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\* 0817 SCOTLAND ISLAND RURAL FIRE BRIGADE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What approximate month and year it is anticipated that a new fire boat will be handed over to the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade, noting their current boat is nearly 20 years old and no longer fit for purpose?
- (2) What the type, design, make/model, approximate length and width the new fire boat will be for the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade?
- (3) What the specifications of the pump on the new fire boat will be?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- As part of its fleet renewal plan, the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is in the process of evaluating its vessel requirements to ensure they meet operational needs.
- A marine survey of RFS vessel in 2022 identified the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade vessel remained fit-for-purpose.

\* 0818 GOVERNMENT AND CROWN OWNED OR MANAGED MOORINGS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the exact number of Government/Crown owned or managed moorings that are:
  - (a) Located in Pittwater?
  - (b) Located in Pittwater and are subject to licence / are occupied?
  - (c) Located in Sydney Harbour?
  - (d) Located in Sydney Harbour and are subject to licence / are occupied?
- (2) What is the exact number of Government owned or managed moorings in Pittwater which have fees which are currently in arrears as at the date of this question?
- (3) What is the exact number of Government owned or managed moorings in Sydney Harbour which have fees which are currently in arrears as at the date of this question?
- (4) What is the exact number of boats moored in Pittwater which were inspected for seaworthiness by RMS officers in each of the last three years?
- (5) What is the exact number of moorings in Pittwater which have been inspected by RMS officers in each of the last three years?
- (6) What is the exact number of moorings in Sydney which have been inspected by RMS officers in each of the last three years?
- (7) Does the Government have any programs to assist owners dispose of boats or marine vessels which are at their end of life and could you please provide a URL link as to where information about any such program can be accessed?
- (8) Does the Government have any educational resources to assist owners dispose of boats or marine vessels which are at their end of life and could you please provide a URL link as to where information about any such resources can be accessed?

Answer—

I am advised

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- (1) (a) Transport for NSW manages 3,053 active moorings in Pittwater. There are 373 inactive mooring sites (temporarily unavailable) in Pittwater.
- (b) There are 2,974 moorings currently occupied in Pittwater. There are an additional 12 unoccupied moorings currently being offered to customers.
- (c) Transport for NSW manages 6,116 active moorings in Sydney Harbour. There are 759 inactive mooring sites (temporarily unavailable) in Sydney Harbour.
- (d) There are 5,583 moorings currently occupied in Sydney Harbour. There are an additional 69 unoccupied moorings currently being offered to customers.
- (2) There are 68 Transport for NSW moorings in arrears in Pittwater.
- (3) There are 124 Transport for NSW moorings in arrears in Sydney Harbour.
- (4) Transport for NSW processes indicate that seaworthiness of vessels is inspected at the same time as moorings. The number of moorings inspected in Pittwater per financial year was:
- 799 for the 2020-2021 financial year.
  - 1,774 for the 2021-2022 financial year.
  - 1,000 for the 2022-2023 financial year.
- (5) The number of moorings inspected in Pittwater per financial year was:
- 799 for the 2020-2021 financial year
  - 1,000 for the 2022-2023 financial year.
- The figures provided represent formal audits of the moorings in Sydney and are not reflective of the inspections carried out during the day-to-day operations within the waterway.
- (6) The number of moorings inspected in Sydney Harbour per financial year was:
- 2417 for the 2020-2021 financial year
  - 3475 for the 2021-2022 financial year
  - 3137 for the 2022-2023 financial year.
- The figures provided represent formal audits of the moorings in Sydney and are not reflective of the inspections carried out during the day-to-day operations within the waterway.
- (7) Transport for NSW has conducted a public consultation process for end-of-life vessel policy options. The public consultation closed on 20 January 2023. Feedback from this consultation is being reviewed in conjunction with internal feedback. The final outcomes will be documented and made available through the NSW Government 'Have your say' portal.
- <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/end-of-life-vessels>.
- For more information concerning the public consultation, please refer to <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/79368/widgets/379642/documents/240011>
- (8) In NSW, the safe and compliant disposal of vessels is the responsibility of the vessel owner. This applies to all hull types including kayaks, trailer able boats, sailing vessels, motor cruisers, and domestic commercial vessels.
- (9) This owner-based responsibility is similar to the disposal of road vehicles no longer fit for purpose in NSW. For more information, please refer to [Waste and sewage disposal | NSW Government](#).

