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- \* 0330 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Pittwater electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?

Answer—

The number of demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available and published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

- \* 0331 KU-RING-GAI CHASE AND GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What are the latest estimates regarding annual visitors to:
  - (a) Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park?
  - (b) Garigal National Park?
- (2) How much revenue was generated by National Parks and Wildlife Service through visits to Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park in:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23 (year to date)?
- (3) How much revenue was generated by National Parks and Wildlife Service through visits to Garigal National Park in:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23 (year to date)?

Answer—

- (1) The latest published estimates for domestic visitation (i.e. international visitors are not included) are available in the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Park Visitor Survey for the 2020 calendar year, located at [Park visitor survey | NSW Environment and Heritage](#).
  - (a) In 2020, it was estimated that there were 3,099,270 visits from domestic visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.
  - (b) In 2020, it was estimated that there were 428,088 visits from domestic visitors to Garigal National Park.

The NPWS Park Visitor Survey has been conducted every two years since 2008. NPWS Park Visitor Survey results for the 2022 calendar year will be available in 2023.

- (2) Revenue generated by NPWS through visits comes from a variety of sources.

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Sources such as accommodation, day-passes and tours can be directly linked to an individual reserve. Other revenue from state-wide Annual Pass sales can only be indirectly linked to a reserve through visitation-based apportionment.

Estimated Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park visitor related revenue is:

	Year	Estimated revenue
a.	2019-20	\$2,280,485.50
b.	2020-21	\$3,492,343.23
c.	2021-22	\$3,129,338.51
d.	2022-23 (as at 1 June 2023)	\$3,611,179.50

(3) Estimated Garigal National Park visitor related revenue is:

	Year	Estimated revenue
a.	2019-20	\$303,933.23
b.	2020-21	\$389,514.29
c.	2021-22	\$427,244.45
d.	2022-23 (as at 1 June 2023)	\$334,445.52

Note: Revenue generated through park visitation is reinvested in national parks and reserves, supporting activities such as visitor facility maintenance, walking track and lookout safety inspections and other routine park management activities.

\* 0332 GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to grant funding programs for Regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many jobs created in the Tamworth electorate thanks to the Government's Regional Job Creation Fund?
  - (a) How many of those jobs were created in the Tamworth electorate?
  - (b) Will the Regional Job Creation Fund be retained in the next budget?
  - (c) Are there any alternative policy initiatives to accelerate job creation and industry growth in Regional New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Stronger Country Communities Fund continue beyond the next New South Wales budget?
  - (a) If not, what alternatives are there to assist volunteer-run organisations in upgrading their infrastructure?

Answer—

- (1) An estimated 130 jobs will be created in the Tamworth electorate under the Regional Job Creation Fund.
  - (a) As above
  - (b) Funding decisions will be made as part of the 2023-24 budget process
  - (c) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring expenditure is aligned with delivering our election commitments and delivers the maximum benefit to the most people living in the regions.
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\* 0334 ADAPTIVE REUSE OF HERITAGE PLACES POLICY—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Adaptive Reuse of Heritage Places Policy:

- (1) What is the current policy for adaptive reuse of heritage assets in New South Wales?
- (2) Does the policy require an ownership agreement with local government or an alternative non-government organisation?
- (3) Is Heritage NSW provided a budget for the adaptive reuse of heritage assets in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, what is the current budget?
  - (b) How much of that budget has been allocated to rural and regional areas?

Answer—

- (1) The most applicable current policy is 'New Uses for Heritage Places: Guidelines for the Adaptation of Historic Buildings and Sites' produced by the former Heritage Office in 2008.
- (2) No.
- (3) The NSW Heritage Grants program allocates funding to identify, conserve, and celebrate heritage. The program aims to protect and promote the State's heritage by incentivising owners to invest in heritage activation, which includes adaptive reuse projects.
  - (a) The current budget allocation is around \$3 million annually.
  - (b) The program focuses on heritage items and places that demonstrate the highest level of need. There is no quarantined amount for any particular area of the state.

\* 0335 HERITAGE RAIL ASSETS—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to heritage rail assets across New South Wales:

- (1) What is the Government's current policy in relation to heritage rail assets?
- (2) Does the current policy have scope for the restoration of rail assets in rural and regional New South Wales?

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Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Transport, the Hon Jo Haylen MP.

- \* 0336 ELECTION COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION FUTURE FUND—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Government's Election Commitment to the Education Future Fund:

- (1) Can the Minister advise the number of vacancies of Full-Time, Part-Time and Casual teacher positions in the Tamworth Electorate?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the number of vacancies of Teacher Aide positions in the Tamworth Electorate?
- (3) Can the Minister advise the number of vacancies of School Counsellor positions in the Tamworth Electorate?

Answer—

As of 18 May 2023, there is a total of 57.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions vacant at NSW public schools in the Tamworth electorate.

As of 18 May 2023, there is a total of 7.0 FTE SLSO positions vacant at NSW public schools in the Tamworth electorate. Note that Teacher Aide positions were renamed to SLSO in August 2008.

As of 5 June 2023, there are 2.0 FTE substantive vacant school counselling positions in the Tamworth Electorate. When counselling service to schools is impacted by substantive vacancies or staff leave, the Senior Psychologist Education manages and coordinates service provision.

- \* 0337 CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CEMETERIES TRUST—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

How many meetings have you had with the Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust since March 25, 2023?

Answer—

Information on Ministers' Diary Disclosures is available at  
<https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/publications/ministers-diary-disclosures/>

- \* 0338 LAND TAX REGIME IN HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many individuals have opted into the land tax regime since the policy came into effect in January in Holsworthy?
- (2) How many individuals opted to pay stamp duty since the land tax regime was implemented in January in Holsworthy?

Answer—

(1) and (2) This information is not collected by electorate.

- \* 0339 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN LIVERPOOL AND BANKSTOWN TRAIN STATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to implement an express train service between Liverpool Train Station and Bankstown Train Station?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

All services currently operating between Liverpool Station and Bankstown Station are limited stop services.

The NSW Government has launched an independent review into Sydney Metro. The Sydney Metro Review Terms of Reference is publicly available. Future services on the existing T3 Bankstown Line will be considered in the context of the review findings.

\* 0340 FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Has the Minister allocated additional funding to tackle mental health disorders in regional New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, how will the Minister ensure there are consistent funding contributions across metropolitan, regional, and remote areas of the state?

Answer—

Yes. The NSW Government has committed to the following funding allocations for New South Wales:

- \$17 million for Kids Helpline 2023-27 to increase its capacity to respond to a rising number of calls.
- Increasing text and wechat funding for Lifeline by \$1.5 million per year to facilitate the expansion of services for NSW residents.
- \$8.2 million for Lifeline to facilitate the expansion of its text and wechat services for NSW residents.

\* 0341 RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counterterrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister amend the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) requirement for pre-approval of deliveries for freight reimbursement on donated fodder and grain?
  - (a) If not, will the Minister find an alternative that will ensure victims of natural disasters are receiving donated fodder and grain as a matter of urgency?

Answer—

- (1) The requirement for pre-approval of deliveries funded by the donated fodder program is a practical requirement embedded in the State's Disaster Assistance Guidelines to ensure this public expenditure meets the care and accountability required of the NSW Public Service. This requirement also aims to protect organisations that donate and transport fodder, from incurring expenditure, should they incorrectly assume they are eligible for the program.
  - (a) For the vast majority of organisations that donate and transport fodder, the current system is working well and there are no appreciable delays in pre-approving applications. During the 2022/23 financial year, the RAA has approved 85% of applications within six (6) days of receiving them. The RAA continues to work with the NSW Reconstruction Authority on ensuring that NSW has an efficient and effective system of natural disaster assistance for primary producers.

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\* 0342 DENTAL TREATMENT AND DENTURES AT FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Given the waiting list for patients needing dentures and dental treatment in the Far West Local Health District, what innovative service models is the Far West LHD planning to implement?
- (2) How many patients are currently on the waiting list for dentures within the Far West Local Health District?
- (3) How many full time dentists are contracted to Far West Local Health?
- (4) How many dental clinics per week are being run by Far West Local Health?

Answer—

(1) - (4)

Far West Local Health District, in collaboration with the NSW Ministry of Health's Centre for Oral Health Strategy, South-Western Sydney LHD and more recently Sydney LHD have implemented a rotating dental practitioner workforce program utilising metropolitan-based dentists to provide sustainable service provision.

While implementing the rotational dental officer approach, the District continues its efforts to recruit to the vacant dental officer role.

In partnership with the University of Sydney Dental School and the University Department of Rural Health in Broken Hill, the District is working to recommence student clinics. Dental students will be attending the Broken Hill clinic in rotations of 8-10 students for periods of 8 weeks, and provide dental care for wait-listed clients, some of whom are waiting for dentures. The plan includes students rotating through Maari Ma Aboriginal Health service as well as the potential for days with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to enhance the student placement experience.

Students will provide increased access to dental care for residents of FWLHD whilst also gaining important experience in the provision of oral healthcare in rural/remote settings.

The District has 3 private providers participating in the Oral Health Fee For Service (OHFFS) to provide dental care for eligible patients. The District issues denture vouchers to patients who then choose the private provider for their dental care.

Following a successful outreach trial in June 2023, FWLHD is working with a private denture manufacturer to provide ongoing access to efficient, high quality, patient-centred denture services provided on a periodic, rotational basis in line with demand.

\* 0343 ARTS FUNDING—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) What is the total arts funding provided by the Government to organisations in the Albury Electorate for the period:
  - (a) 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (e) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?



Answer—

- (1) (a) Information about successful recipients to arts funding programs is provided on Create NSW's website at Funding decisions - Create NSW (<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/information-for-successful-applicants/funding-decisions>). The reach of many arts organisations in NSW extends beyond their immediate location. The location of an arts organisation receiving funding does not necessarily correlate with the location in which that funding is then spent.
- (b) See answer to Question 1a.
- (c) See answer to Question 1a.
- (d) See answer to Question 1a.
- (e) See answer to Question 1a.

\* 0344 ALBURY HOSPITAL WAITING LISTS—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has there been a deterioration in waiting times at Albury Hospital for category 2 and 3 elective surgery patients since March 2022?
- (2) What steps are being taken by the Government to catch up on elective surgeries on the waiting list for category 2 which are past their target wait time?
- (3) What steps are being taken by the Government to catch up on elective surgeries on the waiting list for category 3 which are past their target wait time?
- (4) How is the Minister ensuring that New South Wales residents who rely on Albury Wodonga Health are not being disadvantaged compared to other New South Wales residents who live within a Local Health district?

Answer—

- (1) At the end of March 2023 compared to March 2022, there has been a reduction in the number of planned surgery waiting list Clinical Urgency Category 2 (Semi-Urgent) patients waiting longer than clinically recommended at Albury Hospital, and an increase in Clinical Urgency Category 3 (Non-Urgent) waiting longer than clinically recommended.
- (2) - (3) The NSW Government has established a time-limited Surgical Care Governance Taskforce to improve the delivery of surgical services and reduce the number of people waiting longer than clinically recommended for their planned surgery to pre-pandemic levels.
- (4) The NSW Government provides funding for services delivered to NSW residents by Albury Wodonga Health and works with the Victorian Government and Albury Wodonga Health to ensure these services are delivered at a high quality and having regard to NSW policies and priorities.

\* 0345 LABOR'S COMMITMENT TO PERMANENT STAFF—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to Labor's commitment to make 10,000 temporary teachers and 6,000 support staff permanent:
  - (a) How many temporary teachers are currently employed across each of the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
  - (b) Of these, how many will be awarded permanent positions, and when will this occur?
  - (c) How many support staff are currently employed across each of the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
  - (d) Of these, how many will be awarded permanent positions, and when will this occur?

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- (e) Of all the Government schools across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate, which, if any, have been identified as a priority for these positions?

Answer—

As of 8 March 2023, there were 360 temporary teachers employed across NSW public schools in the Cootamundra electorate.

Of these temporary teachers, 158 temporary teachers employed across schools in the Cootamundra electorate are anticipated to be eligible for an offer of permanent employment through the Temporary Workforce Transition initiative. Eligible temporary teachers are made an offer of permanent employment in their current school.

As of 8 March 2023, there were 383 temporary support staff employed across schools in the Cootamundra electorate.

Of these temporary support staff, there were 199 temporary support staff employed across schools in the Cootamundra electorate anticipated to be eligible for transition to permanent employment through the Temporary Workforce Transition initiative.

Implementation of the Temporary Workforce Transition is occurring progressively, across nine phases commencing 2 May 2023. As at 16 June 2023, all schools in the Cootamundra electorate have been contacted to commence the process.

- \* 0346 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to local Government infrastructure projects, what wait times are associated with approvals between TfNSW and UGL Regional Linx, and what directive has been given to TfNSW in response to the impact any delays are having on local projects?

Answer—

I am advised

There are currently third-party applications to gain access to the Country Regional Network to install local council infrastructure. Transport for NSW and UGL Regional Linx have agreed processes with expected timeframes for managing access requests to the Country Regional Network from third-parties. The response timeframe of up to 12 weeks is dependent on the nature and complexity I risk of the access request.

UGL Regional Linx has prepared an improvement plan to address timeframes for the processing of third-party access applications. Transport for NSW will continue working with UGL Regional Linx to ensure its successful implementation.

Transport for NSW has not been contacted by any council with concerns about its infrastructure projects.

- \* 0347 DEVELOPMENT OF TEMORA HOSPITAL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) With respect to the \$80 million redevelopment of Temora Hospital:

- (a) What is the status of the project?
- (b) How many community information sessions on the project are planned for the next six months?
- (c) When are the community information sessions to be held?
- (d) When will the Temora community be provided with an update on the project?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The early planning phase for the Temora Hospital redevelopment is almost complete with the Master Plan to be unveiled in the coming weeks.

The NSW Government has committed to undertake a Strategic Infrastructure Review of significant capital works. This will be led by Mr Ken Kanofski and supported by Infrastructure NSW. The outcome of the Review will inform future capital decisions and expenditure on current capital works projects.

- (b - c) Community information sessions about the project's Master Plan will be held in the coming weeks.

- (d) In April 2023, the project team issued a project update, and the project website [www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/our-building-projects/temora-health-service-redevelopment](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about-us/our-building-projects/temora-health-service-redevelopment) is regularly updated.

- \* 0348 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister confirm, giving the answer by each calendar year, how many Active Kids vouchers were used by constituents in the Drummoyne electorate since the program was introduced?

Answer—

This question should be for the Minister for the Minister for Sport.

- \* 0349 SUPPORT STAFF FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public school in the Drummoyne electorate, can the Minister advise how many additional full time employment (FTE) administration support staff will be employed in line with the Government's new policy of allocating an additional 400 more staff in New South Wales public schools?

- (2) When will they be employed?

Answer—

A range of schools across NSW were invited to participate in Phase 1 of the School Administration Improvement Program.

The selection process considered a range of factors, including student enrolment numbers, geographic location, staffing needs, socio-educational advantage, and school context to deliver a sample that reflects the diversity of school environments across NSW. Shortlisted schools were invited to submit expressions of interest for the program.

- \* 0350 BUS SERVICES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the number bus drivers currently servicing the area covering the Drummoyne electorate over the following months in 2023:

(a) January?

(b) February?

(c) March?

(d) April?

(e) May?

- (2) What is the status of the recruitment for new bus drivers through the bus operator Transit Systems?

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- (3) How many drivers have been recruited over the following months in 2023:
- (a) January?
  - (b) February?
  - (c) March?
  - (d) April?
  - (e) May?
- (4) Can the Minister advise how many services have been cancelled in my community over the following months in 2023:
- (a) January?
  - (b) February?
  - (c) March?
  - (d) April?
  - (e) May?
- (5) Can the Minister explain why so many services have been cancelled?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
- (a) January: 1,114
  - (b) February: 1,111
  - (c) March: 1,047
  - (d) April: 1,046
  - (e) May: 1,049.
- (2) Recruitment is ongoing.
- (3)
- (a) January: 4
  - (b) February: 12
  - (c) March: 4
  - (d) April: 19
  - (e) May: 14.
- (4)
- (a) January: 957
  - (b) February: 1,383
  - (c) March: 1,427
  - (d) April: 775
  - (e) May: 1,283.
- (5) Please see the report provided by the Bus Industry Taskforce website regarding cancellations.

\* 0351 MAINTENANCE OF SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many maintenance requests were received by LAHC from residents of the Drummoyne electorate for social housing properties in 2022?
- (2) What was the range, median and average waiting times for maintenance matters to be resolved and closed by LAHC for properties in the Drummoyne electorate in 2022?
- (3) How many social housing tenants in the Drummoyne electorate are currently waiting for their maintenance requests to be resolved?
- (4) What was the total cost of maintenance for LAHC owned social housing properties in 2022?
- (5) What is the current cost of the maintenance backlog for social housing properties in the Drummoyne electorate as at 30 May 2023?

Answer—

- (1) 2,235 maintenance requests were received from residents.
- (2) The average range, median and average waiting times were 38 days, 19 days and 27 days respectively.
- (3) As at 7 June 2023, there were 19 LAHC properties with maintenance requests to be resolved.
- (4) \$499 million.
- (5) Approximately \$840,000 for LAHC and AHO properties.

\* 0352 BURWOOD HOUSING OFFICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) On average, many phone calls are received by Burwood Housing Office each day?
- (2) On average, what is the wait time for a call to be answered by the Burwood Housing Office?

Answer—

- (1) the Burwood Housing Office receives 195 calls per day.
- (2) The average wait time for calls for the calendar year to date (January-May 2023) to teams based in the Burwood Housing Office is 3 minutes and 35 seconds.

\* 0353 439 BUS SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will you reinstate the 439 bus service?

Answer—

Transport for NSW will continue to review services across the network in conjunction with the recently established Bus Industry Taskforce, to ensure that services adequately reflect demand.

\* 0354 CONCORD HOSPITAL CARPARK UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Will the Concord Hospital car park upgrade, as announced by the previous Government, proceed?
- (2) Is the Government planning to deliver free car parking at Concord Hospital for all patients, medical staff, nurses, families, carers and visitors to the Hospital once the upgrade is completed?

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- (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, what plans does the Minister have to make car parking at Concord Hospital affordable?
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of existing parking concessions at Concord Hospital?

Answer—

- (1 - 2) The NSW Government has committed to undertake a Strategic Infrastructure Review of significant capital works. This will be led by Mr Ken Kanofski and supported by Infrastructure NSW. The outcome of the review will inform future capital decisions and expenditure in relation to the car park upgrade.

The Concord Hospital Car Park project includes both an on-grade component and a new multi-storey car park. The on-grade car spaces are due for completion in June 2023. Construction of the new multi-storey car park is expected to commence in June 2023 and be completed in late 2024.

- (3) Existing parking concessions at Concord Hospital are in line with NSW Health Policy Directive Hospital Car Parking - Concessional Fees and Eligibility, which is available on the NSW Health website.

\* 0356 ISMAY AVENUE SURPLUS WESTCONNEX LAND—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Is the Government in negotiations with Strathfield council to transfer care and control of the surplus Westconnex land at Ismay Avenue in Homebush?
- (2) Is the Government planning to hand this land back to the community?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) As part of the Transport for NSW's internal approval, the land would be utilised for public open space.

\* 0357 STALKING, INTIMIDATION, AND CONTRAVENING APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) How many persons have been served with a Court Attendance Notice within New South Wales for the offence of Stalking or Intimidation with intent to cause fear of physical or mental harm (Section 13 of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 during each of the following periods:

- (a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021?
- (b) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
- (c) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
- (e) 1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023?

- (2) How many persons have been served with a Court Attendance Notice within New South Wales for the offence of Contravening an Apprehended Violence Order (Section 14 of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 during each of the following periods:

- (a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021?
- (b) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?

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- (c) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
- (e) 1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023?
- (3) With respect to each of The Hills, Parramatta, Riverstone, Hawkesbury, and Blacktown Police Local Area Commands how many persons have been served with a Court Attendance Notice for the offence of Stalking or Intimidation with intent to cause fear of physical or mental harm (Section 13 of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 during each of the following periods:
- (a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021?
- (b) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
- (c) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
- (e) 1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023?
- (4) With respect to each of The Hills, Parramatta, Riverstone, Hawkesbury, and Blacktown Police Local Area Commands how many persons have been served with a Court Attendance Notice for the offence of Contravening an Apprehended Violence Order (Section 14 of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 during each of the following periods:
- (a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021?
- (b) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
- (c) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
- (e) 1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

The below data is a count of unique persons who have been served a Court Attendance Notice (CAN). It does not factor in instances where a person has been served a CAN on multiple occasions during the specified period.

- (1)
- (a) 7,630
- (b) 7,570
- (c) 8,009
- (d) 8,352
- (e) 7,062

Data are based on Law Part Codes 64715, 69119, 70753, 70755, 70754 and 70756.

- (2)
- (a) 6,245
- (b) 6,390
- (c) 6,632
- (d) 6,793

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(e) 5,963

Data are based on Law Part Codes 65020, 65021, 69120 and 69121.

(3)

(a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021:

Blacktown PAC: 169

Hawkesbury PAC: 44

Parramatta PAC: 68

Riverstone PAC: 82

The Hills PAC: 72

(b) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021:

Blacktown PAC: 154

Hawkesbury PAC: 65

Parramatta PAC: 88

Riverstone PAC: 114

The Hills PAC: 58

(c) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022:

Blacktown PAC: 137

Hawkesbury PAC: 50

Parramatta PAC: 79

Riverstone PAC: 102

The Hills PAC: 47

(d) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022:

Blacktown PAC: 158

Hawkesbury PAC: 73

Parramatta PAC: 83

Riverstone PAC: 68

The Hills PAC: 46

(e) 1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023:

Blacktown PAC: 159

Hawkesbury PAC: 77

Parramatta PAC: 83

Riverstone PAC: 68

The Hills PAC: 46

Data are based on Law Part Codes 64715, 69119, 70753, 70755, 70754 and 70756.

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(a) 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021:



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	Blacktown PAC:	146
	Hawkesbury PAC:	46
	Parramatta PAC:	59
	Riverstone PAC:	79
	The Hills PAC:	53
(b)	1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021:	
	Blacktown PAC:	121
	Hawkesbury PAC:	51
	Parramatta PAC:	70
	Riverstone PAC:	94
	The Hills PAC:	44
(c)	1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022:	
	Blacktown PAC:	126
	Hawkesbury PAC:	56
	Parramatta PAC:	57
	Riverstone PAC:	73
	The Hills PAC:	44
(d)	1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022:	
	Blacktown PAC:	132
	Hawkesbury PAC:	46
	Parramatta PAC:	81
	Riverstone PAC:	79
	The Hills PAC:	46
(e)	1 January 2023 to 30 May 2023:	
	Blacktown PAC:	121
	Hawkesbury PAC:	61
	Parramatta PAC:	62
	Riverstone PAC:	54
	The Hills PAC:	42

Data are based on Law Part Codes 65020, 65021, 69120 and 69121.

\* 0358 DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public school in the Castle Hill Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?

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- (2) Separately for each public school in the Parramatta Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- (3) Separately for each public school in the Riverstone Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- (4) Separately for each public school in the Blacktown Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- (5) Separately for each public school in the Hawkesbury Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- (6) Separately for each public school in the Rockdale Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?

Answer—

The number of demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available and published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

\* 0359 LOW RANGE PCA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) How many court attendance notices were issued by NSW Police for the offence of Low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol – First Offence (Law Part Code 79154) in each of the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017?
  - (b) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
  - (c) 1 July 2018 to 19 May 2019?
- (2) How many infringement notices were issued by NSW Police for the offence of Low Range Prescribed Concentration of Alcohol – First Offence (Law Part Code 79154) in each of the following periods:
  - (a) 20 May 2019 to 30 June 2019?
  - (b) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (e) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) 5,077
  - (b) 5,721
  - (c) 5,278
- (2)
  - (a) 401
  - (b) 3,823
  - (c) 3,123
  - (d) 3,100

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(e) 1,730

\* 0360 APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPLICATIONS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where a member of the Police Force is the applicant have been commenced by police officers stationed at The Hills Police Local Command within the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 29 May 2023?
- (2) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where a member of the Police Force is the applicant have been commenced by police officers stationed at the Parramatta Police Local Command within the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 29 May 2023?
- (3) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where a member of the Police Force is the applicant have been commenced by police officers stationed at the Riverstone Police Local Command within the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 29 May 2023?
- (4) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where a member of the Police Force is the applicant have been commenced by police officers stationed at the Hawkesbury Police Local Command within the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 29 May 2023?
- (5) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where a member of the Police Force is the applicant have been commenced by police officers stationed at the Blacktown Police Local Command within the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (b) 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 29 May 2023?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 280  
(b) 268  
(c) 268  
(d) 119
- (2) (a) 331  
(b) 285  
(c) 294  
(d) 132
- (3) (a) 315  
(b) 346  
(c) 346  
(d) 101
- (4) (a) 195  
(b) 218  
(c) 244  
(d) 94
- (5) (a) 477  
(b) 453  
(c) 441  
(d) 167

\* 0361 SECRET RENT BIDDING REFORM—Mr Tim James to ask 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 detail the stakeholder engagement and consultation he, his office and the department conducted in relation to the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Rental Fairness) Bill 2023?
- (2) Did stakeholders express any concerns about the provision in the bill that bans secret rent bidding?

Answer—

Targeted consultation on the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Rental Fairness) Bill 2023 was conducted with:

- the Tenants' Union of NSW
- the Real Estate Institute of NSW
- Shelter NSW
- CHOICE
- the Property Services Expert Panel

- PropTech Association Australia.

A variety of views and suggestions were provided.

\* 0362 REMEDIATION OF FLAMMABLE CLADDING—Mr Tim James to ask 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 confirm the number of buildings with flammable cladding registered for remediation under Project Remediate?
- (2) Of those buildings in how many is remediation complete?
- (3) How many buildings are yet to be fully remediated?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Information about Project Remediate, including progress, is available on the NSW Government website at [www.nsw.gov.au/project-remediate](http://www.nsw.gov.au/project-remediate)

\* 0363 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP—Mr Tim James to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program:

- (1) Will the Government continue the CBP program?
- (2) When will the CBP 2023 round commence and what are the key dates of the round?
- (3) In the Willoughby electorate, since the CBP program's inception:
  - (a) How many community groups and organisations have benefited from a CBP grant?
  - (b) How many individual projects have received funding?
  - (c) What is the dollar value of the total funding?

Answer—

I am advised that details regarding the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program will be announced after the 2023-24 NSW Budget is handed down in September 2023.

\* 0364 CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Creative Kids program in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) How many vouchers have been created since the program's inception?
- (2) How many vouchers have been redeemed?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the types of providers where the vouchers were used?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Based on postcodes within the Willoughby electorate, 27,105 Creative Kids vouchers were issued to children in schools within the Willoughby electorate as of 28 June 2023.
- (2) Based on postcodes within the Willoughby electorate, 46,218 vouchers have been redeemed since the program began,
- (3) Vouchers redeemed fit within the following categories:
  - Creative Industries

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- Literary and linguistics arts
- Performing arts
- Visual arts
- Cultural experiences

\* 0365 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to public housing in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) How many dwellings are there?
- (2) How many people currently reside in public housing?
- (3) How many dwellings are currently vacant?
- (4) How many people are currently on the waiting list?
- (5) On average, for what length of time do dwellings remain vacant?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2022, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owns 337 dwellings in the Willoughby Electorate.
- (2) The requested information is not captured by state electorate. The allocation zone that most closely corresponds to the Willoughby electorate is the CS04 Northern Suburbs allocation zone (<https://elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/find-myelectorate/districts/willoughby>)
- (3) There are currently three vacant LAHC owned properties managed by the Department of Communities and Justice in the Willoughby Electorate.
- (4) Information on the number of applicants on the social housing wait list as at 30 June 2022, by allocation zone is publicly available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waitingtimes>

As at 30 June 2022, there were 1,982 waitlist applicants waiting for social housing in CS04 Northern suburbs allocation zone (439 priority applicants and 1,543 general applicants).

As at 30 June 2022, the median wait time across NSW for:

- a priority applicant household to be housed was 2.86 months; and
  - a general applicant household to be housed was 19.43 months.
- (5) On average, standard vacant restoration (i.e. minor cleaning, repairs and rectification works) are completed in 18 days and 6-8 weeks for non-standard vacant restoration.

\* 0366 PARAMEDICS IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) As of the date the most recent data is available, how many paramedics (FTE) are assigned to:

- (a) Artarmon Ambulance Superstation?
  - (b) Naremburn Ambulance Station?
- (2) How many paramedics are planned to be assigned to the planned ambulance station in Cremorne?

Answer—

- (1) (a-b) NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required, and as such services are subject to change when identified through either service planning methods or operational requirements.

The staffing profile at Naremburn Ambulance Station was consolidated into the Artarmon Ambulance Station at its commissioning in 2018. Both stations are used as paramedic standby points to maximise the emergency ambulance response cover in the areas.

- (2) Final staffing allocations to meet current and future demand will be determined prior to the station commencing operations.

\* 0367 WILLOUGHBY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the government owned sites at 147 and 149 Mowbray Road, Willoughby that adjoin Willoughby High School:

- (1) Are these two properties planned to be incorporated into the grounds of Willoughby High School?
- (a) If so, what is the timeline for this to occur?
  - (b) What facilities will be built on the land?

Answer—

Willoughby Girls High School was recently upgraded with additional teaching spaces, a refurbishment of Building C into a music learning centre, new student and staff amenities, a new multi-purpose sports court and increased outdoor play space.

The use of any additional land near the school would depend on the future needs of the school and would be determined in consultation with the school.

\* 0368 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AND MOWBRAY ROAD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

In relation to the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Mowbray Road, Chatswood and its approaches:

- (1) Has Transport for NSW conducted the broad review into the intersection mentioned in the Preferred Infrastructure Report for the Sydney Metro City and Southwest project?
- (2) Does the review consider the impact of the proposed new school and mixed-use development on the north-east corner of the intersection?
- (3) Has Transport for NSW decided on the preferred solution for the intersection now that the Nelson Street bridge has been closed?
- (4) Have alternative solutions to a right-turn lane on the Pacific Highway been considered and if so what are they?
- (5) Are there any plans to utilise land at the Sydney Metro Dive Site to widen either the Pacific Highway or Mowbray Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Transport for NSW has been working closely with Sydney Metro and Willoughby City Council to review the needs and opportunities at the intersection of Pacific Highway and Mowbray Road Chatswood. Transport for NSW is waiting for further information on the proposed new school and development on the residual site to inform the access needs and upgrades required at this intersection.
- (2) The announcement of the proposed school at this location by Department of Education occurred in February 2023. Transport for NSW will be working with the future proponent of the residual site to assess and determine access requirements, once the planning proposal has been developed and released for review.
- (3) Transport for NSW has investigated various options to improve accessibility and performance at this location and will continue to work with the future proponent to determine the access requirements and identify other upgrade opportunities to support the proposed new school and redevelopment of the residual site.
- (4) Each corner of the Pacific Highway/Mowbray Road/Mowbray Road West intersection has heritage listed buildings. These listings constrain what can be achieved geometrically at the intersection and limits technical and road design compliance. Reviews undertaken considering these constraints have confirmed that it's not possible to install a southbound right turn lane on Pacific Highway into Mowbray Road West.

