal required intervention of station staff
  - number of devices able to be charged simultaneously.
  - ongoing maintenance of the unit
  - warranty period



- ease of use
  - device compatibility
  - vandalism protection.
- (e) It is anticipated that the current technology available can charge android and iPhones (8 and above).

\* 0512 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—EXPANSION OF TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM—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) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to an expansion of the Transport Access Program, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What stations have been identified as priorities under this program?
  - (b) What is the forecast capital expenditure for each station upgrade
  - (c) When is the delivery contract for the project expected to be awarded?

Answer—

I am advised

An integrated approach to upgrading stations is being developed by TfNSW for consideration by Government.

\* 0513 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND STUDENT TRAVEL CARD—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) Does the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card come under review in the Strategic Infrastructure Review?
- (2) Will the funding allocated within the TFNSW budget for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card be cut in the September Budget?
- (3) Will the funding allocated within the TFNSW budget for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card be repurposed in the September Budget?
- (4) Will the funding allocated within the TFNSW budget for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card be redirected to Western Sydney road projects in the September Budget?
- (5) What is the cost breakdown of administering the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card cost per card?
- (6) How many Regional Apprentices have applied for and received their Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card as of the 14th June 2023 per local government area?
- (7) How many Regional University Students have applied for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card as at 14 June 2023?
- (8) When will the Regional Apprentice and University Travel Card be available for university students?
- (9) Why has the roll out of the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card been delayed?
- (10) Does the NSW Government support the continued roll out of the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card in 2023?
- (11) Will the NSW Government continue the two year pilot of the Regional Apprentice and University Travel Card beyond the September budget?
- (12) What page does the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card appear in the 2022/2023 State Budget Papers?

- (13) Will you expand the Regional Apprentice Card and University Student Travel Card to include Blue Mountains and Wollongong local government areas?
- (14) Is the Maitland Local Government Area included in the Regional Apprentice and University Travel Card pilot program?
- (a) If so, how many apprentices are eligible to apply for the Regional Apprentice and University Travel Card in this local government area?
- (b) How many have applied and received their card as at 14 June 2023?
- (15) Can a regional senior purchase a bottle of Fanta, cigarettes or a packet of lollies using the Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) No.
- (2) and (3) Decisions made as part of the State budget will be communicated as part of the budget process.
- (4) No.
- (5) Administration costs for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card were approximately \$838 per card on 14 June 2023.
- (6) See table 1 below.
- (7) None.
- (8) to (11) Applications are currently suspended due to the poor design parameters set by the former Liberal-National government, which allowed the purchase of non-travel related expenses at service stations such as cigarettes, soft drink and confectionery.
- (12) This information is publicly available.
- (13) Applications are currently suspended due to the poor design parameters set by the former Liberal-National government, which allowed the purchase of non-travel related expenses at service stations such as cigarettes, soft drink, scratch lotteries and confectionery.
- (14) Yes. 321 cards have successfully applied for and issued.
- (15) Yes.

Table 1 Regional Apprentice Travel cards by Local Government Area (LGA)

LGA	Applications
Albury	38
Armidale Regional	71
Ballina	96
Balranald	1
Bathurst Regional	126
Bega Valley	96
Bellingen	23
Berrigan	11
Bland	9
Blayney	20
Bogan	9

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Bourke	7
Broken Hill	53
Byron	49
Cabonne	61
Carrathool	4
Central Coast (NSW)	685
Cessnock	244
Clarence Valley	131
Cobar	12
Coffs Harbour	243
Coolamon	15
Coonamble	1
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional	20
Cowra	33
Dubbo Regional	202
Dungog	29
Eurobodalla	88
Federation	13
Forbes	38
Gilgandra	13
Glen Innes Severn	12
Goulburn Mulwaree	64
Greater Hume Shire	13
Griffith	66
Gunnedah	43
Gwydir	13
Hilltops	66
Inverell	50
Junee	19
Kempsey	93
Kiama	37
Kyogle	16
Lachlan	11
Lake Macquarie	602
Leeton	35
Lismore	71
Lithgow	68

