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* 0672 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—USE OF POLICE DOGS TO APPREHEND SUSPECTS—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

- (1) Recently in the media it was reported that a police unit canine was used to apprehend a 16 year old wanted for questioning in the Mid Coast area, the dog latched onto the 16 year old bringing him to the ground and it appeared that the young person was in pain:
 - (a) Can the Minister advise at what point should the dog's handler intervene to ensure no further injury or pain is administered?
- (2) Noting the three main functions of the Police Dog Unit are drug detection, firearm and explosives detection and tracking missing persons:
 - (a) Could the Minister please advise what other uses the dog unit has in police work?
- (3) Could the Minister please advise what the normal procedure is when using the dog units to apprehend witnesses and suspects?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)(a) Once the person is under arrest, controlled and compliant with police directions.
- (2)(a) The NSW Police Force utilises:
 - General Purpose (GP) Dogs - for tracking and searching of people, specifically trained in Public Order and Specialist Tactical deployments;
 - Blood Detection Dog and Urban Search and Rescue - for assistance in supporting emergency situations, such as searching for and locating live human beings following large scale structural collapse; and
 - Cadaver Detection Dogs.
- (3) Only GP dogs are used to apprehend a person believed to have committed a criminal offence. GP dogs are not used to apprehend witnesses. The use of a GP dog to apprehend suspects is subject to the provisions of Part 18 of the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2022*.

* 0673 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRACK AXEL LOAD LIMIT—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is Transport for NSW continuing to investigate increasing the Track Axel Load limit between Gilgandra and Dubbo to 25 Tonne Axle Load Limit (TAL)?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has engaged with the Rail Infrastructure Manager, UGL Linx.

* 0674 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GILGANDRA TO COONAMBLE COUNTRY RAIL PROJECT—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise have works begun for the Gilgandra to Coonamble Fixing Country Rail project?
 - (a) When are works expected to be completed for this rail project?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Yes, noting that the former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the States history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates. The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal-National government's financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

(1)(a) FY 2023-24.

* 0675 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GILGANDRA TO COONAMBLE REVIEW—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the Gilgandra to Coonamble Fixing Country Rail project under any public or internal reviews?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the States history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates. The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal-National government's financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

* 0676 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GILGANDRA TO COONAMBLE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the Gilgandra to Coonamble Fixing Country Rail project subject to the Governments infrastructure review?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the State's history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates. The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal-National government's financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

* 0677 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—KPI FREIGHT ON RAIL—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the Government still have a key performance indicator of achieving 23 per cent of freight on rail?

Answer—

I am advised

The premise of the question is misleading. The target for rail mode share for freight, to and from Port Botany, is set at 28 per cent in the NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018 - 2023.

The Audit Office report titled ‘Rail freight and Greater Sydney’ dated 19 October 2021 stated that ‘*Transport for NSW (TfNSW)’s data indicates this target will not be met.*’ Failure to meet this target occurred under the former Liberal-National government.

- * 0678 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HONOUR ALL FIXING COUNTRY RAIL PROJECTS—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, will the Government honour all Fixing Country Rail projects that were announced and fully funded?

Answer—

I am advised

The former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the States history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates.

The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal- National government’s financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

- * 0679 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—COOLAMON RAIL SIDING PROJECT—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, has the Coolamon Rail Siding project commenced?
(a) If so when is it due to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Yes. Noting that the former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the States history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates. The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal- National government’s financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

(1)(a) FY 2023-24.

- * 0680 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REMAINING FUNDS FIXING COUNTRY RAIL PROGRAM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, have the remaining funds not allocated in the Fixing Country Rail Program as of 26 March 2023 been reallocated to other projects or redirected back to Treasury?

Answer—

I am advised

No.

The former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the States history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates.

The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal- National government’s financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

- * 0681 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—CUTS TO FIXING RAIL PROGRAM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether they have cut the Fixing Country Rail program?

Answer—

I am advised

No.

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The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal-National government's financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

- * 0682 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WR CONNECT FREIGHT TERMINAL DIRECTORS—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, have Transport for NSW engaged with WR Connect freight terminal directors?

Answer—

I am advised

WR Connect is a joint venture between local councils. Transport for NSW has engaged with interested councils and industry as appropriate.

- * 0683 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WUMBULGAL RAIL FREIGHT SIDING—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether works have begun on the Wumbulgal rail freight siding Fixing Country Rail project?