In addition, as part of Sydney Metro City and Southwest project, a response which relates to the traffic impacts of the 2019 closure of Nelson Street has been provided in consultation with Willoughby City Council to address CoA E75. The analysis concluded that the loss of U Turn through Nelson St has resulted in minor changes to traffic volumes along Orchard Road and had minor impacts on local roads.

- (5) Transport for NSW has been considering various improvement opportunities at this location which will be informed by the planning proposal once it has been finalised, and land has been reserved from Sydney Metro residual site on both Pacific Highway and Mowbray Road frontages.

\* 0369 TAFE COURSE QUALIFICATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Is there a gap between the time a student completes all components of a TAFE NSW course, and the awarding of their certification?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) How many qualified people have forgone potentially increased income that they would otherwise be eligible to receive, because they were yet to receive evidence of their completed qualification?
- (3) How much potential income has been lost by qualified people who were otherwise eligible to charge higher rates but were yet to receive evidence of their completed qualification?
- (4) Will the Government digitise TAFE qualifications to ensure immediate evidence of a completed qualification is available via a customer's Service NSW App?

Answer—

- (1) As per Australian Skills Quality Authority requirements, Australian Qualifications Framework certification documentation is issued to a learner within 30 calendar days of the learner being assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product if the training program in which the learner is enrolled is complete, and providing all agreed fees the learner owes to the registered training organisation have been paid.

(a) N/A

(2 – 3) (inclusive) TAFE NSW does not collect or report on the current or prospective incomes of learners.



- (4) TAFE NSW has commenced work with Service NSW to enable some records to be available in the Service NSW app.

- \* 0370 SYDNEY WATER RESERVOIR AT MARSFIELD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the new Sydney Water reservoir and pumping station at Marsfield, is the Government planning to intervene to reduce the significant amenity and environmental impacts of the current proposal?

Answer—

Sydney Water has been in consultation with residents to explore options to improve the visual amenity, including design ideas to camouflage or decorate the external facade of the reservoir. This will be done without compromising on operations and maintenance standards of the asset.

Sydney Water will continue to work with residents to reduce the short-term disturbance from construction. Vegetation that is removed from the site will be replaced in the local area at a ratio of 3:1. Final species will be determined in consultation with residents, the local bushcare group and City of Ryde Council to complement the native fauna and flora in the local area.

- \* 0371 WESTERN SYDNEY HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister provide an itemised breakdown of funding being allocated to Western Sydney Hospitals over the forward estimates?

Answer—

The Western Sydney Local Health District initial budget allocation is outlined in the 2022-23 Service Agreement. This information along with Initial 2022-23 budget allocations for hospitals and services are available on the District's website.

- \* 0372 DWELLINGS BUILT IN RYDE COMPARED TO GOVERNMENT TARGETS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for Health representing 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 provide a breakdown of the following comparisons over the past five years:

- (a) Number of private dwellings built in Ryde compared to government targets?
- (b) Number of social dwellings built in Ryde compared to government targets?
- (c) Number of affordable dwellings built in Ryde compared to government targets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
- (b) The total number of Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) social dwellings built in the Ryde electorate compared to government targets are as follows:
  - 2018/19 - 0 social homes delivered, target of 0 dwellings
  - 2019/20 - 0 social homes delivered, target of 0 dwellings
  - 2020/21 - 14 social homes delivered, target of 0 dwellings
  - 2021/22 - 16 social homes delivered, target of 16 dwellings

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- 2022/23 - financial year data is not available until the release of audited financial statements.

No new Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) homes were built in Ryde over the last 5 years

(c) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 0373 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS IN THE RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Since their inception, how many people took advantage of the Creative Kids Vouchers each year in Ryde to date?

Answer—

Based on postcodes within the Ryde electorate, I am advised the following vouchers were redeemed:

Redeemed Date	Redeemed vouchers
FY 19/20	6,742
FY 20/21	10,338
FY 21/22	9,024
FY 22/23 19/6/2023	11,516

- \* 0374 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

(1) Is the Government planning to make any core funding announcements for Neighbourhood and Community Centres in this term of Parliament?

(2) If so, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Neighbourhood Centres receive funding through the Targeted Earlier Intervention program, with current contracts funded until 30 June 2025. The program is currently being independently evaluated, and further information about funding for Neighbourhood Centres will be available closer to June 2025.

- \* 0375 COST OF LIVING SUPPORT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What Cost of Living support does the Government have available to working and middle-class families?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to providing impactful cost of living relief to the people of NSW, while also exercising fiscal responsibility to address current economic and budgetary pressures.

The NSW Government is helping reduce the cost of living with more than 70 programs available on the Savings Finder website. This includes measures that subsidise a range of energy, driving, travel, health and household budget costs.

Since being elected in March, the NSW Government has:

- Committed a further \$485 million in the 2023-24 financial year for the National Energy Bill Relief Fund, which will provide targeted and temporary energy bill relief to eligible households and small businesses in the 2023-24 financial year.

- Changed the First Home Buyers Assistance scheme to ensure more first home buyers pay no tax or a reduce rate.
- Committed to reform of the toll network for a simpler, fairer and more efficient tolling system.
- Increased public sector wages and committed to implement a modern industrial relations framework in NSW.

\* 0376 ST MARY'S-TULLAWONG METRO LINK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government complete the St Marys Tullawong Metro Link?
- (2) When is this projected to conclude?

Answer—

An extension from St Marys to Tallawong would be informed by a business case and other planning processes, and subject to Government approval and funding.

The business case was an election commitment and will be delivered.

\* 0378 BOOROLONG WIND FARM—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Boorolong Wind Farm:

- (1) When will the new Department of Planning and Environment Wind Farm Guidelines be made available to the public?
- (2) Do regulations for visual impact, noise assessment and shadow flicker assessment apply in the same manner as residential properties?
- (3) How has the Government been consulting with the community regarding the Boorolong Wind Farm?

Answer—

(1-3) These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP. I have written to Minister Scully requesting this information on your behalf.

\* 0379 FARMS OF THE FUTURE GRANTS FOR AGTECH—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to Farms of the Future grants for Agtech:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue this program?
- (2) If yes, can you explain why there is an 'administrative delay' for successful grant applicants?
- (3) How will the Government assist farmers to access these much needed funds at earliest convenience?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Grant applications were initially paused when the Government initiated a routine review across a range of programs and projects. Grant assessments have now re-commenced.
- (3) Grant assessments have now re-commenced and eligible applicants are usually advised within 30 days.

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- \* 0380 TEACHER WORKLOADS AND SUPPORT STAFF—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to teacher workloads and support staff in schools:

- (1) Will the Government employ support staff at Moree East Public School and Inverell High School to assist teachers with administrative workloads?
  - (a) If yes, how were these schools chosen?
- (2) Will the program be expanded to include other schools?
- (3) Will support staff reduce teacher workloads by 5 hours per week, as previously stated?
  - (a) If yes, how will you measure this?

Answer—

The NSW Government recently announced its expansion of the School Administration Improvement Program with 400 new administration roles across 272 schools to reduce administrative workload for teachers.

Under the School Administration Improvement Program to reduce administrative workload for teachers, the Minns Government will employ support staff at Moree East Public School and Inverell High School. Both schools were invited and confirmed their interest in the program.

Additional school support staff represents one aspect of the Minns Government's approach to reducing teacher workload.

The NSW Government has instructed the department to work with key stakeholder groups and in consultation with the teaching workforce to establish meaningful ways to measure the impact of workload reduction initiatives and to deliver on the commitment of a reduction of five hours which the workforce will recognise.

- \* 0381 TWEED HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What plans does the Government have for the existing Tweed Hospital building once the new Tweed Valley Hospital is open?

Answer—

At this time, no decisions have been made on the future use of the Tweed Hospital site or the facilities.

- \* 0382 TWEED HOSPITAL STAFF VACANCIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many medical staff positions are currently vacant at The Tweed Hospital?
- (2) How long has each position been vacant?

Answer—

(1 - 2) The Northern NSW Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across The Tweed Hospital.

- \* 0383 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued to Tweed Electorate residents in the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?

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

Answer—

I am advised

Regional Seniors Travel Cards issued to Tweed Electorate residents in the following years are:

- (a) 2023 (year to date) - 13,810
- (b) 2022 - 15,890
- (c) 2021 - 15,291
- (d) 2020 - 14,370

\* 0385 DOUBLE BAY AND DARLING POINT FERRY WHARF UPGRADE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the status of the Double Bay Ferry wharf upgrade?
  - (a) What is the expected completion date?
- (2) What is the status of the Darling Point Ferry wharf upgrade?
  - (a) What is the expected completion date?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Double Bay Wharf Upgrade began on-site work from Tuesday 13 June 2023. The wharf will temporarily close for construction for around six months, weather permitting.
- (2) Expected commencement of construction has not been confirmed at this stage. Transport for NSW will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

\* 0386 FIRST HOME BUYER CHOICE PROGRAM—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Since the First Home Buyer Choice Program came into effect, how many applications have been made for the program from the electorate of Vaucluse and how many of those applications have been successful?

Answer—

This information is not available by electorate.

\* 0387 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Cronulla electorate, as at 31 March 2023 (or the date closest to 31 March 2023 for which data are available, stating what is that date):

- (1) Is before and after school care available?
- (2) Who operates any before and after school care?
- (3) During what times does any before and after school care operate?
- (4) Does before or after school care operate onsite at the school or offsite?
- (5) If offsite, where does it operate?

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- (6) How many before school care places exist?
- (7) How many after school care places exist?
- (8) How many before school care places are filled?
- (9) How many after school care places are filled?
- (10) How many students are on a waiting list for before school care places?
- (11) How many students are on a waiting list for after school care places?

Answer—

The Department of Education works in collaboration with schools, parents, and service providers to create tailored before and after school care solutions that meet community needs.

The majority of services operate before school from 7am, and after school until 6pm and are delivered onsite in schools or offsite locations nearby.

To locate providers within your electorate, please visit the 'Find Before and After School Care Providers' website at <https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au/>. Each provider lists operating hours and approved place numbers.

- \* 0388 WESTINVEST GRANT PROGRAM IN WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to funds committed through the WestInvest Grant Program:

- (1) What was the total quantum of funds committed to the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) What were the names of the projects that these funds were allocated towards?

Answer—

This information is not available by electorate.

- \* 0389 MAX RUDDOCK RESERVE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to funds committed through the WestInvest Grant Program:

- (1) Has Parramatta City Council received the funds allocated for \$3.8 million upgrades to Max Ruddock Reserve?
- (2) If not, when will these funds be received by Parramatta City Council?

Answer—

The Treasurer has endorsed the progression of the WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the \$3,843,184 upgrade to Max Ruddock Reserve.

- \* 0390 SUE SAVAGE RESERVE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to funds committed through the WestInvest Grant Program:

- (1) Has Parramatta City Council received the funds allocated for \$3.7 million upgrades to Sue Savage Reserve?
- (2) If not, when will these funds be received by Parramatta City Council?

Answer—

The Treasurer has endorsed the progression of the WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the \$3,650,670 upgrade to Sue Savage Reserve.

\* 0391 MOSS VALE TRAIN STATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Government's election commitment to my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will lifts be installed for disability inclusion at Moss Vale Train Station?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the specific timeframes for this to be provided?

Answer—

I am advised

The Moss Vale Station Upgrade include works to improve the station precinct for people with a disability, limited mobility, parents and carers with prams and customers with luggage, including lift access to the station from the existing Argyle Street footbridge.

Access from the town centre side of the bridge is currently designed as a Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 compliant ramp. Detailed design, planning and heritage approvals are now under way, with construction work expected to start in early 2024.

\* 0392 YASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government provide \$250,000 to conduct a feasibility study for the future of Yass District Hospital?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the timeframe for this funding to be provided?

Answer—

(1)

(a - b) The NSW Government has committed \$250,000 towards a feasibility study for future services planning at Yass District Hospital.

\* 0393 WAKEFIELD PARK—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government provide \$1 million for noise mitigation works at Wakefield Park?
- (2) Will the Government be instructing the Department of Planning to work with the Office of Sport and the Council to Reopen Wakefield Park?
- (3) Will the Government be developing a State-wide Motorsport Strategy to protect Wakefield Park's future operations?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) If the Government does intend to fund these commitments, can the Government please outline the specific timeframes for this to be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 4) The Government will fulfill all election commitments including on Wakefield Park.

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\* 0394 BUS SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will you meet with Buses NSW to discuss the operation of non-government owned and operated bus services in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

I believe the organisation that you are referring to is BusNSW.

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

\* 0395 BUS SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will you meet with Buses NSW to discuss the operation of non-government owned and operated bus services in New South Wales?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I have appointed Matt Threkeld, the Executive Director of BusNSW as a panel member of the Bus Industry Taskforce.

As a member of the Taskforce, BusNSW is working with panel members to provide valuable input to improve the quality of bus operations.

\* 0396 FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to Federal Infrastructure funding into the Princes Highway

- (1) How much funding has the Commonwealth committed in partnership with State projects?
- (2) Can you list the projects in order in each financial year for the next four years?
- (3) How many of these projects are subject to the Commonwealth's announced audit of infrastructure?
- (4) Has the Commonwealth provided advice to the Government about the audit?
  - (a) If so, what was that advice and can the Minister provide a copy?
- (5) Will the Minister make representations to the Commonwealth to preserve funding for all projects subject to the audit?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) Can you list the funding allocated to each project that the Government intends to deliver on the Princes Highway by financial year over the next four years?

Answer—

The published National Partnership Agreement October Budget 2022-23 Schedule is available on line at [www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au](http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au)

Three projects are understood to be subject to the Federal Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program.



Information on the Federal Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program including the Terms of Reference can be found on the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website.

The NSW Government is also carrying out an independent Strategic Review of the State's infrastructure capital program.

The NSW Government will consider recommendations from both independent reviews to inform discussions with the Commonwealth.

\* 0397 SOUTH COAST LINE SOUTH OF KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the South Coast Line south of Kiama

- (1) Is the Government committed to delivering the passing loop at Toolijooa on the South Coast Line?
  - (a) If yes, when will it be funded and when will it be delivered?
- (2) With respect to the passing loop at Toolijooa, can you list all studies, reports and analysis undertaken by your department and will you make these documents available to the public?
- (3) What conversations has your department had with New South Wales Treasury about the passing loop at Toolijooa?
- (4) Has your department attempted to secure support for this project from New South Wales Treasury?
  - (a) If so, can you provide evidence of how your department has been working to secure funding?
- (5) Is the Government committed to replacing the Endeavour Class trains on the South Coast Line?
  - (a) If yes, when will they be replaced and what will they be replaced with?
- (6) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the trips in question 5 by opal card type?
- (7) Is the Government committed to delivering an upgrade of stations to take full advantage of the Toolijooa passing loop?
  - (a) If yes, which stations will be upgraded and when will these upgrades take place?
- (8) With respect to the upgrade of Bomaderry station, will the Minister consult with the Bomaderry community and Shoalhaven City Council about integrating the upgrade of the station with the local streetscape?
- (9) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of on-time running data for the last twelve months?
- (10) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how many unique trips have taken place on this line in the last twelve months?
- (11) Will the Minister or her office meet with me to discuss the issues raised in this question?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) to (4) A Strategic Infrastructure Review of the State's current capital program is underway, including projects such as the Kiama to Bomaderry project.
- (5) Yes.
  - (a) Poor management by the former Liberal-National government led to significant time and cost over runs on the overseas built replacement 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 May rung Fleet was due to enter

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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 manufacturing is complete.

- (6) The timeframe sought can not be determined in the question. A breakdown of the trips by opal card type is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (7) This project is now subject to the Strategic Infrastructure review currently underway.
- (8) The community has been notified about key onsite investigations. More information will be provided when it becomes available.
- (9) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.
- (10) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website
- (11) Yes. Please reply to the invitation to meet with the Minister that was sent to all Members of Parliament, Mayors, Councillors and Local Government General Managers in April 2023.

\* 0398 BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How much will the new Bus Industry Taskforce cost to implement?
- (2) What will be the salary for John Lee who is leading the taskforce?

Answer—

I am advised the costs of the Bus Industry Taskforce are being met from within existing agency resources.

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

\* 0400 COST OF LIVING REBATES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In the last term of Government there were more than 70 Cost of Living Rebates including Back to School Vouchers, Active & Creative Kids Vouchers, First Lap Vouchers, Gas rebates, Toll Relief Rebates and the Regional Seniors Travel Card.

- (1) How many of these 70 rebates is the Government planning on keeping, and how many will they be dispensing of?

Answer—

This Government will announce how it will support the people of NSW with cost-of-living pressures as part of the 2023-24 Budget.

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\* 0402 HOLSWORTHY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade the facilities at Holsworthy Public School?
- (2) If yes, what are the proposed upgrades, the budgeted cost for proposed upgrades, and timeline for the proposed upgrades?

Answer—

Holsworthy Public School continues to access school maintenance and minor works programs administered by School Infrastructure NSW.

Under the former government, as at 25 March 2023, there were no major capital works planned at Holsworthy Public School.

The Department advises that enrolment demand is being met by the existing school facilities.

\* 0403 RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION SITES IN THE HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Are there any plans for new Return and Earn collection sites in the electorate of Holsworthy?
- (2) If yes, where will the new collection sites be located, and when will they be installed?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently no plans for any new Return and Earn collection sites in the electorate of Holsworthy.

There are currently six Return and Earn collection points in the Holsworthy electorate:

- Over the Counter point at 4/66 Riverside Road, Chipping Norton, NSW, 2170
- Automated Depot at 5 Avalli Road, Prestons, NSW, 2170
- Reverse Vending Machine at 209 Heathcote Road, Holsworthy, NSW, 2173
- Reverse Vending Machine at 230 Heathcote Road, Hammondville, NSW, 2170
- Over the Counter point at 96 Hoxton Park Road, Lurnea, NSW, 2170
- Reverse Vending Machine at 607 Hume Highway, Casula, NSW, 2170.

- (2) Not applicable.

\* 0404 REVIEW OF NEW SOUTH WALES FIREARM REGISTRY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

Last year Geoff McKechnie conducted a review into the New South Wales Firearms Registry:

- (1) Has the Minister received the report?
  - (a) If so, will its findings be made available?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
  - (a) No

\* 0405 MOULD IN WEE WAA HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Minister in receipt of the report on the possible mould infestation at Wee Waa High School?
- (2) Will the report be made public?
- (3) Will the Minister confirm the date when health problems were first reported at Wee Waa High School?

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Answer—

The report has now been made available to the public. The Department of Education advises that formal notifications of allergic type reactions made to the Department's Incident Notification and Response line were first received in October 2019.

\* 0406 FUNDING SUPPORT FOR 2022 FLOOD VICTIMS IN THE BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister consider providing those affected by 2022 Flooding within the Barwon Electorate an opportunity to apply for the Resilient Homes Fund?
  - (a) If not, can the Minister explain why?

Answer—

I am advised that on 28 October 2022, the NSW and Australian Governments announced \$800 million for the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation to administer the Resilient Homes Fund.

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation was established after the February and March 2022 flood events by an amendment order to the Growth Centres Development Corporations Act 1974 to operate within all pieces and parcels of land within the local government areas of Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, City of Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

Communities outside these local government areas are ineligible for the program.

\* 0407 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Premier—

- (1) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Edmond Atalla as Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Counter-terrorism?
- (2) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Stephen Bali as Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Public Spaces?
- (3) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Mark Buttigieg as Parliamentary Secretary for Industrial Relations, Work Health and Safety, Multiculturalism?
- (4) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Anthony D'Adam as Parliamentary Secretary for Customer Service and Digital Government, Emergency Services, Youth Justice?
- (5) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Ms Trish Doyle as Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change, Energy, Environment, Heritage?
- (6) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Ms Julia Finn as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts?
- (7) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Michael Holland as Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Regional Health?
- (8) What specific areas of responsibility have been allocated to Mr Hugh McDermott as Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General?

Answer—

A Parliamentary Secretary shall have and may perform such functions as the Premier may, from time to time, determine in respect of him or her, pursuant to section 38C of the Constitution Act 1902.

The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

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\* 0408 KOGARAH COURT HOUSE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Attorney General—

(1) What plans, if any, does the Government have for the former Kogarah Court House?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Chief Magistrate is responsible for the determination of listings and sittings in the Local Court across New South Wales.

\* 0409 EDUCATION IN OATLEY—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) What schools in the Oatley electorate will receive additional teachers to improve literacy and numeracy?

Answer—

In 2023, funding is provided for a dedicated Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction role focussing on supporting the school executive lead literacy and numeracy improvement across the school, from Kindergarten to Year 6 and working alongside teachers in the classroom.

All 16 public schools with Kindergarten to Year 6 enrolments in the Oatley electorate have an Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction allocation with all positions filled.

All NSW public schools in the Oatley electorate have also received funding to implement small group tuition. The funding has been made available to schools to deliver targeted literacy and numeracy to students most in need of additional learning support.

\* 0411 GREGORY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When will the Government announce the location and construction commencement dates for Gregory Hills High School?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to delivering a new public high school for Gledswood Hills and Gregory Hills.

While the former Liberals and Nationals Government did not build a much-needed high school for these communities, planning is now underway for this project.

As the project progresses, information will be made available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au>.

\* 0412 METRO LINE BETWEEN THE WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT AND MACARTHUR—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—

When will the Government proceed with the business case for a Metro Line between Western Sydney Airport and Macarthur?

Answer—

A business case will commence at a suitable time.

\* 0413 CROWN CASINO BARANGAROO LAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) Does Crown Sydney occupy the region at South Barangaroo by way of licence, lease or freehold?

(2) If it is licence or lease:

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- (a) when was the agreement signed?
  - (b) what period does it cover?
  - (c) what amounts are being paid to the Government under the agreement itemised by type?
- (3) If it is freehold:
- (a) When was the agreement signed?
  - (b) What amount was paid or is being paid to the Government under the contract for transfer of ownership itemised by type?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government signed a Project Development Agreement with Crown Sydney (the Crown Development Agreement or the CDA) to develop the Crown Hotel Resort in Barangaroo South on 27 May 2015. A copy of the CDA is available on the Infrastructure NSW contracts register: <https://insw.com/accessing-information/nsw-contracts-register>
- The CDA provided Crown Sydney with an entitlement to lease the site of the Crown Hotel Resort for 99 years.
- (2) (a), (b) and (c)
- The NSW Government signed a Hotel Lease with Crown Sydney on 8 December 2020 and then Leases for the Crown residential apartments in April 2021, all on 99 year terms.
- The NSW Government receives compensation by Crown in relation to the Crown Hotel Resort in the form of development contributions, levies and taxes.
- Under all of the Leases, one part of the compensation is an Estate Levy payable to the NSW Government, which contributes to the ongoing management, maintenance and carbon offsetting of the Precinct. The original Levy amount (as at September 2020) was \$22.27 per square metre, to be indexed quarterly for CPI. This figure is publicly available via the registered lease agreement.
- I am advised that the Treasury does not hold further detail of this agreement and the further questions on this matter should be directed to the Premier, the Cabinet Office and Premier's Department.
- (3) (a) and (b)
- Not applicable.

\* 0414 AUTOMATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Why have the pedestrian crossing signals at traffic lights in high pedestrian activity zones in inner city areas like Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Pyrmont, Ultimo, Woolloomooloo and Chippendale that were automated during the pandemic been removed?
- (2) Before these automated pedestrian crossing signals were removed at traffic lights:
  - (a) what consultation occurred with inner city communities?
  - (b) what assessment was made of their success in protecting pedestrian safety and encouraging active transport use?
  - (c) what assessment was made of their need given low car ownership rates and high walking and public transport use rates in the inner city?
- (3) What consideration was given to automating these pedestrian crossing signals during peak pedestrian hours before they were removed?

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- (4) What is the rationale for automated pedestrian signals currently operating in the Central Business District (CBD)?
  - (5) Apart from a website document, how are pedestrians alerted that these specific crossings are automated?
  - (6) What assessment has the Government made of the CBD automated pedestrian crossings?
  - (7) How can residents and visitors in high pedestrian activity zones request that traffic lights be set to automated pedestrian crossing during peak pedestrian hours?
  - (8) What consideration has the Government given to expanding this arrangement to all high pedestrian activity zones?
  - (9) What consideration will the Government give to reinstating all automated pedestrian crossing signals at traffic lights in the inner city?
  - (10) What further action will the Government take to improve pedestrian access at traffic signals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) During COVID, pedestrian crossings at traffic lights were automatically activated 24/7 across the Central Business District (CBD) and areas of the inner city, including Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Pyrmont and Ultimo. Due to noise complaints, caused by the audio warning when the green man is first displayed, the hours of operation were reduced between November 2022 to January 2023. In the CBD, the hours of operation are now 6am to 10pm every day and 7am to 7pm in all other areas.  
  
The change to time-of-day operation necessitated the removal of the plastic pedestrian push-button covers, however, the automated pedestrian crossings remain during the times outlined above.
- (2) Consultation with the City of Sydney and the Member for Sydney occurred between October 2022 and December 2022 and is consistent with the consultation that was undertaken when 24/7 automated pedestrian crossings were introduced.  
  
Automatic pedestrian crossings are an ease-of-use feature rather than a pedestrian priority or safety measure and as such, changes to automated pedestrian crossing times do not have an impact on safety or the use of active transport.  
  
Transport for NSW has introduced a number of pedestrian priority and safety measures in high pedestrian areas across Greater Sydney that have demonstrated benefits for pedestrian safety and active transport use.
- (3) Automated pedestrian crossings will continue to run in peak pedestrian times, 6am to 10pm, in Sydney CBD and 7am to 7pm in inner Sydney areas. On some key transport routes in the Inner Sydney areas (such as the light rail corridor in Devonshire Street), automated pedestrian crossings do not operate as light rail is the priority mode.
- (4) In the CBD of Sydney, the pedestrian auto-call feature runs from 6am to 10pm, allowing pedestrians the need to not push the button during these times. This is an extension of the pre-COVID pedestrian auto-call that ran from 7am to 7pm, which has been operating for over 20 years.
- (5) When the push button covers were removed following the COVID pandemic, maps were placed at selected locations within the CBD. Stickers placed near pedestrian push buttons also indicated the crossing is automated during certain hours. This is an improvement from the pre COVID pandemic where no stickers were provided. Outside the CBD (and across Greater Sydney in places where automated pedestrian crossings operate), there is no sticker to indicate times of automated pedestrian operation.
- (6) Transport for NSW regularly reviews the operation of traffic signals including those with automated pedestrian crossings.

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- (7) Feedback is welcomed on locations where the automated pedestrian crossings may be needed and can be submitted via the Transport for NSW website through the 'contact us' section.
- (8) The automatic pedestrian crossing feature runs at selected times in high pedestrian areas including King Street Newtown and the Parramatta CBD. Pedestrian safety and priority features are running in many high pedestrian areas across Greater Sydney.
- (9) The automatic pedestrian feature has not been removed, merely reduced its 'post Covid' hours of operation in response to complaints from the community regarding noise. Transport for NSW is constantly reviewing signal operations including the automated pedestrian crossing feature.
- (10) There are several measures appropriately implemented at traffic signals to improve pedestrian access including:
  - Reducing intersection cycle times to reduce wait times for pedestrians
  - Having pedestrian crossings as the default movement at signals
  - Increasing green walk times
  - Introducing countdown timers to show pedestrians the time remaining to complete their crossing
  - Protecting pedestrians by removing conflicting turn movements while pedestrians are crossing.

\* 0415 BARANGAROO HARBOUR PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) To what extent does the Government remain committed to delivering a world-class, flexible and equitable public harbour park through the planned Barangaroo Harbour Park?
- (2) What steps need to happen before the Barangaroo Harbour Park will be delivered?
- (3) What is the planned timeframe for delivering the park?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be directed to Infrastructure NSW.
- (2) Infrastructure NSW will need to submit an application and Environmental Impact Statement. The application will be subject to exhibition and assessment through the State Significant Development assessment process.
- (3) This question should be directed to Infrastructure NSW.

\* 0416 VENUES NSW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What mechanisms does Venues NSW use to engage with the local community about plans for its Moore Park venues?
- (2) How does Venues NSW inform and consult adjacent residential communities in early stages about redevelopment plans that will impact them, particularly traffic, parking and noise?
- (3) How does Venues NSW inform and consult pedestrian and cycling representatives about impacts on safety and access?
- (4) How does the Government use the community consultative committee for community engagement?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to expand community engagement for Moore Park venues?



Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Venues NSW engages with thousands of local residents around event days at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) and Allianz Stadium, and in relation to development plans for the wider-SCG Precinct. Pre-event notifications and post-event surveys are the most common mechanism used for major events community engagement while individual developments across the precinct have their own community engagement programs specifically designed for each project. For example, the proposed concert cap amendment has an extensive program of community consultation that includes a community webinar, drop-in information sessions, community pop-ups where residents can have their voices heard and input from the Allianz Stadium community consultative committee.
- (2) Community engagement regarding redevelopment plans, including the current precinct village and multilevel carpark, are undertaken in line with strict planning requirements including the community consultative committee.
- (3) Informing and consulting pedestrian and cycling representatives occurs as part of Venues NSW's usual engagement activities and in line with the Event Traffic & Transport Management Plan. Specific engagement related to the Moore Park Road cycleway is a matter for the City of Sydney.
- (4) The community consultative committee operated throughout the construction of the new Allianz Stadium. The committee has representatives from local organisations, unaligned local residents, and representatives from City of Sydney, Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick councils. Participants are updated on Allianz Stadium activities and discuss issues and any points of interest.
- (5) Engaging with the community is a key part of venue operations at the SCG Precinct and across the wider-Venues NSW network. At Moore Park, the permeability of the new Allianz Stadium and the inclusion of art installation and public sporting and exercise equipment has ensured the community is welcomed on event and non-event days.

In relation to events and precinct developments, Venues NSW has an ongoing discussion with the community regarding activities at the SCG Precinct whether that is in relation to upcoming events, their event-day experience or how developments at the precinct will impact them.

Venues NSW will also establish a new community consultative committee once the current committee's term is complete.

\* 0417 ROAD CRASH PRESUMED LIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) To what extent are vulnerable road users such as bike riders and pedestrians presumed to be liable if there is a crash with a motor vehicle requiring them to prove liability otherwise in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the rationale for this position given Government commitments to active transport and protection for vulnerable road users?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of how this situation is treated in other jurisdictions?
- (4) What engagement has the Government had with organisations representing bike riders and pedestrians on this matter?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to review and reform this situation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In a crash, the person who is at fault is the person who caused the crash. There may be more than one person at fault or in breach of the laws depending on the circumstances of the crash.

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- (2) The NSW Government is always open to opportunities to further protect vulnerable road users. There are a range of rules, road treatments, technology and education programs already in place intended to protect these road users. For pedestrians, this includes prohibitions for the riding of vehicles on footpaths, including bicycles. For bicycle riders, a range of environments are permitted for use other than roads, such as shared paths, bicycle paths and bicycle lanes. Where bicycle riders interact with motor vehicles on roads, motor vehicle drivers are required to maintain a minimum passing distance from bicycle riders.
- (3) Insurance schemes and coverage for bicycle riders and pedestrians vary between jurisdictions in Australia. The NSW Government is also aware that internationally, there are examples of laws where the onus of proof is on drivers of motor vehicles to demonstrate that they are not at fault where they are involved in a crash with a pedestrian or bicycle rider. This is sometimes referred to as 'strict liability'. Examples of countries where some form of strict liability has been adopted include the Netherlands and Germany.
- (4) In 2015, a working group was chaired by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority on the broader issue of personal injury insurance options for bicycle riders. This working group included representatives from Transport for NSW as well as various bicycle and pedestrian stakeholder groups. This group was convened before the 2017 reforms to the Compulsory Third Party insurance scheme, which introduced defined personal injury benefits, irrespective of fault or injury severity.
- (5) Compulsory Third Party reforms are a matter for the Treasurer and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority.