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Liverpool Plains	24
Lockhart	19
Maitland	321
Mid-Coast	301
Mid-Western Regional	98
Moree Plains	25
Murray River	9
Murrumbidgee	7
Muswellbrook	84
Nambucca	76
Narrabri	29
Narrandera	12
Narromine	22
Oberon	17
Orange	120
Parkes	31
Port Macquarie-Hastings	264
Port Stephens	180
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional	16
Richmond Valley	46
Shellharbour	92
Shoalhaven	253
Singleton	129
Snowy Monaro Regional	51
Snowy Valleys	45
Tamworth Regional	250
Temora	9
Tenterfield	13
Tweed	112
Upper Hunter Shire	60
Upper Lachlan Shire	18
Uralla	17
Wagga Wagga	191
Walcha	5
Walgett	11
Warren	6
Warrumbungle Shire	26

Weddin	7
Wingecarribee	77
Yass Valley	9

\* 0514 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COST OF BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) In the submission to the Parliamentary Budget Office, NSW Labor committed to setting up a bus industry taskforce to assess and implement the recommendations in the Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee 6 (Transport) report into the Privatisation of Bus Services:
  - (a) Can the Minister please advise what is the anticipated cost of the bus industry taskforce to Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

The costs of the Bus Industry Taskforce are being met from within existing agency resources.

\* 0515 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—LACK OF BUS SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) There have been reports from parents of school children in a number of areas around New South Wales regarding a lack of bus services for school children, and Portfolio Committee 6's report into the Privatisation of Bus Services only makes note of a lack of bus services for school children in Metropolitan Contract Region 9 (Sydney's Eastern Suburbs) and the Newcastle and Outer Metropolitan Contract Region 7 (Central Coast):
  - (a) Can the Minister please advise, whether the bus industry taskforce will take into consideration the bus services for school children in all areas of New South Wales, or only those in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs and the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) It is a pity that the former Nationals Minister for Regional Transport and Roads did not share the concerns of parents and local Members of Parliament when he was in the role. Portfolio Committee 6 was inquiring into the privatisation of Newcastle and Sydney buses so it was beyond the scope of that Inquiry.
  - (a) All areas of New South Wales are in scope when planning bus services for school children under the new Government. Transport for NSW is working closely with the recently established Bus Taskforce to identify need and opportunities for more school services to ensure service provision adequately reflects demand.

In the coming months the Taskforce will engage directly with bus operators, industry experts, the workforce, and community representatives to determine how to deliver more efficient and reliable services.

As outlined in its Terms of Reference, the Taskforce will give consideration to the Report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Privatisation of Bus Services in formulating its advice to the Minister.

I have also requested briefings on why Bus Service Alteration Requests for school services blew out to sometimes two years for processing under the former Liberals and Nationals Government

and how the new Government can get the processing times back to their former timeframes of a few weeks.

- \* 0516 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SAFETY CONCERNS IN RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS REVIEW—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) Has the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review identified any safety concerns within the heavy rail network?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government announced an independent review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems on 6 April 2023.

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.

Work has commenced on the implementation of the interim recommendations, while the Review Panel will undertake more detailed investigations during Phase Two of the review, including to further consider overall safety performance and the effectiveness of programs to improve safety performance.

- \* 0517 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SOUTH COAST LINE BUSINESS CASE—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) On 3 March 2023, NSW Labor committed to a \$1.5 million review of the South Coast line and \$8.5 million for a business case, including a look at the South West Illawarra Rail Link, can the Minister please advise:
- (a) When do you anticipate the business case will be completed?
- (b) What is the forecast capital expenditure for the business case in the 2023/2024 financial year?
- (c) According to the Infrastructure NSW (INSW) investor assurance framework, will this business case be a strategic or final business case?

Answer—

I am advised

This project is in the initial planning phase. In accordance with the INSW assurance framework, this project will include the delivery of a Strategic Business Case.

- \* 0518 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ACCESSIBILITY OF ONLINE TRANSPORT TIMETABLES—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) What measures are the Government taking to simplify online transport timetables to make them accessible for all commuters?

