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* 0764 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NUMBER OF ONBOARDED COUNCILS—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 how many councils were onboarded and using the One Road platform as of 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June 2023, 94 Local Government Areas are adding road closure information directly into Live Traffic NSW.

* 0765 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NUMBER OF COUNCILS BEING ONBOARDED—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 how many councils are in the process being onboarded onto the One Road platform as of the 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June, 34 Local Government Areas are in the process of being onboarded onto the OneRoad platform.

* 0766 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - COUNCILS YET TO BE ONBOARDED—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 list which councils that are yet to be onboarded to the One Road Platform?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June, 34 Local Government Areas are yet to be onboarded to the OneRoad platform.

* 0767 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - DECLINES FROM COUNCILS—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 list which councils have declined Transport for NSW's offer to participate on the One Road platform?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June 2023, no Local Government Areas have declined to participate on the OneRoad platform.

* 0768 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - REASONS FOR DECLINES—
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 the reasoning for why the councils who declined the offer to participate on the One Road Platform did so?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June 2023, no Local Government Areas have declined to participate on the OneRoad platform.

* 0769 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - FUNDING FOR COUNCILS—
The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Government looking to offer councils any additional support or funding towards participating on the One Road platform?

Answer—

I am advised

OneRoad is the preferred platform for entering road incident information that gets published onto Live Traffic NSW and other third-party navigational systems. Currently, there are no plans to offer councils any additional support or funding towards participating on the OneRoad platform

* 0770 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - FUNDING—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What funding has been allocated from the Government towards the One Road platform in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

Funding of \$4,452,239 was allocated to OneRoad in financial year 2022-23. The NSW Government will hand down the 2023-24 Budget on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

* 0771 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - ROLL OUT—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When is the expected full roll out of the One Road platform across the 128 local government areas expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised

All 128 councils will be given the opportunity to provide local road information via Live Traffic NSW by end of 2023.

* 0772 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NSW FARMERS—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Minister met with NSW Farmers as of 30 June 2023 to discuss the One Road platform?

Answer—

I am advised

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

* 0773 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NSW POLICE CONSULTATION—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Have the NSW Police been consulted on the progress with the One Road Platform in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

The roll out of Local Government Areas were prioritised in consultation with combat agencies including the NSW Police Force, the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW State Emergency Service. By the end of 2023, all 128 Local Government Areas will be given the opportunity to publish local road incidents onto Live Traffic NSW through OneRoad, expanding the reach of traffic information to all roads in NSW.

Transport for NSW manages incidents and incident response in real-time with NSW Police Force via the incident management system used by emergency agencies whilst liaising closely with the on- shift Police Liaison Officer representing NSW Police Force within the Transport Management Centre Transport Operations Room. OneRoad is used to publish road related disruption messages to the Live Traffic NSW website. The Transport Management Centre and Live Traffic NSW websites are available to the NSW Police Force at all times, including in the event of an emergency.

* 0774 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NSW POLICE ACCESS—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Has the NSW Police been given full access to the One Road platform in the event of an emergency?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

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* 0775 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - NSW POLICE TRAINING—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Have the NSW Police been trained on how to use the One Road platform?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) No.

- (a) Transport for NSW manages and responds to incidents in real-time with NSW Police via the incident management system used by emergency agencies, whilst liaising closely with the on-shift Police Liaison Officer in the Transport Management Centre.

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- * 0776 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROAD AND LOCAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many regional and local roads have been repaired across regional New South Wales under the regional and local roads repair program?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is unable to provide this information at this time. The program was established under the former Liberal-National government. Councils are not required to report on repairs undertaken for each road via the standard periodic reporting. Councils are required to provide a certificate of expenditure detailing this information no later than three months after completion of all works under the program. Under the guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, all works must be completed by 29 February 2024.

- * 0777 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REPAIRS REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how many roads and specifically which roads have been repaired as of the 30/06/23 in the following Local Government Area with funding from the Regional Road and Local Roads Repair Program:

- Albury City Council?
- Federation Council?
- Greater Hume Shire Council?
- Murrumbidgee Council?
- Ballina Shire Council?
- Byron Shire Council?
- Bogan Shire Council?
- Bourke Shire Council?
- Brewarrina Shire Council?
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- Moree Plains Shire Council?
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- Tweed Shire Council?
- Dungog Shire Council?
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- Muswellbrook Shire Council?
- Singleton Council?
- Upper Hunter Shire Council?
- Lockhart Shire Council?
- Snowy Valleys Council?
- Wagga Wagga City Council?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is unable to provide this information at this time. The program was established under the former Liberal-National government. Councils are not required to report on repairs undertaken for each road via the standard periodic reporting. Councils are required to provide a certificate of expenditure detailing this information no later than three months after completion of all works under the program. Under the guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, all works must be completed by 29 February 2024.

* 0778 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SUPPORT OF REGIONAL ROAD AND LOCAL ROADS REPAIR 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 support the Regional Road and Local Roads Repair program?

Answer—

I am advised

The Regional and Local Roads Repair Program was a \$500 million program established by the former Liberal-National Government to assist local councils across NSW with urgent road repairs, priority corrective maintenance and repair of potholes on Regional and Local roads.

The Regional and Local Roads Repair Program was established so all NSW councils had access to funding to repair damaged local and regional roads under their care and responsibility. The grant funding was made available to eligible councils and authorities to undertake priority maintenance works and immediate repairs on their Local and Regional roads.

Unfortunately under the program, councils in regional areas were only eligible for funding of \$1,823 per kilometre, compared to metropolitan councils which were eligible for funding of over \$10,000 per kilometre.