\* 0418 HELPING VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WITH RISING ENERGY COSTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Given energy costs are consuming an increasing portion of low-income households:

- (1) What consideration will you give to increasing the cap on the Energy Account Payment Assistance (EAPA) to \$1,600, as recommended by the New South Wales Council of Social Services?
- (2) How will the Government expand promotion of the EAPA voucher program in low socio-economic areas and among vulnerable cohorts to ensure those eligible are aware of it?
- (3) What action will you take to make the application process for EAPA vouchers easier?
- (4) What consideration will you give to making the Low Income Household Rebate a fixed percentage of a person's energy bill given low income earners have limited means to make their homes more efficient, particularly those who rent?
- (5) What assessment has been made on the success of the Voice for Power Energy Train-the-trainer program in reducing energy consumption and power bills within culturally and linguistically diverse communities?
- (6) How will you ensure the program is expanded to improve energy literacy among more CALD communities?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government will increase the Energy Accounts Payment (EAPA) limits from \$300 to \$500 for electricity and gas, twice per financial year, from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. This means eligible customers could receive up to \$2,000 worth of EAPA vouchers in financial year 2023-24.
- (2) The NSW Government continues to expand its network of over 200 non-government organisations (NGOs) approved to co-deliver EAPA in low socio-economic areas and among vulnerable cohorts by inviting expressions of interest from NGOs to co-deliver EAPA. These NGOs, as well as authorised energy retailers and Service NSW, play an important role in promoting and improving awareness of the EAPA program to eligible customers.

- (3) I am advised the Office of Energy and Climate Change has consulted stakeholders on the EAPA program over the past 12 months, including opportunities to improve the application process.
- (4) I am advised the Office of Energy and Climate Change is aware of proposals to improve equity across rebate recipients with different household sizes and types. The government will consider this information as part of ongoing improvements to energy rebates.
- (5) The NSW Government has not evaluated the effectiveness of the Voices for Power Energy Train-the-Trainer program. The program is best evaluated by the Sydney Alliance Voices for Power.
- (6) The Voices for Power Energy Train-the-Trainer program is not a NSW Government initiative. Any expansion of this program is best determined by the Sydney Alliance Voices for Power.

\* 0419 MOORE PARK GREEN TRAVEL PLANS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of how well the Green Travel Plan's targets for major venues at Moore Park have been achieved?
- (2) What proportion of patrons currently use public transport, cycling or walk to the venues?
- (3) What feedback has the Government received about problems with integrated ticketing and Opal operations and what action has been taken to improve integration?
- (4) What measures have been put in place to reduce the use of private vehicles for patrons of major events?
- (5) Has all on-grass parking been removed for major events on Upper Kippax?
- (6) What steps have been taken to meet the December deadline to remove on-grass car parking on Lower Kippax?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to ensure major events patrons for Moore Park venues use active transport wherever possible?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Green Travel Plan has five success indicators. Data on those indicators that has been collected to date shows the plan is having a positive impact on sustainable travel to the SCG Precinct.
- (2) Up to 60 per cent, depending on the event.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Transport. However, I understand feedback has been received from sporting codes, as part of the Moore Park Sporting and Transport Roundtable, about communication and awareness of integrated ticketing.

Every game at Allianz Stadium and SCG includes integrated ticketing, as well as concerts including Elton John and Bruno Mars. Currently, Integrated ticketing is not Opal enabled and customers must show their tickets at transport hubs to obtain free travel. This has led to more communication from Venues NSW, sporting codes/clubs and ticket sellers to inform customers that public transport is included in their tickets. Information for all events is also on Transportnsw.info and is communicated to ticket holders in updates direct to the customer.

Venues NSW has received feedback from patrons that the absence of a gate attendant at train stations can make using integrated ticketing difficult.

- (4) The most effective measure in place to reduce private vehicle usage has been the introduction of integrated ticketing in December 2022, combined with increased transport capacity that is matched to demographics and high usage suburbs has resulted in increased public transport usage on major event days.

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Other measures include increased bicycle parking, improved wayfinding and lighting for pedestrians and cyclists including those travelling through Centennial Park, real time information on public transport journey times, improved communication of travel information to fans.

- (5) All on-grass parking has been removed for major events on Upper Kippax.
- (6) Greater Sydney Parklands has commenced the implementation of the first stages of the Moore Park East (MPE) Landscape Plan in the northern portion of MPE and will soon commence design work for landscape improvements to the lower Kippax area.
- (7) Implementation of the Green Travel Plan is encouraging sustainable travel options including active transport (including travel by foot, bicycle and other non-motorised vehicles) and public transport.

\* 0420 ELECTRIC FERRIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the Government's plan to electrify ferries in Sydney?
- (2) What reduced emissions are expected if ferries no longer operate on diesel?
- (3) What evaluation has the Government carried out into jurisdictions introducing electric ferries, including Auckland and San Francisco?
- (4) What consultation has the Government carried out with local manufacturers about transitioning to electric ferries?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to ensure charging facilities are available at ferry wharves, particularly at Circular Quay?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that all procurement for ferry services includes transition to electric vessels and infrastructure?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to transition as quickly as possible to electric ferries in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Government supports the progressive transition of Sydney's ferries services to low or zero emissions technology. As part of this Transport for NSW plans to undertake a strategic review into reducing ferry emissions in late 2023. This review will include both vessel infrastructure electrification requirements, and the availability and location of other low emission fuel sources, including hydrogen.
- (2) Transport for NSW has not yet undertaken this level of analysis. This will be considered as part of the strategic review into reducing ferry emissions.
- (3) Transport for NSW is closely monitoring other jurisdictions and the continuing advancement of technology in the reduction of emissions and electrification of ferries.
- (4) and (6) Transport for NSW has recently announced the procurement of seven new Parramatta River Class vessels which will use 40% less diesel and are capable of being transitioned to hybrid or electric propulsion over time.
- (5) The strategic review into reducing ferry emissions will look at both vessel and infrastructure electrification requirements, and the availability and locations of other low emission fuel sources, including hydrogen.

The Circular Quay Renewal project is currently in the design phase. The project is being coordinated with the strategic review of ferry emissions to ensure the project infrastructure permits future installation of electric charging infrastructure or other low or zero emission fuel sources.

- (7) As part of Transport for NSW's strategic review into reducing ferry emissions, opportunities will be identified for the transition to lower and zero emission ferries, along with any associated infrastructure requirements.

\* 0421 NOISE CAMERAS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) What assessment has the Government made of using noise camera technology to identify noisy vehicles breaching standards since April 2022?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of noise camera trials in other jurisdictions?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to use this technology to help prevent the impact of noisy vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since April 2022, Transport for NSW has not assessed the use of noise camera technology to identify noisy vehicles. Work is ongoing to identify options for implementation including investigating technology used by other jurisdictions and any learnings from the noise camera trial conducted at Mount Ousley.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will lead the election commitment to trial vehicle noise cameras in Bayside as the EPA is the regulatory authority accountable for motor vehicle noise. TfNSW will be a support agency for this commitment.

\* 0422 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to cost-of-living pressures for small businesses:

- (1) What measures is the Government implementing to support the increased cost of running a small business?
- (2) What rebates are available for small businesses to help with their electricity, utilities and insurance costs?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will back the state's small businesses by ramping up local procurement as well as empowering small business by improving engagement with government.

Boosting local procurement

The NSW Labor Government will ramp up local procurement from small business by:

- Including a local supplier element to tender weightings which gives priority to small businesses in the area nearby the projects they are tendering for;
- Increasing the threshold for direct procurement with small business from \$150,000 to \$250,000;
- Increasing the proportion of government expenditure through procurement with small business from approximately 12 per cent at present, to 20 per cent by 2026 and 30 per cent by 2030;
- Only requiring small businesses to provide relevant insurance when a contract is awarded, and not when submitting a tender;
- Pre-qualifying small businesses as suppliers through a single form; and

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- Simplifying contracts for whole of government schemes and key goods and services programs.

#### NSW Business Bureau

The NSW Labor Government will improve engagement and service delivery between small business and government by establishing a NSW Business Bureau to navigate regulation and processes, as well as engage with overseas markets, by:

- Assisting businesses in navigating government regulatory framework;
- Reducing red tape;
- Providing support in tendering for government contracts;
- Guidance in accessing government programs, grants and initiatives, and how to use them to help grow their businesses; and
- Supporting small businesses to sell their goods and services overseas.

#### Charter for small business

The NSW Labor Government will create a Charter for Small Business to provide small business with a voice and seat at the government policy making table, including:

- Codifying the NSW Government's commitment to small business, and the framework for which the NSW Government will engage with and support small businesses;
- Recognising the importance of small business to local economies; providing valuable employment; and the role of NSW Government procurement to help small businesses grow; and
- Consulting with the small business industry to develop new processes and performance metrics and allowing small business to be represented in policy development and decision making.

\* 0423 LAND MANAGEMENT (NATIVE VEGETATION) CODE 2018—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to amend, repeal or weaken any of the provisions in the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018?
  - (a) If yes, what changes will be made and why and when will this be communicated to landholders and the general public?
- (2) Will you continue to publicly publish, on a regular basis, data of approvals, set asides and other activities conducted by landholders under the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018?
- (3) Do you have any plans to grant concurrence to regulatory mapping for productive rural land?

Answer—

- (1) The statutory review of Part SA of the Local Land Services Act, which commenced under the former Government, will be considered by the Government later this year.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) See 1.

\* 0424 ARMIDALE RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the ongoing and chronic doctor shortages in the Armidale Rural Referral Hospital :

- (1) What steps will the Government take to ensure an appropriate staffing level of doctors are on duty at all times?
- (2) Will the Minister advise when NSW Health will take action to increase the current rostering of only two doctors on duty in the Emergency Department after hours and on weekends to treat on average 55 presentations per day?
- (3) What immediate dangers do these working conditions present to staff and patients if allowed to continue?
- (4) What steps have been taken by NSW Health to address the staffing shortage at Armidale Hospital, given there were 12 fulltime vacancies for GPs at the hospital reported only last year?
- (5) What is Hunter New England Health doing to fix the ongoing doctor shortages in the Armidale Rural Referral Hospital?
  - (a) Are doctors with no emergency medical experience currently filling these vital roles at Armidale Rural Referral Hospital?

Answer—

- (1 – 5) The recruitment and retention of medical staff is a challenge experienced in rural and regional areas across NSW, including Armidale. Recruitment for vacancies in the emergency department is ongoing,

Locums are used to fill gaps in the medical roster. However, despite extensive advertising and efforts from management to engage locum coverage, there are times when it is not possible to secure onsite medical coverage for all sections of the day, particularly in times of unplanned leave, transport delays or late cancellation of a shift by locums. At no time is patient care unsafe or compromised.

The emergency department continues to have on-demand access to emergency trained specialists via telehealth.

\* 0425 EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many people in the Tweed Electorate are currently being housed in:
  - (a) Emergency Accommodation, including a breakdown of the number of people currently living in each pod village in the Tweed Electorate?
  - (b) Temporary Accommodation?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) As at 15 June 2023, there are nine emergency accommodation providers in the Tweed Electorate who are accommodating a total of 19 people (13 adults and six children). There are 63 households residing in temporary accommodation housing villages (PODS). 34 adults reside in the Pottsville POD village, and 4 adults and 14 children reside in the Kingscliff POD village.
  - (b) As of 15 June 2023, there were 45 households (54 adults and seven children) in temporary accommodation in the Tweed Electorate.

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\* 0426 POD VILLAGES IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding the pod villages in the Tweed Electorate:

- (1) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is) how many pods are unoccupied?
- (2) Where are these empty pods located?
- (3) How long has each empty pod been unoccupied?
- (4) What plans does the Government have for these villages beyond the initial two years of operation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) At 23 June 2023, there are two pods unoccupied.
- (2) The unoccupied pods are located within the Kingscliff Village.
- (3) The turnaround time for unoccupied pods that are undamaged is approximately ten days. However, pods may remain unoccupied for longer periods where damage is sustained, and repairs or extensive cleaning is required.
- (4) Eleven temporary housing sites leases covering a two-to-three-year lease have been established under the emergency management provisions in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021. The policy states sites are to be temporary and operate for no longer than five years.

While it is the intention of the NSW Reconstruction Authority to decommission the sites at the end of their use as temporary and emergency housing, decommissioning plans are required to be made in consultation with the landowner. Any future plans for these sites fall outside of the remit of the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

\* 0427 GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What was the total Government spend on Emergency Accommodation (excluding the construction and ongoing operation of the pod villages) in the Tweed Electorate for the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised that the Minister for Emergency Services is best placed to answer this question. Please refer your questions to him.

\* 0428 REFRESH VAUCLUSE AND DIAMOND BAY WASTEWATER PROJECT—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What is the status of the 'Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay' wastewater project?
  - (a) Is the Government committed to completing this project?



- (b) If so, when will the project be completed?

Answer—

- (1) The Refresh Vaucluse and Diamond Bay project is comprised of two packages: package one in Parsley Bay and package two in Diamond Bay. Design work for package one was completed earlier in 2023 and procurement of a delivery partner is currently underway. Construction is projected to begin early 2024, pending the contract award.

Following community and stakeholder feedback in 2022, Sydney Water is reviewing the design of package two. This is expected to be completed in the coming months. Procurement of a delivery partner is scheduled for later in 2023.

- (a) Sydney Water is committed to completing this project, and this is supported by the NSW Government.
- (b) The completion dates for both packages will be known once the procurement phases are complete and delivery partners appointed.

\* 0430 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public school in the Cronulla electorate, as at 31 March 2023 (or the date closest to 31 March 2023 for which data are available, stating what is that date):
- (a) Is before and after school care available?
- (b) Who operates any before and after school care?
- (c) During what times does any before and after school care operate?
- (d) Does before or after school care operate onsite at the school or offsite?
- (e) If offsite, where does it operate?
- (f) How many before school care places exist?
- (g) How many after school care places exist?
- (h) How many before school care places are filled?
- (i) How many after school care places are filled?
- (j) How many students are on a waiting list for before school care places?
- (k) How many students are on a waiting list for after school care places?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QoN 387.

\* 0431 NORTHERN GATE AT CRONULLA TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will Transport for NSW re-open the northern gate at Cronulla train station to entering and/or exiting passengers, including passengers connecting with the Cronulla-Bundeena ferry?
- (2) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised

Sydney Trains has no current plans to convert the emergency exit on the north side of Cronulla Station into a permanent entrance/exit gate.

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There are substantial conversion costs required to convert the emergency exit, with no current budget allocated for these types of works. Converting the exit would result in the potential increase in fare evasion.

\* 0432 116 GYMEA BAY ROAD—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Will the Government re-open, for use for free car parking, land situated at 116 Gymea Bay Road Gymea?

(2) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised

As part of Transport for NSW's land management planning, an assessment of the options for the temporary use of the land is being undertaken. This includes the ability to use the land as short-term car parking by the local community. Given the current contamination remediation activities, the assessment is expected to be completed at the end of 2023.

Transport for NSW is preparing a schedule of the options and outline of requirements in relation to the temporary use of the land, which would include construction of a public parking facility, to be provided to Council once compiled.

\* 0433 CAPTAIN COOK DRIVE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the Government reclassify Captain Cook Drive between Gannons Road and Kurnell as a State road, as requested by Sutherland Shire Council?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads. However, the NSW Government acknowledges the significant effort which councils invest in making over 500 submissions to the main round of the independent review.

On November 2022, the final report was provided to the former Minister for Regional Roads. At this time, neither I nor Transport for NSW have seen the report and therefore cannot provide comment on any applications that Sutherland Shire Council may have submitted to the review.

\* 0434 LAND OWNED BY BESMAW PTY LTD ON KURNELL PENINSULA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What is the timetable for any re-zoning or new SEPP regarding land owned by Besmaw Pty Ltd on the Kurnell peninsula?

Answer—

I am advised:

A planning proposal for this site has not been submitted to Sutherland Shire Council. The landowner is currently working to prepare a potential planning proposal.

\* 0435 M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) When is construction of the M6 extension stage 1 expected to be complete?

(2) When is the M6 stage 1 expected to be operational with drivers?

Answer—

I am advised

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Tunnelling for the M6 Stage 1 is expected to be completed in 2024. The M6 Stage 1 is on track to be open to traffic at the end of 2025.

\* 0436 SYDNEY GATEWAY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) When is construction of the Sydney Gateway expected to be complete?
- (2) When is the Sydney Gateway expected to be operational with drivers?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction of the Sydney Gateway is anticipated to be completed in late 2024. As the Sydney Gateway is being built sequentially, traffic will be relocated to new road links as they are completed. The Sydney Gateway remains on track to be open to traffic by the end of 2024.

\* 0437 BEDS AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Using the definitions of bed types on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's METEOR Metadata Online Registry website:

- (1) How many beds were there at Sutherland Hospital in each of the following categories as at 31 March 2023 (or the date closest to 31 March 2023 for which data are available, stating what is that date):
  - (a) Active beds?
  - (b) Approved beds?
  - (c) Occupied beds?
  - (d) Unoccupied beds?
  - (e) Physical beds?
  - (f) Staffed beds?

Answer—

- (1) (a-f)

Bed numbers and treatment spaces do not reflect the volume and quality of health services delivered to patients in hospital or in the community. Bed numbers and treatment spaces also do not reflect the development of new innovative models of care, the use of new virtual care technologies, and alternate treatment pathways that provide integrated care outside of the hospital, in partnership with primary care and other health providers, such as the Hospital in the Home program and the suite of urgent care services that are currently being established.

\* 0438 EMPLOYEES AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) As at 31 March 2023 (or the date closest to 31 March 2023 for which data are available, stating what is that date), how many employees (FTE) were employed at Sutherland Hospital in each of the following categories:
  - (a) Nurses?
  - (b) Midwives?
  - (c) Doctors?

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- (d) Pharmacists?
- (e) Radiographers?
- (f) Social workers?
- (g) Physiotherapists?
- (h) Occupational therapists?
- (i) Other health professional staff?
- (j) Cleaners?
- (k) Orderlies?
- (l) Ancillary staff not included above?

Answer—

- (1) (a - l)

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District and Sutherland Hospital varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required.

- \* 0439 MARINE SANCTUARIES IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Does the Government have any plans for new or enhanced marine sanctuaries in or adjacent the Cronulla electorate, including in the vicinity of Shark Island?

Answer—

Not currently.

- \* 0440 BLACKTOWN AQUATIC CENTRE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What is the latest update on the \$77 million upgrade to Blacktown Aquatic Centre that was committed through the WestInvest Grant Program?

Answer—

The Treasurer has endorsed the progression of the WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the \$77.1 million Blacktown Aquatic Centre project.

- \* 0441 SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY HUB—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What is the latest update on the \$36 million upgrade to Seven Hills Community HUB that was committed through the WestInvest Grant Program?

Answer—

The Treasurer has endorsed the progression of the WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the \$35.8 million Seven Hills Community HUB project.

- \* 0442 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Myall Lakes electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specify what that date is), how many administrative staff are employed at each school?

Answer—

As of 18 May 2023, there was a total SASS entitlement of 136.40 (FTE) at NSW public schools in the Myall Lakes electorate.

School Name	School Level	Total 2023 SASS FTE
Bobin Public School	P	0.60
Bulahdelah Central School	C	9.09
Bungwahl Public School	P	0.70
Pacific Palms Public School	P	2.02
Coolongolook Public School	P	0.70
Cundletown Public School	P	2.42
Elands Public School	P	0.50
Forster Public School	P	9.26
Krambach Public School	P	0.70
Lansdowne Public School	P	0.70
Upper Lansdowne Public School	P	0.50
Mitchells Island Public School	P	0.70
Mount George Public School	P	0.70
Nabiac Public School	P	1.62
Old Bar Public School	P	3.96
Taree Public School	P	3.21
Tinonee Public School	P	1.61
Taree West Public School	P	2.62
Chatham Public School	P	2.02
Tuncurry Public School	P	6.42
Manning Gardens Public School	P	8.32
Wingham Brush Public School	P	1.62
Hallidays Point Public School	P	2.42
Wingham Public School	P	2.12
Taree High School	S	12.68
Great Lakes College Senior Campus	S	8.88

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Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus	S	12.08
Wingham High School	S	8.48
Chatham High School	S	14.68
Great Lakes College Forster Campus	S	15.08

- \* 0443 MANNING BASE HOSPITAL PRESENTATIONS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many presentations were made to Manning Base Hospital by residents from postcode 2423 during the period 2012 to 2022?

Answer—

From 2012 to 2022, there were 7,193 presentations to Manning Base Hospital Emergency Department by residents of postcode 2423.

- \* 0444 MANNING GREAT LAKES LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

How many calls have been made to Manning Great Lakes Local Area Command for assistance in the Wingham and Old Bar areas during the past 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

A total of 1,475 calls for assistance were made to the Manning Great Lakes Police Area Command between 1 June 2022 and 31 May 2023.

- \* 0445 BUNGONIA TRUST PUBLIC AMENITIES FACILITY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government be providing \$100,000 to Bungonia Trust to build a new Public Amenities facility?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) If the Government does intend to fund these commitments, can the Government please outline the plan to construct adequate amenities including the installation of waste and electricity services, and the timeframes for this funding to be provided?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will deliver all election commitments as promised. This question is a matter for NSW Treasury and should be directed to the Treasurer.

- \* 0446 REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Noting the Government's election commitment to my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government be doubling the funding for regional road repair?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the specific funding and the timeframes for this to be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

The former Liberal-National government went to the 2023 NSW State Election offering now new funding for their Fixing Country Roads program until FY 2024-25 and no new funding for their Build Back Better O&M until FY 2027-28:

[https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pbo/Documents/2023CoalitionCostingsandRequests/C1485%20-%20Costing%20-%20\\$1%20billion%20to%20build%20better%20bush%20roads%20and%20rail.pdf](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pbo/Documents/2023CoalitionCostingsandRequests/C1485%20-%20Costing%20-%20$1%20billion%20to%20build%20better%20bush%20roads%20and%20rail.pdf)

The NSW Government is working to improve funding for local government and ensure the road network across NSW meets the needs of communities and industry.

The NSW Government will invest in road repairs that are urgently needed across the regions. A new \$670 million two-year Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund will be created to ensure that the roads people rely on every single day across Regional NSW are up to scratch.

This includes an additional investment of \$390 million over the next two years and continue the existing \$280 million Regional and Local Roads Repair Program, to ensure there is enough funding available to start the vital work of repairing the regional roads.

The existing \$193 million NSW Budget funding for the road reclassification program along with an additional \$197 million of new funding will go into the new Emergency Road Repair Fund.

The NSW Government is currently working with Transport for NSW on the framework for this grant funding with details to be provided to Councils in the coming months.

\* 0447 RAIL SERVICES IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Noting the Government's election commitment to my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government be improving rail services?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the specific details and the timeframes for this to be provided?

Answer—

I am advised

Rail services to the electorate of Goulburn deteriorated under the former Liberal-National government. The current NSW Government has committed to reviewing train timetables across the state. The review will consider a variety of service improvements, including but not limited to, community needs, travel patterns, flattening peaks, coordination with other modes and frequency of service.

The NSW Government is also replacing the ageing NSW regional rail fleet of XPT, XPLOER and Endeavour trains with 29 safer, comfortable, and more accessible trains for customers travelling on the NSW Train link network.

\* 0448 NEW SOUTH WALES BOATING NOW PROGRAM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the New South Wales Boating Now Program and Boating Now Round 4 (reviewed online 1 May 2023) funding:

- (1) Are there any delays in the allocation of funding for successful projects that were to be announced in mid-2022?

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- (a) If yes, what are the reasons for these delays?
- (2) In accordance with the Round 4 Guidelines as outlined by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) (December 2021), have applicants been notified and successful projects been announced?
- (3) What projects in the Kiama electorate have been recommended by your department for approval or are awaiting an outcome?
- (a) If yes, can you list these projects and their value?
- (4) Did the NSW Boating Now website change as of 1 May 2023?
- (a) If yes, what were they?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Government announced applications for grants for Round Four of the Boating Now Program in December 2021.

Although the Minister announced \$28 million would be available for the program Transport for NSW did not seek funding for the program as part of the 2022/23 budget process.

The Government has announced it will undertake a review of the Boating Now program, the applications for grants in the unfunded Round 4 of Boating Now will be considered as part of this review.

- \* 0449 NOWRA BRIDGE PROJECT MARINE OFFSET PROJECT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Nowra Bridge Project Marine Offset Project (May 2023):

- (1) Are there plans under the project to remove a jetty at Coolangatta?
- (a) Will the Minister review any assessment by TfNSW in due course?
- (2) What is the historical importance of this site?
- (3) Will the redevelopment and restoration of this site proceed, rather than its removal?
- (4) What other proposed offset projects and options were considered by TfNSW and DPI Fisheries and ruled out due to feasibility and the ability to meet offset obligations?
- (5) Has the project met these obligations and can the department provide data on environmental impacts from the construction of the Nowra Bridge and any offset balances?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW has lodged a development application with Shoalhaven City Council seeking approval to remove an illegal makeshift jetty at Coolangatta. If approved, Transport for NSW plans to carry out this work to meet the marine biodiversity offset requirements for the Nowra Bridge project.
- (a) The Shoalhaven City Council is the approval authority for this proposal.
- (2) Transport for NSW has found no evidence of the illegal makeshift jetty having heritage significance.
- (3) Department of Primary Industries Fisheries requested Transport for NSW to remove the makeshift jetty from this land and waterway to meet the marine biodiversity offsets for the Nowra Bridge project. Transport for NSW does not propose to redevelop or restore the jetty.
- (4) Transport for NSW and Department of Primary Industries Fisheries investigated the below five options including:



- Greenwell Point jetty resurfacing
- Saltmarsh protection at various locations in the Shoalhaven River catchment
- Maritime Wash Zone education program along the Shoalhaven River
- Bolong Road illegal jetty removal
- Pay into the DPI Fisheries marine offset fund.

The removal of the illegal jetty and associated works were identified as the preferred option to meet this requirement.

- (5) The removal of the illegal jetty and associated works were identified as the preferred option to meet this requirement.

\* 0450 ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to Alternative Care Arrangements (ACAs):

- (1) How many children in total have been in an ACA in total over the last six months?
- (2) What is the average number of children in an ACA each month over the last six months?
- (3) Of the children currently in an ACA, what is the longest period a child has been in an ACA and how much is the total cost of this ACA to date?
- (4) How much have ACAs cost in the last six months?
- (5) What strategies does the Minister have to reduce the number of children in an ACA?
- (6) What policy changes have the Minister or her department made to the management of ACAs in the last 12 months?
- (7) What private sector and/or non-government organisations are supporting the delivery of ACAs?
  - (a) How many children are currently in an ACA delivered by a non-government organisation?
  - (b) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of this data for each month over six months?
- (8) In the last four years, what month had the lowest number of children in an ACA and what was that number?
- (9) How many times has the Minister attended the monthly meeting of FACS Regional Directors to discuss ACAs?
- (10) Has the Minister discussed ACAs with the Association of Child Welfare Agencies?
- (11) Has the Minister discussed ACAs with the New South Wales Council of Social Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In total, 358 children have been in an ACA for at least one night between 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- (2) At the end of each month from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023, on average, 119 children were in an ACA.
- (3) As of 31 March 2023, a sibling group of four children had been in an ACA for 444 days. Individual ACA costs are unable to be provided, however the average annualised cost is \$841,000 per annum.
- (4) Expenditure on ACAs for the six months from December 2022 to May 2023 was \$54.6 million.

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- (5) Given the significant failures of the previous government to reduce costly emergency arrangements, I am considering and will announce in due course a range of reforms to address this issue.
- (6) As above.
- (7) (a) On 31 March 2023, there were 48 children in an ACA that were case managed by an NGO.
- (b)
- |                |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| October 2022:  | NGO 42 | DCJ 82 |
| November 2022: | NGO 44 | DCJ 79 |
| December 2022: | NGO 43 | DCJ 68 |
| January 2023:  | NGO 43 | DCJ 73 |
| February 2023: | NGO 44 | DCJ 73 |
| March 2023:    | NGO 48 | DCJ 79 |
- (8) As at 30 December 2020, there were 59 children in an ACA. Noting that ACA has seasonal fluctuations and December often sees less children in an ACA compared to other months.
- (9) I will continue to meet with Department staff to discuss various issues of importance, including ACAs.
- (10) Yes
- (11) Yes

\* 0451 CHILD PROTECTION CASEWORKER VACANCY RATES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to child protection caseworkers and caseworker vacancy rates:

- (1) Can the Minister list the qualifications required to become a caseworker in New South Wales?
- (2) Can the Minister list the qualifications required to become an assistant in casework in New South Wales?
- (3) Are there any circumstances where a person can become a caseworker without a bachelor's degree and what are those circumstances?
- (4) How many caseworkers identify as Aboriginal or First Nations in New South Wales?
- (5) What are the qualifications to become a caseworker in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Queensland and the ACT?
- (6) What is the Government's current plan to reach a zero-net caseworker vacancy rate in New South Wales?
- (7) Are there plans to allow caseworkers who have undertaken a Diploma in Casework at an accredited Registered Training Organisation (such as TAFE) to apply for caseworker roles?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (8) What action is the Minister taking to address the caseworker vacancy rate in South-West Sydney?
- (9) What action is the Minister taking to address the caseworker vacancy rate in Hunter-New England?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) To become a caseworker, a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Work, Social Science, and Psychology are required, with other related degrees considered.

- (2) To become a casework support worker, a diploma and/or related work experience is required.
- (3) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, demonstrating cultural capability including connection to community and country, do not require a degree level qualification.
- (4) As at 23 June 2022, there were 284 caseworkers who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the Department of Communities and Justice.
- (5) Qualifications required to become a caseworker vary across Australia.
- (6) The department is implementing a workforce strategy to attract and retain the caseworker workforce. The unemployment market in NSW is at historical lows, which leads to mobility of casework staff, hence initiatives to support retention such as improving practice-based learning and boosting leadership capability are a focus area. Attraction strategies include increasing support for candidates, revision of all marketing material to attract candidates and linking with universities to source new graduates directly into employment pathways.
- (7) Those with diploma level qualifications are able to become a casework support worker. a. There is strong evidence to support the requirement that caseworkers have the formal training and skills in critical reasoning and understanding trauma. This enables informed decision-making about the complex family issues that caseworkers may face.
- (8) In addition to (6), I am considering and will announce in due course a number of initiatives to address this issue.
- (9) As above.

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(Paper No. 9)

- \* 0452 FUNDING FOR EMPIRE BAY TENNIS CLUB—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to commitments made during the election:

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund the resurfacing of the Empire Bay Tennis Club?
- (2) Can a timeline be provided on the work that will be done?