Answer—

I am advised

Customers can use the Trip planner or Departure board on [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info) or the Opal Travel app to find train times.

The online timetables are fully accessible, meeting Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 AA standards, designed and built with inclusion in mind. The online timetables are tested on multiple devices and browser/operating systems, including assisted technologies such as screen readers. Independent audits are conducted to ensure compliance is maintained.

The website can be used on any modern device — phone, desktop, laptop, tablet — and the app is available to download for free on the App Store or Google Play.

The Trip Planner allows customers to find out how to travel anywhere in NSW by public transport and compare it with walking, bike riding, driving or rideshare. Customers can plan from a station, stop, wharf, address, point of interest or suburb. It includes train, bus, ferry, light rail, on demand services and regional trains and coaches.

Customers can save trips (trip plans/departures) directly to the homescreen on their phone for one click planning for regular routes.

The NSW Government is keen to work with disability advocates and the broader sector on initiatives to improve accessibility of transport services for everyone, but particularly people with disabilities.

\* 0519 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DEFINITION OF PEAK AND OFF PEAK FOR TIMETABLES—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) What is the official definition of peak and off peak in relation to transport timetables?

Answer—

I am advised

For the purposes of weekday timetables, peak times are as follows:

- Sydney Metro/train network: 6:30 am - 10:00 am and 3:00 pm - 7:00pm
- Intercity trains: 6:00 am - 10:00 am and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Buses and light rail: 6:30 am - 10:00 am and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

\* 0520 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MARIYUNG FLEET ENTERING SERVICE—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) In what month in 2023 will the Mariyung fleet enter service?

Answer—

I am advised

Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built regional rail fleet. The Korean-built Mayrung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed

\$1 billion.

A timeline for their delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the rollingstock is complete.

\* 0521 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MARIYUNG FLEET ENTERING SERVICE SOUTH COAST LINE—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) In what month in 2023 will the Mariyung fleet be in service on the South Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised

Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built regional rail fleet. The Spanish-built Regional Rail Fleet is publicly reported to be more than three years late and more than \$1 billion over budget, under the previous government. The Korean-built Mariyung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed \$1 billion.

A timeline for their delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the rollingstock is complete.

- \* 0522 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MARIYUNG FLEET ENTERING SERVICE CENTRAL COAST LINE—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) In what month in 2023 will the Mariyung fleet be in service on the Central Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised

Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built regional rail fleet. The Spanish-built Regional Rail Fleet is publicly reported to be more than three years late and more than \$1 billion over budget, under the previous government. The Korean-built Mariyung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed \$1 billion.

A timeline for their delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the rollingstock is complete.

- \* 0523 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRAINLINK PEAK ARRIVAL TIMES—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of TrainLink peak intercity services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time?

Answer—

ANSWER

I am advised

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within six minutes, not five minutes, which are listed below:

Week commencing	On Time Running (%)
27 March 2023	76.4
3 April 2023	82.4
10 April 2023	80.5
17 April 2023	82.1
24 April 2023	84.2
1 May 2023	80.5
8 May 2023	84.6
15 May 2023	83.3
22 May 2023	82.4
29 May 2023	88.3
5 June 2023	82.9
12 June 2023	88.5



- \* 0524 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRAINLINK INTERCITY TARGET—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) On how many days since March 28 have TrainLink intercity services hit their target of having at least 92 per cent of peak services arrive within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time?

Answer—

I am advised

Between 28 March 2023 and 3 July 2023 TrainLink intercity services hit their target of having at least 92 per cent of peak services arrive within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on six occasions, which is identical to the same period in 2022.

- \* 0525 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MARIYUNG FLEET ENTERING SERVICE WESTERN LINE—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) In what month in 2023 will the Mariyung fleet be in service on the Western line?

Answer—

I am advised

Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built regional rail fleet. The Spanish-built Regional Rail Fleet is publicly reported to be more than three years late and more than \$1 billion over budget, under the previous government. The Korean-built Mariyung Fleet was due to enter service in late 2019. It was reported under the previous government that cost overruns could exceed \$1 billion.

A timeline for their delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the rollingstock is complete.

