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(Paper No. 63)

* 0991 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—UNSOLVED HOMICIDES AND MISSING PERSONS CASES—The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In addition to the homicides and disappearances of the following persons that remain unsolved:
- Narelle Cox disappeared from Grafton 1977,
 - Robyn Hickie disappeared from Belmont 1979,
 - Amanda Robinson disappeared from Swansea 1979,
 - Anneke Adriansen and Alan Fox disappeared from Kempsey 1979,
 - Lewis ‘Buddy’ Kelly murdered in Kempsey 1983,
 - Hilda Clarke disappeared from Coffs Harbour 1986,
 - Susan Isenhood murdered in Taree 1986,
 - Lesley Waterhouse murdered in Port Macquarie 1986,
 - Helen Madden disappeared from Nambucca Heads 1988,
 - Susan Kiely disappeared from Bellingen 1989,
 - Evelyn Greenup murdered in Bowraville 1990,
 - Colleen Walker-Craig murdered in Bowraville 1990,
 - Clinton Speedy-Deroux murdered in Bowraville 1991,
 - Bronwyn Winfield disappeared from Lennox Head 1993,
 - Gordana Kotevski disappeared from Charlestown 1994,
 - Melissa Hunt murdered in Stockrington 1994,
 - Ineka Hinkley murdered in Bellingen 1996,
 - Margaret Cox murdered in Taree 1996,
 - Lee Ellen Stace murdered in Yamba 1997,
 - Lois Roberts murdered in Nimbin 1998,
 - Lucy MacDonald disappeared from Lismore in 2002,
 - Margaret Gall murdered in Raymond Terrace 2002,
 - Rose Howell disappeared from Bellingen 2003,
 - Harmony Bryant murdered in Bonny Hills 2003,
 - Kylee-Ann Schaffer disappeared from Willawarren 2004,
 - Roslyn Reay murdered in Newcastle 2005,
 - Simone Strobel murdered in Lismore 2005,
 - Amanda O’Dell murdered in Kempsey 2006,
 - Jasmine Morris disappeared from Grafton 2009, and
 - Ellen Wilson disappeared from Ballina 2015
- (a) Can the Minister advise are there any other North Coast women who are unsolved missing or unsolved murdered in the period 1977 to 2022?
- (b) If yes, please advise for each woman:
- (i) The year they went missing or were found murdered
 - (ii) What are their names?
 - (iii) The location where they went missing or were found murdered?
- (2) In regard to the list in (1) are there any current rewards offered for information regarding their murder or disappearance?
- (a) If yes, please list the person's name and the amount of reward on offer.
- (3) Are any strike forces in current operation investigating any of the murdered or missing in the list in (1)?

- (a) If yes, please list the strike force name and the person's or people's name being investigated by the strike force.
- (4) What year was Taskforce Metz established?
- (a) Which murdered or missing people were included in the investigation conducted by Taskforce Metz?
- (b) When did Taskforce Metz disband?
- (5) What are the names of any other taskforces established to investigate any of the people in the list in (1), that have been disbanded?
- (a) For each taskforce:
- (i) Please list the name of the taskforce
- (ii) The date formed
- (iii) The date disbanded
- (iv) Whose murder or disappearance was being investigated?
- (6) For which of the murdered women in the list in (1), are DNA samples being held?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1a) (1b) (i) (ii) (iii)