Answer—

The NSW Government will honour all of its election commitments.

- \* 0453 COSTING BREAST CARE NURSES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is the Government funding the Breast Care Nurses program?
  - (a) If not, will the Central Coast Local Area Health District have to take the funds for this project from their existing budget?
- (2) If this is the case, what projects will have their funds reduced to fund this commitment?

Answer—

(1 – 2) Yes, the NSW Government committed to fund the Breast Care Nurses program as part of its election platform. Funding will be considered as part of the 2023-24 NSW Budget process.

- \* 0454 COSTING WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is the Government funding the Women's Health Centres?

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(a) If not, will the Central Coast Local Area Health District have to take funds for these centres from their existing budget?

(2) If this is the case, what projects will have their funds reduced to fund this commitment?

Answer—

(1 - 2) Yes.

The NSW Government provides annual funding to Women's Health Centres and has committed to boosting funding to Women's Health Centres.

Additional funding to Women's Health Centres is subject to the 2023-24 NSW State Budget Process.

\* 0456 NEW HOSPITAL IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Is the Government planning to construct a new hospital to service the growing regions in Western Sydney, specially around the area of the new Western Sydney Airport and Oran Park?

(a) If so, what is the proposed location of the hospital and when will construction commence?

Answer—

(1. a) The NSW Government has committed \$15 million to commence planning and site selection for a new public hospital in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

\* 0457 RELOCATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HILLS STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Does the Government have an existing commitment to the Hills Shire Council to identify a suitable parcel of Government owned land for the construction of a new headquarters for the Hills State Emergency Services unit?

(2) If the answer to question 1 is in the affirmative:

(a) When was the commitment given?

(b) What are the terms of the commitment?

(c) What progress has occurred to complete such commitment?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\* 0458 VENTILATION OUTLETS AT CAMMERAY PARK AND ARTARMON—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

In relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel, Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Beaches Link program of works:

(1) Is construction proceeding on ventilation outlets at Cammeray Park and Artarmon?

(2) Does the Government intend to filter any ventilation outlets built?

(a) If not, why not?

(3) What air quality monitoring will be conducted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In accordance with the planning approval for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade, a ventilation outlet for the Western Harbour Tunnel will be constructed in the freeway corridor at Cammeray. The Cammeray ventilation outlet includes a co-located outlet, originally intended for the Beaches Link Project. As the Cammeray ventilation outlet is a single ventilation structure, it is included in the Western Harbour Tunnel Package 2 construction works and may support network integration for any future motorway connections. The proposed Artarmon ventilation outlet, featured in the original Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade planning approval, will not be constructed, which is in line with the decision to place the Beaches Link project on hold.
- (2) Transport for NSW recognises air quality is important to local communities near road infrastructure such as freeways and motorway tunnels. The Western Harbour Tunnel will be built and operated to meet strict air quality standards using modern ventilation and tunnel design. Transport for NSW has carried out a detailed assessment of air quality in consultation with independent specialist agencies including the NSW Environment Protection Authority, Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer, the Ministry of Health and the Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality to ensure the project will meet regulatory requirements and manage the potential impacts on air quality. Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality has found that emissions from well-designed road tunnels cause a negligible change to surrounding air quality, and as such, there is little to no health benefit for surrounding communities in installing filtration and air treatment systems in such tunnels.
- (3) As with all motorway tunnel projects in recent years, Transport for NSW is required by the planning conditions to monitor and report on air quality impacts during operation of the motorway tunnels. During the development of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects, the former NSW Government introduced new rules on assessing air quality impacts, to form part of the overall planning framework. These are in addition to the rigorous and comprehensive air quality assessment requirements that form part of the environmental assessment process. These include the requirement for motorway tunnel air ventilation outlets to be regulated by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

\* 0459 PREGNANCY LOSS SERVICES—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to pregnancy loss services at Armidale and Glen Innes Hospitals:

- (1) Are women who have experienced a pregnancy loss placed in maternity wards for recovery?
- (2) What information, counselling or aftercare support are provided to women and their families after being discharged from hospital?
- (3) Is there a trained social worker at Armidale and/or Glen Innes Hospitals?

Answer—

- (1 - 3) Any woman experiencing pregnancy loss is treated according to their individual clinical needs. Many women will not require admission. Woman who do require admission, are allocated a single room in the most appropriate ward. This may include surgical, recovery or maternity. If a woman needs to be allocated a bed in the maternity ward, this is discussed with the woman prior and alternate arrangements may be offered should they request it.

Women and their families experiencing pregnancy loss at Armidale or Glen Innes are offered information on local and national bereavement counselling and are provided grief resources, including materials from Bears of Hope. They can also be referred to a District social worker for ongoing support. There are social workers at Armidale and Glen Innes hospitals.

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- \* 0460 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Of the 1,043 property owners from the Tweed Local Government Area registered for the Resilient Homes Program, only 28 properties have been approved for voluntary home buyback:

- (1) How many of the 28 buyback offers have been accepted?
- (2) What is the status of the remaining 1,015 registered properties?
- (3) Will all registered property owners receive advice about their eligibility for the program by the end of June 2023 (Quarter 2 2023)?

Answer—

The Honourable Member should direct his Question to the Hon Paul Scully MP, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 0461 SOCIAL HOUSING TIMEFRAMES IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What is the current timeframe for receiving social housing in the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

Information on wait times for receiving social housing is not captured by state electorate. The Tweed Heads (NN37) and Murwillumbah (NN42) Allocation zones are located within the Tweed Electorate.

Information on timeframes for receiving social housing as at 30 June 2022 by allocation zone is publicly available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

- \* 0462 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST AGE BRACKETS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Regarding the wait list for social housing in the Tweed Electorate, what percentage of people on the social housing wait list are in the following age brackets:
  - (a) 20-30 years old?
  - (b) 30-40 years old?
  - (c) 40-50 years old?
  - (d) 50-60 years old?
  - (e) 60-70 years old?
  - (f) 70 years old+?

Answer—

Information on wait times for receiving social housing is not captured by state electorate. The Tweed Electorate is located in the Northern NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) district.

Information on age brackets for social housing applicants on the social housing wait list is captured by the following age brackets for household heads: Under 18 years, 18-24 years, 25-54 years, and 55 years and over. This information is publicly available at:

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/TableA2B1C2D0N68\\_/Performance\\_measure](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/TableA2B1C2D0N68_/Performance_measure)

- \* 0463 WORONORA RESERVOIR—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

What is the Government's position on coal exploration and mining in the Woronora Reservoir catchment 'Special Area'?

Answer—

Existing coal exploration and mining in the Woronora Reservoir catchment 'Special Area' is subject to strict conditions detailed in the development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and/ or the relevant title under the Mining Act 1992.

New exploration would only be considered in the area in accordance with the Operational Allocation Framework.

Questions relating to planning approvals for expanding coal mines should be referred to the Minister for Planning. All resource projects, including coal mining expansions, are subject to an independent planning process.

- \* 0464 TAFE COURSE CHANGES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Will there be any changes in 2023 or 2024:

- (a) to which courses are offered at TAFE NSW Loftus, TAFE NSW Gymea or TAFE NSW St George?  
(b) the number of places offered in any course at TAFE NSW Loftus, TAFE NSW Gymea or TAFE NSW St George?

Answer—

I am advised:

Course information for each campus is available, by location, at [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).

TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>

- \* 0465 BOWNING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government provide \$60,000 for Bowning Community Association towards a street safety and beautification plan to improve amenities and attract more people to the village?  
(a) If not, why not?  
(2) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline timeframes for this funding to be provided?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will deliver all election commitments as promised. This question is a matter for NSW Treasury and should be directed to the Treasurer.

- \* 0466 MOSS VALE FIRE STATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will \$2 million be provided for a new Fire Station in Moss Vale?  
(a) If not, why not?

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- (2) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the timeframes for this funding to be provided?

Answer—

- (1) The Government's commitment was to a \$2 million upgrade of the fire station in Moss Vale.  
(2) The election commitment will be funded through the Treasury budget process.

\* 0467 GOULBURN CLUB—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

Noting the Government's election commitment in my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will \$40,000 be provided to the Goulburn Club to improve accessibility?  
(a) If not, why not?  
(2) If the Government does intend to fund these commitments, can the Government please outline the timeframes for this funding to be provided?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will deliver all election commitments as promised. This question is a matter for NSW Treasury and should be directed to the Treasurer.

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\* 0468 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

Regarding the fencing along the Wakehurst Parkway:

- (1) How often is the fencing inspected to ensure it remains in working order?  
(2) Is there a scheduled maintenance plan for the fencing?  
(a) If so, on what dates or periods is maintenance and inspections scheduled for the fencing over the next two years?  
(3) Are there plans to make gates in the fencing self-closing, to prevent wildlife entering the road area when the gates are left open?  
(4) Are there plans to complete a continuous fence along all parts of the Wakehurst Parkway and when would those plans be implemented?  
(5) Is there a strategy or plan to inspect fencing immediately following flood or storm events?

Regarding the verges and underpasses along the Wakehurst Parkway:

- (6) How often is the verge and underpasses inspected to ensure they remain clear and safe of rubbish and vegetation debris,  
(7) Is there a scheduled maintenance plan for verges and underpasses?  
(a) If so, on what dates is maintenance and inspections scheduled for the verges and underpasses over the next two years,  
(8) Work was recently undertaken to clear and maintain the verges. Are there plans to remove all the rubbish which was cleared from the verge into the adjoining bushland, and when will any planned work be undertaken?



- (9) Is it Government policy to include a budget provision to ensure the installation of wildlife fencing along all new or upgraded major roads (e.g. Mona Vale Road East) that pass through or adjacent to bushland?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW's road maintenance provider for the Eastern Harbour Zone, ConnectSydney, inspects Wakehurst Parkway's road infrastructure monthly. Roads infrastructure is also inspected in response to customer feedback, in addition to the monthly inspections, where required.
- (2) ConnectSydney inspects this road's infrastructure monthly. Maintenance work is then scheduled based on the inspection outcomes and priority. ConnectSydney completed maintenance work on Wakehurst Parkway, between Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest and Pittwater Road, Narrabeen in June 2023. This work included repairing nine sections of fencing in both directions, trimming vegetation along the fence line, clearing blocked drainage and removing litter.
- (3) Transport for NSW approach to the management of wildlife fencing and other environmental factors is considered as a part of an integrated approach to new or upgraded major roads. This approach:
  - Is outlined in the Transport for NSW Environment and Sustainability Policy
  - includes a Review of Environmental Factors where the specific environmental issues associated with new or upgraded major roads are identified and addressed
  - leads to several solutions, including wildlife over/underpasses in addition to wildlife fencing.
- (4) Please refer to answer in question 3.
- (5) In addition to regular inspections, inspections are typically scheduled after severe wet weather events to identify if there is any damage to assets from the weather event, and subsequently schedule rectification works.
- (6) ConnectSydney is responsible for access points to and for the fauna underpass on Wakehurst Parkway, between Warringah Road and Aquatic Drive at Frenchs Forest. This underpass is inspected and cleared monthly.
- (7) ConnectSydney will continue to inspect the underpass monthly and schedule any required maintenance works accordingly.
- (8) Northern Beaches Council is responsible for maintaining the bushland.
- (9) Please refer to answer in question 3.

\* 0469 TERREY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise if there are plans to provide air conditioning in all classrooms at the Terrey Hills Public School?
  - (a) If so, what is the timing for when the installation of that air conditioning will be completed?

Answer—

The Department of Education advises that the former government did not fund a project to install air conditioning in all classrooms at Terrey Hills Public School.

Terrey Hills Public School currently has air conditioning installed in seven classrooms and the library.

Information about the pipeline of capital works and maintenance at NSW public schools is made available to local schools on a regular basis.

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\* 0470 FIRST LAP LEARN TO SWIM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Please provide the following information for the periods of 1 December 2021 to 30 June 2022 and 1 July 2022 to the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is):
- (a) How many First Lap learn to swim vouchers have been redeemed?
- (i) In the Pittwater electorate?
- (ii) By post code in the Pittwater electorate?
- (b) How many First Lap learn to swim vouchers that have been issued are yet to be redeemed?
- (i) In the Pittwater electorate?
- (ii) By post code in the Pittwater electorate?
- (2) How many organisations (in total) in the Pittwater electorate are currently registered as an Active Kids provider?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 9 July 2023:

- (1. a)
- (i) In the Pittwater electorate, 1,481 First Lap vouchers were redeemed from 1 December 2021 to 30 June 2022 and 1,012 First Lap vouchers were redeemed from 1 July 2022 to 9 July 2023.
- (ii) Data collection does not allow for the accurate breakdown of redemptions by postcode within an electorate (See data notes).
- (1. b)
- (i) In the Pittwater electorate, 401 First Lap vouchers created between 1 December 2021 and 30 June 2022 were not redeemed, and 228 First Lap vouchers created from 1 July 2022 to 9 July 2023 have not been redeemed.
- (ii) Data collection does not allow for accurate breakdown of redemptions by postcode within an electorate (See data notes).
- (2) Active Kids data collection does not allow for accurate breakdown of providers by electorate (See data notes).

Data notes:

- Due to some postcodes existing in multiple electorates and the way in which program data is structured, it is not possible to accurately report First Lap voucher redemptions by postcode within electorates.
- Active Kids and First Lap data is based on residential suburbs entered by the recipients at the time of registration. Recipients who did not provide residential suburbs and/or incorrect details are excluded.
- Active Kids provider location data is captured by postcode at the time of application and may refer to the location of the provider's office or another location where its activities are delivered.

\* 0471 FIRST HOME BUYER CHOICE PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Please provide the data for the First Home Buyer Choice Program since the program came into effect:

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- (1) By calendar month, how many applications have been received for the First Home Buyer Choice Program:
    - (a) In Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be or actually purchased in Pittwater)?
    - (b) By Postcode in Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be or actually purchased in Pittwater)?
  - (2) By calendar month, how many applications for the First Home Buyer Choice Program have been successful:
    - (a) In Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be or actually purchased in Pittwater)?
    - (b) By Postcode in Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be or actually purchased in Pittwater)?
  - (3) How many applications for the First Home Buyer Choice Program that have been received were still outstanding as at 31 May 2023:
    - (a) In Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be purchased in Pittwater)?
    - (b) By Postcode in Pittwater (in respect of applications for properties proposed to be purchased in Pittwater)?

Answer—

- (1) 1(a), 2(a) and 3(a)  
Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate.
- (2) 1 (b), 2(b) and 3(b)  
Refer to AQON312 Tab A.

\* 0472 WARRIEWOOD SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) On what date did the Warriewood Service NSW Centre open?
- (2) How many transactions have been undertaken in each year at the Warriewood Service NSW Centre since its opening (please provide a breakdown for each calendar year or financial year ending 30 June)?

Answer—

- (1) Warriewood Service Centre opened on 23 June 2016.
- (2) Based on figures as at 30 June each year, the number of customers served annually is:
  - FY 2016 - 2,437
  - FY 2017 - 96,219
  - FY 2018 - 78,719
  - FY 2019 - 77,477
  - FY 2020 - 66,388
  - FY 2021 - 75,745
  - FY 2022 - 58,617
  - FY 2023 - 62,550

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\* 0473 NEW SOUTH WALES RURAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) In each of the following years, what have been the position titles (and how many full-time equivalents have been employed in each of those roles) at each of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service Districts across New South Wales:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
  - (f) 2023?
- (2) As at the date of this question:
  - (a) How many full-time equivalent employees are employed at each of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service Districts?
  - (b) For each District, what are the position titles of those employed, and how many are employed with that position title at each District?
  - (c) How many vacant positions exist at each of the Rural Fire Service Districts across New South Wales and what is the position title of each of those positions?
- (3) What is the annualised staff turnover rate in the New South Wales Rural Fire Service?
- (4) How many full-time equivalent employees have left the employ of the Rural Fire Service in each of the last three years?
- (5) In each of the last three years how many full-time equivalent staff has the Rural Fire Service employed?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The relevant data on position titles and full-time equivalents can be found in the attached document. Position titles are included for 2021/22 and 2022/23 but not for the previous years as historical data reporting did not capture position titles.
- (2) The relevant data on full-time equivalents, position titles and vacancies can be found in the attached document.

In relation to 2 (a) and (b), these are FTE establishment positions which are occupied. In relation to 2 (c), a planned establishment position is considered vacant if there is no substantive or actual occupant or the actual occupant has another substantive position in a District that has not been backfilled.
- (3) The annualised staff turnover rate in the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is 11.8 per cent.
- (4) In each of the last three years, the number of full-time equivalent that left the employ of the RFS is as follows:

2020/21 - 94  
2021/22 - 153  
2022/23 - 162

These figures are reported as headcount and include resignations of ongoing/temporary staff but not those who have completed a routine temporary contract.

- (5) In each of the last three years, the number of full-time equivalent staff employed is as follows:
- 2020/21 - 284
  - 2021/22 - 222
  - 2022/23 - 293

Appointment information provided is reported as headcount and includes 'new hires' (ongoing and temporary employees appointed to roles on the basis of comparative or suitability assessment). It does not include casual employment, internal temporary assignments or secondments from other agencies.

Further information can be found via an attachment in Question and Answer Tracking.

\* 0474 CROWN PROPERTY UNDER THE ROADS PORTFOLIO—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Could the Minister please provide a list of all real property in the Pittwater electorate (including folio identifier and street address where applicable) owned by the Crown and / or any Department for which the Minister has responsibility?
- (2) In respect of each of the above real property, could the Minister please advise whether there is any plan, proposal or policy to sell, transfer, lease or dispose of any such real property over the next three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of all real property in the Pittwater electorate is available through subscription services of land tenure in NSW. Transport for NSW land that is classed as disposal is publicly available on the Open Data website.

\* 0475 CROWN PROPERTY UNDER THE WATER PORTFOLIO—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of all real property in the Pittwater electorate (including folio identifier and street address where applicable) owned by the Crown and / or Sydney Water and / or any Department for which the Minister has responsibility?
- (2) In respect of each of the above real property, could the Minister please advise whether there is any plan, proposal or policy to sell, transfer, lease or dispose of any such real property over the next three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available at 1. <https://www.infotrack.com.au/contact-us/create-account/>
- (2) Sydney Water has a vast portfolio of land holdings across the portfolio and operational areas, including Pittwater. Sydney Water actively assesses surplus property requirements and considers the appropriate approach to re-purpose, sell, transfer, lease, or dispose of each site on a case-by-case basis.

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\* 0476 CROWN PROPERTY UNDER THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a list of all real property in the Pittwater electorate (including folio identifier and street address where applicable) owned by the Crown and / or any Department for which the Minister has responsibility?
- (2) In respect of each of the above real property, could the Minister please advise whether there is any plan, proposal or policy to sell, transfer, lease or dispose of any such real property over the next three years?

Answer—

The information requested does not fall under the responsibility of the Minister for Education. Please refer this question to the Minister for Lands and Property.

\* 0477 WATER BUYBACKS IN THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to water buybacks in the Murray Darling Basin:

- (1) How will the Government support farmers in keeping food and fibre prices down for consumers?
- (2) What will the Government do to avoid water allocation price increases in New South Wales?
- (3) Does the Government plan to increase the transfer of water from the irrigation industry to the environment?
- (4) Will the Government rule out additional buybacks and lobby Federal Government colleagues to do the same?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to a thriving rural and regional NSW and a strong agricultural sector. While the Government has a range of services for producers in NSW, food and fibre prices are determined by market forces of supply and demand and not by the NSW Government.

The NSW Government invests in supporting farmers to improve productivity and build resilience including substantial investments in Research & Development. By supporting farmers to improve productivity and manage production risks, supply is more stable.

- (2) The NSW Government has no role in the prices agreed privately between willing sellers and buyers in the water market.
- (3) The Australian Government is committed to delivering the existing Murray-Darling Basin Plan in full which includes meeting existing water recovery targets.
- (4) Water recovery under the Basin Plan is the responsibility of the Australian Government. Because of the delays in delivering the Basin Plan by the former NSW Government, it is likely that the Australian Government may be forced to resort to further buybacks to deliver the Basin Plan.

The NSW Government does not support buybacks and advocates for the Commonwealth Government to prioritise meeting water recovery targets through investment in existing projects, programs and infrastructure which deliver environmental outcomes.

\* 0478 WANAARING HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What are the plans for the continuation of primary care nursing services in Wanaaring?

Answer—

I am advised there are no planned changes in service delivery and negotiations for a new contractual agreement with the Royal Flying Doctor Service are being finalised.

- \* 0479 DOPPLER RADAR FOR THE FAR WEST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Considering that the installation of a new radar would provide better weather predictive abilities:

- (1) Does the Government plan to fund the installation of a Doppler Radar in the Far West?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently no plans to install a new Doppler Radar in the Far West. Construction of three Doppler radars in western NSW is now complete:

- Brewarrina, live on 3 November 2020
- Hillston-Ivanhoe, live on 3 August 2021
- Yeoval, live on 26 May 2022

These three radars provide additional weather monitoring coverage of up to 230,000 square kilometres, or 30% of the total area of New South Wales with potential to benefit about 170,000 people in Western New South Wales.

- \* 0480 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public school in the Albury electorate, how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?
- (2) Separately for each public high school in the Albury electorate, how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?

Answer—

The number of demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available and published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

- \* 0481 AIR-CONDITIONING FOR CLASSROOMS—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public primary school in the Albury electorate, how many classrooms are without air conditioning at that school?
- (2) Separately for each public high school in the Albury electorate, how many classrooms are without air conditioning at that school?

Answer—

The Department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

In the Albury electorate, the Department of Education has recently delivered more air conditioning at Albury High School, Albury North Public School, Albury Public School, Albury West Public School, Billabong High School, Brocklesby Public School, Corowa High School, Cowra Public School, Cowra South Public School, Culcairn Public School (in delivery), Gerogery Public School, Glenroy Public School (in delivery), Henty Public School (in delivery), Holbrook Public School, Howlong Public School (in delivery), Hume Public School, James Fallon High School, Jerilderie Public School, Jindera Public School, Khancoban Public School, Lavington East Public School, Lavington Public School, Lowesdale Public

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School, Mulwala Public School, Murray High School, Oaklands Central School, Rand Public School, Springdale Heights Public School (in delivery), Table Top Public School (in delivery), Thurgoona Public School (in delivery), Tumbarumba High School, Urana Public School, Walbundrie Public School (in delivery) and Walla Walla Public School.

\* 0482 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Will the Government continue the vital Stronger Country Communities Fund on which regional New South Wales relies?
- (2) If so, when will the next round open for applications?
- (3) Will each Local Government Area in regional New South Wales receive an allocation of grant funding for 2023 under Stronger Country Communities or any similar New South Wales fund?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that any such funding, as referred to in the previous question, will be uncontested funding for each Local Government Area?

Answer—

(1 - 4) Our Government is taking time to review programs of the former government before making decisions about future investments in regional NSW. We are committed to delivering support that fosters prosperity and a better future for people, businesses, and communities across regional NSW.

\* 0483 NATIONAL ENERGY BILL RELIEF HOUSEHOLDS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

How many households across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate are eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the 2023-24 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) The estimated number of households eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate is approximately 22,000.

\* 0484 NATIONAL ENERGY BILL RELIEF SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

How many small businesses across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate are eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the 2023-24 financial year?

Answer—

Data on the number of small businesses eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment is not available at the electorate level. Small business eligibility is based on businesses that consume less than 100 megawatt hours of electricity per year.

\* 0485 DIALYSIS TREATMENT IN COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the current availability of dialysis treatment at health services across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate (including the Murrumbidgee and Western NSW Local Health Districts)?
  - (a) Will a mobile dialysis service commence in these areas within the next 12 to 18 months?



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Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided based on electorate.

Western NSW Local Health District and Murrumbidgee Local Health District provide renal service options in multiple locations.

These Districts also support patients to access care through other pathways, including home-based dialysis, where clinically appropriate.

Demand levels in both Districts indicate mobile services are not required.

\* 0486 CO-EDUCATION IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans for a Year 7-12 co-educational high school in my electorate?
- (2) Will the Government transition Georges River College – Peakhurst Campus into a 7-12 co-educational high school?
- (3) Will the Government transition Georges River College – Peshurst Girls Campus into a 7-12 single-sex high school?
- (4) Will the Government transition Georges River College – Hurstville Boys Campus into a 7-12 single-sex high school?
- (5) Will the Government maintain Georges River College – Oatley Senior Campus as an 11-12 co-educational high school specialising in Higher School Certificate (HSC) learning?

Answer—

The Government is committed to providing guaranteed access to a co-educational public high school for all students in NSW, including in the Oatley electorate. Work to on the plan to deliver this commitment is underway and will be delivered for all secondary students in this term of government.

Updates will be shared with local communities as work progresses.

\* 0487 SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Noting that the Multicultural NSW Emergency Relief Support Grant funding is set to expire on 30 June 2023:

- (1) Will this funding continue in supporting the 15 NGOs which provide much needed support to asylum seekers and refugees in New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Government reach out to its Federal counterparts to call on them to resume their responsibility to fund and support the work of NGOs across New South Wales and Australia who support temporary visa holders, asylum seekers and refugees?

Answer—

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, and due to the absence of Commonwealth support, the NSW Government provided temporary relief funding to specialist NGOs that support people seeking asylum and other vulnerable temporary visa holders from June 2020 to June 2023.

I have made representations directly to the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs about this matter and its associated impacts.

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\* 0488 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government provide express train services to Riverwood station along the T8 line:
  - (a) If so, when will this occur?
  - (b) How frequently will these trains service Riverwood station?
  - (c) Will these express services also stop at other stops along the T8 line, such as Narwee and Beverly Hills station?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to provide additional express train services to the following stations:
  - (a) Oatley station?
  - (b) Penshurst station?
  - (c) Mortdale station?
  - (d) Hurstville station?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW takes into consideration several factors when developing the train timetable, including passenger demand, availability of trains and capacity to operate trains on the network.

The timetable is designed to deliver the best outcomes for the majority of passengers. This is done through the analysis of Opal data which demonstrates where and when passengers are travelling, as well as forecasts changes in future travel needs.

In April 2023, the Minns Labor Government announced a comprehensive and independent review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems. In May an interim report was delivered and is publicly available.

The final report for the review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems is expected to be delivered in October 2023.

\* 0489 FINES ISSUED IN THE DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many fines have been issued in school zones within the following Police Area Commands, broken down by financial year from 2017/18 to 2021/22:
  - (a) North Shore?
  - (b) Northern Beaches?
  - (c) Ku-ring-gai?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance.

\* 0490 SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

In the Davidson Electorate, some schools on some weekdays finish school before 2:30pm. Can flashing lights start within 30 minutes before school finishes if school finishes before 2:30pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

Most school zones operate from 8:00am to 9:30am and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. However, there are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW, which are identified by red or orange school zone signs showing the times when school zone flashing lights operate.

Exemptions from standard school zone times may only be granted in exceptional circumstances, such as where a school operates significantly outside the standard hours of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 4:00pm. If any of the schools in the Davidson Electorate operate significantly outside of standard school zone hours, then a request for a non-standard school zone can be made. School Principals make the application to their local council, which then liaises with Transport for NSW.

School zones are intended to protect children on their journey to and from schools at the times and places where they are most often found in higher numbers. This lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. School zone signs, dragon's teeth road markings and flashing lights improve the visibility of school zones.

In 2012, the NSW Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) report on school zone effectiveness reinforced the view that consistent operation of school zones, including standardised operating times, is a key element of ensuring safety around schools. The report acknowledged that the standard hours of operation provide a consistent message of the 40km/h speed limit in school zones and minimise motorist confusion.

\* 0491 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CARD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card, can the card be used to pay for fuel, food and/or tobacco products?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes.

\* 0492 GOVERNMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to Government boards, how many appointments have been made since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

The NSW Government is keen to ensure that the best candidates are recruited for its boards and committees, and that they reflect the community's skills and experience, gender and cultural diversity. Residents of NSW who would like to make a contribution to their community by serving on a NSW Government Board or Committee are invited to register their interest via the NSW Boards and Committees Register at <https://boards.nsw.gov.au/join/>

Information about current vacancies is available at <https://boards.nsw.gov.au/>

I am advised that all Ministerial appointments to NSW Government boards and committees must follow a robust and transparent appointment process under M201 -Appointments to Board and Committees and must comply with the Public Service Commissioner's Appointment Standards: Boards and Committees in the NSW Public Sector.

\* 0493 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT TO PRESENT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

How many ministerial staff, departmental liaison officers and/or other advisers in total have left Government employment in a ministerial office or returned to their various departments or agencies between 28 March 2023 to present?

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Answer—

I am advised that Ministers' staff numbers are published biannually on the Cabinet Office's website:

[Premier and minister's staff numbers | NSW Government](#)

- \* 0494 PACIFIC HIGHWAY WIDENING IN GORDON—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

What plans does Transport for NSW have to widen the Pacific Highway to three continuous lanes in each direction between Boundary Street Roseville and Mona Vale Road / Ryde Road in Gordon?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 5.4 kilometre section of the Highway has three continuous southbound lanes, while the northbound lanes vary between two and three lanes. The northbound sections where three lanes merge into two lanes have been designed to accommodate dedicated right-turning lanes for access to the adjoining local road network, and to provide connectivity and accessibility for road users across the highway.

- \* 0495 UPGRADING AND MODERNISING SIGNS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

What plans does Transport for NSW have in relation to further upgrading and modernising of signs in school zones, using the latest technology?

Answer—

I am advised:

The department is currently in the process of upgrading its 3G-reliant technology, including school zone signs, across the state.

Transport 3G assets will be transitioned to the 4G networks. Where possible, equipment will be deployed that is compatible with 5G networks to allow for future-proofing of networks.

- \* 0496 GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES IN THE DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

How many housing properties are owned or leased by the Government within the Davidson electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 30 June 2022, the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owns 9 properties in the Davidson electorate managed by community housing providers.

- \* 0497 GOVERNMENT BOARDS APPROVED BY CABINET—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

Are appointments to Government Boards approved by Cabinet?

Answer—

I am advised under the Premier's Memorandum 2021-07 -*Appointments to NSW Government boards and committees* (Memo), Cabinet approval is required for significant or high-level Government appointments.

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\* 0498 MACMASTERS BEACH RURAL FIRE SERVICE STATION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund an upgrade of Macmasters Beach RFS station in the next State Budget?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Rural Fire Service is committed to upgrading the Macmasters Beach Rural Fire Brigade station. Initial funding has been provided to begin a site analysis and survey and detailed design work, which will help inform final costings and funding decisions.

\* 0499 UPGRADE OF AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the \$90 million committed by the Federal Government being factored into this year's state budget for the Avoca Drive upgrade in Kincumber?
- (2) What is the approximate timeline for the public consultation period, planning and delivery period for this major infrastructure road in my Electorate?
- (3) Will funding include an upgrade of the intersection between Carrick Road and Avoca Drive?