- \* 0526 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ILLAWARRA TRAIN LINE ADDITIONAL SERVICES—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) In what month in 2023 will the Illawarra train line gain additional services, and what number of additional services per day?

Answer—

I am advised

Due to poor network planning by the former Liberal-National government, there are no additional passenger services planned for the South Coast Line in 2023.

- \* 0527 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SOUTH COAST LINE ADDITIONAL SERVICES—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) In what month in 2023 will the South Coast train line gain additional services, and what number of additional services per day?

Answer—

I am advised

Due to poor network planning by the former Liberal-National government, there are no additional passenger services planned for the South Coast Line in 2023.

\* 0528 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE ADDITIONAL SERVICES—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) In what in month 2023 will the Blue Mountains train line gain additional services, and what number of additional services per day?

Answer—

I am advised

Due to poor network planning by the former Liberal-National government, there are no additional passenger services planned for the Blue Mountains line in 2023.

\* 0529 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING PERCENTAGE FOR PASSENGER TRAINS—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) In 2022, NSW Labor made a pledge to boost domestic manufacturing by setting a target of at least 50 per cent local content for passenger trains. Can the Minister please advise:
- (a) What percentage is being delivered by local content for FY 2022-2023?
  - (b) What percentage is expected to be delivered by local manufacturers for FY 2023-2024?
  - (c) What percentage is expected to be delivered by local manufacturers for FY 2024-2025?
  - (d) What percentage is expected to be delivered by local manufacturers for FY 2025-2026?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government made an election commitment to introduce a 50 per cent local content target for future rolling stock contracts by the end of the first term.

Sydney Trains and Transport for NSW are currently collaborating on planning for future passenger fleet. This planning includes local industry and stakeholder engagement to inform a business case for Government consideration.

\* 0530 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SPENDING TOWARD TRANSPORT PROJECTS—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) In 2022, transport projects accounted for almost two-thirds of spending on major public infrastructure over the following five year period, valued at \$237 billion:
- (a) What portion of infrastructure spending does the Government plan to direct towards transport projects?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has commissioned an independent review, supported by Infrastructure NSW, of the capital program to ensure maximum benefits to the state and the need to balance fiscal, service delivery and market capacity pressures.

The Australian Government has also initiated a 90-day review of the Infrastructure Investment Program to assess cost and deliverability pressures in the current climate. The outcomes of these reviews will help to develop a sustainable investment pipeline of transport projects that will be confirmed through the upcoming State Budget.

- \* 0531 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HIGH-SPEED RAIL—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) What is your position on high-speed rail?

Answer—

I am advised

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.

- \* 0532 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BROKEN HILL LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the Broken Hill line?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within ten minutes, not five minutes for regional services. The Broken Hill service operates once a week from Sydney to Broken Hill.

Since 28 March 2023, a total of 91.3 per cent of services were within ten minutes.

- \* 0533 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ILLAWARRA LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the Illawarra line?

Answer—

I am advised

Sydney Trains Weekly Performance (Illawarra Line)	
Weekday Range	%
28-Mar-2023 to 31-Mar-2023	81.1%
03-Apr-2023 to 07-Apr-2023	98.0%
10-Apr-2023 to 14-Apr-2023	92.2%
17-Apr-2023 to 21-Apr-2023	92.7%
24-Apr-2023 to 28-Apr-2023	88.1%
01-May-2023 to 05-May-2023	85.7%

08-May-2023 to 12-May-2023	95.6%
15-May-2023 to 19-May-2023	97.8%
22-May-2023 to 26-May-2023	97.0%
29-May-2023 to 02-June-2023	92.7%
05-Jun-2023 to 09-June-2023	82.7%
12-Jun-2023 to 16-Jun-2023	93.4%
19-Jun-2023 to 23-Jun-2023	79.2%
26-Jun-2023 to 29-Jun-2023	87.1%

\* 0534 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NORTH COAST LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the North Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within 6 minutes not 5 minutes.