1978 - Joy Hodgins and Anni Tominac - Mayfield
 1979 - Caroline Dow - Kingscliff
 1979 - Elfriede Sierek - MacMasters Beach
 1979 - Amanda Zolis - Hamilton
 1979 - Hazel Vidler (nee Knight) - Upper Lansdowne
 1982 - Elizabeth Dixon - Ashtonfield
 1982 - Susan Mary Smith - Stokers Siding
 1983 - Maria Karakatsanis - Mooney Mooney
 1984 - Gwen Beeson - Casino
 1984 - Stacey Lee Kirk - Maitland
 1984 - Andrea Wharton - Byron Bay
 1984 - Josephine McDonald - Umina Beach
 1984 - Elizabeth Bromfield - Wyong
 1986 - Wanda Amundsen - Umina
 1987 - Cheryl Burchell - Carrington
 1990 - Veronica Rigney - Coffs Harbour
 1991 - Hazel Christian - Mannering Park
 1992 - Ada Collins - Swansea
 1993 - Allison Newstead - Cessnock
 1993 - Melissa Astill - Awaba
 1994 - Margaret Howlett - Singleton
 1994 - Genel Megan Pitt - Mount White
 1995 - Angela Foley - Belmont
 1997 - Marion Barter aka (Florabella Remakel) - Southport
 1998 - Bernadette Donaldson - Darrigo
 1998 - Elizabeth Wright - Woy Woy
 1999 - Lisa Varagnola - Hexam
 2000 - Susan Kay and Joanne Teterin - Carrington
 2000 - Celeste Gilbert- Mooney Mooney
 2000 - Cherylee Masters - Taree
 2001 - Taia Colwell - Terrigal
 2001 - Rhonda Bickley - Georgetown
 2006 - Daneeka Nixon - Lismore
 2008 - Stacey McMaugh - Caves Beach

(2) and (2a)

Robyn Hickie - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in August 2021
 Amanda Robinson - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in August 2021
 Anneke Adriaansen and Alan Fox - reward offer of \$100,000 issued in June 2006
 Evelyn Greenup - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in 2022
 Colleen Walker-Craig - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in 2022
 Clinton Speedy-Deroux - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in 2022
 Bronwyn Winfield - reward offer of \$100,000 issued in March 2011
 Gordana Kotevski - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in June 2022
 Melissa Hunt - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in December 2020
 Lee Ellen Stace - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in June 2019
 Margaret Gall - reward offer of \$100,000 issued in September 2001
 Rose Howell - reward offer of \$750,000 issued in March 2023
 Harmony Bryant - reward offer of \$100,000 issued in March 2011
 Roslyn Reay - reward offer of \$750,000 issued in April 2023
 Simone Strobel - reward offer of \$1,000,000 issued in October 2020
 Lesley Waterhouse - reward offer of \$50,000 issued in June 1986

(3) Yes

(3a) It is not appropriate for the NSW Police Force to provide person/s of interest details that are the subject of current investigations.

Robyn Hickie - Strike Force Arapaima and Strike Force Aletheia
 Amanda Robinson - Strike Force Arapaima and Strike Force Aletheia
 Bronwyn Winfield - Strike Force Chelmsbrook
 Gordana Kotevski - Strike Force Bambil
 Melissa Hunt - Strike Force Circulo
 Lee Ellen Stace - Strike Force Delaware
 Lois Roberts - Strike Force Brassie
 Rose Howell - Strike Force Chelonia and Strike Force Alethia
 Roslyn Reay - Strike Force Oro
 Kylee-Ann Schaffer - Strike Force Sixth and Strike Force Alethia
 Simone Strobel - Strike Force Howea
 Lewis 'Buddy' Kelly - Strike Force Bolls
 Narelle Cox - Strike Force Aletheia
 Anneke Adriaansen and Alan Fox - Strike Force Alethia
 Hilda Clarke - Strike Force Alethia
 Susan Kiely - Strike Force Alethia
 Bronwyn Winfield - Strike Force Alethia
 Gordana Kotevski - Strike Force Alethia
 Lucy McDonald - Strike Force Alethia
 Jasmine Morris - Strike Force Alethia
 Ellen Wilson - Strike Force Alethia

(4) Task Force Metz commenced in January 1999.

(4a) Task Force Metz investigated the disappearance and murder of Lois Roberts.

(4b) Task Force Metz ceased enquiries in June 2000 and prepared evidence for the Coronial Inquest into Lois Roberts' death which occurred in June 2002.