Answer—

I am advised

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

\* 0500 CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Are works on the Central Coast Highway between Forresters Beach and Bateau Bay on schedule and budget?
- (2) Can the Minister provide an approximate completion date for the first stage of the upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

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

\* 0501 FERNHILL ESTATE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government honor the previous government's commitment to allocate \$65 million for the transformation of Fernhill Estate into a public park?
- (a) If the commitment is to be upheld, what is the proposed timeline for the commencement and completion of the transformation project?
- (b) Has there been any reassessment or alteration of the scope and vision for the Fernhill Estate transformation since the funding announcement?
- (i) If so, could you please provide details on any modifications or adjustments made?
- (c) Are there any potential challenges or considerations that the Government has identified in relation to the funding and execution of the Fernhill Estate transformation project?
- (i) If so, what steps are being taken to address these challenges?
- (d) Can you provide any additional information or updates regarding the status of the funding and any significant developments related to the Fernhill Estate transformation project?

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Answer—

I am advised that this is now a matter for the Minister for Planning.

\* 0502 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many businesses in the Drummoyne electorate are currently registered to be a provider for the Active Kids program?
- (2) How many Active Kids vouchers have been accessed by families living in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 12 July 2023:

- (1) Program data does not allow for accurate breakdown of providers by electorate (see data notes).
- (2) Active Kids voucher creation data broken down by electorate is available via the public dashboard on the Office of Sport website -<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/active-kids>

Data notes:

Provider location data is captured by postcode at the time of application and may refer to the location of the provider's office or another location where its activities are delivered.

\* 0503 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many businesses in the Drummoyne electorate are currently registered to be a provider for the First Lap program?
- (2) How many First Lap vouchers have been accessed by families living in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 9 July 2023:

- (1) Three businesses in the Drummoyne electorate are currently registered to be a provider for the First Lap program.
- (2) 3,573 First Lap vouchers have been created by families living in the Drummoyne electorate since the commencement of the program.

\* 0504 FERRY SERVICES DURING VIVID—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many complaints were received by Transport for NSW about customers from Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford and Cabarita ferry wharves being unable to access a ferry during Vivid?
- (2) How many additional ferry services were organised during Vivid for customers from Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford and Cabarita ferry wharves?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Between 26 May 2023 - 17 June 2023, Transport for NSW received three complaints from customers not being able to board ferry services at those wharves due to the vessels being at full capacity. There were two complaints from Cabarita wharf and one complaint from Drummoyne wharf.

- (2) During the Vivid period, there was a number of additional ferry services.

From Parramatta wharf, on Sundays and the June public holiday (Monday 12 June 2023), there was an additional service that included stops at Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford and Cabarita ferry wharves.

From Circular Quay, there were two additional services each Friday, Saturday and Sunday and June public holiday (Monday 12 June 2023). The additional services included stops at Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford and Cabarita ferry wharves.

Transdev Sydney Ferries also operated additional services across the Vivid period, including approximately 10 to 15 additional services over three-day period of the long weekend.

- \* 0505 WENTWORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL CATCHMENT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Will the catchment for the new high school at Wentworth Point include students living in areas of the Drummoyne electorate including Rhodes, Liberty Grove and Concord West?

Answer—

The intake area for the new high school in Wentworth Point will be determined closer to the opening of the school. The Department of Education provides a place in a public school for every local student seeking to enrol.

- \* 0507 BOAT TRAILERS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Will the Government work with local Councils who are dealing with the matter of abandoned boat trailers?
- (2) Will the Government seek a review of the Impounding Act legislation to assist local Councils with enforcement of this matter?

Answer—

The Impounding Act 1993 is no longer in force. It was repealed in November 2022 and replaced by the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021. There is currently no plan to review the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021.

Abandoned boat trailers can be dealt with under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021. These new laws provide stronger regulatory and enforcement powers for local Councils and other authorities to deal with property left unattended in public, including abandoned boat trailers.

- \* 0508 TOLL RELIEF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many residents living in the Drummoyne electorate have accessed their Toll-relief rebate through Service NSW?
- (2) How much money has been paid to residents living in the Drummoyne electorate who have claimed their Toll-relief rebate through Service NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 4,152 people are registered for the Toll Relief rebate scheme in the City of Canada Bay Local Government Area.
- (2) \$1,128,047 has been claimed in Toll Relief rebate scheme by people living within the City of Canada Bay Local Government Area.

As data is not available for electorates, the City of Canada Bay Local Government Area was used.

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\* 0509 ST LUKE'S OVAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund the upgraded amenities block at St Luke's Oval?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Organisations can apply for funding under relevant grant programs, which will be published on the Office of Sport and the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder websites when they become available.

\* 0510 IRON COVE LINK TUNNEL - VICTORIA ROAD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) When is the Iron Cove Link due to be completed?
- (2) Is the Government planning to make this a toll-free road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Iron Cove Link is due to be open to traffic by the end of 2023, at the same time as the mainline Rozelle Interchange tunnels.
- (2) Yes.

\* 0511 NEW DEMOUNTABLE BUILDINGS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect to each school located within the Castle Hill, Winston Hills, Riverstone, and Parramatta electorates, does the Government have any plans to increase the number of demountable classrooms within any of the schools within the electorates mentioned.
- (2) If the answer to question (1) is in the affirmative, with respect to each school where the Government will increase the number of demountable classrooms, and identifying the name of the school, please advise:
  - (a) How many additional demountable classrooms will be added?
  - (b) Will the additional demountable classroom be delivered to the school during this school year?

Answer—

Information relating to the number of demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

The former NSW Liberal Nationals Government's failure to plan and build new schools in growth areas, particularly in the North-West growth corridor, will continue to place pressure on the state's infrastructure pipeline.

\* 0512 ASBESTOS IN CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to the SafeWork NSW investigation on asbestos at Castle Hill High School;

- (1) When did SafeWork NSW commence the investigation?
- (2) Has SafeWork NSW completed the investigation?



- (3) If SafeWork NSW has completed the investigation when were the results of the investigation provided to the Minister for Education?
- (4) If SafeWork NSW has completed the independent investigation, did SafeWork NSW make any recommendations?
- (5) If so, what were the recommendations, and will those recommendations be implemented?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that these questions are best referred to the Department of Customer Service and SafeWork NSW.

The SafeWork NSW investigation is ongoing, and the Department is cooperating with SafeWork NSW as it conducts its important work.

\* 0513 MEMORIAL DRIVE KELLYVILLE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Are there any current plans to improve the traffic congestion and safety of motorists and pedestrians using Memorial Drive Kellyville between the intersection of Memorial Drive and Old Windsor Road and the intersection of Memorial Drive and Rock Street?
- (2) If the response to question (1) is in the affirmative, what plans exist and when will construction commence to carry out the work?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW understands the Member is referring to Memorial Avenue, Kellyville.

The NSW Government is upgrading about 2.2 kilometres of Memorial Avenue from Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road from a two-lane road to a four-lane road to meet the future transport needs of Sydney's North-West. The project includes pedestrian facilities on both sides of Memorial Avenue and safe crossing facilities are provided at intersections.

Construction on the upgrade project started in December 2020 and will be complete by mid- 2024.

\* 0514 NEW POLICE STATION WITHIN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to construct and or open a new police station within the Castle Hill or Kellyville electorates?
- (2) If the answer to question (1) is in the affirmative:
  - (a) Where will the new police station be?
  - (b) When will the new police station be opened?
  - (c) What is the total number of police officers to be allocated to the new police station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The construction of a new police station within the Castle Hill area is on the NSW Police Force Capital Investment Plan (CIP), which is a 10-year infrastructure strategy.
- (2) The location, timeframe and the number of police officers to be allocated to a new police station have not been determined.

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\* 0515 WEEKEND PUBLIC BUS TIMETABLE WITHIN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to review the bus timetables for bus routes servicing the Castle Hill electorate?
  - (a) If the Government does have plans to review the timetables when will such review be carried out?
- (2) In relation to weekend bus services within the Castle Hill electorate:
  - (a) Does the Minister have any current plans to increase the number of bus services during the weekend for commuters traveling between Castle Hill and the City?
    - (i) If such plans exist what are those plans?
  - (b) Does the Minister have any current plans to increase the number of bus services during the weekend for commuters travelling between Baulkham Hills and the City?
    - (i) If such plans exist what are those plans?
  - (c) Does the Minister have any current plans to increase the number of bus services during the weekend for commuters travelling between Castle Hill and Parramatta?
    - (i) If such plans exist what are those plans?
  - (d) Does the Minister have any current plans to increase the number of bus services during the weekend for commuters travelling between Baulkham Hills and Parramatta?
    - (i) If such plans exist what are those plans?

Answer—

The NSW Government established the NSW Bus Industry Taskforce on 1 May 2023 to consider the quality and reliability of bus services across NSW. This also includes considering the effectiveness of the current networks into meeting the range of community needs.

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.

The Taskforce's Terms of Reference commits to investigating key factors relevant to bus operators' performance, including service delivery, the contract and performance management framework, as well as service planning. Transport for NSW is working closely with the Taskforce throughout this process.

\* 0516 CROWN LAND WITHIN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to transfer ownership or management of crown lands situated within the Castle Hill electorate?
- (2) If the answer to question (1) is in the affirmative, please identify the portion of crown lands where there is a plan to transfer ownership or management and advise the particulars of the transfer of ownership or management of the said land.

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to transfer ownership or management of Crown lands in the Castle Hill electorate.

\* 0517 ACTING MAGISTRATES IN NSW—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many Acting Magistrates were there in the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023?

- (2) How many days did the Acting Magistrates work on weekdays in the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023?
- (3) How many days did the Acting Magistrates work on weekend bail courts in the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023?
- (4) How many retired Magistrates were employed as Acting Magistrates in the period 25 March 2023 to 20 June 2023?
- (5) How many days did the Acting Magistrates work on weekdays in the period 25 March 2023 to 20 June 2023?
- (6) How many days did the Acting Magistrates work on weekend bail courts in the period 25 March 2023 to 20 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023, there were 44 Acting Magistrates.
- (2) In the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023, Acting Magistrates worked on 392 weekdays.
- (3) In the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2023, Acting Magistrates worked on 75 weekend bail court days and 3 public holiday bail court days.
- (4) From 25 March to 16 June 2023, 44 retired Magistrates held office as an Acting Magistrate. This number reduced to 43 after 16 June 2023.
- (5) In the period 25 March 2023 to 20 June 2023, Acting Magistrates worked on 476 weekdays.
- (6) In the period 25 March 2023 to 20 June 2023, Acting Magistrates worked on 72 weekend bail court days and 12 public holiday bail court days.

\* 0518 COURT HOUSES IN NSW—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to build new court houses within New South Wales? If there are such plans:
  - (a) Where will the court houses be located?
  - (b) How many court rooms will be constructed?
  - (c) What is the proposed time frame for the commencement of construction of such court houses?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice, as part of its asset management activities, continues to assess the demand and needs of existing courthouses across New South Wales to make recommendations for future investments in court infrastructure.

Any future investment proposals for the construction of new courthouses will be considered as part of the state's budget process.

\* 0519 DISMISSAL OF APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE APPLICATIONS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications were made to the Local Court where the applicant is a police officer during the following periods:
  - (a) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020?

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- (b) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (c) 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 20 June 2023?
- (2) How many Apprehended Domestic Violence Applications where the applicant is a police officer were dismissed during the following periods:
- (a) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020?
  - (b) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021?
  - (c) 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022?
  - (d) 1 January 2023 to 20 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not capture and categorise the number of Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) applications made according to the type of applicant.

These questions should be referred to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP to respond in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.

\* 0520 11 RYEDALE ROAD WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Transport for NSW land opposite 11 Ryedale Road, West Ryde:

- (1) Why was this land closed to the public for commuter parking?
- (2) What are the long-term plans for this site?
- (3) Can it be reopened to the public?

Answer—

I am advised

As part of the NSW Government's Commuter Car Park Program, Transport for NSW have delivered 156 parking spaces at the West Ryde Commuter Car Park, on the northern end of the station entrance on Ryedale Road. The carpark provides convenient public transport options for commuters and reduces congestion on our roads. Commuters benefit from four accessible parking spaces and a 12-space bike rack plus CCTV, lighting, wayfinding signage and rail corridor fencing for improved safety.

The land opposite 11 Ryedale Road, West Ryde, has a chain fence that was installed in 2021. The site has a 6 metre-wide easement held by Sydney Water for water supply purposes which includes subsurface piping. The general use of the site as an informal parking lot is a safety consideration with the terms of the easement limiting its possible use. As a result, the land will be retained, to facilitate operational access to the corridor, substation and signalling assets within the adjacent Rail Corridor with no current or future plans to open the site as a carpark.

\* 0521 ACTIVE KIDS IN RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Why can't Active Kids program data be broken down by family or household?
- (2) How many vouchers for the Active Kids program have been issued to residents of the Ryde electorate since its inception?
  - (a) How many have been redeemed?

- (3) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, will families with an adjusted taxable income of between \$58,108 and \$103,368 be eligible to access the Active Kids program in its entirety?
- (4) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, how many people in my electorate of Ryde who were previously eligible to redeem Active Kids vouchers will no longer be eligible at all?
- (5) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, how many people in my electorate of Ryde who were previously eligible to redeem Active Kids vouchers will now be eligible for less vouchers, or vouchers of less cumulative value?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Voucher data is only collected for the individual child and the parent who applies for the voucher. Data is not collected or broken down by family or household.
- (2) Active Kids voucher creation data broken down by electorate is available via the public dashboard on the Office of Sport website -<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/active-kids>
  - (a) As at 10 July 2023, 60,408 Active Kids vouchers have been redeemed for children who reside in the Ryde electorate since the beginning of the program.
- (3 - 5) Questions relating to the Government's means tested voucher program should be directed to the Hon. Jihad Dib MP in his capacity as Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

\* 0522 RYDE HOSPITAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Is the Government planning to deliver funding for an MRI Machine and/or Mental Health Facility at Ryde Hospital at any time in the future?

Answer—

To future proof the hospital, provision for an MRI scanner has been included in the design, and an expansion zone has been identified for future construction that could include a mental health service. Ryde Hospital has an existing community mental health service onsite.

\* 0523 COMMUTER CARPARKS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can public transport commuters who commute without a 'Transport Connect' linked card or device receive travel rewards?
- (2) Can public transport commuters who do not have a 'Transport Connect' linked card or device access the benefits of New South Wales Park&Ride?
- (3) If not, is the reason due to data-matching limitations?
- (4) If so, what steps are being taken to modernise the Transport data system to ensure a more seamless customer experience, especially for one-off commuters?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport Connect is a central hub that gives users access to travel rewards and allows them to view contactless payment activity. By signing up and linking their Opal card, or contactless credit or debit card, customers will automatically earn travel credit for On Demand services that connect with an Opal service, including trains, buses and ferries, within 60 minutes. More information is available <https://transportnsw.info/transport-connect>

- (1) Yes, customers can receive travel rewards via their credit or debit card or device. More information is available at <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/contactless-payments>

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(2 - 4) Yes, commuters can receive Park&Ride benefits via their registered Opal Card. More information and terms and conditions are available at <https://transportnsw.info/parkandride>.

Customers do not have to register for a Transport Connect account. They can use an Opal card to complete a journey to receive up to 18 hours of free parking. Further information is available at <https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/ways-to-get-around/drive/parking/transport-parkride-car-parks>

\* 0524 MULTICULTURALISM IN NSW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What are the ten fastest growing cultural groups in New South Wales over the past four years?
- (2) How many people identify with each of these cultural groups today compared to four years ago?
- (3) What percentage of the New South Wales population identifies with each of these cultural groups today compared to four years ago?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics provides comprehensive information on NSW demographics based on the national Census which is conducted every five years.

\* 0525 2-12 HALIFAX STREET MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are there any plans to use the site at 2-12 Halifax Street, Macquarie Park to construct a new school?  
If not:
  - (a) Why?
  - (b) What other sites are available?
  - (c) When will a new site be confirmed?
  - (d) How much additional funding will be required to complete the project?
  - (e) How much longer will it take to complete the project compared to if the site at 2-12 Halifax Street, Macquarie Park was used?

Answer—

The Minns Government is committed to addressing the underinvestment in school infrastructure by the former NSW Liberals and Nationals Government.

As planning progresses, project updates for Macquarie Park Education Campus will be made available via the School Infrastructure NSW website:

<https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/m/macquarie-park-education-campus.html>

\* 0526 MAYOR OF RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Since your appointment as Minister, have you met with the Mayor of Ryde?

Answer—

The Mayor of Ryde is welcome to reach out to my office to arrange a meeting. I am advised no request has been received.

- \* 0527 MINISTRY OF HEALTH SECONDMENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many Ministry of Health or other New South Wales Public Service employees are currently seconded to your Ministerial Office?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of departmental secondees varies from time to time, according to the needs of the Minister's office.

- \* 0528 MULTICULTURAL NSW SECONDMENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

How many Multicultural NSW or other New South Wales Public Service employees are currently seconded to your Ministerial Office?

Answer—

The number of departmental secondees varies from time to time, according to the needs of the Minister's office.

- \* 0529 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) services in Armidale:

- (1) Why is NCAT no longer providing face-to-face services in Armidale?
- (2) Will NCAT resume face-to-face services in Armidale in the future?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) For those who are required to travel to Tamworth for face-to-face NCAT hearings, are there any reimbursements available for travel costs?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2022, the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) commenced a gradual return to in-person hearings as COVID-19 restrictions eased. To effectively utilise resources and ensure matters are heard in a timely manner, group lists for conciliation are held at Tamworth Registry, while some contested hearings are held at Armidale Court House.
- (2) It is intended from mid-July 2023, NCAT will sit more regularly at Armidale Court House.
- (3) NCAT does not reimburse parties for travel costs. If a matter is listed at Tamworth Registry and a party cannot travel to this venue, they have option of requesting to appear by telephone or video.

- \* 0530 CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to Chilean needle grass:

- (1) Are there any plans to use rust fungus as a biocontrol agent for this grass?
- (2) If not, why not?

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Answer—

- (1) NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) researchers are working on two control methods for Chilean needle grass:
- A rust fungus *Uromyces pencanus* which is currently undergoing host specificity testing
  - Seven farmer-led adaption sites in the New England and North West to develop and promote better strategies to effectively manage the weed.
- (2) N/A.

\* 0531 WALCHA FIRE AND RESCUE STATION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Walcha Fire & Rescue Station:

- (1) When was the last audit of facilities at the Walcha Fire & Rescue Station conducted?
- (2) What was the outcome of that audit?
- (3) Are there any plans to upgrade, expand or replace the Walcha Fire & Rescue Station to ensure it is for-for-purpose?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Walcha Fire Station was assessed in February 2023.
- (2) The assessment confirmed the facility is not reflective of the needs of a modern and diverse fire and rescue service.
- (3) The timing and scope of works is dependent upon the annual budget process.

\* 0532 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY TRAVEL CARDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

How many Regional Apprentice and University Travel Cards have been issued to Tweed Electorate residents since applications opened in February 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

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\* 0533 TWEED RIVER DREDGING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government fund the dredging of the Tweed River from Tumbulgum to the river mouth?
- (a) If yes, when?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is taking a strategic and proactive approach to delivering dredging for coastal communities in regional NSW. The NSW Coastal Dredging Strategy (which aligns with the Maritime Infrastructure Plan and the Maritime Safety Plan) list Tweed River (River entrance channel to Terranora Inlet boat harbour) as a key investment location.



- \* 0534 NSW TELESTROKE SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will the Government continuing funding the New South Wales Telestroke Service that has provided life-changing treatment to stroke patients in the Tweed?

Answer—

The Tweed Hospital introduced the Telestroke Service in May 2021.

The Treasurer advised on 17 April 2023 that the 2023-24 State Budget has been postponed until Tuesday 19 September 2023. The 2023-24. Budget will be informed by a Comprehensive Expenditure Review led by the Minister for Finance.

- \* 0535 POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO EASTERN SUBURBS POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

How many Police officers (FTE) are assigned to Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report.

- \* 0536 FIREFIGHTERS IN THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How many permanent firefighters of Fire and Rescue New South Wales are assigned to fire stations in the Vaucluse Electorate?

(2) How many On-Call firefighters are assigned to fire stations in the Vaucluse Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) There are 44 permanent Fire and Rescue NSW firefighters assigned to the Vaucluse Electorate.

(2) There are no On-Call firefighters assigned to fire stations in the Vaucluse Electorate.

- \* 0537 CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

For new buildings at Cronulla High School:

(1) What is the current construction schedule, including practical completion date and occupation date?

(2) What if any changes have been made to specifications since 3 March 2023?

Answer—

Project updates will continue to be shared with the school community and published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

The Department of Education has advised that specification changes include Environmentally Sustainable Design enhancements to meet higher industry standards, as well as proposed modifications to staff car parking spaces.

- \* 0538 SYDNEY DOGS AND CATS HOME FACILITY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

As to the new Sydney Dogs and Cats Home facility at Kurnell:

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- (1) How much funding will the Government provide and when?
- (2) Has the \$9 million in funding that the Labor Party promised in 2022 now been provided?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has made an election commitment to provide \$12 million to support the building of an animal facility at Kurnell.
- (2) The funding is milestone based and will be provided over two years, commencing FY 2023/24.

\* 0539 NUMBER OF BUS ROUTES IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to:
  - (a) Increase the number of bus routes in the suburb of Northmead?
  - (b) Increase the number of bus routes in the suburb of Winston Hills?
  - (c) Increase the number of bus routes in the suburb of Kings Langley?

Answer—

The NSW Government established the NSW Bus Industry Taskforce on 1 May 2023 to consider the quality and reliability of bus services across NSW. This also includes considering the effectiveness of the current networks into meeting the range of community needs. 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.

The Taskforce's Terms of Reference commits to investigating key factors relevant to bus operators' performance, including service delivery, the contract and performance management framework, as well as service planning. Transport for NSW is working closely with the Taskforce throughout this process.

\* 0540 FREQUENCY OF BUSES IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to:
  - (a) Increase the frequency of buses travelling through the suburb of Northmead?
  - (b) Increase the frequency of buses travelling through the suburb of Winston Hills?
  - (c) Increase the frequency of buses travelling through the suburb of Kings Langley?

Answer—

The NSW Government established the NSW Bus Industry Taskforce on 1 May 2023 to consider the quality and reliability of bus services across NSW. This also includes considering the effectiveness of the current networks into meeting the range of community needs. 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.

The Taskforce's Terms of Reference commits to investigating key factors relevant to bus operators' performance, including service delivery, the contract and performance management framework, as well as service planning.

\* 0541 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What percentage of Housing in each of the following suburbs is considered 'Affordable Housing':

- (a) Lalor Park?
- (b) Toongabbie?
- (c) Wentworthville?
- (d) Pendle Hill?
- (e) Old Toongabbie?
- (f) Winston Hills?
- (g) Glenwood?
- (h) Kings Langley?
- (i) Seven Hills?
- (j) Blacktown?
- (k) Northmead?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

\* 0542 NSW AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Goulburn Ambulance Station?
- (2) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance Paramedics currently working out of the Yass Ambulance Station?
- (3) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance Paramedics currently working out of the Crookwell Ambulance Station?
- (4) Are there any plans to increase the number of New South Wales Ambulance Paramedics assigned to ambulance stations within the Goulburn Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 4) Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across the state, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW.

During periods of higher demand NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce based on an electorate.

\* 0543 GOVERNMENT OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many residential properties in the Goulburn electorate are currently under the ownership of the Government?

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- (2) How many tenants are housed in Government owned residential properties in the Goulburn electorate?
- (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of Government owned residential properties in the Goulburn Electorate?
- (4) What sites have been identified for these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

Approximately 1,040 properties in the Goulburn electorate are government owned including NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO), Teacher Housing Authority and Police Force Housing properties. Approximately 1,320 people in the Goulburn electorate live in government owned properties, providing social, Aboriginal and key worker housing. LAHC expects to deliver 34 new homes in the Goulburn electorate by 2025/26 providing social and key worker housing. LAHC does not release site details until projects are confirmed for delivery. I would be more than happy to meet with the Member to discuss these issues further.

\* 0544 GOULBURN POLICE STATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) When will construction of the new Goulburn Police Station commence?
  - (a) What is the detailed timeline for this process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Plans for the new Goulburn Police Station are currently in the design phase and a timeline for construction is yet to be determined.

\* 0545 CHESTER HILL RAILWAY STATION—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When does the Government intend to install a lift at the Chester Hill Railway Station?
- (2) Has there been any planning to identify options in installing an easy access lift at Chester Hill Railway Station?
  - (a) If yes, what was the estimated cost?
- (3) Could the Minister advise why the Chester Hill Railway Station has been excluded from the Transport Access Program since March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised

Chester Hill Station will continue to be considered as part of Transport Access Program as a future project.

The NSW Government is committed to combining the funding of the current Transport Access Program and the Commuter Car Parking Program into a new dedicated fund for upgrading stations, and to investing a further \$300 million to the fund.

\* 0546 NEW SOUTH WALES SHARED EQUITY HOME BUYER HELPER—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to the New South Wales Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper:

- (1) Does the Government intend to continue the trial for up to 3,000 applicants for two financial years?
- (2) How many applicants have applied since the Helper's inception?

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- (a) How many applied under the former Government?
  - (b) How many applied during caretaker mode?
  - (c) How many have applied thereafter?
  - (3) How many applicants have been unsuccessful?
  - (4) How many applicants have secured the Helper and moved into a new home?
  - (5) In relation to question (4), can the Treasurer provide a breakdown of:
    - (a) Eligible single parents (with dependent children)?
    - (b) Single people (50 years and over)?
    - (c) First home buyers who are employed as key workers?
  - (6) In addition to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, what other lenders, if any, have had the opportunity to join the initiative?
  - (7) Are there any delays in the application process and are there any concerns raised by stakeholders or the Treasury department?
  - (8) Is the Government planning to revise the threshold for regional areas from \$600,000 and increase it to a greater amount to reflect house prices in the region?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2 - 5) I am advised these questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance.
- (6) Revenue NSW conducted an open public tender process for lenders to join the panel.  
An invitation to tender by public advertisement was issued with no restriction placed on who may tender. Unity Bank joined as a panel lender for the NSW Shared Equity Scheme on 1 July 2023.
- (7) I am advised that the question on application processing times is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance.  
I am further advised that Treasury has no concerns about the application process.
- (8) The Government will consider changes in due course taking into account the performance and outcomes of the trial.

\* 0547 RURAL FIRE SERVICE STATIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Rural Fire Service (RFS) Stations in the Kiama Electorate:

- (1) Is the Minister's department still committed to upgrading the Calderwood RFS Station?
  - (a) If yes, is there money set aside in any budget and when will this upgrade be delivered?
- (2) What is the current status of toilet and change facilities at Calderwood Station?
- (3) Is the Minister's department still committed to upgrading the Broughton Vale RFS Station?
  - (a) If yes, is there money set aside in any budget and when will this upgrade be delivered?
- (4) Can newer and more modern tankers be commissioned for the Broughton Vale Brigade?
  - (a) If not, is the reason that they cannot fit into the existing heritage station?
- (5) What updates and additional information can the Minister or your department provide on talks with Shoalhaven City Council and other State agencies in securing land for a new station?

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- (6) Is the Minister's department still committed to a new RFS Station for Dunmore?
- (a) If yes, what funds have been allocated in the budget and when will this upgrade be delivered.
- (7) Can the Minister provide an update on discussions with Shellharbour City Council on possible sites for a new Dunmore RFS Station?
- (8) What is the budget allocation each year for the last four years for the Shoalhaven and Illawarra RFS Districts?
- (9) Is the Government planning for all RFS brigades to have thermal imaging cameras within the next four years?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (10) Will the Minister meet with me and representatives of Calderwood, Dunmore and Broughton Vale Brigades to discuss their needs and concerns?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Funding and a timeline will be determined when the land is acquired, and plans developed and approved.
- (2) The existing building has one toilet and lacks dedicated change facilities.
- (3) Yes.
- (a) Project funding and a construction timeframe will be confirmed once a design is finalised.
- (4) There is a range of appliances which can be allocated to address the needs of the local area, in consultation with the Brigade.
- (5) The Rural Fire Service (RFS) is continuing to work with Council to develop suitable designs and locations for RFS sites.
- (6) Yes.
- (a) Project funding and a construction timeframe will be confirmed once a design is finalised.
- (7) Following discussions with Shellharbour City Council, land for a new station for the Dunmore Brigade has been identified.
- (8) NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Contributions:
- Illawarra: 2019/20 - \$9.36 million, 2020/21 - \$13.36 million, 2021/22 - \$9.76 million, 2022/23 - \$13.03 million
- Shoalhaven: 2019/20 - \$10.51 million, 2020/21 - \$15 million, 2021/22 - \$10.95 million, 2022/23 - \$14.63 million.
- (9) Thermal Imaging Cameras are strategically located on key RFS vehicles around NSW. Each RFS District, in consultation with its District Senior Leadership Team, identifies the specialised equipment brigades need (such as Thermal Imaging Cameras), taking into consideration factors such as risk, capability and locality.
- (10) The Government will continue to engage with local communities on needs and concerns regarding emergency services.

\* 0548 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to cost-of-living measures within your portfolio:

- (1) Will the Regional Seniors Travel Card continue for another four years?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why have applications for the Regional Student Travel Card not opened as yet?
- (3) Is your agency considering scrapping the Regional Seniors Travel Card and/or the Regional Student Travel Card?
- (4) How many people in the Kiama Electorate applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card for each year of the program?
- (5) How many people in the Kiama Electorate were refused access or didn't comply with the criteria for the Regional Seniors Travel Card?
- (6) Of those refused access to the Regional Seniors Travel Card, how many appealed and were eventually granted access to the Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Regional Seniors Travel Card (which was not funded, nor committed to by the former Liberal National Government beyond the end of this year) is currently under review by the NSW Government.
- (2) The Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card opened for applications for Apprentices and trainees in late February 2023. As of 23 June 2023, applications for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card have been suspended pending a review of the scheme by Transport for NSW. Any apprentice or trainee that has already successfully applied for a Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card can continue to use their card until the funds are exhausted.
- (3) Once the outcomes of the Transport for NSW review are available, the NSW Government will make a decision regarding the future of both the Regional Seniors Travel Card and the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card.
- (4) The total number of applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the Kiama Electorate are:
  - 2020 - 21,790
  - 2021 - 22,882
  - 2022 - 23,609
  - 2023 - 21,150.
- (5) Service NSW only started capturing rejected application data from 2022. The total number of applications in the Kiama Electorate that were refused access or didn't comply with the criteria for the Regional Seniors Travel Card are:
  - 2022 – 5,611
  - 2023 – 3,330.
- (6) This information is not available as Service NSW does not capture data for customers who may reapply due to initially being rejected.

\* 0549 WATER ASSETS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing 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 list the addresses of all Sydney Water assets in the Municipality of Kiama?