For each week since 28 March 2023, the percentage of TrainLink peak intercity services that arrived within 6 minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the North Coast Intercity Line (electric) between Central to Newcastle is listed below:

Week commencing	On-time Running (%)
27 March 2023	66.0
3 April 2023	78.75
10 April 2023	83.13
17 April 2023	78.5
24 April 2023	82.5
1 May 2023	73.0
8 May 2023	80.0
15 May 2023	73.0
22 May 2023	69.5
29 May 2023	82.0
5 June 2023	81.1

- \* 0535 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HUNTER LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the Hunter line?

Answer—

I am advised

Information about train performance is available on Transport for NSW Open Data Hub.

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within 6 minutes, not 5 minutes.

For each week since 28 March 2023, the percentage of TrainLink peak intercity services on the Hunter Line that arrived within 6 minutes of their scheduled arrival time is listed below:

Week commencing	On Time Running (%)
27 March 2023	91.4
3 April 2023	94.6
10 April 2023	82.1
17 April 2023	90.0
24 April 2023	87.5
1 May 2023	87.1
8 May 2023	84.3
15 May 2023	85.7
22 May 2023	94.3
29 May 2023	82.9
5 June 2023	90.0
12 June 2023	85.7

- \* 0536 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MAIN WESTERN LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the Main Western line?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within 6 minutes, not 5 minutes.

For each week since 28 March 2023, the percentage of TrainLink peak services on the Main Western line (intercity electric services) that arrived within 6 minutes of their scheduled arrival time is listed below:

Week commencing	On Time Running (%)
27 March 2023	70.4

3 April 2023	67.0
10 April 2023	80.0
17 April 2023	76.8
24 April 2023	86.0
1 May 2023	80.8
8 May 2023	82.4
15 May 2023	83.2
22 May 2023	78.4
29 May 2023	88.0
5 June 2023	76.8
12 June 2023	85.0

\* 0537 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SOUTH COAST LINE—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) For each week since March 28, what percentage of peak train services arrived within five minutes of their scheduled arrival time on the South Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised

Information about train performance is available on Transport for NSW Open Data Hub.

NSW TrainLink reports scheduled arrivals within 6 minutes, not 5 minutes. This is a practice initiated by the former Uber-National government.

For each week since 28 March 2023, the percentage of Trainlink peak train services on the South Coast Line that arrived within 6 minutes of their scheduled arrival time is listed below:

Week commencing	On Time Running (%)
27 March 2023	86.4
3 April 2023	89.0
10 April 2023	73.3
17 April 2023	84.2
24 April 2023	81.7
1 May 2023	85.1
8 May 2023	93.5
15 May 2023	91.6
22 May 2023	92.1
29 May 2023	95.3
5 June 2023	88.7

12 June 2023

91.9

- \* 0538 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—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) Does the Government support the reopening of the Wallerawang Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised

It is inferred by LC 538 to LC 546 that this question relates to the Wallerawang Train Station.

The Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0539 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION REOPENING—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) What is the status of the Wallerawang Train Station reopening?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

- \* 0540 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION RE-OPEN DATE—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) Is the Wallerawang Train Station scheduled to re-open in October 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0541 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FINALISED TIMETABLE FOR WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—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) Has NSW TrainLink or TFNSW finalised a timetable for Wallerawang Train station?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0542 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BATHURST BULLET—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) Will the Bathurst Bullet be timetabled to stop at the reopened Wallerawang Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0543 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—XPT SERVICE—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) Will the XPT Service be timetabled to stop at the reopened Wallerawang Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0544 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UPGRADE WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—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) Have any upgrade works started on site at the Wallerawang Train Station?



- (a) If so, please list the works completed and works scheduled to be started.

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0545 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TIMETABLE WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—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) When will TFNSW and NSW TrainLink advertise the new timetabled services for the reopening of the Wallerawang Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0546 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION DISABLED ACCESS—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) Will the Wallerawang Train Station include disabled access?

Answer—

I am advised

Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0547 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—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) Has TFNSW or NSW TrainLink completed the community consultation as announced on 24 October 2022, to be completed by early 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

It is inferred by LC 538 to LC 546 that this question relates to the Wallerawang Train Station.