The new NSW Government will provide an additional \$390 million over the next two years, as part of our new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF). This commitment is an increase on the

former Government's RLRRP, of which \$280 million went to regional councils. It will accelerate the vital work of repairing our regional roads. This will bring the total funding to \$670 million for emergency road repair in regional, rural and remote communities and towns, over the next two years

* 0779 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—GRADING REGIONAL ROAD AND LOCAL ROADS REPAIR 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, how many kilometres of unsealed road network has been graded under the Regional Road and Local Roads Repair program?

(a) Please list per local government area.

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is unable to provide this information at this time. The program was established under the former Liberal-National government. Councils are not required to report on repairs undertaken for each road via the standard periodic reporting. Councils are required to provide a certificate of expenditure detailing this information no later than three months after completion of all works under the program. Under the guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, all works must be completed by 29 February 2024.

* 0780 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—HEAVY PITCHES REGIONAL ROAD AND LOCAL ROADS REPAIR 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, how many heavy pitches have been completed under Regional Road and Local Roads Repair program?
 - (a) Please list per local government area?
 - (i) Specifically which roads?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is unable to provide this information at this time. The program was established under the former Liberal-National government. Councils are not required to report on repairs undertaken for each road via the standard periodic reporting. Councils are required to provide a certificate of expenditure detailing this information no later than three months after completion of all works under the program. Under the guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, all works must be completed by 29 February 2024.

* 0781 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - RURAL FIRE SERVICE ACCESS—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have the NSW Rural Fire Service been given full access to the One Road Platform in the event of an emergency?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

No, Live Traffic NSW upload Fires Near Me data into the feed which is managed by NSW Fire Services. This allows our customers to have regularly updated fire data and critical traffic information on the one platform.

* 0782 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—UNINCORPORATED AREA OF NSW REGIONAL ROAD AND LOCAL ROADS REPAIR 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 which roads have been repaired under the Regional Road and Local Roads Repair program in the unincorporated area of New South Wales?
 - (a) Please advise separately sealed and unsealed roads.

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is unable to provide this information at this time. The program was established under the former Liberal-National government. Councils are not required to report on repairs undertaken for each road via the standard periodic reporting. Councils are required to provide a certificate of expenditure detailing this information no later than three months after completion of all works under the program. Under the guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, all works must be completed by 29 February 2024.

* 0783 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - RURAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Have the NSW Rural Fire Service been trained on how to use the One Road Platform?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

OneRoad is a new cloud-based solution creating one central hub for publishing information to Live Traffic NSW.

The NSW Rural Fire Service manages 'Bushfires Near Me', this information feeds automatically into Live Traffic NSW. This provides our customers with real-time fire data and critical traffic information on one platform.

* 0784 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - TRANSPORT FOR NSW—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Has Transport for NSW conducted any surveys or consultation with local councils on how the One Road platform and Live Traffic App is performing in their respective regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes. Transport for NSW has conducted surveys and performed consultation activities with local councils on how the OneRoad platform and Live Traffic App is performing in their respective regional areas.

* 0785 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TOUR OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTRE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Has the Minister toured the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) as of 30 June 2023?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

As Minister for Regional Transport and Roads I have not formally toured the Traffic Management Centre as of 30 June 2023, however my first briefing from the Department included an in-depth discussion of the work that is performed in the centre, and I receive regular and frequent updates from TMC staff.

* 0786 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS POTHOLE REPAIR ROUND—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 how many potholes have been filled under the \$50 million Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair round announced on the 28 November 2022?

(a) Please list potholes filled by local government area and specially on which roads in the following local government areas?

- Albury City Council?
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- Murrumbidgee Council?
- Ballina Shire Council?
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Answer—

I am advised

Regional Council	Total Number of Potholes Reported
Albury City Council	3534
Armidale Regional Council	7094
Ballina Shire Council	484
Balranald Shire Council	600
Bathurst Regional Council	10452
Bega Valley Shire Council	0
Bellingen Shire Council	91
Berrigan Shire Council	0
Bland Shire Council	8
Blayney Shire Council	12726
Bogan Shire Council	2508
Bourke Shire Council	167
Brewarrina Shire Council	0
Broken Hill City Council	203
Byron Shire Council	769
Cabonne Council	1604
Carrathool Shire Council	0
Central Coast Council	322
Central Darling Shire Council	0
Cessnock City Council	605
Clarence Valley Council	2587

Cobar Shire Council	0
Coffs Harbour City Council	20
Coolamon Shire Council	0
Coonamble Shire Council	1683
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	0
Cowra Council	873
Dubbo Regional Council	17642
Dungog Shire Council	0
Edward River Council	172
Eurobodalla Shire Council	135
Federation Council	1169
Forbes Shire Council	2718
Gilgandra Shire Council	589
Glen Innes Severn Council	1306
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	143
Greater Hume Shire Council	128
Griffith City Council	4120
Gunnedah Shire Council	0
Gwydir Shire Council	0
Hay Shire Council	0
Hilltops Council	0
Inverell Shire Council	0
Junee Shire Council	995
Kempsey Shire Council	2637
Kiama Municipal Council	0
Kyogle Council	800
Lachlan Shire Council	1686
Lake Macquarie City Council	0
Leeton Shire Council	712
Lismore City Council	203
Lithgow City Council	1008
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	0
Lockhart Shire Council	621
Lord Howe Island Board	0
Maitland City Council	1246
MidCoast Council	0
Mid-Western Regional Council	450
Moree Plains Shire Council	5813

Murray River Council	339
Murrumbidgee Council	0
Muswellbrook Shire Council	0
Nambucca Valley Council	100
Narrabri Shire Council	1346
Narrandera Shire Council	1
Narromine Shire Council	0
Oberon Council	53
Orange City Council	0
Parkes Shire Council	3684
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	345
Port Stephens Council	0
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	0
Richmond Valley Council	2275
Shellharbour City Council	0
Shoalhaven City Council	871
Singleton Council	0
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	1564
Snowy Valleys Council	0
Tamworth Regional Council	0
Temora Shire Council	0
Tenterfield Shire Council	0
Tweed Shire Council	3188
Upper Hunter Shire Council	0
Upper Lachlan Shire Council	1204
Uralla Shire Council	0
Wagga Wagga City Council	0
Walcha Council	0
Walgett Shire Council	4575
Warren Shire Council	1397
Warrumbungle Shire Council	1438
Weddin Shire Council	4140
Wentworth Shire Council	911
Wingecarribee Shire Council	0
Yass Valley Council	0

* 0787 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FIXING LOCAL ROADS POTHOLE REPAIR ROUND—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 is the deadline for councils to use their allocation of funding under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round ?