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- (2) Can the Minister detail the nature of the works currently being undertaken on Barney Street, Kiama (adjacent to Surf Beach)?
- How much were the works?
  - What consultation was undertaken prior to the works commencing?
  - Was council notified or invited to comment on the works?
  - Were neighbouring residents notified of the detail, estimated time and nature of the works?
- (3) With respect to the Bombo Sewerage Treatment plant, is the plant at full capacity?
- If no, when is it anticipated to be at full capacity?
  - What are the plans for its upgrade?
  - Has there been any studies undertaken to identify the degree of expansion required?
    - If yes, has this been budgeted for and in what years will an upgrade be delivered?
- (4) What planned and/or budgeted investments has your agency identified in the Kiama Municipality in the next four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- This information is publicly available at <https://www.infotrack.com.au/contact-us/create-account/>
- Information on this project is publicly available at [https://www.sydneywatertalk.com.au/kiama-updates/news\\_feed/improving%C2%ADthe-wastewater-system-near-barney-street](https://www.sydneywatertalk.com.au/kiama-updates/news_feed/improving%C2%ADthe-wastewater-system-near-barney-street)
  - Forecasted final costs are expected to be \$4.4m.
  - Community consultation was carried out between May 2019 and June 2020.
  - Council was first notified in May 2019. Sydney Water and Council have met an additional six times.
  - Information has been provided to the neighbouring community via letterbox drop, on line and in local newspapers
- No
  - Based on current growth forecasts, the plant has capacity to beyond 2040.
  - Sydney Water will begin planning in the 2030s.
  - Yes.
    - Budget and timing will be confirmed by the planning in the 2030s.
- Information regarding some current projects in the Kiama municipality is publicly available at <https://www.sydneywatertalk.com.au/kiama-updates>

The Kiama Growth Servicing Project (wastewater network amplifications) is underway.

There are also several asset renewals, wet weather projects and delivery of a new odour control unit underway.

\* 0550 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INITIATIVES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- Is there any in-service and teacher training in environmental education in New South Wales?
  - If yes, where in the curriculum is it located and how is this training delivered?



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- (2) Can the Minister provide details for teacher training in environmental education for both primary and high schools in New South Wales?
  - (3) Has your department undertaken any comparative analyses with other State jurisdictions on content and delivery of environmental education in schools?
    - (a) If yes, is this information public?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (4) How much time per week is set aside for environmental education in the New South Wales school curriculum for each year of primary and secondary schooling?
  - (5) How are school grounds being strategically utilised to deliver environmental education for both primary and secondary students?
  - (6) What incentives are available to better utilise school grounds for environmental education and learning?
  - (7) How is your department using rooftop space in schools to connect to solar energy to deliver schools powered by renewable energy?
  - (8) What non-government organisations does your department engage to deliver environmental education in New South Wales?
    - (a) If you engage non-governmental organisations, what is the cost of this engagement?
  - (9) Are you currently considering expanding the environmental education centre network?
    - (a) If yes, what are the details?
    - (b) If not, why not?
  - (10) Can you list capital investments into environmental education in New South Wales schools?
  - (11) Can you detail what engagement has taken place with New South Wales Aboriginal educators to involve First Nations leadership in traditional forms of environmental education in schools?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that professional learning courses on environmental education and education for sustainability are facilitated through the Department's environmental and zoo education centres, schools and other education providers, and that teacher support resources and direct access to curriculum experts are also available.

In NSW, environmental education and sustainability are included in all NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum. Other states and territories may have different requirements.

The purposes of their inclusion across jurisdictions has been to provide students with opportunities to develop knowledge and skills to investigate and to understand issues of environmental sustainability.

The Department of Education's Environmental Education for Schools policy aims to support effective environmental education programs in NSW public schools, provide guidelines on managing school resources in accordance with ecological sustainability and to serve as a starting point for the understanding of global environmental issues. Information on sustainability in the curriculum, the department's Environmental Education Policy and Environmental and zoo education centres can be found on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/sustainability>.

The Department advises that it also works with Environmental Education NSW (a state chapter of the Australian Association for Environmental Education) to provide advice and opportunities for schools, to further enhance the teaching and learning of environmental education and sustainability in schools.

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\* 0551 DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

Can the Premier provide a list of discretionary grant funding from the Premier's Discretionary Fund for each state electorate since 28 March 2023, irrespective of a finalised grant agreement, which outlines each of the following:

- (1) The name of the organisation who received the grant?
- (2) The date of the grant.?
- (3) What the grant was for?
- (4) The amount of the grant?
- (5) The electorate in which the grant was based?
- (6) Whether the grant involved a request from a local MP?
- (7) What decision-making framework was used in approving any of these grants?
- (8) How was the grant communicated to the successful recipient?

Answer—

I am advised that the details of grants are published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder in accordance with the mandatory requirements of the Grants Administration Guide.

\* 0552 PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

With respect to your Parliamentary Secretaries:

- (1) Can the Premier please provide a list of Parliamentary Secretaries with the responsibilities they have been allocated under their respective portfolio?
- (2) Has the Premier issued charter letters to Parliamentary Secretaries?
  - (a) If yes, can you provide a copy of each Charter Letter?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Do you expect all your Parliamentary Secretaries to abide by the Ministerial Code of Conduct?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I appointed 13 Parliamentary Secretaries pursuant to Part 4A of the Constitution Act 1902. I am advised a list is available on the NSW Government website.

A Parliamentary Secretary shall have and may perform such functions as the Premier may, from time to time, determine in respect of him or her, pursuant to s 10 38C of the Constitution Act 1902.

The general duties of a Parliamentary Secretary are outlined in the Ministers' Office Handbook

\* 0553 DATA AND REPORTING IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to data and reporting:

- (1) Will you consider consolidating the locations of departmental dashboards so they are easier to access and review?
- (2) What improvements are you considering making to the reporting of agency data and dashboards?
- (3) What is the number of children being re-reported at risk of serious harm (ROSH)?
  - (a) What is your policy position on re-reports?

- (4) What policies and strategies are you considering implementing to reduce children re-reported at ROSH?
- (5) What non-government agencies have been engaged to address ROSH re-reports and what is the total value of these contracts?
- (6) What percentage of aboriginal children are re-reported at ROSH as compared to non-Aboriginal children?

Answer—

- (1) Please see: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics>.
- (2) I will continue working with DCJ to ensure dashboard data is meaningful and of most value to the community.

I am advised:

- (3) Re-report data is available via the dashboard. In the 12 months to March 2023, 35.0% or 4073 children and young people were re-reported at Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH).
  - (a) Keeping children safe, strengthening families, and preventing entry into the child protection system are key priorities of the NSW Government.
- (4) The new government has inherited significant challenges due to repeated policy failures of the former government. New policy directions will be announced publicly, following stakeholder consultation.
- (5) \$150 million was allocated in the 2022-23 Budget to provide at least 4,500 family preservation places to families.
- (6) In the 12 months to March 2023, the re-report rate was 48.2% for Aboriginal children and young people and 31.3% for non-Aboriginal children and young people.

\* 0554 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Regional Seniors Travel Card:

- (1) How many seniors in the Port Macquarie electorate have activated the Regional Seniors Travel Card during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022 – 20th June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The total number of Seniors in the Port Macquarie electorate who have activated their Regional Seniors Travel Card are below:
  - (a) 2020 – 22,680
  - (b) 2021 – 23,816
  - (c) 2022 – 23,969.

\* 0555 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CARD—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card:

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- (1) How many Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Cards have been activated in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (2) Will the Government continue with the scheme in its current form in the future?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been 356 Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Cards activated in the Port Macquarie electorate.

As of 23 June 2023, applications for the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card have been suspended pending a review of the scheme by Transport for NSW. Any apprentice or trainee who has already successfully applied for a Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card can continue to use their card until the funds are exhausted.

Once the outcomes of the review have been considered, the NSW Government will make a decision on the future of the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card.

- \* 0556 SERVICE NSW SUPPORT AND STIMULUS INITIATIVES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Service NSW support and stimulus initiatives:

How many businesses or organisations (in total) in the Port Macquarie electorate are currently registered as an Active Kids provider?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

- \* 0557 GREEN ROAD AND SHOWGROUND ROAD—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) What action is being taken to address traffic issues at the Green Rd / Showground Rd Intersection?
- (2) Will a full remodelling of the intersection take place?
  - (a) Will the signal phasing be altered to reduce traffic build-up?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking strategic investigations of this corridor, including the Showground Road and Green Road intersection as well as the Showground Road and Green Road intersection.

These investigations will include identifying potential options to improve safety, traffic flow, improvements for buses, and access along the corridor. Following completion of the strategic investigation, detailed development of the recommended options will be undertaken, subject to a business case assessment.

- \* 0558 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ameliorate ongoing and newly revealed asbestos-related issues at Castle Hill High School?

- (2) Specifically, what is being done to address the ongoing detection of dangerous levels of airborne particulates?
- (a) Does fibrous asbestos remain somewhere on the school's grounds?
- (3) When will an independent test of the school's asbestos be undertaken?

Answer—

Following the change of government, the Department of Education has agreed to progress work to reform asbestos management protocols across NSW public schools, as a direct result of the experience at Castle Hill High School.

It is appropriate that SafeWork NSW's investigation continues, and that the Department continues to cooperate. The Department has advised it will continue to work with SafeWork NSW and asbestos remediation specialists to safely remediate and manage asbestos in NSW schools. Full site inspections by independent hygienists have been undertaken at Castle Hill High School, with background air monitoring also conducted.

Further information is provided in project updates available on the School Infrastructure NSW website at [www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/schools/8/8382.html](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/schools/8/8382.html)

\* 0559 LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Which local community grants, including the Community Building Partnership Grants, Local Sports Grants and the Clubgrants Infrastructure Grants, is the Government planning on keeping?
- (a) How many will they be dispensing of?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that questions about specific programs should be directed to the responsible Minister.
- (a) This Government will announce how it will support the people of NSW as part of the 2023-24 Budget.

\* 0560 MEDICAL STAFF VACANCIES—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many medical staff positions are currently vacant at the Grafton Base Hospital?
- (2) How many medical staff positions are currently vacant at the Casino District Hospital?
- (3) How many medical staff positions are currently vacant at the Maclean District Hospital?
- (4) How long has each position been vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 – 4) Recruiting health professionals to regional, rural and remote areas remains a challenge across the country. Northern NSW Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across the Grafton, Casino and Maclean hospitals.

In July 2022, NSW Health introduced the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme. This enables health agencies to recruit and retain key health workers in hard-to-fill and critically vacant positions.

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\* 0561 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS IN THE CLARENCE ELECTORATE—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued to Clarence Electorate residents in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The total number of Regional Seniors Travel Cards issued to Clarence Electorate residents are below:
- 2023 – 26,331 (as at 23 June)
  - 2022 – 29,059
  - 2021 – 28,959
  - 2020 – 27,134

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\* 0562 M5 MOTORWAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Is the Government still planning to proceed with the M5 Motorway Westbound Traffic Upgrade between the Moorebank Avenue and Hume Highway Intersections?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has prepared the concept design for M5 Westbound Traffic Upgrade Project. The concept design and a Review of Environmental Factors was placed on public display from August to September 2022. The Review of Environmental Factors determination will occur prior to the start of construction.

The NSW Government has announced an independent Strategic Infrastructure Review of the State's infrastructure capital program. This Review will focus on the successful delivery of the current infrastructure pipeline and consider projects and programs in the forward capital program to ensure maximum benefits to the State while balancing fiscal, service delivery, and market capacity pressures.

Review findings and recommendations will be delivered to support the 2023-24 NSW State budget. An independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (IIP) is also currently being undertaken by the Australian Government. This review will provide advice to as to whether federally funded infrastructure projects meet Australian Government policy objectives.

The proposed upgrade of the M5 Motorway Westbound Upgrade Traffic is being considered as part of above reviews.

\* 0563 ALFORDS POINT ROAD—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) How many reported road-vehicle accidents have occurred along Alfords Point Road between Alfords Point Bridge and the intersection with Old Illawarra Road/ Menai Road during:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
- (2) How many reported deaths as a result of road-vehicle accidents have occurred along Alfords Point Road between Alfords Point Bridge and the intersection with Old Illawarra Road/ Menai Road during:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
- (3) Have there been any previous studies undertaken by the Government providing advice on improving safety along the aforementioned strip of road?
  - (a) If not, will the Government perform an investigation into safety measures?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of reported road-vehicle crashes along Alfords Point Road between Alfords Point Bridge and the intersection with Old Illawarra Road/Menai Road in 2018 was two, in 2019 was seven, in 2020 was six, in 2021 was three and in 2022 was five. Note: At the time of this response, crash data for 2022 is not finalised, and may be subject to change.
- (2) The number of reported deaths that have occurred along Alfords Point Road between Alfords Point Bridge and the intersection with Old Illawarra Road/Menai Road in 2018 was zero, in 2019 was zero, in 2020 was two, in 2021 was one and in 2022 was zero. Note: This includes crashes that have occurred at or within 10 metres of the intersection of Alfords Point Road and Old Illawarra/Menai Road.  
  
The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by the NSW Police Force, in which at least one person was killed or injured, or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away.
- (3) Transport for NSW has progressed a design for a central barrier along Alfords Point Road between Alfords Point Bridge and Menai Road. This project is as a result of a safety review carried out by Transport for NSW to target head on crashes.

\* 0564 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many classrooms, per school, within the electorate of Holsworthy do not have air conditioning?

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Answer—

The Department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

In the Holsworthy electorate, the Department of Education has recently delivered more air conditioning at Casula High School, Lucas Heights Community School and Lurnea High School (in delivery).

\* 0565 REVOCATION OF TIMBER RESERVES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) Is the Minister required to sign off on the revocation of Timber Reserves following Forestry NSW application approval?

Answer—

A timber reserve may be revoked in accordance with the provisions of the Forestry Act 2012 by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister for Agriculture.

\* 0566 MANDATORY ELECTRONIC ID TAGGING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the implementation of mandatory EID tagging:

- (1) What measures are in place to support primary producers with the roll-out, including the full details of any workshops and information sessions being held across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Are any subsidies being made available to primary producers in the next 18 months?

Answer—

(1) NSW DPI's Sheep & Goat Traceability Team have been engaging with all sheep and goat supply chain segments to help them understand their requirements associated with the implementation of mandatory individual electronic identification (eID) for sheep and goats across the state. Such engagement has involved over 30 events including roundtables, field days, workshops, meetings and webinars reaching around 1500 participants.

In the Cootamundra electorate, the below events have been held with their respective attendance also detailed.

- Boorowa -Sheep Matrix eID Workshop - 09/02/2023 - 6 attendees
- Cowra -Cowra Lamb Field Days 24/02/2023-02/03/2023 - 175 attendees
- Temora -Mises & Sons Producer Forums - 18 05/2023 - 104 attendees
- Grenfell -Central West LLS eID Field Days - 25/05/2026 - 70 attendees
- NSW DPI Industry webinar series - November 2022 - 338 attendees (location: virtual/statewide)

In 2023-24, NSW DPI will be involved in further engagement, education and training opportunities with industry in relation to mandatory requirements as well as the potential benefits associated with eID technology for their sector.

(2) The NSW Government continues to investigate assistance options to help support the implementation of mandatory individual eID for sheep and goats in NSW.



- \* 0567 NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the poor quality of drinking water at Narrandera:

- (1) What support is being provided to Narrandera Shire Council by the Government in response to the problem?
- (2) How will the concerns of Narrandera Shire Council be expedited to achieve a suitable outcome for residents?
- (3) Will Narrandera Shire Council continue to have access to the Safe and Secure Water Program in order to gain funding required to support urgent upgrades of their water filtration infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed \$215,094.75 in Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP) grant funding to Narrandera Council for the delivery of a full Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCMS). The IWCMS is a local water utility's resourcing strategy for the provision of appropriate, affordable, cost-effective and sustainable water services that meet community needs and protect public health and the environment.

The Government has also supported Narrandera water projects through Restart NSW funding, with \$5,083,000 committed for three projects, being the South West Narrandera Sewer Expansion, Scoping Study (complete), Narrandera No 1 Bore Replacement (complete) and the design and construction of Barellan Sewer (in progress).

Further, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is providing specialist technical advice and operational support to assist Council in managing water quality issues at Narrandera and to assist Council in undertaking appropriate planning, development and building of infrastructure.

DPE is working closely with Council on its IWCMS. Substantial work has already been completed including a hydrological investigation and bore capacity review. The water treatment options assessment is scheduled to be completed by September 2023 and the overall IWCMS by March 2024. The work currently underway will support decisions on the future infrastructure needed to manage water quality risks.

I would be more than happy to meet with the Member if she would like to discuss this issue further.

- \* 0568 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What are the current arrangements for Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs) at the Boorowa Health Service?
- (2) What plan is in place to improve VMO recruitment at this service to ensure 7 day coverage?

Answer—

- (1 – 2) There are 3 General Practitioner Visiting Medical Officers at Boorowa Multi-purpose Service, providing on-call medical coverage to the facility Monday-Friday. Weekend coverage is provided by the Murrumbidgee Local Health District's Remote Medical Consultation Service.

The District continues to offer visiting rights at Boorowa MPS to all local GPs. The District has held discussions with community representatives and local GPs to discuss opportunities for upskilling.

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\* 0569 CONNECTIVITY FOR RURAL AND REMOTE CUSTOMERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Would the Minister consider a rebate or subsidy, like what South Australia currently offer, to rural and remote constituents who have the financial burden of moving from 3G to 4G?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Regional Digital Connectivity Program is being implemented by the Department of Regional NSW to address mobile and internet connectivity issues across the most underserved areas of our State.

The Honourable Member should direct her question to the Minister for Police and Counter terrorism, representing the Minister for Agriculture, Regional NSW and Western NSW, the Hon Tara Moriarty.

\* 0570 HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR DENILIQUN TAFE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

Will the Government liaise with the Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) to accredit Deniliquin TAFE to offer nursing and midwifery programs?

Answer—

The Diploma of Nursing requires significant specialised facilities and resources to achieve accreditation with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council (ANMAC).

TAFE NSW South Region has four accredited sites – Albury, Cootamundra, Griffith and Wagga Wagga.

TAFE NSW is undertaking a review of the training model for the Diploma of Nursing in preparation for a variation submission to ANMAC. The review aims to improve learner access and training flexibility. This new offering model aims to provide increased opportunity for students in locations such as Deniliquin to stay in their community and study the Diploma of Nursing via online classes, limiting travel to designated delivery sites for short intensive face to face workshop days.

\* 0571 FITNESS TO DRIVE HEALTH CHECK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Due to GP waitlists in regional New South Wales, is the Government planning to extending the fitness to drive test deadline for rural customers?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

\* 0572 LUDDENHAM VILLAGE PLAN—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Will the Minister please provide an update on the progress made by the Government in fulfilling its promise to finalise the Luddenham Village Plan?
- (2) Has a timeline been established for the finalisation of the plan, and if so, what are the key milestones and expected completion date?
- (3) How does the Government plan to involve and engage the local community in the development and finalisation of the Luddenham Village Plan?
- (4) What measures are being implemented to ensure that the plan adequately addresses the needs and aspirations of the residents of Luddenham?

- (5) Are there any potential challenges or obstacles that the Government foresees in fulfilling its promise, and if so, what strategies are being devised to overcome them?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) Finalising the Luddenham Village Plan is dependent upon potential noise impacts from the Western Sydney Airport. The Australian Government and the Western Sydney Airport Corporation are reviewing the proposed flight paths for the Western Sydney International Airport, which will have impacts on the noise modelling for Luddenham Village. It is anticipated that the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be released later in 2023.

(3 - 4) The Department will continue to work closely with the community and state agencies to achieve the best planning outcome for Luddenham Village. Community engagement will be incorporated into the program timeline under development. The Department is working with Professor Roberta Ryan, Independent Community Commissioner for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, who is regularly engaging the local community.

(5) Refer to question (1).

- \* 0573 NEW POLICE STATION IN WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN SYDNEY—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide details of any plans by the Government to build a new police station or Local Area Command in the growing region of Western and Southwestern Sydney?
- (2) If such plans exist, what is the projected timeline for the commencement and completion of the construction?
- (3) What specific areas or suburbs within the growing region of Western and Southwestern Sydney are being considered for the location of the new police station?
- (4) How will the proposed new police station address the growing needs of the community in terms of safety, security, and law enforcement?
- (5) Has a budget been allocated for the construction of the new police station?
- (a) If so, what is the estimated cost?
- (6) Will the new police station be equipped with modern facilities and resources to effectively serve the community's needs?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) The NSW Police Force Capital Investment Plan (CIP) is a 10-year infrastructure strategy which has identified the need to replace/upgrade existing police stations in several locations across Western and South Western Sydney. Currently, Revesby and Parramatta are funded for an upgrade/replacement. Depending on available funding, further projects will be factored in over the 10-year period.

(3) No specific location has yet been identified. Any investment in new infrastructure would be considered as part of the CIP.

(4 - 6) Allocation of Budget for the construction of a new police station is subject to future CIPs.

- \* 0574 LOW COST HOUSING LAND TAX DISCOUNTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What assessment has been done on the appropriateness of existing maximum tariffs for land tax exemptions for boarding houses to ensure they encourage new investment in the industry?

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- (2) To what extent will the Government review the maximum tariffs for land tax exemptions for boarding houses?
- (3) What is the justification for excluding brownfield ‘refurbish to rent’ housing projects from land tax discounts given brownfield refurbish projects can reduce build timeframes and deliver more homes quicker, have lower carbon footprints than greenfield projects and reduce community construction disruptions?
- (4) What consideration will the Government give to extending the 50 percent land tax discount to brownfield refurbish to rent housing projects to deliver more affordable housing?

Answer—

- (1 – 2) I am advised that Revenue Ruling L T-113 was issued on 19 December 2022 providing information regarding the 2023 land tax year. The previous Government determined the maximum tariffs for different types of accommodation included in the eligibility criteria for a registered boarding house to receive a land tax exemption are adjusted annually. Boarding houses are recognised as providing an important component of the supply of affordable housing in NSW and tariffs aim to strike an appropriate balance between discouraging unfair fee increases while ensuring the viability of a continued supply of available places.
- (3) I am advised that the land tax concession for build-to-rent projects was introduced in March 2022 to stimulate construction activity. The conditions for eligibility for the concession were developed by the previous Government following extensive consultation with industry.
- (4) Housing supply and affordability are important concerns for the current Government and options to address these issues are being considered. I would be open to discussing this issue with you.

\* 0575 REGISTERED BOARDING HOUSES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What data does the Government have about the number of registered boarding houses in Sydney and in inner Sydney over the past 10 years?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the rapidly decreasing number of boarding houses providing low cost accommodation?
- (3) What measures operate to prevent boarding houses being turned into more expensive types of accommodation?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure this low cost type of accommodation remains an option?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading (1-3) and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (4).

Primary responsibility for the Boarding House Act 2012 (the Act) sits with the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading. The Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness is responsible for components of the Act, which relate to Assisted Boarding Houses (ABHs).

\* 0576 BOARDING HOUSES IN R2 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many councils in New South Wales have removed boarding houses as permissible development from R2 low density residential zones since November 2021 when they ceased to be mandatory provisions?

- (2) How many councils in New South Wales have draft local environment plans that would remove boarding houses from R2 low density residential zones?
- (3) What assessment has been made on the likely impact making boarding houses optional in R2 low density residential zones on affordable housing provisions in New South Wales?
- (4) What consultation will the Government undertake with boarding house providers about the impacts of the change?
- (5) How will the Government use planning instruments to encourage the delivery of more boarding houses in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since November 2021, the only change to permissibility of boarding houses in the R2 zone occurred when the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville local environmental plans (LEPs) were consolidated on 30 June 2022.
- (2) No councils have draft LEPs to prohibit boarding houses from their R2 zones.
- (3) Amendments to provisions finalised in 2021 responded to concerns from stakeholders about the type of development being delivered under the boarding house provisions at the time. Boarding houses are now required to be managed by a registered community housing provider for the purpose of affordable housing in perpetuity. Before the introduction of the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) in 2021, there was no requirement for boarding houses to provide affordable housing.
- (4) The Department of Planning and Environment undertook extensive stakeholder engagement before making the changes, as part of developing the updated definition, permissibility settings and development standards for boarding houses. It established a Council Boarding House Working Group, publicly exhibited an Explanation of Intended Effect and consultation draft, and held targeted consultation throughout the process.
- (5) The Housing SEPP already facilitates and incentivises boarding house development. Notwithstanding, the Government is reviewing this aspect of the policy in order to facilitate greater supply of social and affordable housing as part of the housing accord.

\* 0577 BOARDING HOUSES ACT 2012 AUGUST 2020 STATUTORY REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask 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) What consultation has occurred since the statutory review on expanding:
  - (a) the scope of the act to cover more shared accommodation such as lodging and information share houses?
  - (b) occupancy principles?
- (2) What other work has been done in response to the statutory review?
- (3) What plans are there to implement the recommendations of the statutory review and what is the timeline?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2022, the Department of Customer Service (DCS) and Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) undertook targeted stakeholder consultation on key reforms recommended through the Boarding Houses Act 2012 Statutory Review (the Review). This included consultation on changing the scope of the Boarding Houses Act 2012 to cover more shared accommodation such as lodging and informal share houses.

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The targeted consultation undertaken by DCS and DCJ also included additional consumer protections delivered through a modernised set of occupancy principles.

The targeted consultation undertaken by DCS and DCJ included consultation on other areas recommended through the Review, including new fire safety and overcrowding measures.

The Government is working to implement the recommendations of the Review.

\* 0578 NO INTEREST LOANS SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask 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) What assessment has the Government made of the value of No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) given increasing cost of living and greater numbers of people in poverty?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to increase support for non-profit organisations providing NILS?

Answer—

I am advised that the current No Interest Loans Scheme Program is funded until 30 June 2024. NSW Fair Trading, in conjunction with Good Shepherd Microfinance, will be reviewing the No Interest Loans Scheme to ensure the best outcomes for customers. Following the review, NSW Fair Trading will conduct an open tender process for the 2024-2027 No Interest Loans Scheme Program.

\* 0579 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) What assessment has the Government made of charging vehicle registration fees based on air pollution and greenhouse emissions?
- (2) What is the estimated reduction in air pollution and greenhouse emissions between internal combustion and electric vehicles?
- (3) What is the evidence from other jurisdictions such as Norway and EU countries about changes in consumer behaviour and emissions when registration fees are reduced or exempt for electric vehicles?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to provide registration fee incentives for lower emission vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised

The promotion, uptake and use of electric vehicles in NSW is shared between the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage and the Minister for Roads.

- (1) In NSW, the cost of registration typically includes a registration fee, number plate fee, vehicle tax and an inspection fee. While registration fees are not differentiated between electric vehicles and internal combustion engine vehicles, a small discount (up to \$40) to motor vehicle tax is given to electric vehicles and some low emission petrol-electric hybrid vehicles under 2.5 tonnes. In addition, the current NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy offers a package of other incentives to encourage electric vehicle adoption. These include exemption from vehicle stamp duty for battery electric and fuel cell vehicles under \$78,000, rebates of \$3,000 on the purchase price for the first 25,000 new electric vehicle sold under \$68,750, electric vehicle access to transit lanes, and investment in building a world-class charging network.
- (2) The estimated average greenhouse gas emissions intensity of passenger cars and light SUVs in Australia was 146.5 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre travelled in 2021 (National Transport Commission 2021). For the same period, the estimated average emissions intensity of electric

vehicles charged from the grid is 96 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre travelled (NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change). This number will decline as the proportion of renewable energy in the electricity grid increases. Electric vehicles produce no tailpipe emissions for greenhouse and air pollutants.

- (3) Beginning in 2001, the Norwegian Government introduced changes to its registration fees and value-added tax arrangement for zero-emission vehicles. These changes were designed to reduce the cost of vehicles by exempting them from the application of weight-based registration tax for battery electric vehicles, as well as value-added tax. The Norwegian Government estimates that by 2030, these tax incentives will add more than one million additional zero-emissions vehicles compared to a baseline case without incentives (OECD 2022).
- (4) The need for changes to the existing NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy would be assessed against progress towards the Strategy's overriding goals for emissions and electric vehicle uptake and can be considered as part of a review of the Strategy.

\* 0580 BLACKWATTLE BAY SEDIMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of health impacts of heavy metals in sediment in Blackwattle Bay that would prevent swimming or other recreation use of the harbour?
- (2) What action is being taken to address heavy metal pollution in Blackwattle Bay sediments?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to prevent health impacts from heavy metal in Blackwattle Bay sediments?

Answer—

- (1) A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment in 2021 confirmed that contaminants in the sediments are not found in water samples, and therefore would not prevent swimming or other recreation uses.
- (2) Action is being taken to prevent the resuspension of sediments during development by minimising sediment disturbance and using sediment curtains during construction activities in Blackwattle Bay. Consent conditions for the Fish Market construction require appropriate measures (e.g. silt curtains) to minimise disturbance of the sediments.
- (3) Given the nature of heavy metal impacts, minimising the disturbance of the Blackwattle Bay sediment is the most appropriate course of action.

\* 0581 EDUCATION REFORM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of Finland's successful education system?
- (2) What lessons has the Government implemented from Finland and other countries with high-ranking education systems?
- (3) What further plans does the Government have to reform New South Wales education based on very successful jurisdictions?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education has considered comparative practices from education systems around the world, including Finland, in its review of key drivers for change and improvement.

This work has, in particular, informed the design and implementation of the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program. It has also been factored into the recent review into improvement reforms and future planning for the NSW public education system.

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Examination of the educational practices of interstate and international jurisdictions forms part of the Department of Education's work to improve education outcomes for students.

\* 0582 SYDNEY BOTANIC GARDENS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What proportion of the Botanic Gardens operating costs is funded through the New South Wales budget?
- (2) Does the Government require the Botanic Gardens to use its land and facilities for commercial events and activities to fund its operations?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the impact of New South Wales budget allocations on staffing and other resourcing decisions?
- (4) Is it true that the Calyx now operates largely as a commercial venue, often closed to the public, rather than its original purpose?
- (5) How many staff were employed each year over the past 10 years?
- (6) What funds have been allocated to paying contractors each year over the past 10 years?
- (7) How many apprentices were employed each year for the past 10 years?
- (8) How many staffing complaints including about bullying have been made each year for the past 10 years?
- (9) What assessment has the Government made of the impact of commercial events and activities on the gardens and its ecosystems, flora and fauna?
- (10) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of event lighting on gardens' flora and fauna, including nocturnal fauna?
- (11) What horticulture projects and activities have been cancelled or postponed because of budget limitations?
- (12) What plans does the Government have to ensure that the Botanic Gardens principal objects are furthered, including maintaining the land and plant collections and their educational, historical, cultural and recreational value?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2021-22, approximately 42% of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust's operating costs were directly funded through the NSW budget.
- (2) Like most comparable botanical gardens and botanical science institutions around Australia and around the world, the Trust operates on a hybrid funding model. This includes recurrent funds from Government, research grants from Government and other institutions, tourism and commercial activity, fees, and charges in relation to services provided, donations and more.
- (3) A Comprehensive Expenditure Review is currently being conducted across the NSW Government, ahead of the State Budget which will be handed down in September.
- (4) When it originally opened in 2016, the Calyx operated as a fully paid ticketed venue. It has moved in recent years to a voluntary "entry by donation" model for its seasonal horticultural exhibitions. It is also available for event bookings. Funds from donations and event bookings go back to supporting the important scientific work performed by the Gardens.
- (5) Section 47A of the Constitution Act 1902 precludes the Trust from employing staff. However, persons may be employed in the Public Service to enable the Trust to exercise its functions. Staffing numbers are published each year in the Trust's Annual Report. According to the Trust's annual



reports, 284 staff were employed as at 30 June 2012, and 255 staff were employed as at 30 June 2022.