(5a) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)

Strike Force Badges - commenced in June 2003 and finalised in November 2012

- Narelle Cox

Task Force Fenwick - commenced in April 1998 and finalised in July 2003

- Robyn Hickie
- Amanda Robinson

- Gordana Kotevski
- Strike Force Wallaroo - commenced in August 2002 and finalised in May 2011
- Susan Kiely
- Task Force Ancud - commenced in January 1997 and finalised in March 2008
- Evelyn Greenup
 - Colleen Walker-Craig
 - Clinton Speedy-Deroux
- Operation Lumberton - commenced in August 1998 and finalised in May 2002
- Bronwyn Winfield
- Task Force Bountree - commenced in November 1994 and finalised in September 1997
- Gordana Kotevski
- Strike Force Casco - commenced in September 1997 and finalised in April 1998
- Gordana Kotevski
- Strike Force Impey - commenced in April 1994 and finalised in March 1998
- Melissa Hunt
- Strike Force Alsdorf- commenced in November 1996 and finalised in November 2005
- Ineka Hinkley
- Strike Force Annonay- commenced in December 1996 and finalised in 2004
- Margaret Cox
- Task Force Metz - commenced in January 1999 and finalised in June 2000
- Lois Roberts
- Strike Force Varberg - commenced in June 2010 and finalised in December 2013
- Margaret Gall
- Strike Force Behl - commenced in June 2009 and finalised in April 2011
- Harmony Bryant
- Strike Force Wardle - commenced in April 2006 and finalised in August 2012
- Amanda O'Dell
- Strike Force Sobroan - commenced in October 2009 and finalised in December 2020
- Jasmine Morris

(6) It is not appropriate for the NSW Police Force to disclose such forensic information.

* 0992 ROADS—REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT RECOVERY PACKAGE—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—

- (1) Can the Minister give a reason why she is unable to give timelines of projects from the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (2) Has the Minister or Transport for NSW briefed the Commonwealth Government on the delays to the roll out of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (3) Will the Minister maintain that projects must have all physical works and expenditure completed within two years from signing of the funding deed?
- (4) When will the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority provide the advice and/or confirmation that the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements?

- (5) Has the New South Wales Reconstruction Authority taken over the running and administration of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (6) Which councils are Transport for NSW representatives and technical assessors supporting to source evidence required to demonstrate compliance with Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements?
- (7) Has the Minister written to the Commonwealth Government requesting round 2 of funding using the outcomes so far of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package?
- (8) Can the Minister outline how the Government will strengthen the regional transport network's capacity to withstand natural disasters?
- (9) Can the Minister outline how the Government will be improving the reliability of the regional transport network for regional communities during and after natural disaster events?
- (10) Can the Minister outline how the Government will be enhancing the adaptability of the regional transport network during and after natural disaster events?
- (11) Can the Minister outline how Transport for NSW will be improving the regional transport network's ability to respond and recover when natural disasters do occur?
- (12) Can the Minister explain what deeds are being reviewed under the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package program?
- (13) Is the review of the deeds for the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package program a Government review?
- (14) Will the Minister be reviewing all successful projects?
- (15) Can the Minister give assurances that any successful projects already announced and currently under review will still go ahead?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW continues to lead the delivery of the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements.

The NSW and Australian Governments have committed \$312.5 million towards the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package. It is among the first of the 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.

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. The NSW Reconstruction Authority is the coordinating agency for natural disaster assistance and serves as the single point of contact with the Australian Government in relation to disaster funding.

Transport for NSW representatives and technical assessors continue to support all 24 councils with successful Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects to source evidence required to demonstrate Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements compliance. A list of successful council projects is available on the Transport for NSW website. In line with the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package Program Guidelines, projects must have all physical works and expenditure completed two years from signing of the funding deed.

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

The NSW Government works with key partners, including the Australian Government and local government on a range of initiatives that aim to build the resilience of the integrated transport network.

Initiatives include: the Network Resilience Program; rail corridor bushfire risk mitigation; the Infrastructure Betterment Fund (led by the Reconstruction Authority); the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package; and the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program.

* 0993 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING COUNTRY RAIL—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 commit to the continuation of the Fixing Country Rail Program?
- (2) On a previous occasion the Minister provided the answer: “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”. Can the Minister please explain:
 - (a) the answer given?
 - (b) how the Fixing Country Rail program comes under the Federal Governments' review?
- (3) Are the deeds for the Gilgandra to Coonamble project under review?
- (4) Where have the funds for Fixing Country Rail gone given Restart NSW money has been repurposed?
- (5) Why has the Main West Bi-Directional Signalling upgrade been delayed until mid 2026?

Answer—

I am advised

The budget will be delivered on Tuesday 19 September and a comprehensive expenditure review is giving us a line by-line analysis of what needs to be done to repair the damage caused by the Liberals and Nationals 12 years in Government.