The Wallerawang Train Station was closed in 1989 by the former Liberal-National government under the Premier Greiner.

It took the former Liberal-National government 11 years and 7 months, to announce that it would reopen the Wallerawang Train Station. Despite this commitment, reopening the station did not occur.

Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and cost of works needed for train services to use Wallerawang station.

- \* 0548 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—IMPROVE PUNCTUALITY—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) What is the Government's plan to improve punctuality rates for TrainLink peak intercity services?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has commenced the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review to better understand the scale of neglect left the former Liberal-National government.

- \* 0549 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SEVERE WEATHER—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) What is the Government's plan to make the rail network in NSW more resilient to severe weather events?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government had 12 years to improve the resilience of the NSW rail network yet failed to make substantially improvements.

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.

- \* 0550 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—OPAL+ TRIAL—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) When will the Government release the findings from the Opal+ trial?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is utilising the findings of the trial to inform improvements for trip planning and the Opal Next Generation Ticketing Program.

- \* 0551 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COMMITTMENT TO OPAL+—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) Is the Government committed to implementing Opal+?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is taking the findings of the trial to inform improvements for trip planning and the Opal Next Generation Ticketing Program.

- \* 0552 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ACTIVE TRANSPORT—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) Do you have responsibility for Active Transport?

Answer—

I am advised

No.

- \* 0553 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PRIORITY FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT—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) What is your priority for Active Transport?

Answer—

Safety.

- \* 0554 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—THREE GOALS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) What are your three goals for Active Transport?

Answer—

The Honourable Member should direct his Question to the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- \* 0555 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MANUFACTURING OF TRAINS—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) What is the anticipated cost over the forward estimates for your election commitment proposal to return manufacturing of trains to NSW?

- (a) Has Transport for NSW provided specific advice regarding this proposal?
- (b) Has Transport for NSW begun any work to cost this proposal?
- (c) Has Transport for NSW completed any costings for this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised

The policy was costed by the Parliamentary Budget Office prior to the 2023 State Election and that costing is publicly available.

Sydney Trains and Transport for NSW are currently collaborating on planning for the future fleet. This planning includes local industry and stakeholder engagement to inform a business case for Government consideration.

The former Liberal-National government went to great efforts to undermine local manufacturing, which included procuring heavy rail rolling stock from China and South Korea, metro rolling stock from India, light rail rolling stock from France and Spain and ferries from China and Indonesia.

There have been significant budget blow outs on overseas projects commissioned by the former Liberal-National government, and much of the rolling stock has required significant rectification work to clear defects.

\* 0556 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COST MANUFACTURING TRAINS—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) As Minister for Regional Transport, what is an acceptable cost to return manufacturing of trains to NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government policy was costed by the Parliamentary Budget Office prior to the 2023 State Election.

Sydney Trains and Transport for NSW are currently collaborating on planning for the future fleet. This planning includes local industry and stakeholder engagement to inform a business case for Government consideration.

The former Liberal-National government went to great efforts to undermine local manufacturing, which included procuring heavy rail rolling stock from China and South Korea, metro rolling stock from India, light rail rolling stock from France and Spain and ferries from China and Indonesia.

Given the former Liberal-National government's appalling record on budget blowouts and increased costs of rectification works, the current NSW Government will ensure that projects are properly scoped and costed prior to commissioning.

\* 0557 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RETURNING MANUFACTURING OF TRAINS—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) What is your election commitment proposal for returning manufacturing of trains to NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

Our election commitments were clearly articulated prior to the NSW 2023 State Election.

The former Liberal-National government went to great efforts to undermine local manufacturing, which included procuring heavy rail rolling stock from China and South Korea, metro rolling stock from India, light rail rolling stock from France and Spain and ferries from China and Indonesia.

- \* 0558 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRAINS CAUGHT—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) How many trains have you caught, been a commuter on since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I have caught or been a commuter on six trains and light rail systems since 28 March 2023, some on multiple occasions, and some in a professional and a some in a personal capacity. The trains I have travelled on include the:

- (1) Newcastle Light Rail,
- (2) Sydney Light Rail,
- (3) Intercity train to Newcastle,
- (4) Explorer between Sydney and Newcastle,
- (5) 6029 Garratt,
- (6) Zig Zag Railway.