- (6) Contingent staff are used in a variety of circumstances. This includes providing cover for staff on extended leave; filling vacancies during previous Machinery of Government changes; undertaking temporary grant-funded work; and when permanent positions are unable to be filled due to wage and salary competition with the private sector. The following expenditure has been allocated to contingent workers over the last 10 years:

FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
\$1.22m	\$1.76m	\$1.38m	\$1.4m	1.73m	\$1.87m	\$0.84m	\$1.79m	\$2.3m	\$2.2m

- (7) The numbers below represent the number of recruits in the given year for a four-year horticulture apprenticeship. No apprenticeship recruitment occurred between 2018 to 2022. The apprenticeship program was recommenced in 2023 with three apprenticeship positions, two of which have now been filled.

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4	8	7	12	0	0	0	0	0	2*

\* 3 positions in 2023, 2 currently filled

- (8) Acts of bullying, harassment and discrimination are taken seriously and there is zero tolerance for such conduct. The policy and guidance for managing issues in the workplace is based firstly on local resolution where the line management and individuals address any identified issues within the team before formal resolution. Due to the varied nature of staffing complaints and the multiple ways in which complaints can be made and managed, these statistics are not able to be centrally compiled.
- (9) Garden staff include highly experienced and skilled conservation horticulturists. The Trust has undertaken extensive wildlife management studies, participates in research projects with external research institutions and is developing a range of Plans of Management for certain fauna species. It is recognised that major events can have an impact on the environment and a range of experts are used to protect and conserve the living collection.
- (10) For most of the calendar year, the Botanic Gardens are closed between sunset and sunrise. If major night-time events are in operation, additional measures are put in place to protect the globally significant living collection and resident fauna. These measures can include engaging ecologists in the planning of events to identify any potential impacts on wildlife, and to advise strategies to minimise impacts. The Trust ensures that event organisers minimise disturbance to wildlife and have procedures in place to ensure their safety.
- (11) The Trust has prioritised the completion of the first ever stocktake of the Living Collection across all Trust estates - over 75,000 accessions individually validated and mapped. Whilst this has been prioritised to provide a baseline assessment, it has not led to the postponement or cancellation of projects. A key focus for the organisation's Horticulture and Living Collections team in recent years has been the design and construction of a new plant production Nursery at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan to enhance the Trust's core conservation infrastructure.
- (12) The Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust was established by the Wran Government under the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust Act 1980. Since then, it has grown to be encompass Australia's premier botanical research institute, Sydney's leading outdoor live entertainment and activation precinct, and three world-leading botanic gardens and international tourism destinations.

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Regardless of changes of Government, the Trust is required under the legislation, to follow its principal objects, which have not changed since 1980, and are as follows:

- (a) to maintain and improve the Trust lands, the National Herbarium and the collections of living and preserved plant life owned by the Trust,
- (b) to increase and disseminate knowledge with respect to the plant life of Australia, and of New South Wales in particular, and
- (c) to encourage the use and enjoyment of the Trust lands by the public by promoting and increasing the educational, historical, cultural and recreational value of those lands.

\* 0583 BEACHES LINK AND GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the status of the planning assessment for the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection?
- (2) Has the Minister made a determination on the planning application (SSI-8862)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government has indicated it will not be pursuing the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection project. Transport for NSW has requested that the assessment be put on hold. This decision means the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment process will not proceed further.
- (2) No.

\* 0584 PLACE, DESIGN AND LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR THE WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

In relation to the Place, Design and Landscape Plan (PDLP) for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade:

- (1) Will the PDLP be updated if Beaches Link does not proceed?
- (2) Will the on and off ramps and tunnel portals for the Beaches Link project indicated in the PDLP proceed?
- (3) Will the ventilation outlet for Beaches Link proceed?
- (4) What are the plans for how the land currently marked in the PDLP for Beaches Link infrastructure will now be utilised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 – 4) The draft Place, Design and Landscape Plan (PDLP) is currently on public exhibition for community feedback. Following the public exhibition period, the PDLP will be updated and the final design decisions for the PDLP will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for approval.

While the Beaches Link project has been cancelled, work will continue on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. This includes enabling works that are included in the construction contract agreed to by the former Government.

The Cammeray ventilation outlet is a single ventilation structure, included in the Western Harbour Tunnel Package 2 construction works contract. This structure is required for the Western Harbour Tunnel project.

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\* 0585 YOUNG STREET PLAZA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Young Street Plaza, Neutral Bay:

- (1) What is the status of the permanent plaza on Young Street to be built in place of the trial plaza?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW provided any of the funding allocated to North Sydney Council for the purposes of the permanent plaza?
- (3) Will the ongoing permanent closure of Young Street continue?

Answer—

I am advised:

This project falls under the administration of the Minister for Transport and North Sydney Council.

\* 0586 CHATSWOOD BUS INTERCHANGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Chatswood Bus Interchange:

- (1) How will the Government ensure the bus interchange at Chatswood has sufficient capacity to cater for future growth and the growing demands of Chatswood as a transport hub?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW commenced planning for a future upgrade to the transport interchange at Chatswood?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW bus service planning includes capacity reviews of bus services and infrastructure in light of current and expected demand. The planning process includes considering the capacity of interchanges such as Chatswood and may at times initiate the need for upgrades.

Transport for NSW will also work closely with the recently established Bus Taskforce to identify need and opportunities for upgrades to bus infrastructure, working to ensure that provision adequately reflects demand.

\* 0587 NORTH SYDNEY OVAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

What investments will the Government make to upgrade facilities at North Sydney Oval, a major regional ground, including upgrades to ensure women's sport is catered for equitably?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Office of Sport infrastructure grant programs may provide a funding opportunity for the project. However, there are currently no open infrastructure grant programs.

\* 0588 SYDNEY RAIL REPAIR PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Sydney Rail Repair Plan:

- (1) Can the Minister outline the impact to services on the T1 North Shore Line?
- (2) What is the communications strategy in place to ensure commuters are well informed of upcoming trackwork?
- (3) Will an adequate bus replacement service be available that does not impact upon normal bus services given the current bus driver shortage?

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Answer—

I am advised

The Rail Repair Plan will not have any additional impact on the T1 North Shore Line as the existing maintenance windows are being used.

A comprehensive communications strategy is in place to ensure commuters are well informed about upcoming trackwork, including:

- Weekly Rail Repair Plan Trackwork media release
- News grabs, interviews and press conferences provided to metro/ regional newsrooms on a weekly basis or as required
- Social media posts on relevant Transport for NSW channels
- Rail Repair trackwork posters prominently displayed at train stations
- Trackwork information on train station digital screens and audio announcements
- Trackwork information posted to Transportnsw.info alerts page
- Social media posts on relevant Transport for NSW channels
- Trackwork information uploaded to Planning apps
- Trackwork electronic newsletter to Opal customers and those subscribed for trackwork updates.
- Letterbox drops when required
- Information posted on Travel choices channels when required
- Updates to Transport websites including Transportnsw.info and Transport.nsw.gov.au
- Push notifications via the Opal app
- FAQs provided to Transport call centre
- Paid media such as radio for major disruptions
- Updates on passenger information, indicator and on mode screens
- Station and on board announcements.

Normal bus services will not be impacted when rail replacement buses are organised. The bus driver industry shortage has ongoing impacts across the network. Trackwork plans are reviewed weekly to take in to account the number of replacement buses available.

\* 0589 FIRST LAP VOUCHER PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the First Lap voucher program:

- (1) How many vouchers have been issued to residents of the Willoughby electorate?
- (2) How many vouchers have been redeemed at approved providers within the Willoughby electorate?
- (3) What is the dollar value of the vouchers redeemed?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 9 July 2023:

- (1) Since the commencement of the program, 4,406 First Lap vouchers have been created for children that reside in the Willoughby electorate.

- (2) Since the commencement of the program, 1,703 vouchers have been redeemed at approved providers within the Willoughby electorate.
- (3) Since the commencement of the program, the dollar value of vouchers redeemed at providers in the Willoughby electorate is \$170,143.

\* 0590 BUS SERVICES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to bus services in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) Will capacity on routes servicing the Willoughby Road, Willoughby corridor such as the 120 and 115 be adjusted to cater for increased population from the Nine development on Artarmon Road, Willoughby?
- (2) Is there an integrated planning approach that ensures localised public transport capacity is responsive to increased development and population growth?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW continually reviews capacity on bus routes across the city in light of current and expected demand. Services are adjusted in response to land use changes, including population growth arising from major developments within available resources.

Following the election, the Minns Labor Government announced the formation of the Bus Industry Taskforce. The Taskforce currently working with bus operators, industry experts, the workforce, and community representatives to determine how to deliver more efficient and reliable services.

\* 0591 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Will the Local Sport Grant Program continue?
- (2) What are the dates for the next round of the program?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Grant programs will be published on the Office of Sport's website once available.

\* 0592 ROSEHILL STREET REDFERN—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

44-78 Rosehill Street is subject to a state significant development proposal ('the proposal') under the Rezoning Pathways Program.

- (1) What consideration has the Department given to:
  - (a) Determinations and studies of this site conducted by the Council and Independent Planning Commission (IPC)?
  - (b) The amenity affects on four proximate buildings?
  - (c) Relevant provisions in the Apartment Design Guide that set minimum standards for setbacks and separation from existing buildings?
- (2) The proposal includes a significant component of seniors' housing. What consideration has the Department given to requirements set out by the Apartment Design Guide and Seniors' Housing Guidelines with respect to:
  - (a) Building separation?

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- (b) Setbacks?
- (c) Respect for neighbourhood character?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Redfern Seniors Housing and Medical Scheme (SSD-53873461) on 25 January 2023. The SEARs outline the assessment requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

At this time, the applicant has not yet lodged a development application and EIS with the Department.

Once an EIS is submitted it will be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days on the NSW Planning Portal to allow the community, the local council and agencies the opportunity to review the proposal and have their say.

After the exhibition period, the Department will collate the submissions and require the applicant to provide a formal response to all issues raised. The Response to Submissions will be made available on the NSW Planning Portal.

Once the formal response is provided, the Department will conduct a robust assessment of the development application in line with all applicable Government policies and guidelines, including the Apartment Design Guide and Seniors Living Guidelines.

\* 0593 HOUSING 2041 STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can you please confirm whether the Department of Planning's Housing 2041 NSW Housing Strategy is still in force following the change in Government?
  - (a) If so, does "temporary supportive accommodation" remain under consideration?

Answer—

I am advised:

Housing 2041 was a housing strategy introduced by the previous Government. The Minns Government is increasing housing supply and has made several announcements regarding increasing affordable and social housing, and the use of surplus Government-owned land for housing. Significant changes have also been made to temporary accommodation to better assist people experiencing homelessness.

\* 0594 INCENTIVE AND RETENTION PAYMENTS TO HEALTH STAFF—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to nurse incentive and retention payments to staff within the Northern Tablelands:

- (1) How many nurse incentive and retention payments of have been paid by Hunter New England Health to its staff within the Northern Tablelands electorate, by individual hospital and health service location, in the calendar years:
  - (a) 2022?
  - (b) As at the date of this question in 2023?
- (2) What is the average of the payments made to individual staff, by each hospital and health service, within the Northern Tablelands electorate, for the calendar years:
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) As at the date of this question in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 – 2) I am advised that more than \$7.8 million has been paid to more than 1,300 new and existing Hunter New England Local Health District staff for attraction and retention. Health services are not provided based on electorate.

- \* 0595 FREEMAN HOUSE—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to Freeman House in Armidale:

- (1) How much funding does the Government currently provide to Freeman House?
- (2) Are there any plans to expand this funding so that more people can be accepted into Freeman House and undertake recovery programs?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health, who has advised:

NSW Health funds the St Vincent de Paul Society approximately \$250,000 per year to deliver alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation services in Freeman House.

NSW Health is negotiating a grant funding agreement with the St Vincent de Paul Society from 2023-24

- \* 0596 REGULATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Does the Government have any plans to introduce any legislation or regulations which would have the same effects on agricultural activities as the Western Australian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021?

Answer—

The Honourable Member should direct his question to the Hon David Harris MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty.

- \* 0597 HOMELESSNESS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What was the date of the last count of people experiencing homelessness in the Tweed Electorate, and what was the result of that count?

Answer—

Information on street count data is available by LGA. The last count in the Tweed Valley LGA was on 21 February 2023. 145 people were counted sleeping rough.

This information is publicly available at

[Street count | Family & Community Services \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/street-count)

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- \* 0598 HOMELESSNESS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What was the date of the last count of people experiencing homelessness in New South Wales, and what was the result of that count?

Answer—

The NSW street count of people experiencing street homelessness was completed between 2 February and 27 February 2023. 1,623 people were counted sleeping rough. This information is publicly available at [Street count | Family & Community Services \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/street-count-family-community-services)

- \* 0599 MOBILE DIALYSIS BUSES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will the Government match the previous Liberal/Nationals Government's \$15.3 million commitment to roll out six new state-of-the-art mobile dialysis buses across rural and regional New South Wales, boosting dialysis services in the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health is considering how best to use resources to ensure dialysis services in rural and regional NSW are appropriate.

- \* 0600 INCREASE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What steps are being taken by the Minister to ensure that instances of domestic violence are eliminated from our community?

Answer—

The Minns Government is working with peak and advocacy organisations, the non-government service sector, academics, experts and women with lived experience to tackle domestic, family and sexual violence.

We are implementing the NSW Domestic Violence Plan 2022-2027 and Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027 to prevent and respond to domestic, family, and sexual violence with a strategic approach.

We are also working in partnership with the Commonwealth Government to develop a standalone National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Action Plan. This will be a key mechanism for achieving Target 13 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

- \* 0601 INCREASE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

What steps are being taken by the Minister to ensure that instances of domestic violence are eliminated from our community?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to support a wider strategy to address domestic violence and recognises the significant and complex challenges that domestic and family violence presents, and its pervasiveness within the NSW community.



In 2022, the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) established a Domestic and Family Violence Reform project to change the way Police respond to and prevent domestic violence, with a focus of prioritising the health and wellbeing of victims by targeting those who perpetrate violence.

The NSW Government will continue to support the NSWPF to address domestic violence from all angles - from victim support, diverse reporting options and educating the public, to Police operations, such as Operation Amarok.

Operation Amarok II, an intelligence-based policing strategy led by each NSWPF region's Domestic Violence High-Risk Offender Teams, was deployed in April 2023 as part of a four-day high impact operation across NSW which targeted the most violent domestic violence offenders.

Operation Amarok III was deployed from 12 to 15 July 2023 and involved officers from all police area commands and police districts in NSW, as well as various proactive and specialist units. During the operation, 592 people were arrested, and in addition to domestic violence-related offences, various other serious offences were detected, including prohibited firearm and weapon possession, drug possession and supply, with a total of 1107 charges laid. Of those arrested, 139 were identified amongst NSW's most dangerous domestic violence offenders and 103 had outstanding warrants for violent offences.

Over the four days, police engaged with high-risk domestic violence offenders on 1169 occasions, made 315 applications for Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs), served 500 outstanding ADVOs, completed 4882 ADVO compliance checks and 1465 bail compliance checks. Officers also conducted 116 Firearms Prohibition Orders (FPOs) searches at properties linked to those who are subject to FPOs. In total, police seized 22 firearms and 40 prohibited weapons, as well as various types of illicit drugs located with 89 detections.

The NSWPF will continue proactive Amarok deployments, along with the use of a sophisticated suite of strategies, to target dangerous domestic violence offending, protect the community of NSW and to hold perpetrators to account.

\* 0602 PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SAFETY—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Considering other jurisdictions are introducing mandatory radar and/ or visual driver aids to reduce the risk of accidents, can you please provide an update as to what the Government is planning to do to reduce the risks to pedestrians and cyclists from trucks, vans and other large vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is committed to the goal of zero fatalities on our roads. Our 2026 Road Safety Action Plan focuses on both improving vehicle design and educating road users on safe interactions.

We support national initiatives to require advanced driver assistance systems in new heavy vehicles. These technologies are being tested at our state-of-the-art Future Mobility Testing and Research Centre in Cudal.

In addition, we are utilizing innovative artificial intelligence systems like Asset AI to proactively identify and address road defects. This AI software on street sweeping vehicles can detect issues like potholes and faded lines, helping councils conduct preventative maintenance that improves safety.

Other key actions we are taking include contributing to national standards to minimize driver distraction, building separated cycling infrastructure, and running education campaigns on sharing the road. Our multi-pronged approach combining new vehicle technologies, AI-enabled road maintenance, infrastructure upgrades and strengthening road safety culture aims to provide maximum protection for pedestrians and cyclists.

I am confident our comprehensive 2026 Road Safety Plan, underpinned by facilities like Cudal and innovations like Asset AI, puts NSW at the forefront of actions to reduce risks and achieve our goal of zero fatalities.

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\* 0603 GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many Government owned or leased housing properties exist in the following suburbs of the Winston Hills Electorate:
- a) Glenwood?
  - b) Kings Langley?
  - c) Blacktown?
  - d) Lalor Park?
  - e) Seven Hills?
  - f) Toongabbie?
  - g) Old Toongabbie?
  - h) Pendle Hill?
  - i) Wentworthville?
  - j) Winston Hills?
  - k) Northmead?
  - l) Constitution Hill?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) As at 30 June 2022, there are 1,644 properties in the Winston Hills electorate either owned or leased by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and Aboriginal Housing Office as follows:
- (a) Glenwood – 4
  - (b) Kings Langley – 12
  - (c) Blacktown – 172
  - (d) Lalor Park – 631
  - (e) Seven Hills – 392
  - (f) Toongabbie – 98
  - (g) Old Toongabbie – 3
  - (h) Pendle Hill – 17
  - (i) Wentworthville – 165
  - (j) Winston Hills – 7
  - (k) North mead – nil
  - (l) Constitution Hill – 143

\* 0604 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Regarding cost-of-living pressures for residents in the Winston Hills Electorate

1. What measures are currently being taken by this Government to reduce electricity costs for families in the Winston Hills Electorate?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to providing impactful cost of living relief to the people of NSW, while also exercising fiscal responsibility to address current economic and budgetary pressures.

Since being elected in March, the NSW Government has committed a further \$485 million in the 2023-24 financial year for the National Energy Bill Relief Fund, which will provide targeted and temporary energy bill relief to eligible households and small businesses in the 2023-24 financial year.

- \* 0605 VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN GLENWOOD—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

As referred to previously by the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, noting your commitment at the recent state election to commit \$25 million to a vocational training centre in Glenwood:

- (1) Can you please provide an update on the timeline for this training centre to be built and operational?
- (2) Further, why does this commitment not fall under the jurisdiction of the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education?
- (3) Once completed, will this project become a TAFE NSW associated training facility?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government plans for the Hydrogen Centre of Excellence to be operational by 2026.
- (2) The Minister for Energy has primary responsibility under the National Hydrogen Strategy and NSW Hydrogen Strategy frameworks for supporting development of the hydrogen industry. The NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change is already delivering work programs to support hydrogen skills development at both a state and national level. The NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change will coordinate and align these work programs with delivery of the Hydrogen Centre of Excellence to maximise outcomes and benefits for industry.
- (3) Consistent with our election commitment, the Hydrogen Centre of Excellence will be delivered by the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre.

- \* 0606 MARULAN HIGHWAY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government plan to fund the delivery of remediation to the Hume Highway North and Southbound lanes at Marulan?
- (2) Can the Minister outline a timeline for the work?
- (3) Does the Government plan to provide the funding required for Transport for NSW to carry out the necessary and complete works to improve safety on the highway?

Answer—

I am advised

The Australian and NSW governments have jointly funded \$34.8 million to replace sections of the concrete pavement surface on the Hume Highway at Marulan. The NSW Government is contributing \$17.4 million to the rehabilitation to the project.

In late 2022, Transport for NSW sought tenders for the rehabilitation of the section of the Marulan Bypass. However, the submitted tenders didn't provide a value for money options which Transport for NSW could endorse. As a result, Transport for NSW are investigating alternative measures to ensure value for money.

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Due to the condition of the highway pavement, Transport for NSW has recently replaced 54 of the most damaged concrete slabs. Further repair work is planned after October 2023 when weather conditions are more favourable for concrete placement.

\* 0607 GOULBURN CRESCENT SCHOOL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at Goulburn Crescent School?
- (2) How many classrooms are operating at Goulburn Crescent School?
- (2) What number of students does the Department of Education require to allocate funding for the construction of additional classrooms and permanent funding for the operation of additional classrooms at the Crescent School Goulburn?

Answer—

The Department of Education advises that 81 students are currently enrolled at Goulburn Crescent School, and that 12 out of 16 classrooms at the school are currently in use.

The six demountable classrooms at the school were installed by the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government between January 2012 and April 2023.

There is no specific student number at which capital works are funded.

\* 0608 YASS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

Noting the Government's election commitment to my electorate of Goulburn:

- (1) Will the Government be providing \$60,000 to the Yass District Historical Society?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If the Government does intend to fund this commitment, can the Government please outline the specific details and the timeframes for this to be provided?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government will deliver all election commitments as promised.

This question is a matter for NSW Treasury and should be directed to the Treasurer.

\* 0609 CREATIVE KIDS PROVIDERS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

How many organisations (in total) in the Port Macquarie electorate are currently registered as a Creative Kids provider?

Answer—

I am advised that 75 businesses are registered as providers, based on data available by postcodes within the Port Macquarie electorate.

\* 0610 ELIGIBLE SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

How many eligible school travel passes have been issued for students in the Port Macquarie electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been 19,303 eligible school travel passes issued to students in the Port Macquarie electorate since 12 January 2016. As at 21 July 2023, there are currently 7,240 active school travel passes within the electorate.

These figures represent students in class years 3 to 12 with reapplication for class year 6 or 7.

- \* 0611 POLICE OFFICERS ALLOCATED TO THE MID NORTH COAST—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what the date is), how many police officers (FTE) were allocated to the Mid North Coast Local Area Command and how many Police officers were actively working in the command?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report for each Police Area Command and Police District.

- \* 0612 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Under the Resilient Homes Program (RHP) Home Buyback stream delivered by the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRRC):

- (1) As of 21/06/2023, how many homes in the Coraki district registered an interest in the ‘home buyback’ stream?
- (2) As of 21/06/2023, how many homes in the Woodburn district registered an interest in the ‘home buyback’ stream?
- (3) As of 21/06/23, how many homes in the Coraki district have been made an offer under the ‘home buyback’ stream?
- (4) As of 21/06/2023, how many homes in the Woodburn district have been made an offer under the ‘home buyback’ stream?

Answer—

I am advised that as of 22 June 2023, there are

- (1) 241 registrations from the Coraki district for the Resilient Homes Program (expressing an interest in home buybacks, home raising or home retrofit)
- (2) 200 registrations from the Woodburn district for the Resilient Homes Program (expressing an interest in home buybacks, home raising or home retrofit)
- (3) 0 homes in the Coraki district have been offered a home buyback
- (4) 1 home in the Woodburn district has been offered a home buyback

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- \* 0613 M5 TOLL CASHBACK—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) How many individuals in the electorate of Holsworthy claim the M5 toll cash back?

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- (2) What is the average amount of money that is returned to an individual over a year through the MS toll cashback?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1 - 2) Data on individuals claiming the M5 cash back and the average amount of money spent does not reflect an electorate accurately.

\* 0614 ROAD-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ALONG THE BANGOR BYPASS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) How many reported road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the Bangor Bypass during:
- (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
- (2) How many reported deaths as a result of road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the Bangor Bypass during:
- (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
- (3) Have there been any previous studies undertaken by the Government providing advice on improving safety along the Bangor Bypass?
- (4) If not, will the Government commit to performing an investigation into the adequacy of safety measures?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) 3  
(b) 5  
(c) 3  
(d) 4  
(e) 4 (Q4 provisional).
- (2) The number of reported deaths that have occurred along the Bangor Bypass between 2018 and 2022 is zero.
- (3 - 4) Transport for NSW is conducting a safety review of Bangor Bypass between New Illawarra Road at Menai and River Road at Bangor. The review will take about four weeks to complete, which includes the analysis of the review's findings. This safety review will audit the following aspects of the road: Line marking, signposting, speed limit, advanced warning signs, overgrown vegetation, wire rope barrier condition and road surface conditions.

\* 0615 LOT SIZE REDUCTION BELOW 500HA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Considering that LEP legislation does not support lot size reduction below 500ha:

- (1) Can the Minister consider reviewing minimum lot size legislation to support succession planning for rural property owners?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether approval for lot size reduction below 500ha can be provided by Local Council, or are applicants required to seek approval from the Minister?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local environmental plans (LEPs) do not restrict lot size reductions below 500ha; they can set the minimum subdivision lot size for properties indicated on a 'lot size map'. Minimum subdivision lot size varies across NSW, and LEPs provide for exceptions or variations to the minimum lot size in certain circumstances. It is also not mandatory that an LEP include a minimum subdivision lot size.

Subdivisions applications are assessed against the relevant LEP and any other relevant legislation. For local development, this is usually done by councils.

If a subdivision proposal does not meet the requirements in the LEP, a proponent can lodge a planning proposal with their council to change the LEP. The planning proposal process includes assessment by Council, review by the Department of Planning and Environment, and often public exhibition, before a proposal is determined and finalised. Councils can also lodge planning proposals with the Department of Planning and Environment. When reviewing a proposal to reduce the minimum lot size for rural subdivision, the Department would consider issues such as the fragmentation of rural land and how this may impact on the usability of land for agricultural production.

This information is publicly available at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

\* 0616 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES CLASSIFICATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how towns/suburbs are categorised into and classified 'Regional' in New South Wales?
- (2) Does the Minister review the regional classification on a regular basis?
  - (a) If so, how often?
- (3) Can the Minister advise when the criteria used in the consideration for classifying an area either Metropolitan or Regional was last reviewed?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Government agencies define regional New South Wales in a variety of ways that are relevant to the services and outcomes being delivered for the community. There are also a range of legislated definitions for regional areas. For example, the Regional Development Act 2004 defines 'region' as "any part of New South Wales ... other than the Sydney metropolitan area."
- (2) The Government considers the appropriateness of regional classifications for services and programs as they relate to individual community needs and characteristics. Feedback on this matter is welcome to ensure optimal outcomes are achieved for regional communities.
- (3) See response to (1) and (2).

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- \* 0617 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PRIOR TO DEMOLITION OF HERITAGE BUILDING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister advise what community consultation is required prior to the demolition of a local heritage building or structure?

Answer—

I am advised:

A development application to demolish a local heritage building or structure is needed if the council has listed the building or structure as a heritage item in its local environmental plan.

A council must exhibit the application to demolish the heritage item for a minimum of 14 days (as required under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979) unless the council's Community Participation Plan sets out a different timeframe.

Council must consider any submissions received during the exhibition period before completing its assessment and determination of the development application to demolish the heritage building or structure.

If the local heritage building or structure is an archaeological site, the council must also consult the Heritage Council of NSW before approving an application for the proposed demolition and take into consideration any response received from the Heritage Council within 28 days.

- \* 0618 PLANNED MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What are the full details of planned maintenance at all public primary and high schools across the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate in the next 12 months?
- (2) Do Principals have input into how works at their school are prioritised and completed?
- (3) If not, will processes be updated to guarantee the input of Principals into how works at their school are prioritised and implemented?

Answer—

The new NSW Government inherited an unfunded \$1.2 billion school maintenance bill left by the former Liberal Nationals Government.

The Department of Education is currently conducting its routine annual review of maintenance at NSW schools and more information will be available as the programs are confirmed.

Principals are given the opportunity to provide their input, including by raising maintenance needs with their local Asset Services Officer.

- \* 0619 CHROMING EDUCATION AND RESTRICTION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to chroming:

- (1) What are the full details of measures being implemented across the Murrumbidgee and Western New South Wales local health districts to better educate youth about the dangers of this practice?
- (2) What efforts have been made by New South Wales Health in support of restricting the availability of nitrous oxide bulbs and canisters at retail outlets and online?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health provides education, early intervention and treatment services for people at risk or experiencing harm from chroming state-wide.



The Your Room website includes interactive tools and factsheets. The State Library of NSW Drug Info website provides reliable information on drugs and referral options.

NSW Health funds Life Education NSW to deliver age-appropriate preventive drug and health education to school children.

- (2) Selling nitrous oxide for non-medical human consumption is illegal in NSW. Changes to the Poisons Standard by the Therapeutic Goods Administration require warning labels to be placed on the product to discourage inhalation, and provide information on where to seek help.

The Government has committed to holding a Drug Summit in its first term. This will bring together medical experts, police, people with lived and living experience, drug user organisations, families and other stakeholders to provide a range of perspectives and build consensus on the way NSW deals with drug use and harms.

- \* 0620 VARROA MITE AND BIOSECURITY RISKS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Varroa Mite and other biosecurity risks for the honey bee industry in New South Wales:

- (1) What are the full details of the monitoring, management and response to these threats across the state, and specifically, for the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) What further measures will be put in place to support the sector over the next 18 months?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The nine LGAs of the Cootamundra electorate all fall within the General Emergency Zone (GEZ) of the Varroa mite response. Surveillance for Varroa mite in this area and the rest of NSW, which falls in GEZ, is being conducted by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Response Staff and beekeepers themselves. All beekeepers in the NSW GEZ are required, by an Order under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, to alcohol wash their hives every 16 weeks and submit this information to the NSW DPI. With the strength of surveillance conducted by the beekeepers and NSW DPI, the beekeepers in NSW GEZ are permitted to move their hives within and across NSW to Victoria and Queensland.
- (b) Industries in the Cootamundra electorate and across NSW are engaged in prevention and preparedness activities for serious biosecurity threats they face. This is to ensure that, not only are industry aware of these threats, but they also help in surveillance for early detection of these threats. Early detection significantly increases the success of containment and eradication.
- (c) DPI has a responsibility to support the State's primary industries and has developed the hive movement declaration as a safe and traceable way to allow the crucial movement of honeybees and apiary equipment and allow for the honey and pollination season to get underway while minimising risk of any further spread of Varroa mite. Compliance with these rules is key to the eradication of this pest.
- (d) Requirements for hive movements ensure compliance and NSW Police have additional powers in assisting the NSW DPI Varroa Response in monitoring movements of bees and hives across NSW.
- (2)
- (a) Eradication of Varroa mite is essential to protect not only the honey bee industry, but also the pollination-reliant industries. This is critical for Australia's food security. The Varroa mite eradication response is expected to continue to June 2026.

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- (b) Australia has very strict biosecurity border laws to protect against introduction of biosecurity threats.
- (c) Biosecurity is a shared responsibility. NSW DPI will continue to work with growers and industry peak bodies to heighten their knowledge about biosecurity threats. Knowing, recognising and reporting these threats early will help in containment and eradication.

\* 0621 OZCHILD CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Will the Government continue to fully fund OzChild Australia’s Functional Family Therapy program on the Central Coast?
- (2) Can the Minister provide any additional information as to how much funding is required and when it will be provided for this much needed program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government will continue to fund OzChild to deliver the Functional Family Therapy program on the Central Coast for the 2023/24 financial year.
- (2) Funding amounts cannot be disclosed until contracts have been finalised.