Answer—

I am advised

Under guidelines set by the former Liberal-National government, works under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round are required to be completed by 1 January 2024.

* 0788 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS POTHOLE REPAIR ROUND - BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—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—

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- Warrumbungle Shire Council?
- Bathurst Regional Council?
- Blayney Shire Council?
- Lithgow City Council?

- Oberon Council?
- Mid-Western Regional Council?
- Bega Valley Shire Council?
- Eurobodalla Shire Council?
- Cessnock City Council?
- Lake Macquarie City Council?
- Clarence Valley Council?
- Richmond Valley Council?
- Coffs Harbour City Council?
- Bellingen Shire Council?
- Bland Shire Council?
- Coolamon Shire Council?
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
- Narrandera Shire Council?
- Temora Shire Council?
- Cowra Council?
- Weddin Shire Council?
- Hilltops Council?
- Junee Shire Council?
- Dubbo Regional Council?
- Narromine Shire Council?
- Central Coast Council?
- Goulburn Mulwaree Council?
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council?
- Wingecarribee Shire Council?
- Yass Valley Council?
- Kiama Municipal Council?
- Shellharbour City Council?
- Shoalhaven City Council?
- Kyogle Council?
- Lismore City Council?
- Tenterfield Shire Council?
- Maitland City Council?
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council?
- Snowy Monaro Regional Council?
- Berrigan Shire Council?
- Carrathool Shire Council?
- Edward River Council?
- Griffith City Council?

- Hay Shire Council?
- Leeton Shire Council?
- Murray River Council?
- Balranald Shire Council?
- Wentworth Shire Council?
- MidCoast Council?
- Moree Plains Shire Council?
- Walcha Council?
- Armidale Regional Council?
- Glen Innes Severn Council?
- Gwydir Shire Council?
- Inverell Shire Council?
- Uralla Shire Council?
- Cabonne Council?
- Forbes Shire Council?
- Orange City Council?
- Parkes Shire Council?
- Kempsey Shire Council?
- Nambucca Shire Council?
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council?
- Port Stephens Council?
- Gunnedah Shire Council?
- Tamworth Regional Council?
- Tweed Shire Council?
- Dungog Shire Council?
- Liverpool Plains Shire Council?
- Muswellbrook Shire Council?
- Singleton Council?
- Upper Hunter Shire Council?
- Lockhart Shire Council?
- Snowy Valleys Council?
- Wagga Wagga City Council?

Answer—

I am advised Refer to QoN #786.

* 0789 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS POTHOLE REPAIR ROUND - UNSPENT FUNDS—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 take back any unspent money under the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round program?

Answer—

I am advised

As per the funding deed signed by the former Liberal-National government and councils to enter into the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round, any funding that is not expended by 1 January 2024 will be forfeited and recovered by Transport for NSW.

* 0791 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—DEEDS TO ALL COUNCILS FROM TRANSPORT FOR NSW—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 deeds been issued to all councils from Transport for NSW as part of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package program?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, how many have been executed and returned to Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with councils and the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements. Due to the tardy execution of the former Liberal-National government, the deeds are now subject to review. Funding deeds will be issued and executed as soon as practical.

* 0792 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—SIGNED AND EXECUTED DEEDS—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 please list which councils have signed and executed their deeds as part of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package program?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with councils and the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements. Due to the tardy execution of the former Liberal-National government, the deeds are now subject to review.

Transport for NSW representatives and technical assessors are supporting councils to source evidence required to demonstrate Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements compliance.

* 0793 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - DELAYS—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 if the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package is delayed because of the Government's infrastructure review?

Answer—

I am advised No.

* 0794 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether they support Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?

Answer—

I am advised

The \$312.5 million Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package will fund the planning, development and delivery of priority local and state transport infrastructure resiliency works. The program will improve the resiliency of the regional transport network to the continuing impacts of natural disasters by:

- strengthening the regional transport network's capacity to withstand natural disasters
- improving the reliability of the regional transport network for regional communities during and after natural disaster events
- enhancing the adaptability of the regional transport network during and after natural disaster events
- improving the regional transport network's ability to respond and recover when natural disasters do occur.

* 0795 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - EXPANSION—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government supports expanding the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package to all regional New South Wales councils?

Answer—

I am advised

The Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package is the first betterment programs in NSW supporting the planning, development and delivery of resilient infrastructure in priority areas affected by the severe weather and flooding in early 2022.

The Australian and NSW Governments committed \$312.5 million towards this program under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Outcomes of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package will inform future resilience priorities.

* 0796 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - 2ND ROUND—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, will there be a second round of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?

(a) If not, why?

(b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW and Australian governments have committed \$312.5 million towards the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package.

It is among the first betterment programs in NSW supporting the planning, development and delivery of resilient infrastructure in priority areas affected by the severe weather and flooding in early 2022.

Outcomes of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package will inform future resilience priorities.

* 0797 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - CHANGES—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 if Transport for NSW have made any changes to the structure of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery program since it was announced?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with councils and the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements.