The Minns Labor Government is now making the careful and necessary decisions to address the holes left in the budget by the former government to ensure we fund the essential services people rely on.

To date \$273 million has been allocated to 53 projects in the Fixing Country Rail program. \$127 million remains in the Fixing Country Rail Restart NSW reservation and is currently unallocated.

Detailed design is underway and planning for construction has begun for the Gilgandra to Coonamble project.

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

* 0994 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING COUNTRY ROADS—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, are the deeds for Fixing Country Roads under review?
- (2) Can the Minister advise why she is unable to provide start dates on projects?
- (3) Can the Minister advise whether she will rule out taking back funding of any successful project?
- (4) Can the Minister advise when Transport for NSW will be updating her on start dates?

Answer—

I am advised

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

The Fixing Country Roads Program guidelines require successful projects to enter into funding deeds to repair and upgrade local and regional roads to improve the movement of freight to key freight hubs and state roads across regional NSW.

The funding allocation will be provided to Councils on execution of the Infrastructure Australia-administered Restart NSW Funding Deed.

Under the guidelines and funding deed agreement, construction must commence within 18 months from receipt of a successful project letter and delivered within 24 months of starting construction.

* 0995 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—FIXING LOCAL ROADS—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, are the deeds for Fixing Local Roads Round 6 under review by the Government?
- (2) Can the Minister advise why she is unable to answer when the projects from Round 6 Fixing Local Roads will commence?
- (3) Can the Minister advise why she is unable to answer when the deeds for projects from Round 6 of Fixing Local Roads will be executed?

Answer—

I am advised

There is no round six in the Fixing Local Roads program. Four rounds of the Fixing Local Roads program have been completed with all funding allocated and deeds executed.

* 0996 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—ONE ROAD APP—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 Fire Near Me app feed into the One Road App?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why won't the Government commit to financial support for councils to ensure this program works?
- (3) Can the Minister advise how much of the \$4,452,239 has been spent in the Financial Year 2022 - 2023?
 - (a) Was any underspend reinvested into the app?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Fire Near Me app does not feed into the One Road App. Data from the NSW Rural Fire Service's Fires Near Me app feeds into the Live Traffic NSW.
 - (a) Live Traffic NSW provides real-time information about changed traffic conditions on roads throughout NSW. OneRoad was designed to enable councils to share local road incident information directly to Live Traffic NSW.
- (2) The NSW Government continues to work with councils and the program is progressing as planned.
- (3) There was no underspend for Financial Year 2022-23.

* 0997 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—The Hon. Sam Faraway to ask the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued per Local Government Area as of the 7 July 2023, over the entire 4 year trial?
- (2) How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued between 1 January 2023 and 7 July 2023?
- (3) How many Regional Seniors Travel Cards per local government area were issued between 1 January 2023 and 7 July 2023?

- (4) How much over the 4 year trial has been spent on:
- (a) Taxis?
 - (b) NSW Trainlink Services?
 - (c) Fuel?
 - (d) Community transport operators?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) As of 7 July 2023, the total number of Regional Seniors Travel Cards issued per Local Government Area over the 4-year trial, was 1,386,911.
- (2) The total number of Regional Seniors Travel Cards issued between 1 January 2023 and 7 July 2023 was 333,731.
- (3) Between 1 January 2023 and 7 July 2023, Regional Seniors Travel Cards were issued to eligible seniors in the following Local Government Areas:

LGA	Number of Applications
Eligible non LGA defined	56
Albury (City)	5733
Armidale Regional (Area)	2415
Ballina (A)	6664
Balranald (A)	125
Bathurst Regional (A)	4125
Bega Valley (A)	5041
Bellingen (A)	1580
Berrigan (A)	1418
Bland (A)	655
Blayney (A)	682
Bogan (A)	268
Bourke (A)	113
Brewarrina (A)	48
Broken Hill (C)	2157
Byron (A)	2131
Cabonne (A)	1334
Carrathool (A)	138
Central Coast (C) (NSW)	41122
Central Darling (A)	114
Cessnock (C)	6121
Clarence Valley (A)	9221
Cobar (A)	275
Coffs Harbour (C)	10153
Coolamon (A)	535
Coonamble (A)	286
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional (A)	1904
Cowra (A)	1775
Dubbo Regional (A)	4915
Dungog (A)	938