(a) If so, what is the expected completion date?

Answer—

I am advised

Design work has commenced, noting that the former Liberal-National government handed down the worst financial position government in the State's history. The incoming government has inherited in excess of \$7 billion in unfunded programs and \$187 billion in debt over the forward estimates. The State and Federal governments are currently reviewing programs in light of the former Liberal-National government's financial mismanagement and history of cost overruns.

(1)(a) FY 2024-25.

- * 0684 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WUMBULGAL RAIL FREIGHT SIDING REVIEW—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Wumbulgal rail freight siding Fixing Country Rail project under any public or internal reviews?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is not aware of any reviews into the Wumbulgal rail freight siding project funded under the Fixing Country Rail program. However, the capital investment program is subject to reviews as part of the annual budget process.

* 0685 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WUMBULGAL RAIL FREIGHT SIDING INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Wumbulgal rail freight siding Fixing Country Rail project subject to the Governments infrastructure review?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is not aware of any reviews into the Wumbulgal rail freight siding project funded under the Fixing Country Rail program. However, the capital investment program is subject to reviews as part of the annual budget process.

* 0686 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MAIN WESTERN RAIL LINE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Main Western Rail Line Capacity Enhancement Program been delivered?

(a) If so, how much of the \$130 million was spent?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 0687 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MINISTER RESPONSIBLE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise which Government Transport minister is responsible for Rail projects and attracting more freight on rail in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

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

* 0688 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—RED BEND RAIL SIDING—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Red Bend Rail Siding started?

(a) If so, what is the project completion date?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) Yes.

(1)(a) FY2023-24.

* 0689 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MAIN WEST BI-DIRECTIONAL SIGNALLING UPGRADE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise what the Main West Bi-Directional Signalling upgrade started?

(a) If so, what is the completion date?

Answer—

Detailed design works for Main West Bi-Directional Signaling upgrade have commenced. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2026.

* 0690 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MEET ANY RAIL FREIGHT OPERATORS—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, whether they have met with any Rail Freight operators as of 27 June 2023?

(a) If so, which operators have you met with?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 0691 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—AUSTRALASIAN RAILWAY ASSOCIATION—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether they have met with the peak Rail organisation Australasian Railway Association (ARA)?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 0692 ROADS—AMBIENT AIR QUALITY—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

(1) With respect to the Transport for NSW review of ambient air quality around road tunnels announced by the Minister for Transport on 21 June 2023:

(a) What are the terms of reference for the review?

(b) Will the Government install filtration on tunnel stacks in New South Wales?

(i) If so, which stacks will have filtration installed?

(ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is working with the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer on the terms of reference for a review of all air quality monitoring from operating motorway tunnels across the network to examine the potential impacts on ambient air quality from ventilation outlets. The terms of reference for the review will be finalised by the end of July.

* 0693 TRANSPORT—AMBIENT AIR QUALITY WESTCONNEX—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In regards to the Transport for NSW review of ambient air quality around road tunnels announced by the Minister for Transport on 21 June 2023, will the Government install filtration systems on WestConnex?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 0694 TRANSPORT—AIR QUALITY AND WESTCONNEX—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On 23 June 2023, the Minister said that they would continue to work with residents in “our communities and across our cities and the State to ensure that the issues around air quality and WestConnex are well managed”, can the Minister advise:
 - (a) Does this include installing air filtration on exhaust stacks for tunnel projects?
 - (b) What others steps will the Minister take to ensure air quality?
 - (c) Does the Minister believe air filtration is required for tunnel projects like WestConnex

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 0695 TRANSPORT—AIR INFILTRATION ON WESTCONNEX—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On 23 June 2023, the Minister said that they would continue to work with residents in “our communities and across our cities and the State to ensure that the issues around air quality and WestConnex are well managed”, can the Minister advise:
 - (a) Does the Minister believe the Government can make a procurement decision to install air filtration on the WestConnex exhaust stacks?
 - (b) Would the Minister support such a decision?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 0696 PREMIER—MINISTER STAFF—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the 'caucus liaison officer(s)' in their employment:
 - (a) Liaise with crossbench members?

- (b) Liaise with opposition members?
- (c) Are a member of a Trade Union?
- (d) Are a member of the Labor Party?
- (e) Have previously been in the employment of the NSW Labor Party?
- (f) Have previously been in the employment of a Trade Union or related organisation?