Transport for NSW representatives and technical assessors are supporting councils to source evidence required to demonstrate compliance with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

* 0798 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - REMAIN—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 if all State Highways and State Roads listed below remain part of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package program:
- Betterment of Ross Lane, Lennox Head Flood Immunity?
 - Betterment of Mullumbimby Road?
 - Betterment of Wilsons Creek Road?
 - Betterment of flood immunity and pavement resilience along Yamba Road between Harwood Bridge and Palmers Channel, Palmers Island?
 - Betterment of Naughtons Gap Road?
 - Betterment of MR145 Woodburn Coraki Road?
 - Betterment of O'keefe Drive?
 - Betterment of Wisemans Ferry Road Embankment Stabilisation and Pavement Restoration?
 - Betterment of Deaves Road, Mandalong?
 - Betterment of Grieve Crossing Bridge across the Richmond River_Gradys Creek Road?
 - Betterment of Clarence Way Sandilands to Bonalbo?
 - Betterment of Strategic Causeways in Lismore LGA?
 - Betterment of Molesworth Street Bridge & Sewer Line, Tenterfield?
 - Betterment of Melville Ford timber bridge at Melville Ford Road (Maitland)?
 - Betterment of Lansdowne Road Pavement Upgrade?
 - Betterment of Old Maitland Road Hexham - Road Renewal?
 - Betterment of ARC Unsealed Rd Drainage?
 - Betterment of Glen Innes Severn Local Roads?

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- Betterment of Glen Innes Severn Regional Roads?
 - Betterment of Kalang Road?
 - Betterment of Darkwood, Timboon, Valery and Martells Roads?
 - Betterment of Dungay Creek Causeway?
 - Betterment of Nambucca Valley river crossings - raising for future flood immunity?
 - Betterment of Maria River Road?
 - Betterment of Stoney Creek/Pembrooke Road & Bridges?
 - Betterment of Tweed Shire causeways?
 - Betterment of River and floodway Crossings?
 - Betterment of Wybong Road, Muswellbrook Shire?
 - Betterment of Bell Street Bridge, Muswellbrook?
 - Betterment of Kilfoyles Bridge?
 - Betterment of Stanhope Road?
 - Betterment of Causeways across the Upper Hunter?
 - Betterment of stormwater drainage for 43 nominated road crossings?
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg2080 - 3300 - Armouring of Waterways?
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg3300 - 3750 - Armouring of Waterways?
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg3750 - 9110 - Armouring of Waterways?
 - Betterment of HW16 Bruxner Highway Seg 2710 - 2330 - Armouring of Waterways?
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg 3640 - 3670 - Harden Pavement
 - Betterment of HW16 Bruxner Highway Seg 2940 - 2960 - Scour protection & Downslope stabilisation
 - Betterment of HW12 Gwydir Highway Seg 1110 - 1520 Improve slope stability
 - Betterment of HW10 Pacific Highway - Yamba Off-Ramp
 - Betterment of SH10 Old Pacific Highway Seg 3020 - 3400 Mooney Mooney to Calga
 - Betterment of HW16 Bruxner Highway Seg 5330 - 5400 - Improve batter drain & transverse culverts
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg 8855 - 9110 - Improve slope stability
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg 8350 - Scour protection & Downslope stabilisation
 - Betterment of MR83 Summerland Way Seg 8776 - Rock fall fence
 - "Betterment of HW16 Bruxner Highway Seg6005 - Scour Protection & Downslope Stabilisation"
 - Betterment of MR692 Failford Rd Seg 550 - 560 - Raise road level and improve drainage
 - Betterment of HW10 Pacific Highway Seg 80 to Seg 8010 and Seg 8110 New England Highway Hexham - Repair and upgrade transverse drainage
 - Betterment of HW12 Gwydir Highway Seg4000 - 4050 - Improve Slope Stability
 - Betterment of MR108 Nelson Bay Road Seg 510 - 540 from Frost Road to Gan Gan Road - Raise road level and improve drainage
 - Betterment of MR76 Waterfall Way Seg1200 - 1420 - Improve Slope Stability
 - Betterment of MR76 Waterfall Way Seg1400 - Improve Slope Stability

- Betterment of MR76 Waterfall Way Seg1180 Culvert 39 - Improve
- Betterment of HW27 Golden Highway Seg 38
- Betterment of MR503 Putty Road Seg 6780 - 6070
- Betterment of MR209 Denman Road Seg 209090 – 209140

Answer—

I am advised

Yes, all projects listed in the question remain part of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package. Transport for NSW is working with the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure that all projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements.

* 0799 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACTS - COUNCILS—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 how many councils currently have Road Maintenance Council Contracts with Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

65 councils have Road Maintenance Council Contracts with Transport for NSW.

* 0800 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACTS - COUNCIL LIST—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 list all councils that have Road Maintenance Council Contracts with Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

1. Armidale Regional Council
2. Balranald Shire Council
3. Bathurst Regional Council
4. Bellingen Shire Council
5. Bogan Shire Council
6. Bourke Shire Council
7. Brewarrina Shire Council
8. Broken Hill City Council
9. Cabonne Council
10. Carrathool Shire Council
11. Central Coast Council
12. Central Darling Shire Council
13. Cessnock City Council
14. Clarence Valley Council
15. Cobar Shire Council

16. Coonamble Shire Council
17. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
18. Cowra Shire Council
19. Dubbo Regional Council
20. Edward River Council
21. Eurobodalla Shire Council
22. Federation Council
23. Forbes Shire Council
24. Gilgandra Shire Council
25. Goulburn Mulwaree Council
26. Greater Hume Shire Council
27. Griffith City Council
28. Gunnedah Shire Council
29. Gwydir Shire Council
30. Hilltops Council
31. Inverell Shire Council
32. Junee Shire Council
33. Kyogle Council
34. Lachlan Shire Council
35. Lake Macquarie City Council
36. Leeton Shire Council
37. Lismore City Council
38. Liverpool Plains Shire Council
39. Maitland City Council
40. Mid-Coast Council
41. Moree Plains Shire Council
42. Murray River Council
43. Murrumbidgee Council
44. Muswellbrook Shire Council
45. Narrabri Shire Council
46. Newcastle City Council
47. Oberon Council
48. Parkes Shire Council
49. Port Stephens Council
50. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
51. Richmond Valley Council
52. Singleton Council
53. Snowy Monaro Regional Council
54. Snowy Valleys Council