Edward River (A)	71
Eurobodalla (A)	6854
Federation (A)	1952
Forbes (A)	1206
Gilgandra (A)	481
Glen Innes Severn (A)	1439
Goulburn Mulwaree (A)	3203
Greater Hume Shire (A)	1034
Griffith (C)	1975
Gunnedah (A)	1142
Gwydir (A)	749
Hay (A)	336
Hilltops (A)	2185
Inverell (A)	2240
Junee (A)	490
Kempsey (A)	4753
Kiama (A)	3027
Kyogle (A)	1026
Lachlan (A)	455
Lake Macquarie (C)	26205
Leeton (A)	1065
Lismore (C)	4570
Lithgow (C)	2856
Liverpool Plains (A)	940
Lockhart (A)	299
Maitland (C)	8368
Mid-Coast (A)	18929
Mid-Western Regional (A)	2525
Moree Plains (A)	823
Murray River (A)	2622
Murrumbidgee (A)	282
Muswellbrook (A)	1451
Nambucca (A)	3604
Narrabri (A)	1136
Narrandera (A)	690
Narromine (A)	746
Oberon (A)	487
Orange (C)	3762
Parkes (A)	1545
Port Macquarie-Hastings (A)	15307
Port Stephens (A)	11871
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A)	2740
Richmond Valley (A)	3583
Shellharbour (C)	8075
Shoalhaven (C)	16350

Singleton (A)	1810
Snowy Monaro Regional (A)	1717
Snowy Valleys (A)	1742
Tamworth Regional (A)	6971
Temora (A)	770
Tenterfield (A)	1072
Tweed (A)	14377
Unincorporated NSW	15
Upper Hunter Shire (A)	1451
Upper Lachlan Shire (A)	678
Uralla (A)	580
Wagga Wagga (C)	5435
Walcha (A)	384
Walgett (A)	570
Warren (A)	245
Warrumbungle Shire (A)	1069
Weddin (A)	488
Wentworth (A)	541
Wingecarribee (A)	5395
Yass Valley (A)	930
Total	333,731

- (4) The total spent on taxis, NSW TrainLink services and Opal, service stations and community transport over the 4-year trial period was more than \$302 million.

* 0998 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—WALLERAWANG STATION—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, does Transport for NSW still maintain the \$10 million cost to reopen the Wallerawang Station?
- (2) Can the Minister outline what is the scope of work Transport for NSW has done as of 3 August 2023?
- (3) Can the Minister outline what is the scope of work Transport for NSW will be looking at after 3 August 2023?
- (4) Can the Minister detail the timeline Transport for NSW needs before they come back with the scope and costing of works?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The former NSW Government announced \$7 million in October 2022 to upgrade and reopen Wallerawang Railway Station. It is planned that Bathurst Intercity services and the Dubbo XPT will commence stopping at Wallerawang once the station is operational.
- (2) and (3) Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and costs associated with reopening the station and maintaining its ongoing day-to-day operation. This will include, for government consideration, development and assessment of station upgrade options that meet operational requirements and passenger expectations.
- (4) Assessment of the scope of works and costs will inform the timing for station works and service activation, including an updated timetable.