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\* 0819 TAX REVENUES FROM POKER MACHINES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines located in the Pittwater electorate during:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?

Answer—

- (1 a - d) Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate.

\* 0820 REGIONAL HERITAGE RAIL ASSETS—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to Transport for NSW's ownership of regional heritage rail assets:

- (1) When does Transport for NSW anticipate their Heritage Asset Action Plan (HAAP) will be completed?
- (2) Will the details of the Heritage Asset Action Plan be made public?
- (3) Does the Heritage Asset Action Plan take into consideration recommendations for heritage listing by the Heritage Council of NSW?
- (4) Given the Heritage Asset Action Plan will inform the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy (RRHS), will it make recommendations for capital investment?
- (5) What is the purpose of the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy (RRHS)?
- (6) Will the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy be made available to the public?
- (7) If so, when is the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy anticipated to be made available to the public?
- (8) Will the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy make recommendations for capital investment?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW programmed the delivery of the Heritage Asset Action Plan for the non-operational timber rail bridge asset class for the end of 2023.
- (2) On completion, the Heritage Asset Action Plan is expected to be made public.
- (3) The Heritage Asset Action Plan will follow the established Heritage NSW guidelines in its review and assessment of the significance of these assets. The Heritage Asset Action Plan will describe the heritage significance of these assets. The recommendations for listing on the State Heritage Register is a matter for the Heritage Council of NSW.
- (4) No, the Heritage Asset Action Plan will assess and advise on the current condition and significance of the bridges. These assessments will inform the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy.
- (5) The Regional Rail Heritage Strategy will prioritise a representative collection of non-operational rail heritage assets for ongoing management. It will employ a Whole-of-Government framework to achieve this outcome, meeting Transport for NSW and Transport Asset Holding Entity requirements, as well as community and economic opportunities.
- (6-7) The Regional Rail Heritage Strategy is expected to be publicly exhibited in mid-2024.

- (8) The Regional Rail Heritage Strategy will make recommendations for priority management of heritage assets infrastructure across the regional rail network.

\* 0821 U-GO MOBILITY CONTRACTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the exact value, per year, for the contract awarded to U-Go Mobility for the Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?
- (2) What was the value, per year, for the contract awarded to the previous contractor for the Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) This information is available on the NSW Government's eTendering website.
- (2) The Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 previously consisted of two separate bus service contracts that were merged.

\* 0822 BUS DRIVER VACANCIES IN GREATER SYDNEY BUS CONTRACT REGIONS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many bus driver vacancies are there in the following regions:
- (a) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 1?
  - (b) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 2?
  - (c) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 3?
  - (d) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 4?
  - (e) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 5?
  - (f) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 6?
  - (g) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 7?
  - (h) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 8?
  - (i) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 9?
  - (j) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?
  - (k) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 11?
  - (l) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 12?
  - (m) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 13?
  - (n) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 14?
  - (o) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 15?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) As of the week ending 6 August 2023:
- (a-c) 0
  - (d) 5
  - (e) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 5 is no longer in operation with Transport for NSW, now merged as part of Greater Sydney Bus Contracts.

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- (f) 76
- (g) 95
- (h) 57
- (i) 60
- (j) 74
- (k) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 11 does not exist.
- (l) Greater Sydney Bus Contract 12 is no longer in operation with Transport for NSW, now merged as part of Greater Sydney Bus Contracts.
- (m) 0
- (n) 35
- (o) 0

\* 0823 U-GO MOBILITY TRIP DEVIATIONS FOR GREATER BUS CONTRACT 10—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Did contractor U-Go mobility receive instructions from Transport for NSW regarding trip deviations and special instructions during school periods for Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?
  - (a) If not, why?
- (2) When was U-Go Mobility informed of these instructions for Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?
- (3) When does Transport for NSW expect bus services to return to the same level they were at before the transition to U-Go Mobility for Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?

Answer—

I am advised

As part of the transition process in Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 the incumbent operator was required to provide all necessary information to the incoming operator.

It became clear quite quickly following the transition that U-Go Mobility did not adequately prepare to take on operation of services.

That is why Transport for NSW was directed to step in to work with U-Go Mobility to improve day-to-day operations.