55. Tamworth Regional Council
56. Temora Shire Council
57. Upper Hunter Shire Council
58. Upper Lachlan Shire Council
59. Walcha Council
60. Walgett Shire Council
61. Warren Shire Council
62. Warrumbungle Shire Council
63. Weddin Shire Council
64. Wentworth Shire Council
65. Yass Valley Council

* 0801 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - REMOVAL—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 if any Road Maintenance Council Contracts have been taken back by Transport for NSW after the 2022 flooding events?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if any Road Maintenance Council Contracts have been taken back by Transport for NSW after the 2023 flooding events?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Two Road Maintenance Council Contracts have been taken back by Transport for NSW following the 2022 flooding events.
- (2) No Road Maintenance Council Contracts have been taken back by Transport for NSW following the 2023 flooding events.

* 0802 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - LIST—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 list the councils that Transport for NSW have taken back Road Maintenance Council Contracts work from?

Answer—

I am advised

New Road Maintenance Council Contracts commenced in July 2023. There have been some minor changes to the number of councils participating in Road Maintenance Council Contracts. Significant natural disaster restoration works on councils' Regional and Local Road networks have required councils to prioritise these works ahead of Road Maintenance Council Contracts works. Councils not having sufficient staff resources has also prompted stopping and/or pausing Road Maintenance Council Contracts engagements.

- Yass Valley Council ceased Road Maintenance Council Contracts works from 31 January 2023 for a 2-3 year period.
- Balranald Council ceased Road Maintenance Council Contracts works from 30 June 2023.
- Clarence Valley Council ceased Road Maintenance Council Contracts works 1 July 2023 for a 2-3 year period.
- Carrathool Council ceased Road Maintenance Council Contracts works from 1 July 2023.

- Narrandera Council will cease Road Maintenance Council Contracts works from 1 September 2023.

* 0803 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - SPEND—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how much have Transport for NSW spent in the current financial year on Road Maintenance Council Contracts in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

\$196 million was spent on Road Maintenance Council Contracts in the 2022/23 financial year in regional NSW.

* 0804 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - BUDGET—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how much is budgeted on Road Maintenance Council Contracts in the following:

- (a) Financial Year 2023/2024?
- (b) Financial Year 2024/2025?

Answer—

I am advised

The State Budget will be delivered in September 2023.

* 0805 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - ACCREDITED—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many councils are currently Road Maintenance Council Contracts accredited as of 30 June 2023 to do work for Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

As of 30 June 2023, 61 councils are accredited to do work for Transport for NSW under Road Maintenance Council Contracts.

* 0806 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - ACCREDITED LIST—The Hon. Sam Farrow to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister please list the councils that are accredited to do Road Maintenance Council Contracts work?

Answer—

I am advised

In total, there are 96 Councils in regional New South Wales, 65 councils have a Road Maintenance Council Contract and 31 councils do not have a Road Maintenance Council Contract. The current Conditions of Road Maintenance Council Contract require the council to hold R2 Prequalification.

Of the councils with a Road Maintenance Council Contract, four councils do not hold R2 Prequalification. Narrandera Council has advised that it will cease participation in Road Maintenance Council Contracts from 1 September 2023. Shellharbour City Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Orange City Council are actively preparing applications to seek prequalification. Transport for NSW is working with these councils to achieve prequalification.

- * 0807 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - NOT ACCREDITED—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 please list the councils that are not accredited to do Road Maintenance Council Contracts work?

Answer—

I am advised

In total, there are 96 Councils in regional New South Wales, 65 councils have a Road Maintenance Council Contract and 31 councils do not have a Road Maintenance Council Contract. The current Conditions of Road Maintenance Council Contract require the council to hold R2 Prequalification.

Of the councils with a Road Maintenance Council Contract, four councils do not hold R2 Prequalification. Narrandera Council has advised that it will cease participation in Road Maintenance Council Contracts from 1 September 2023. Shellharbour City Council, Lachlan Shire Council and Orange City Council are actively preparing applications to seek prequalification. Transport for NSW is working with these councils to achieve prequalification.

- * 0808 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE - EXPANSION—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will Transport for NSW look to expand the Road Maintenance Council Contracts program?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has no current plans to expand the Road Maintenance Council Contracts program. The number of councils participating fluctuates depending, in part, on their interest and capacity.

- * 0809 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – UPDATE—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 provide an update on the progress of the Transport for NSW Lismore Pilot, specifically the rebuild of Lismore City Councils road repairs?

Answer—

I am advised

Lismore's major reconstruction project is progressing well. Lismore City Council continues to deliver reconstruction works across the Local Government Area.

Temporary access has been re-established in critical areas, and the major reconstruction Essential Public Asset Restoration application has been completed and submitted. The application is going through an Independent Technical Review which is in the final stages of assessment.

The major project is on track to commence procurement this year with major reconstruction works commencing in early 2024.

Now that the project team has been established to facilitate project development and delivery, the specialist project manager is focused on managing the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements approval of Lismore City Council's major works program.

- * 0810 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – SPECIALIST—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 when the Transport for NSW specialist will conclude their role with Lismore City Council?

Answer—

I am advised

Subject to no significant changes, Transport for NSW anticipates that its specialist role working with Lismore City Council will conclude in June 2027.