Answer—

All staff are employed to assist the Premier in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

* 0697 PREMIER—CAUCUS LIAISON UNIT—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise whether there is a caucus liaison unit in the Premiers office?
 - (a) What is their role description?
 - (b) What is their paygrade?
- (2) Does every Minister have ‘caucus liaison officer(s)’?
- (3) How many ‘caucus liaison officer(s)’ are there in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013?

Answer—

All staff are employed to assist the Premier in accordance with the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

I am advised that the number and salary ranges of staff employed in each Ministerial is routinely published on the Premier's Department website.

* 0698 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T8 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T8 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0699 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T9 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T9 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July?

- (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0700 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK METRO NORTHWEST LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the Metro Northwest line during the following weekends:
- (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

The next dates for scheduled trackwork on the Metro North West Line is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website at <https://transportnsw.info/alerts#/metro-train>.

* 0701 TRANSPORT—FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether Transport for NSW has prepared a plan to ensure attendees of the FIFA Women's World Cup are able to travel to and from matches in Sydney by train without undue delays?
- (2) Is any scheduled trackwork being placed on hold as a result of such a plan?

Answer—

I am advised the following in relation to the FIFA Women's World Cup matches transport arrangements:

Planned rail and bus transport services for the five games to be played at Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park:

- Trains: additional services will operate including express and limited stop trains between Central and Olympic Park stations, and western line stations and Olympic Park. There will also be a build-up of carriages on various rail lines.
- Buses: Sydney Olympic Park major event buses will run for all five games at Olympic Park across all nine major event bus routes.
- All other transport modes will be operating on regular timetables.

- The Rail Repair Plan works will not impact the rail transport arrangements for the event.

Planned light rail and bus transport services for the six games to be played at Sydney Football Stadium, Moore Park:

- Light rail: additional frequent L2/L3 light rail services will run between Central and Moore Park, before and after each match.
- Shuttle buses: a limited number of dedicated express shuttle buses will run between Central Station and Moore Park bus terminal for each match.
- Regular route buses: additional regular route services will run on identified route buses, primarily for crowd egress in evenings to meet expected customer demand.

The transport arrangements have been based on forecasted crowds and postcode ticket sale data providing insights on where people are travelling from and to, to ensure adequate services are provided.

* 0702 SPORT—FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether they have engaged in any conversations with the Minister for Transport regarding providing a smooth public transport experience for attendees of the FIFA Women's World Cup in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised the following in relation to the FIFA Women's World Cup matches transport arrangements:

Planned rail and bus transport services for the five games to be played at Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park:

- Trains: Additional services will operate including express and limited stop trains between Central and Olympic Park stations, and western line stations and Olympic
- Park. There will also be a build-up of carriages on various rail lines.
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* 0703 PREMIER—FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise whether they have engaged in any conversations with the Minister for Transport in regards to providing a smooth public transport experience for attendees of the FIFA Women's World Cup in Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised the following in relation to the FIFA Women's World Cup matches transport arrangements:

Planned rail and bus transport services for the five games to be played at Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park:

- Trains: additional services will operate including express and limited stop trains between Central and Olympic Park stations, and western line stations and Olympic Park. There will also be a build-up of carriages on various rail lines.
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- Regular route buses: additional regular route services will run on identified route buses, primarily for crowd egress in evenings to meet expected customer demand.

The transport arrangements have been based on forecasted crowds and postcode ticket sale data providing insights on where people are travelling from and to, to ensure adequate services are provided.

* 0704 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T1 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T1 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July 2023?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July 2023?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August 2023?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August 2023?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August 2023?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0705 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T2 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T2 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August

- (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August
- (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0706 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T3 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T3 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July 2023?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July 2023?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August 2023?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August 2023?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August 2023?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0707 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T4 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T4 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July 2023?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July 2023?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August 2023?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August 2023?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August 2023?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0708 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T5 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T5 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July 2023?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July 2023?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August 2023?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August 2023?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August 2023?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0709 TRANSPORT—TRACKWORK T7 LINE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is there any scheduled trackwork on the T7 line during the following weekends:
 - (a) Weekend beginning Friday 21 July 2023?
 - (b) Weekend beginning Friday 28 July 2023?
 - (c) Weekend beginning Friday 4 August 2023?
 - (d) Weekend beginning Friday 11 August 2023?
 - (e) Weekend beginning Friday 18 August 2023?
- (2) If so, please specify what times any expected outages will occur, including any stations that will be out of operation?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

* 0710 REGIONAL HEALTH—GENERAL PRACTITIONERS PORT STEPHENS ELECTORATE—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many General Practitioners or Medical Clinics in the Port Stephens Electorate provide bulk billed services?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast:

Health services are not provided based on electorate.