- \* 0559 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BUSES CAUGHT—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) How many buses have you caught, been a commuter on since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I have caught or been a commuter on a number of buses, including coaches and minibuses since 28 March 2023, some on multiple occasions. As some have been for work and others for personal reasons, I cannot give an exact number of times I have used this form of transportation.

- \* 0560 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TAXIS CAUGHT—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) How many taxis have you caught, been a commuter on since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I have been a passenger in a number of taxis since 28 March 2023, some on multiple occasions both for work and personal reasons.

- \* 0561 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RIDE SHARING VEHICLES CAUGHT—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) How many ride sharing vehicles have you caught, been a commuter on since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

None.

- \* 0562 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRAINLINK INCIDENTS—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) How many incidents of signal, track, overhead wiring and points problems have been recorded by NSW TrainLink since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

Incident information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website and is recorded by the rail infrastructure managers on whose networks NSW TrainLink's regional and intercity services operate.

- \* 0563 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRAINLINK VANDALISM—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) How many incidents of vandalism have been recorded by NSW TrainLink since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

221.

- \* 0564 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SIGNAL DANGER—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) How many trains have passed a signal at danger since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

From March 2023 there were 33 Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD). The number of SPADs for the same period in 2021 and 2022, which were 37 and 38 respectively.

- \* 0565 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—INVEST TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE—The Hon. Sam Farraway 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) The 2022-2023 Budget provided for \$76.7 billion in transport and infrastructure projects over four years:

(a) How much money is the Government planning to invest in transport and infrastructure projects over this same period?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has inherited the largest debt handed from one State government to another with \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates and over \$7 billion in unfunded programs.

The NSW State Budget will be handed down in September.

- \* 0566 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ADDITIONAL COMMUTER PARKING—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) At what train stations in Regional NSW will the NSW Government implement additional commuter car parking spaces?

Answer—

I am advised

Decisions made as part of the State Budget will be communicated as part of the budget.

- \* 0567 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ADDITIONAL COMMUTER PARKING SPACES—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) How many additional commuter car parking spaces is the NSW Government delivering across Regional NSW in 2023 in total?

Answer—

I am advised

Decisions made as part of the State Budget will be communicated as part of the budget.

- \* 0568 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GRIFFITH STATION UPGRADE—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) In what month in 2023 will construction work on the Transport Access Program's Griffith Station upgrade begin?

Answer—

I am advised

Community consultation has occurred for the project. A date has not yet been confirmed for the commencement of construction of the Griffith Station upgrade.

It did not occur in the 12 years of the former Liberal-National government.

- \* 0569 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TAREE STATION UPGRADE—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) In what month in 2023 is the Transport Access Program's Taree Station upgrade due to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised

The accessibility upgrade at Taree Station was completed June 2023.

- \* 0570 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DUBBO STATION UPGRADE—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) In what month is the Transport Access Program's Dubbo Station upgrade to be completed in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

On 10 Sep 2020, the former Liberal-National government indicated that ‘the project expected to be complete in early 2022’. Due to poor project management under the former government, this did not occur.

The Dubbo Station upgrade is scheduled for completion in 2024.

- \* 0571 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—QUEANBEYAN STATION UPGRADE—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) In what month in 2023 will construction work on the Transport Access Program's Queanbeyan Station upgrade begin?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government did not fund or commence the project.

- \* 0572 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—NARRABRI STATION UPGRADE—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) When was the Transport Access Program's Narrabri Station upgrade completed?

Answer—

I am advised

Despite, the former government opening the station to the public in December 2022, the project is expected to be complete by end of July 2023.

- \* 0573 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MOREE STATION UPGRADE—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) When was the Transport Access Program's Moree Station upgrade completed?

Answer—

I am advised

Despite, the former government opening the station to the public in December 2022, the project was completed in June 2023.

- \* 0574 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GRIFFITH STATION UPGRADE—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) In what month in 2023 will construction work on the Transport Access Program's Griffith Station upgrade begin?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government did not fund or commence the project.