- * 0811 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – REBUILT OR REPAIRED—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, how many roads in the Lismore City Council area have been rebuilt and/or repaired under the pilot structure?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW provided Lismore City Council with a dedicated project manager to support recovery efforts, including to facilitate direct negotiations with NSW Reconstruction Authority to support the assessment and approval process. The specialist project manager did not project manage individual road restoration projects.

The extent of damage to the Lismore road and bridge infrastructure is substantial and a major project approach has been required to facilitate the necessary works. Accordingly, the following assistance has been provided:

- established a multi-disciplinary project team to lead the major recovery effort
- completed necessary temporary works to re-establish access for dislocated communities
- established concept designs and investigations to scope the significant reconstruction works
- completed submissions to satisfy the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and establish the funding necessary to facilitate the works.

- * 0812 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – PROJECT MANAGED—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 list the roads that the Transport for NSW specialist/project manager has project managed for the Lismore City Council?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW provided Lismore City Council with a dedicated project manager to support recovery efforts, including to facilitate direct negotiations with NSW Reconstruction Authority to support the assessment and approval process. The specialist project manager did not project manage individual road restoration projects.

The extent of damage to the Lismore road and bridge infrastructure is substantial and a major project approach has been required to facilitate the necessary works. Accordingly, the following assistance has been provided:

- Establishment of a multi-disciplinary project team to lead the major recovery effort.
- Complete the necessary temporary works to re-establish access for dislocated communities.
- Establishment of concept designs and investigations to scope the significant reconstruction works.
- Complete the submissions to satisfy the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and establish the funding necessary to facilitate the works.

* 0813 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – MEET PROJECT MANAGER—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) As of 30 June 2023, can the Minister advise whether they have met with the Transport for NSW specialist/project manager based at Lismore City Council?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW provided Lismore City Council with a dedicated project manager to support recovery efforts.

I visited Lismore from 6 to 9 June 2023. The project manager was on leave at the time and was unavailable to meet with me. I was briefed on the project manager's work at a meeting with Transport for NSW and Lismore City Council on 8 June 2023.

* 0814 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – INSPECTION—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) As of 30 June 2023, can the Minister advise whether they visited Lismore to inspect the road rebuilding program and discuss the pilot program?

Answer—

I am advised Refer to LC 813.

* 0815 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – MEET LISMORE COUNCIL—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) As of 30 June 2023, can the Minister advise whether they met with Lismore City Council?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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* 0816 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – ROLL-OUT—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Transport for NSW specialist/project manager pilot structure be expanded and rolled out to other local government areas that request this additional support?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is providing tailored project management support to councils which takes into consideration the extent and complexity of the work that is to be completed. Council capability and resourcing are also considered throughout this process.

Transport for NSW has worked closely with disaster affected councils across New South Wales to ensure that they are supported to complete natural disaster repair works, and reinstate important infrastructure required to re-connect communities as quickly as possible.

Transport for NSW will continue to provide support to councils within the current Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement. The level of support is dependent on the severity of the disaster and the needs of individual councils.

* 0817 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – COST—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, how much has the Lismore Pilot Program cost Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW provided Lismore City Council with a dedicated project manager to support recovery efforts. Transport for NSW is currently working with the NSW Reconstruction Authority on reimbursement of direct project management costs associated with the delivery of major natural disaster works.

So far, Transport for NSW has paid \$40,536,725.94 to Lismore City Council for Australian Government Reference Number (AGRN) 1012 Natural Disaster.

* 0818 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – ENGAGEMENT—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, how much has the Lismore Pilot Program cost Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised

Please refer to the response to LC 817.

* 0819 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—TRANSPORT FOR NSW LISMORE PILOT – FUTURE EVENTS—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise, will the Government continue to fund the Transport for NSW specialist positions/project manager pilot programs for future natural disaster events?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will continue to provide support to councils within the current NSW Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. The level of support is dependent on the severity of the disaster and the needs of individual councils.

Transport for NSW has provided Lismore City Council with a dedicated project manager to support recovery efforts, including to facilitate direct negotiations with NSW Reconstruction Authority to support the assessment and approval process.

Transport for NSW will continue to work in partnership with councils to support community reconstruction.

* 0820 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 6 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 provide an update on each of the Fixing Local Roads Round 6 projects listed below?

- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
- Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
- Dubbo Regional Council - Saxa Road rehabilitation
- Edward River Council - Pretty Pine Road - Widening
- Eurobodalla Shire Council - Sylvan St & George Bass Dr, Malua Bay - New roundabout
- Forbes Shire Council Central NSW Joint Organisation - Dynamic Bridge Testing
- Greater Hume Shire Council - Jingellic Road Wantagong - Replacement of 5 Bridges
- Greater Hume Shire Council - Reconstruction of 3.2km Jingellic Road Wantagong
- Gwydir Shire Council - Bridges and Route Assessment, Gwydir Shire - Assessment
- Gwydir Shire Council - Croppa Creek Road Upgrade
- Hay Shire Council - MR514 / Pimpara Creek Bridge, Hay - Widening
- Lake Macquarie City Council - Owens Road Bridge, Martinsville
- Liverpool Plains Shire Council - Werris Creek Industrial Precinct Southern Access
- Maitland City Council - Tocal Road, Bolwarra Heights
- MidCoast Council - Gloucester Road, Burrell Creek- Pavement Upgrade Stage 1
- Moree Plains Shire Council - Caloona Road 5km Sealing Freight / Community Connectivity
- Murray River Council - Murray Irrigation Network – Bridge Load Assessments
- Murray River Council - Kyalite Road Widening
- Narromine Shire Council - Bridge and Route Loading Assessments
- Parkes Shire Council - Realignment and new bridge at Graddle Creek, the McGrane Way
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council - Bridge Assessments Port Macquarie Hastings Region
- Singleton Council - Replacement of Brunners Bridge
- Temora Shire Council - Howards Road, Reefton - Upgrade
- Tenterfield Shire Council - Mount Lindesay Road – New England Hwy to Washpool Ck Bridge
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Wheeo Road Upgrade
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Peelwood Road Upgrade
- Uralla Shire Council - Thunderbolts Way upgrading Uralla to Inverell

- Warren Shire Council - Replacement of Neue Park and Marthaguy Creek Bridges.