The provision of primary care including GP services is a matter for the Federal Minister for Health

* 0711 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—FORMER GOVERNMENT’S CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLAN 2041—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the Government intend to progress the former Government’s Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 of December 2022, in particular Objective 3 to create ‘15-minute’ neighbourhoods?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Greater Cities Commission is preparing a Six Cities Region Plan to be made under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Six Cities Region Plan will provide direction for the Central Coast City Plan and replace the Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.

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0930 TRANSPORT—BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the Chair of the Bus Industry Taskforce Mr John Lee reside in New South Wales?

0931 TRANSPORT—EXPENSES OF MR JOHN LEE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, are the expenses of Mr John Lee covered under his contract or expensed directly to Transport for NSW?

0932 TRANSPORT—BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE - OTHER CLIENTS—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does the company appointed to consult on the Bus Industry Taskforce, John Lee Consulting have any other clients?

0933 TRANSPORT—BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE - FULL TIME ROLE—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the position of Chair of the Bus Industry Taskforce a full time role?

0934 ROADS—FIFTEENTH AVENUE AUSTRAL—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide an update on the Government’s commitment to upgrade Fifteenth Avenue Austral?
- (a) When is the commencement date?
- (b) How much funding has been allocated for the project?
- (i) Whether said funding will be enough to upgrade the entirety of Fifteenth Avenue?

0935 HEALTH—REINSTATEMENT OF BIRTHING SERVICES AT MILTON ULLADULLA HOSPITAL—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources

representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, when will birthing services be reinstated at Milton Ulladulla Hospital?

0936 HEALTH—FUNDING BIRTHING SERVICES MILTON ULLADULLA HOSPITAL—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how much funding has been provided to deliver birthing services to Milton Ulladulla hospital?

0937 HEALTH—REQUIREMENTS TO DELIVER BIRTH SERVICES—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister, what are the requirements to deliver birthing services at a rural acute facility?
- (a) Please include:
- (i) The level of staffing?
- (ii) Required specialisations and facilities?

0938 HEALTH—ADVICE BIRTHING SERVICES TO MILTON-ULLADULLA HOSPITAL—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, whether they have received any advice from your department regarding birthing services to Milton-Ulladulla hospital?
- (a) If so, what was the advice?

0939 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD FLYOVER—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the Government committed to the Jervis Bay Road Flyover?

0940 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD FLYOVER - CONTRACT—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, when will the delivery contract be awarded for the Jervis Bay Road Flyover?

0941 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD FLYOVER - 90-DAY INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, is the Jervis Bay Road flyover safe from the Federal Government's 90-day infrastructure review?

0942 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—JERVIS BAY ROAD FLYOVER - DEFERRED OR CANCELLED—The Hon. Natalie Ward to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, should Federal funding for the Jervis Bay Road Flyover project be deferred or cancelled, will the Government proceed with the project alone?

- 0943 EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW - FORMER COMMISSIONER—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, did they or their office leak internal documents from Fire and Rescue NSW regarding former Commissioner Paul Baxter to the media?
 - (2) Can the Minister advise, did the the Fire Brigade Employees Union lobby them or their office to remove Commissioner Paul Baxter?
- 0944 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—PARLIAMENTARY PASSES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many Parliamentary Passes have you or your office authorised for Trade Union officials?
 - (a) What is their nature of business at Parliament?
 - (2) How many Parliamentary Passes have your Parliamentary Secretaries authorised for Trade Union officials?
 - (a) What is their nature of business at Parliament?
- 0945 SPORT—MR MORRIS IEMMA - VENUES NSW—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, will Mr Morris Iemma be appointed Chairman of Venues NSW?
 - (2) What guidelines exist governing appointments of lobbyists to positions in the NSW Government?
 - (3) How many forms of contact has the Minister or thier office had with Mr Morris Iemma since the 2023 New South Wales Election?
 - (a) Will the Minister disclose this in accordance with the Premier’s Memorandum M2015-05- Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

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