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- 1148 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM ULTIMO—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) In regard to the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo renaissance project, can the Minister advise what exhibition concepts/narratives, object selections, technology specifications, research and development programmes have been developed, specified and articulated sufficient to permit assessment and costing?
 - (2) Who is undertaking the quantity surveys in respect of the:
 - (a) building maintenance?
 - (b) upgrading?
 - (c) services re-engineering and installation?
 - (3) Who is assessing the outline exhibition plans?
 - (a) Who is assessment the costing?
 - (4) In respect of the object selections, what range of collections is under consideration?
 - (a) To what extent has there been conservation analysis and programmes?
 - (b) Who is assessing these?
 - (c) What will be the sequential programmes for such work followed by transportation and installation/opening?
- 1149 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM ULTIMO—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, in regard to staffing, both project-based and ongoing, what definition of education, curatorial, security, conservation, hosting, commercial and other operational requirements of a renewed Powerhouse Museum Ultimo been defined, assessed and costed?
 - (2) In regard to the upgraded and functionally renewed Harwood (museum professional work) Building, what collections or parts thereof have been reviewed, selected, assessed as to current condition and costed to return to Ultimo, including conservation, restoration and transport?
 - (a) What collections remain there?
 - (b) What was the brief?
 - (c) Who has costed this?
 - (3) Who has developed the functional brief to meet the Minister's requirements for new build at the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo (for example hosting 24-hour entertainment events)?
 - (a) How was that defined and developed and who costed that overall design?
 - (4) Is another version of the previous brick new build, requiring the demolition of the Wran Building, Galleria and other 1988 architectural interventions, still to be one of the options?
 - (a) If so, what is its brief?
 - (i) What are the spaces concerned with their functions?
 - (ii) What is the cost to construct and fit out?
 - (b) If so, what calculations have been made in respect of:
 - (i) wasted existing capital investment/value?
 - (ii) wasted invested carbon?

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- (iii) additional unnecessary new build cost over and above these data and the wanton heritage destruction?
 - (iv) Who made these calculations?
- (5) How has any renaissance programme at Powerhouse Museum Ultimo been developed:
- (a) to meet the stringent fiscal requirements out over the next four financial years?
 - (b) to keep the Museum open, progressively upgrading the buildings, developing new build sequentially yet also providing two or three opening events until a major opening just prior to the next election?
 - (i) By whom?
 - (ii) How has this been costed?
- 1150 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM ULTIMO—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) How has the 2018 - 2019 Business Case been upgraded to meet the requirements now of Parramatta Powerhouse, and a completely different circumstance going forward in Ultimo?
 - (a) Who has undertaken that work?
 - (i) What was the brief?
 - (b) Are the briefs available for the public to view?
 - (i) If yes, where can they be viewed?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware that one of the star objects, the Strasbourg Clock replica is apparently being prepared for removal from Ultimo?
 - (a) Is the Minister aware how fragile this object is?
 - (3) Are there any arrangements made or negotiations underway for any part of the Powerhouse Museum's site's sale:
 - (a) for the site's lease?
 - (b) and/or the site's development?
 - (4) Given University Technology Sydney's previous lease of part of the Wran Building for it to operate a student lecture theatre within the Powerhouse Museum, can the Minister advise, are there any discussions, previous and/or ongoing with University Technology Sydney for their use and/or lease and/or purchase of any part of the Powerhouse Museum's site and/or infrastructure for University Technology Sydney purposes?
 - (5) What are the terms and conditions announced last year by the previous Minister, of University Technology Sydney's involvement with the Powerhouse Museum's Harwood Building?
 - (6) What was the relationship between Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences and University Technology Sydney in respect of the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo spaces which University Technology Sydney occupied or may occupy in the future?
 - (7) Why has the Minister not taken up the offer of the Powerhouse Museum Alliance to put forward a comprehensive, expert, integrated and exciting yet cost-effective option?
- 1151 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM ULTIMO—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) In regard to the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo can the Minister advise, is the Harwood Building (Tram Depot) subject to sale, and/or a lease with an outside entity?
 - (a) If yes, what is the extent of that lease?

- (i) Or, details of that sale?
- (2) Is the Harwood Building under specific consideration for sale to a commercial entity/developer?
- (3) Is any other part of the 1988 Wran museum campus potentially up for sale or lease?
- (4) Given that the entire Powerhouse Museum Ultimo site is vested to the Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences Trustees, are they part of, or are they leading negotiations with outside parties to lease or sell any part of that site?
- (5) Is the whole Powerhouse Museum Ultimo site to be mothballed until further notice?
- (6) Has the Minister received any communications asking that the 1988 Wran museum campus be saved in its entirety as a world class museum and returned to its original character and quality?
- (a) If so, how many and where did they come from?
- (7) Is the Minister aware that many objects still reside in the secure, purpose-built basement storage area of the Harwood Building including ceramics, arms and armour, jewellery and numismatics, where they are far safer from theft and much more accessible than at Castle Hill?
- (a) What are those collections?
- (b) What is the number of objects?
- (c) What cubic space do they occupy?

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