Answer—

I am advised

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- * 0821 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - MEETING WITH NSW POLICE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Minister met with NSW Police in her capacity as the Minister to discuss the One Road Platform as of 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised No.

- * 0822 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD PLATFORM - MEETING WITH RURAL FIRE SERVICE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has the Minister met with the Rural Fire Service in her capacity as the Minister to discuss the One Road Platform as of 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised No.

- * 0823 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR FIXING COUNTRY ROADS 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) Does the Minister support the projects listed below and the continuation of the Fixing Country Roads program?

- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
- Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
- Dubbo Regional Council - Saxa Road rehabilitation
- Edward River Council - Pretty Pine Road - Widening
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- Forbes Shire Council Central NSW Joint Organisation - Dynamic Bridge Testing
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- Greater Hume Shire Council - Reconstruction of 3.2km Jingellic Road Wantagong
- Gwydir Shire Council - Bridges and Route Assessment, Gwydir Shire - Assessment
- Gwydir Shire Council - Croppa Creek Road Upgrade
- Hay Shire Council - MR514 / Pimpara Creek Bridge, Hay - Widening
- Lake Macquarie City Council - Owens Road Bridge, Martinsville

- Liverpool Plains Shire Council - Werris Creek Industrial Precinct Southern Access
- Maitland City Council - Tocal Road, Bolwarra Heights
- MidCoast Council - Gloucester Road, Burrell Creek- Pavement Upgrade Stage 1
- Moree Plains Shire Council - Caloona Road 5km Sealing Freight / Community Connectivity
- Murray River Council - Murray Irrigation Network – Bridge Load Assessments
- Murray River Council - Kyalite Road Widening
- Narromine Shire Council - Bridge and Route Loading Assessments
- Parkes Shire Council - Realignment and new bridge at Graddle Creek, the McGrane Way
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council - Bridge Assessments Port Macquarie Hastings Region
- Singleton Council - Replacement of Brunners Bridge
- Temora Shire Council - Howards Road, Reefton - Upgrade
- Tenterfield Shire Council - Mount Lindesay Road – New England Hwy to Washpool Ck Bridge
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Wheeo Road Upgrade
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Peelwood Road Upgrade
- Uralla Shire Council - Thunderbolts Way upgrading Uralla to Inverell
- Warren Shire Council - Replacement of Newe Park and Marthaguy Creek Bridges.

Answer—

I am advised

Fixing Country Roads is a \$543 million Restart NSW funded program for freight investments that will improve freight capacity, access, and efficiency of the regional road network.

Transport for NSW does not hold the funding for this program, the delivery and funding arrangements for the program are administered by Infrastructure NSW.

When the former Liberal National government transferred over \$80 million out of the funds, I fought as Shadow Minister for its restoration.

* 0824 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 6 PROJECTS - COMPLETION DATE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the expected completion date of the Fixing Local Roads Round 6 projects listed below?
- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
 - Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
 - Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
 - Dubbo Regional Council - Saxa Road rehabilitation
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- Gwydir Shire Council - Croppa Creek Road Upgrade
- Hay Shire Council - MR514 / Pimpara Creek Bridge, Hay - Widening
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- MidCoast Council - Gloucester Road, Burrell Creek- Pavement Upgrade Stage 1
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Answer—

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* 0825 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 6 PROJECTS - START DATE—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Can the Minister advise the start date of each of the Fixing Local Roads Round 6 projects listed below?

- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
- Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
- Dubbo Regional Council - Saxa Road rehabilitation
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- Eurobodalla Shire Council - Sylvan St & George Bass Dr, Malua Bay - New roundabout
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- MidCoast Council - Gloucester Road, Burrell Creek- Pavement Upgrade Stage 1
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Answer—

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* 0826 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 6 PROJECTS - EXECUTED DEEDS—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 councils have signed and executed their deeds on the Fixing Local Roads Round 6 projects listed below?

- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
- Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
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- Forbes Shire Council Central NSW Joint Organisation - Dynamic Bridge Testing

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- Singleton Council - Replacement of Brunners Bridge
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- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Peelwood Road Upgrade
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Answer—

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* 0827 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 6 PROJECTS - TIMELINE—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 provide a timeline on each of the individual Fixing Local Roads Round 6 projects listed below?
- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
 - Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
 - Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
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Answer—

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* 0828 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROJECTS—The Hon. Sam Farraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Will the Government honour all of the below projects announced under Round 6 of Fixing Country Roads?

- Bellingen Shire Council - Short Cut Road, Raleigh - Upgrade
- Cobar Shire Council - Wool Track, Cobar, Seal Extension
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council - Hovell Street Causeway Upgrade
- Dubbo Regional Council - Saxa Road rehabilitation
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- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - Peelwood Road Upgrade
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Answer—

I am advised

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Transport for NSW does not hold the funding for this program.

* 0829 CORRECTIONS—CORRECTIONAL CENTRES ACT—Ms Sue Higginson to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

(1) Can the Minister please advise, what regulations presently exist under section.50(1)(i) of the Correctional Centres Act 1952?

Answer—

I am advised by Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building and Minister for Corrections that he is

advised the *Correctional Centres Act 1952* was repealed by Schedule 1 of the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sentencing) Act 1999* with effect from 3 April 2000.