- \* 0575 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CASINO STATION UPGRADE COMPLETION—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) When was the Transport Access Program's Casino Station Upgrade completed?

Answer—

I am advised

The Casino Station upgrade was completed in May 2023.

- \* 0576 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—INCREASE COMMUTER PARKING—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) How much money will the NSW Government spend on increasing commuter car parking over the next year?

Answer—

I am advised

Decisions made as part of the State Budget will be communicated as part of the budget.

- \* 0577 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MCNAUGHTON REPORT—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) When is the NSW Government going to release the McNaughton report?

Answer—

I am advised

The McNaughton Report was commissioned under the former Liberal-National government. Consultation was undertaken in 2019-2020. The former government did not release the report.

The NSW Government has requested Transport for NSW to seek advice on the release of the Fast Rail Strategy.

- \* 0578 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HEALTHCARE WORKERS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT—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) Will the NSW Government examine ways to encourage healthcare workers to utilise public transport?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes.

- \* 0579 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CONCESSIONAL TRAVEL—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) Will the NSW Government make available to people seeking asylum and refugees, concessional travel on NSW public transport?

Answer—

I am advised

Asylum seekers and refugees residing in NSW can already access concession travel across the State. Further information is publicly available: <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/asylum-seeker>.

\* 0580 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TRANSPORT USE—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) How will the NSW Government consult with women and women's organisations to understand their experiences of public transport and develop measures to improve safety and encourage use of public transport by women and girls?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to providing safer end-to-end journeys for the people of NSW, including prioritising the development of community-informed transport strategies and policies to improve the safety of commuters, and their broader communities.

The NSW Government's response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Transport Technology Sector included a commitment by Transport for NSW to improve women's safety on the NSW public transport network while building networks across the public sector, with advocacy groups and other key stakeholders to enable open collaboration and co-design in women's safety.

Transport for NSW is progressing a range of strategies to understand the independent, lived experience of commuters relating to women's safety including their customer service experience, infrastructure development and policy matters. It is anticipated this work will ultimately seek to consult with a diverse range of stakeholders such as women's advocacy groups and community representatives.

Collaboration with other government agencies is already in progress through initiatives such as the Women's Safety Charter, or through participation in programs such as the Purple Flag, which is a key initiative of the NSW Government's 24-hour Economy strategy.

Transport for NSW is currently promoting safe movement for women and girls on and around public transport and public spaces, including our streets, as part of the Safer Cities program.

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0832 HEALTH—SALARY PACKAGING—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, what is the current policy on sharing the tax savings from salary packaging between employees and the employer for NSW Health?
  - (a) What changes to this policy are planned?
  - (b) What is the timeline for these changes?
  - (c) What is the anticipated cost to NSW Health of each of the planned changes?

0833 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—GREATER CITIES COMMISSION—The Hon. Damien Tudehope 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) In regard to the answer provided to Question on Notice #228, can the Minister advise what are the total savings anticipated for Financial Year 2023-2024 as a result of the administrative change of

staff previously employed by the Greater Cities Commission being transferred to the direction of the Acting Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment?

(a) Is any of this part of the new “Whole-of-Government return-to-work policy”?

0834 BETTER REGULATION AND FAIR TRADING—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

(1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0835 PREMIER—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

(1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0836 FINANCE—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

(1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0837 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND TREATY—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0838 TREASURER—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer—

(1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0839 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0840 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0841 TRANSPORT—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

- 0842 WOMEN—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0843 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0844 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0845 ATTORNEY GENERAL—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0846 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0847 CLIMATE CHANGE—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0848 DEPUTY PREMIER—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0849 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?
- 0850 WATER—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

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0851 HEALTH—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0852 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0853 SMALL BUSINESS—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0854 AGRICULTURE—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0855 SKILLS, TAFE AND TERTIARY EDUCATION—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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 representing the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

0856 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—POSITIONS ON LOCAL COUNCIL—The Hon. Chris Rath 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) Can the Minister please provide the names of any members on their staff who hold a position on a local council?

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