\* 0622 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

To activate Active Kids Vouchers, would the Minister consider a more ‘user friendly’ process for New South Wales Cross-Border children to access Victorian sporting clubs?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

\* 0623 MURRAY DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY WATER RESOURCE PLANS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many recent withdrawn water resource plans were from the Northern basin?
- (2) Can the Minister explain how they intend to regulate the take of water from rivers by agriculture given that it is measured under state ruled water sharing plans?
- (3) Will the Government advise Southern Basin irrigators if they still intend to recover the 450GL of water to the environment?
- (4) Does the Government have plans of a moratorium on water?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Seven NSW water resource plans were formally withdrawn from the MDBA on 25 May 2023 to address outstanding issues to meet Basin Plan accreditation requirements. Five of these water resource plans are in the Northern Basin:
  - NSW Border Rivers
  - Gwydir
  - Macquarie-Castlereagh

- Barwon-Darling
  - Namoi
- (2) The NSW water resource plans use the relevant clauses within the NSW water sharing plans to regulate take by agriculture. The amended NSW water sharing plans now include a mechanism to manage extraction to the Basin Plan sustainable diversion limits as well as the NSW long term annual average extraction limit. Where applicable NSW has used the provisions of the water sharing plans to meet the Basin Plan water resource plan requirements. Regulation of take of water by water sharing plans continues with or without accredited water resource plans.
  - (3) Recovery of the 450 GL of additional environmental water is the responsibility of the Australian Government.
  - (4) A moratorium on water is not something we understand. If the Member was referring to water trading, no, the Government does not have any plans for a temporary (or permanent) prohibition on water trading in NSW.

\* 0624 REFUSING WATER BUYBACKS FOR SOUTHERN BASIN IRRIGATORS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What impact will the recovering of 450GL of water from southern basin irrigators have on rural communities?
  - (a) Will the Government seek alternative measures to fulfil the quota?
- (2) Will these buybacks be from the Southern Basin?
- (3) What benefits will there be to the Darling system?
- (4) What flood risks would occur along the Murray system?
- (5) In relation to the 450GL delivery in the Southern system:
  - (a) What environmental outcomes will occur in rural communities?
  - (b) What will be the social and economic consequences?
- (6) What is the current timeline for the delivery of 450G to irrigation communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Recovery of the 450 GL of additional environmental water is the responsibility of the Australian Government.
  - (a) NSW seeks that the Commonwealth prioritise meeting the 450 GL target through investment in existing projects, programs and infrastructure that deliver intended environmental outcomes.
- (2) The Basin Plan does not specify that recovery of the 450 GL must be from the Southern Basin. The Basin Plan does not currently allow for water buybacks to recover the 450 GL.
- (3) How water for the environment, including the 450 GL, is managed to ensure it delivers the best environmental outcomes, while benefiting river communities, is a matter for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.
- (4) The Murray Darling Basin Authority operates the Murray system in accordance with the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement and seeks to balance flood management with water security. The Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council has further requested that the Murray Darling Basin Authority review the flood event in the River Murray system to identify, evaluate and recommend

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opportunities to further improve flood forecasting and management and to report back to the Ministerial Council.

(5)

- (a) This is a question for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder who will carefully make decisions on where and how water recovered under the 450 GL is used.
- (b) The social and economic consequences will depend on where the 450 GL is recovered from and delivered to, how it is recovered and over what timeframe. The NSW Government seeks that the Commonwealth water recovery program is designed to minimise and mitigate social and economic impacts on NSW communities, industries, and the water market.

(6) The Basin Plan requires that efficiency contributions are registered by 30 June 2024.

\* 0625 LOCUM MEDICAL STAFF—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) How much has been spent engaging and/or contracting locum medical staff, itemised for each hospital and health service, within the Northern Tablelands electorate in the following financial years:

- (a) 2017-18?
- (b) 2018-19?
- (c) 2019-20?
- (d) 2020-21?
- (e) 2021-22?
- (f) As at the date of this question in 2022-23?

(2) How much has been spent engaging and/or contracting salaried and visiting medical officer medical staff, itemised for each hospital and health service, within the Northern Tablelands electorate in the following financial years:

- (a) 2017-18?
- (b) 2018-19?
- (c) 2019-20?
- (d) 2020-21?
- (e) 2021-22?
- (f) As at the date of this question in 2022-23?

Answer—

(1 – 2) Health services are not provided the basis of electorate. I am advised, however, that data indicates a year-on-year increase in spending on locums across Hunter New England Local Health District. This is indicative of the difficulty in securing permanent staff in rural and regional areas.

\* 0626 GLEN INNES AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Is the Government planning to sell off, in part or whole, the Glen Innes Agricultural Research Station?
- (2) How many staff, in head count and full-time equivalent, are currently employed at the research station?

- (3) Are there any plans to relocate the Glen Innes-based Local Lands Services staff to the research station?
- (4) What research programs and projects are currently being conducted at the research station?
- (5) What future research programs and projects are planned to be undertaken at the research station?
- (6) What capital improvements are planned to be undertaken at the research station?
- (7) What is the value of the planned capital improvements?

Answer—

- (1) There are no plans to sell and divest from the Glen Innes Agricultural Research Station.
- (2) There are 16 staff by head count and 14 full-time equivalent staff currently employed at the research station.
- (3) No.
- (4) Biomass for Energy (Forestry), Southern Multibreed (Agriculture), Low Methane Beef (Agriculture), New England Merino wether trial (agriculture), Grazing intelligence project (Agriculture) Pasture variety research including serradella evaluation (Agriculture), and Low methane pastures (Agriculture).
- (5) Southern Multibreed Version 2 is an example of one planned project.
- (6) At present, there are plans for the replacement of the main water tank, completion of biosecurity fencing around the site, construction of polyhouse/shadehouse to support Pastures research and the demolition of five end-of-life buildings.
- (7) \$439,900.

\* 0627 RURAL CRIME IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

In relation to the increase in rural crime in the Northern Tablelands:

- (1) How many additional rural crime police officer positions will be provided to the New England Police District?
- (2) What is the timeframe for providing the additional positions and what ranks will the positions be?
- (3) Will additional and appropriate vehicles also be allocated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 2 July 2023, there are four Rural Crime Investigator positions attached to the New England Police District.
- (2) All police positions attached to a Police Area Command or Police District are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the local area. The allocation of additional positions to the NSW Police Force are determined by the Commissioner's Executive Team.
- (3) Fit for purpose vehicles are allocated to the current positions.

\* 0628 RETURN TO WORK PATHWAYS PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Will the Government continue funding The Return to Work Pathways Program which has already helped 58 Tweed Electorate women return to the workforce?

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Answer—

The NSW Government has provided funding for the Return to Work Pathways Program with projects to be delivered over the next two years.

- \* 0629 REGIONAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will the Government continue funding the regional health workforce incentive scheme which has resulted in more than 550 employees being retained at The Tweed Hospital and a further 10 new nurses and a midwife commencing at The Tweed Hospital?

Answer—

The NSW Government will continue to fund the Regional Health Workforce Incentive Scheme for new and existing health workers employed in positions identified as eligible for incentives at the Tweed Hospital.

- \* 0630 START STRONG PRESCHOOL FEE RELIEF PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Government continue funding the Start Strong preschool fee relief program that has saved Tweed parents of children attending preschool programs up to \$4220 in 2023?

Answer—

The NSW Government will continue to support families to access preschool across NSW.

The Minns Labor Government is also delivering the largest expansion in public preschool provision in NSW history, with 100 new public preschools to be built across the state.

- \* 0631 FIRE AND RESCUE STATION STAFF—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

For each Fire & Rescue Station in the Coffs Harbour electorate, can you please provide:

- (1) The number of permanent Staff?
- (2) The number of retained Staff?
- (3) The number of job vacancies?
- (4) The number and type of appliances/vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised the following information about staff and appliances:

(1 – 3)

	Retained Staff	Retained Vacancies	Permanent Staff	Permanent Vacancies
Coffs Harbour Mixed Permanent/Retained Station	21	0	21	0
Sawtell Retained Station	18	1	n/a	n/a
Woolgoolga Retained Station	18	1	n/a	n/a

(4) As at 26 June 2022

Coffs Harbour	Class 3 Pumper Hazmat Van Rehab Van Service Exchange Class 3 Pumper
Sawtell	Class 1 Tanker Class 2 Pumper
Woolgoolga	Class 1 Tanker Class 2 Pumper

\* 0632 TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Coffs Harbour Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many full time employed (FTE) teachers are employed in that school?

Answer—

As of 18 May 2023, there was a total teaching entitlement of 614.45 FTE at NSW public schools in the Coffs Harbour electorate.

School Name	Total 2023 Teaching FTE 18 May 2023
Boambee Public School	20.22
Banville Public School	8.66
Coffs Harbour High School	64.40
Coffs Harbour Learning Centre	5.99
Coffs Harbour Public School	38.53
Coffs Harbour Senior College	40.30
Coramba Public School	2.70
Corindi Public School	11.22
Crossmaglen Public School	2.73
Karangie Public School	2.82
Kororo Public School	31.08
Lowanna Public School	1.92
Mullaway Public School	15.61
Nana Glen Public School	10.64
Narranga Public School	38.03

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Orara High School	64.70
Orara Upper Public School	2.78
Sandy Beach Public School	24.70
Sawtell Public School	17.13
Taormina High School	63.70
Taormina Public School	18.58
Tyalla Public School	21.68
Ulong Public School	2.33
William Bayldon Public School	17.41
Woolgoolga High School	61.30
Woolgoolga Public School	25.29

- \* 0633 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

Separately for each Electorate in New South Wales, broken down by event, how much funding has been allocated from the Regional Events Acceleration Fund?

Answer—

I am advised this is a matter for Minister Moriarty Member of the Legislative Council

Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales, Member of the Australian Labor Party.

- \* 0634 STORMWATER AND SEWAGE POLLUTION INTO GYMEA BAY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What steps is the Government taking to reduce stormwater and sewage pollution into Gymea Bay?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local council is responsible for the management of stormwater in Gymea Bay. Sydney Water does not own and/or manage any stormwater assets in this area.

In the Gymea area, Sydney Water has:

- Reduced overflows caused by sewer blockages through a proactive maintenance program.
- Monitored dry weather pollution in Coonong Creek catchment
- Conducted a pilot study of microbial source tracking in the Gymea Bay area.

- \* 0635 WATER QUALITY IN GYMEA BAY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What steps is the Government taking to improve water quality in Gymea Bay?



Answer—

- (1) The Government is providing technical and financial assistance via the NSW Coastal and Estuary Grants Program for the development and implementation of coastal management programs.

The Government is supporting Sutherland Shire Council to commence the development of a coastal management program for Port Hacking, which includes Gymea Bay. The coastal management program will address the current and future priority issues and risks within Port Hacking, such as water quality.

Water quality at Gymea Bay Baths is monitored by the Government's Beachwatch program, and results are available online.

- \* 0636 LINE MARKING ON KINGSWAY CARINGBAH—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

Will the Government improve line marking on Kingsway Caringbah at its intersection with President Avenue?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's Maintenance Contractor for the Eastern Harbor Zone, ConnectSydney, is responsible for the maintenance of the intersection at Kingsway and President Avenue, Caringbah.

At this intersection, ConnectSydney refreshed the pavement markings in November 2022 and reinstated the missing T1 line marking on 20 April 2023.

ConnectSydney inspects the Kingsway and President Avenue monthly to identify defects and schedule required repairs. No defects were identified during the June 2023 inspection.

- \* 0637 TAREN POINT ROAD AND PARRAWEENA ROAD—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

What steps is the Government taking to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Taren Point Road and Parraweena Road Caringbah?

Answer—

I am advised

Development of a design for an upgrade to the intersection of Taren Point Road and Parraweena Road was completed in April 2021 by Transport for NSW. This design requires potential property acquisition and engagement with Sutherland Shire Council as Parraweena Road is a local road.

- \* 0638 TOILET FACILITIES AT CAPE SOLANDER—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Will the Government install any temporary or permanent toilet facilities in the vicinity of the whale watching platform at Cape Solander in Kamay Botany Bay National Park?

Answer—

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is not considering installing toilets in the vicinity of the whale-watching platform at Cape Solander in Kamay Botany Bay National Park as visitors generally stay for relatively short periods at the platform prior to moving on to other locations in the park.

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Public toilets are provided at three other locations within the park, which are approximately two kilometres (four-minutes' drive) from Cape Selander, including outside the Kurnell Visitor Centre, at Commemoration Flat and in the Cricket Pitch precinct.

On peak visitation days, NPWS use two temporary signs at Cape Selander to inform the public of alternative toilets. NPWS will install a permanent sign at the visitor centre turn-off to inform the public of 'last toilets'.

NPWS will continue to monitor visitor use of the precinct to inform future management decisions.

- \* 0639 GREAT SOUTHERN WALK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the current construction timetable, including completion date, for the Great Southern Walk?

Answer—

- (1) The construction timetable for completion of trackwork for the Great Southern Walk is June 2024.

Construction of new overnight accommodation facilities at Bonnie Vale and Wattamolla in Royal National Park, and at Maddens Plain in Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area, will commence in the first half of 2024, with completion due in December 2024.

Construction of accommodation facilities at Garie Beach in Royal National Park are also scheduled to commence in 2024 but is dependent on the reopening of Garie Road by Transport for NSW (which is currently closed due to a landslip).

The scheduled completion date for all works is December 2024.

- \* 0640 AQUACULTURE PRECINCT AT WOOLLOOWARE BAY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

As to an aquaculture precinct on land and over water at Woollooware Bay:

- (1) Is the Government proceeding as foreshadowed in the document entitled “Demolition and Replacement of Structures at the Oyster Farm, Woollooware Bay Review of Environmental Factors” issued by Transport for NSW dated July 2022?
- (2) Does the Government intend to depart from the proposals in that document in any significant way?
- (3) What are the key dates for the Government’s works there?
- (4) What process will be followed to award any licences, leases or other permits there?

Answer—

I am advised

Oyster farming has operated from the site at Captain Cook Drive in Woollooware Bay for several decades. Transport for NSW (TfNSW), together with the Department of Primary Industries, aims to support the aquaculture industry at the site.

TfNSW is continuing to develop and assess plans for the site and will keep the community informed on its progress.

- \* 0641 MOORINGS IN THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Is the Government creating any further moorings in South West Arm or in other waterways forming part of the Port Hacking / Hacking River system and within the boundaries of the Royal National Park?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) owns six community moorings in Royal National Park, along South West Arm Creek, operated under a licence from Transport for NSW.

The Royal National Park, Heathcote National Park and Garawarra State Conservation Area Plan of Management supports the retention of the six moorings, and enables the National Parks and Wildlife Service to collaborate with Transport for NSW in considering future community mooring needs within Hacking River. No additional moorings are currently being considered.

- \* 0642 MOORINGS IN THE PORT HACKING RIVER SYSTEM—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Is the Government creating any further moorings in waterways forming part of the Port Hacking / Hacking River system?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has no current plans to add additional private or commercial moorings in the Port Hacking waterway.

- \* 0643 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CORE AND CLUSTER ACCOMMODATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

For women and their children escaping domestic violence, is the Government building, or procuring the building, of any core and cluster accommodation:

- (1) In the Sutherland Shire?  
(2) In the St George district?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding of Core and Cluster refuges is occurring over three tranches. Tranches 1 and 2 have been completed, resulting in 39 approved projects.

Expressions of Interest for the third and final tranche will close 25 July 2023. A full list of LGA for Core and Cluster and existing women's refuge locations are available on the DCJ website at [Locations \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/locations)

- \* 0644 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding Government funded vouchers and incentives for residents of the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) How many registered providers of the Creative Kids voucher is there in the Winston Hills Electorate?  
(2) How many residents of the Winston Hills Electorate have claimed Creative Kids vouchers?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Based on data available by postcodes within the Winston Hills electorate, 189 businesses are registered.
- (2) 61,618 Creative Kids vouchers were redeemed in the Winston Hills electorate.

\* 0645 PREMIER'S BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding Government funded vouchers and incentives for residents of the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) How many residents of the Winston Hills Electorate have claimed the Premiers Back to School vouchers?
- (2) Does this current Government intend on keeping this initiative for families of the Winston Hills Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Service NSW captures data at Local Government Area (LGA) level and has collated the following data:
  - Postcodes within the Blacktown LGA: 213,772 vouchers redeemed
  - Postcodes within the Parramatta LGA: 102,859 vouchers redeemed.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

\* 0646 WESTMEAD HOSPITAL PALLIATIVE CARE WARD—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding Westmead Hospital and the recently announced palliative care ward under the former Government

- (1) When can our community expect the installation and completion of this palliative care ward?
- (2) How many specialist doctors will be assigned to this ward?
- (3) How many specialist nurses will be assigned to this ward?
- (4) What will be the capacity of this ward?
- (5) What is the expected final cost of installation and staffing for this ward?

Answer—

(1 – 5) I am advised that:

The new Westmead Hospital palliative care ward is in the planning phase. It is expected to open in 2026.

Under current planning, additional staff will include a staff specialist in supportive and palliative medicine, clinical nurse specialists and a clinical nurse educator. Final staffing and costs are yet to be determined.

\* 0647 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many constituents in the Myall Lakes electorate applied for the Regional Seniors Travel Card in:

- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) 2022-22 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the period from 2020-2021, there have been 13,773 applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the Myall Lakes electorate
- (2) For the period from 2021-2022, there have been 14,711 applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the Myall Lakes electorate
- (3) For the period from July 1 2022-27 June 2023, there have been 12,575 applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card in the Myall Lakes electorate

\* 0648 FOSTER CARERS IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on foster carers and children in foster care is not available by electorate in Departmental systems.

Data on foster carers and children in foster care by Community Service Centre (CSC) is available. The Myall Lakes electorate most closely aligns with the Mid North Coast District, for which Taree CSC has responsibility.

- (1)
  - (a - b) The number of foster carer households associated with Taree CSC during 2020-21 was 33. The number of foster carer households associated with Taree CSC during 2021-22 was 31. As at 30 June 2021, the number of foster carer households associated with Taree CSC was 30. As at 30 June 2022, the number of foster carer households associated with Taree CSC was 26. Both these counts also include foster carer households with no placements.
- (2)
  - (a - b) The number of children and young people in foster care households associated with Taree CSC during the year is not available. The number of children and young people in foster care households as at 30 June 2021, associated with Taree CSC was 30 (being cared for in 15 foster carer households). The number of children and young people in foster care households as at 30 June 2022 associated with Taree CSC was 26 (being cared for in 14 foster carer households). These children and young people in foster care households include children under foster care placements and children under relative/kinship care placements.

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As data are derived annually, data for 2022-23, will not be available until September 2023.

\* 0649 NEW SOUTH WALES AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Tuncurry Ambulance Station?
- (2) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Forster Ambulance Station?
- (3) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Taree Ambulance Station?

Answer—

(1 - 3) NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce. They usually respond from one patient to the next across the state, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station, or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide coverage of ambulance resources across NSW.

During periods of higher demand NSW Ambulance deploys resources to where they are most needed, helping to deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

\* 0650 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Goulburn electorate, as of the date for which the most recent data is available (specifying what that date is), how many demountable classrooms are on site at that school?

Answer—

The number of demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available and published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

\* 0651 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARDS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Across the Goulburn electorate, for each year, how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued in:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023 – to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Across the Goulburn electorate, for each year, the number of travel cards issued in:
  - (a) 2019 – Regional Seniors Travel Cards commenced in 2020, the scheme was not operational.
  - (b) 2020 – 13,521
  - (c) 2021 – 14,662

- (d) 2022 – 14,622  
(e) 2023 – 12,424 (as of 28 June 2023).

\* 0652 CASUAL TEACHERS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Goulburn electorate, as of the date for which the most recent data is available (specifying what that date is), how many casual teachers are at that school?

Answer—

The Minns Government has inherited a teaching shortage crisis from the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government.

Under the Liberal National Government, permanent teacher vacancies in the Goulburn grew from just 9 in 2011, to more than 27 in 2023.

The number of casual teachers working in the Goulburn electorate has been taken from timesheet records in the payroll system in pay period ending 22 June 2023.

As at 22 June 2023, a total of 154 casual teachers were employed at NSW public schools in the Goulburn electorate.

School Name	School Level	Total number of casual teachers in pay period ending 22 June 2023
Avoca Public School	P	2
Berinba Public School	P	2
Berrima Public School	P	5
Bigga Public School	P	1
Binalong Public School	P	3
Binda Public School	P	1
Bowning Public School	P	2
Bradfordville Public School	P	3
Breadalbane Public School	P	Nil
Bundanoon Public School	P	6
Burrawang Public School	P	1
Collector Public School	P	Nil
Crookwell High School	S	5
Crookwell Public School	P	1
Dalton Public School	P	1
Exeter Public School	P	2
Goulburn East Public School	P	4
Goulburn High School	S	6
Goulburn North Public School	P	3
Goulburn Public School	P	4
Goulburn South Public School	P	3
Goulburn West Public School	P	2
Gundaroo Public School	P	7
Gunning Public School	P	3

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Kangaloon Public School	P	1
Laggan Public School	P	2
Marulan Public School	P	1
Moss Vale High School	S	18
Moss Vale Public School	P	16
Mulwaree High School	S	9
Murrumbateman Primary School	P	Nil
Penrose Public School	P	Nil
Robertson Public School	P	1
Sutton Public School	P	1
Tallong Public School	P	4
Tarago Public School	P	1
Taralga Public School	P	1
The Crescent School	SSP	9
Tirranna Public School	P	1
Wee Jasper Public School	P	2
Windellama Public School	P	1
Wingello Public School	P	2
Wollondilly Public School	P	6
Yass High School	S	8
Yass Public School	P	3
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\* 0653 ROADS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to your answer to Question 131:

- (1) Have you asked your department for a copy of the reclassification report?
- (2) Will you release the advice from your department to confirm that you cannot access the reclassification report?
- (3) Was the reclassification report a cabinet document?
  - (a) If not, why is it being withheld from the public?
- (4) Did the former Minister intend to make the report public?
- (5) If you cannot access the report, will you ask for a new report?
- (6) What are your plans, if any, to transfer local and regional roads to the NSW road network and what funding will be provided?
- (7) Will Transport for NSW make a submission to NSW Treasury seeking a budget allocation to support the transfer of local and regional roads to the State Road network?
- (8) Will you meet with me and the Mayor of Kiama to discuss the transfer of Jamberoo Mountain Road to the NSW Roads network?
- (9) What are the community concerns about the safety of Jamberoo Mountain Road and the need to ensure ongoing maintenance by the State?



Answer—

I am advised

The final report was provided to the previous NSW Government on 8 November 2022. The former Premier has given permission for the final report to be provided to the NSW Government.

The NSW Government will invest in road repairs that are urgently needed across our regions. A new, two-year Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund will be created - a \$670 million fund to ensure the roads people rely on every single day across Regional NSW are up to scratch.

The NSW Government is working on the framework for this grant funding with details to be provided to councils in the coming months.

The NSW Government will provide an additional investment of \$390 million over the next two years and continue the existing \$280 million Regional and Local Roads Repair Program to ensure there is enough funding and capacity available to continue the vital work of repairing our regional roads.

The existing \$193 million NSW Budget funding for the road reclassification program and an additional \$197 million – will be allocated to the new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund.

This investment will more than double the available funding for regional communities compared to the previous road reclassification program.

Transport for NSW is aware of some concerns from community about the length of time taken to repair and re-open Jamberoo Mountain Road. Concerns have been raised about the closure of Jamberoo Mountain Road in correspondence received by Transport for NSW. Matters include the lack of alternative routes for residents and the community during closures of Macquarie Pass for maintenance work.

\* 0654 TEACHING POSITIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many teaching positions are currently casual at each of the following public schools in the Port Macquarie electorate:
  - (a) Coopernook Public School?
  - (b) Hannam Vale Public School?
  - (c) Harrington Public School?
  - (d) Hastings Public School?
  - (e) Herons Creek Public School?
  - (f) Kendall Public School?
  - (g) Lake Cathie Public School?
  - (h) Lansdowne Public School?
  - (i) Laurieton Public School?
  - (j) Moorland Public School?
  - (k) North Haven Public School?
  - (l) Port Macquarie Public School?
  - (m) Tacking Point Public School?
  - (n) Westport Public School?

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Answer—

The Minns Government has inherited a teaching shortage crisis from the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government.

The number of casual teachers working in the Port Macquarie electorate has been taken from timesheet records in the payroll system in pay period ending 22 June 2023.

As at 22 June 2023, a total of 88 casual teachers were employed at NSW government primary schools in the Port Macquarie electorate.

Under the Minns Government's Temporary Workforce Transition program, as at 14 July 1,507 temporary teachers have accepted permanent positions in NSW public schools in the rural Northern NSW region.

\* 0655 TEACHING POSITIONS IN HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many teaching positions are currently casual at each of the following high schools in the Port Macquarie electorate:

- (a) Camden Haven High School?
- (b) Hastings Secondary College - Port Macquarie Campus?
- (c) Hastings Secondary College - Westport Campus?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to LA QoN 654.

\* 0656 NORTH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many teaching positions are currently casual at the North East Public School of Distance Education in Port Macquarie?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to LA QoN 654.

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(Paper No. 13)

0657 SMOKING BANS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

0658 ACTIVE KIDS, CREATIVE KIDS AND FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

0659 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

\* 0660 NEW SOUTH WALES SENIORS CARDS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many New South Wales Seniors Cards have been issued or are on issue to current residents in the Pittwater electorate?
- (2) How many New South Wales Senior Savers Cards have been issued or are on issue to residents in the Pittwater electorate?

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Answer—

I am advised that, based on data available for postcodes within the Pittwater electorate, a combined total of 24,763 Seniors Cards and Seniors Savers Cards have been issued. Service NSW does not separate the data for each card type, and the combined dataset only tracks an address at the point of application.

- 0661 DUFFYS FORREST AND TERREY HILLS COMMUNITY BRIDLE TRAIL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—
- 0662 MONA VALE ROAD WEST UPGRADE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 0663 SURPLUS GOVERNMENT LAND VIABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0664 PLANNED MAINTENANCE IN PUBLIC PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0665 POLICE OFFICERS ALLOCATED TO THE LIVERPOOL CITY AND SUTHERLAND SHIRE AREA COMMAND—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- 0666 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0667 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0668 3G MOBILE SIGNAL BOOSTERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0669 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR PEST CONTROL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0670 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CARD—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0671 ALBURY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0672 KING GEORGES ROAD WIDENING STATE 2—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 0673 ARCHBOLD ROAD IN LINDFIELD AND ROSEVILLE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 0674 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IN BRISBANE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 0675 GIFTS AND BENEFITS REGISTER—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

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- 0676 GOVERNMENT STAFFING COMMITTEE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 0677 STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (VEGETATION IN NON-RURAL AREAS)—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0678 NEW SOUTH WALES AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0679 COST OF LIVING RELIEF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0680 COST OF LIVING RELIEF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 0681 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0682 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST AGE BRACKETS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0683 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 0684 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—
- 0685 FIRST HOME BUYERS LAND TAX OPTION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 0686 SYDNEY WATER SITES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0687 INVESTIGATION IN RELATION TO ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0688 VISITS BY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0689 VISITS BY MINISTER FOR POLICE TO POLICE STATIONS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- 0690 VISITS BY MINISTER OF HEALTH TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0691 VISITS BY MINISTER FOR CORRECTIONS TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Mr Mark Hodges to ask 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—

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- 0692 CROWN LAND UNDER THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0693 CROWN LAND UNDER THE ROADS PORTFOLIO—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 0694 CROWN LAND UNDER THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES PORTFOLIO—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0695 OUTSTANDING PARKING, TRAFFIC AND OTHER PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 0696 ACCESSIBLE SCHOOL HOURS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0697 TRIAL OF EXTENDED SCHOOL HOURS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0698 CULTURAL CENTRE IN EASTWOOD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 0699 ODOMETER READING OF AMBULANCES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0700 MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY BUS INTERCHANGE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0701 NORTHERN CENTRE WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 0702 STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING APPROVAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0703 ANZAC PARK MASTERPLAN—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 0704 WOOD HEATER BUYBACK SCHEME—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 0705 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0706 LOCAL LAND SERVICES STAFFING LEVELS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0707 FERAL PIG NUMBERS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0708 PRIORITISED BUYBACKS UNDER THE RESILIENT HOMES FUND PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- 0709 APPROVED BUYBACKS UNDER THE RESILIENT HOMES FUND PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0710 ACCEPTED BUYBACKS UNDER THE RESILIENT HOMES FUND PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0711 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0712 AUTHORISED POLICE OFFICERS IN THE COFFS CLARENCE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- 0713 ACTUAL POLICE OFFICERS IN THE COFFS CLARENCE LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- 0714 UPGRADES AND CAPITAL WORKS WITHIN NATIONAL PARKS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0715 KAMAY BOTANY BAY NATIONAL PARK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 0716 UPGRADES TO SCHOOLS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0717 ELECTRIC BUSES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0718 ROLLING STOCK ON THE T4 LINE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0719 CRONULLA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0720 SEWAGE PUMPING STATIONS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0721 PLANNED MAINTENANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0722 PLANNED MAINTENANCE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0723 PROJECTED ENROLMENT NUMBERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0724 DREDGING OF WALLIS LAKE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 0725 AGREEMENTS WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES UNION—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0726 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST AGE BRACKETS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0727 FULL TIME TEACHERS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0728 CULTURAL BURNING PROGRAM ON PUBLIC LAND—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0729 RURAL FIRES ACT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0730 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 0731 MANUFACTURING AND PROCUREMENT FROM NEW SOUTH WALES COMPANIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 0732 UPGRADES TO BOMADERRY HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0733 DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 0734 KIAMA BENDS SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 0735 BOMBO WATER RESOURCE FACILITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0736 TALLAWARRA B POWER STATION PROJECT AND AVIATION SAFETY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0737 LAURIETON FIRE AND RESCUE STATION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 0738 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0739 RETURN AND EARN SITES IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 0740 BUYER SECURITY AND PROTECTION—Mr Ray Williams to ask 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—
- 0741 KELLYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0742 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL NOISE ALONG THE METRO LINE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 0743 BUS SERVICES ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0744 EASTERN CREEK WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0745 HOUSING COOPERATIVES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0746 DENTAL CARE ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0747 ATLISSIAN CENTRAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 0748 WESTMEAD CENTRE FOR ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT HEALTH—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0749 POLICE TASER CHANGES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
- 0750 LIVABLE HOUSING DESIGN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask 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—
- 0751 JUVENILE ARTHRITIS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0752 SPENT CONVICTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—
- 0753 LATE NIGHT INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0754 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 0755 LONG GULLY BRIDGE IN NORTHBRIDGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—



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- 0756 272 BUS ROUTE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0757 SYDNEY METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST LINE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 0758 NORTHBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 0759 CAMMERAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0760 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOM REMOVAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0761 SHARE OUR SPACE PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 0762 SYDNEY METRO CHATSWOOD DIVE SITE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 0763 KARINYA COMMUNITY AGED CARE CENTRE—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 0764 TEMPORARY NURSES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS ELECTORATE—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0765 PRIORITISED BUYBACKS FOR VALUATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0766 NORTHERN RIVERS RECONSTRUCTION CORPORATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0767 NORTHERN RIVERS RECONSTRUCTION CORPORATION STAFF—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 0768 MRI MACHINE AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 0769 SCHEME TO ALLOW SEARCH OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HISTORY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 0770 UPGRADES TO POLICE STATIONS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—
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