* 0831 HOMELESSNESS—STREET SLEEPING—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, whether the Government is committed to reducing street homelessness in New South Wales by 50 per cent by 2025?
 - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

To drive homelessness numbers down, the NSW Government is focused on delivering more social housing and more comprehensive support services. The NSW Government is committed to making sure NSW is a place where everyone has access to safe and secure housing, and where experiences of homelessness are rare, brief and not repeated. We saw under the previous Government significant increases in homelessness and street sleeping - it is clear that must change.

I would more than happy to discuss the work our Government is doing with the Member.

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0963 EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIRE AND RESCUE NSW - ABBREVIATED BRANDING—The Hon. Mark Latham 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, has Fire and Rescue NSW changed its abbreviated branding from FRNSW to F+RNSW?
 - (a) If so, how much has this cost, including:
 - (i) Consultancy fee?
 - (ii) Uniform changes?
 - (iii) Other changes consequent or ancillary to the change in the branding?
- (2) How much was charged and paid per day in the consultancy in (1)(a)(i) above?
- (3) Has the acting Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner purchased new hats for her staff?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How many?
 - (ii) At what cost?
 - (iii) For what purpose?

0964 TREASURER—DEBT RETIREMENT—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, does TCorp issue bonds?
- (2) What impact would a reduction of gross debt have on the value of TCorp-issued bonds?
- (3) How would holders of TCorp-issued bonds benefit from a change in the value of those bonds?
- (4) Mr Christopher Joye proposed in his submission to the Debt Retirement Fund inquiry that besides using all the funds in the Debt Retirement Fund for “*aggressive debt reduction*”, “*There is more than \$10 billion in other special TCorp investment funds that*” Treasury “*could also use to help cauterise the state’s fiscal crisis*” - can the Minister advise which other special investment funds TCorp manages?

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- (5) Is the Government considering using monies from the *NSW Infrastructure Future Fund*, the *Social and Affordable Housing Fund* or any other “special TCorp investment funds” for “aggressive debt reduction”?
- (6) Standard & Poor's on 27 March 2023 referred to a potential risk to its AA+ credit rating for New South Wales from “higher overall spending on public sector wages” which could call into question “the quality of the state's financial management”, can the Minister advise, what steps is the Government taking to avoid this risk to our credit rating?
- (7) In the NSW Treasury’s submission to the Debt Retirement Fund inquiry, it identifies three metrics to consider for further contributions to the Debt Retirement Fund - Net Lending/Borrowing, Budget Result or Net Cash Operating Balance, can the Minister advise which of these three metrics does the Government plan to adopt?
- (8) Is there a registry of bond-holders for all TCorp-issued bonds?
- (a) If so, where can this registry be found?
- (9) Does Coolabah Capital Investments own or invest in TCorp-issued bonds?
- (10) Has Treasury been directed or requested to prepare any briefing notes or memos Treasury that includes references to changes to the *NSW Generations Fund Act 2018* or any other legislation that would affect the Debt Retirement Fund?
- (11) Is any work underway within Treasury that would involve changes to the *NSW Generations Fund Act 2018* or any other legislation that would affect the Debt Retirement Fund?
- (12) Please provide a list of all payments into the Debt Retirement Fund and out of the Debt Retirement Fund by date?
- (a) Please specify the nature of each payment?
- (13) Who can authorise a payment into the Debt Retirement Fund?
- (a) Under what circumstances?
- (14) When did NSW Treasury ask EY Port Jackson Partners to advise on a possible framework to guide when additional contributions should be made to the NSW Generations Fund?
- 0965 YOUTH JUSTICE—AVERAGE COST PER DAY - CUSTODY IN YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE—The Hon. Aileen MacDonald to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Would the Minister please advise the average cost per day for a young person detained in a Youth Justice Centre?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise the average cost per day for a young person to be supervised in the community via Youth Justice?
- 0966 FINANCE—SCHOOL ZONE FINES—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many fines have been issued in school zones within the following Police Area Commands::
- (a) North Shore?
- (i) Please break down by financial year from 2017 - 2018 to 2021 – 2022?
- (b) Northern Beaches?
- (i) Please break down by financial year from 2017 - 2018 to 2021 – 2022?
- (c) Ku-ring-gai?
- (i) Please break down by financial year from 2017 - 2018 to 2021 – 2022?

- 0967 TRANSPORT—SYDNEY METRO—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, has the Rail Tram and Bus Union lobbied you or your office to cancel the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro rail conversion?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of the Rail Tram and Bus Union’s position in relation the Sydenham to Bankstown rail conversion?
 - (3) Has the Minister or the Minister's office considered converting Sydney Metro West to heavy rail?
 - (4) Does the Minister have a plan to consult with key business and community stakeholders in Western Sydney before making any changes to Sydney Metro West and Southwest?
- 0968 PREMIER—CARLA FROM BANKSTOWN—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, has the Premier declared the two ‘Carla gronk hoodies’ on the Ministerial Register of Gifts, valued together at \$150, that Carla from Bankstown reports as being given by her to the Premier and his wife?
- 0969 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—REZONING R3 & R4—The Hon. Chris Rath to ask the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise, how many lots have been rezoned to R4 since 1 October 2019 in:
 - (a) Burwood Council Local Government Area?
 - (b) Inner West Council Local Government Area?
 - (c) City of Parramatta Council Local Government Area?
 - (d) Strathfield Council Local Government Area?
 - (e) City of Canada Bay Council Local Government Area?
 - (2) Can the Minister please advise, how many lots have been rezoned to R3 since 1 October 2019 in:
 - (a) Burwood Council Local Government Area?
 - (b) Inner West Council Local Government Area?
 - (c) City of Parramatta Council Local Government Area?
 - (d) Strathfield Council Local Government Area?
 - (e) City of Canada Bay Council Local Government Area?

David Blunt AM
Clerk of the Parliaments