Since Transport for NSW 's intervention, service cancellations have declined from 28 per cent to 13 per cent.

U-Go Mobility is being monitored by a dedicated team within Transport for NSW to ensure that their services continue to improve and maximum penalties for poor performance are being imposed.

It is important to recognise that the circumstance in Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 are a direct result of the poor governance of bus operations established under the former government.

The Bus Industry Taskforce is currently working with industry, unions, community organisations and Local Government to develop recommendations to improve the governance and operations of bus contracting in NSW.

The first report of the Bus Industry Taskforce is available online and makes clear recommendations to improve governance and accountability at Transport for NSW. The NSW Government has given in principle support to the recommendations and has directed Transport for NSW to begin work to implement the recommendations.

- \* 0824 FUNDING AND GRANT PROGRAMS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding multiple quotations for tendered projects:

- (1) Would the Minister consider a review of the tender process to determine alternative processes better suited to specific funding and grant programs in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional New South Wales.

- \* 0826 3G SIGNAL BOOSTERS IN THE BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding the high use of 3G mobile signal boosters in the Barwon Electorate:

- (1) Could the Minister advise whether existing 3G boosters will be compatible with the 5G network when telecommunication providers switch over to this service?
- (2) If not, would the Government consider subsidising those who need to upgrade their boosters from the 3G network to the 5G network?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) While most 3G mobile signal boosters are not compatible with 5G networks they are compatible with 4G which is the main technology currently being deployed for commercial mobile network coverage in Australia. Existing 4G-compatible signal boosters will continue to operate on the replacement 4G networks. All the three commercial Mobile Network Operators have stated that their replacement 4G network coverage will be similar to, or better than, the current 3G networks.
- (2) Improving telecommunications and digital connectivity for NSW citizens are key priorities under the NSW Connectivity Strategy, which aims to align and optimise government digital connectivity initiatives to ensure that citizens have meaningful connectivity across the state.

The Connectivity Investment Principles within this strategy describe the types of investments that will be supported to ensure there is reliable coverage and performance, choice and innovation for citizens, government agencies and first responders. This includes partnering with industry to deliver improved network coverage and capacity, such as the NSW Government's investments in the Mobile Black Spot Program, Connecting Country Communities and Regional Digital Connectivity Program.

This approach is the most effective way to deliver digital connectivity improvements across NSW, particularly in underserved areas, delivering benefits for a broad customer base and reducing reliance on mobile signal boosters.

- \* 0827 TAFE NSW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Which TAFE NSW properties were disposed of by the Government over the period:
- (a) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
- (b) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (c) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?



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- (2) Which TAFE NSW properties had new buildings undergoing construction by the Government over the period:
- (a) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (b) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (c) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (d) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?
- (3) Which TAFE NSW properties had new buildings completed of by the Government over the period:
- (a) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (b) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (c) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (d) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?
- (4) Which TAFE NSW properties will have new buildings commence construction by the Government over the period:
- (a) 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024?
  - (b) 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025?
  - (c) 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026?
  - (d) 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027?
- (5) How many buildings in New South Wales are owned or operated by TAFE NSW as at 1 July 2023?
- (6) Which TAFE NSW properties or buildings in whole or part were leased or licensed out to private businesses or non-government organisations by the Government over the period:
- (a) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (b) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (c) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (d) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?

Answer—

(1 - 6) I am advised there were 1,765 buildings owned and operated by TAFE NSW as at 1 July 2023.

TAFE NSW routinely reports approved land disposals and significant major works in the publicly available Annual Reports.

There are over 200 ongoing leases and licenses for a variety of spaces across NSW TAFE currently in place, along with more than 120 hire agreements entered into through a typical year. The period of those agreements does not always align with financial year reporting periods.

\* 0828 FOOD MINISTERS' MEETING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Food Ministers' Meeting:

- (1) As Minister for Health, do you represent New South Wales?
- (a) If so, how many meetings have there been since 28 March 2023?
- (2) Do any Ministerial colleagues also represent New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 28 March 2023, 2 Food Ministers' Meetings have been held. Information about the Food Ministers' Meeting, its membership and meeting outcomes is publicly available at:

<https://foodregulation.gov.au/internet/fr/publishing.nsf/content/forum>

<https://foodregulation.gov.au/internet/fr/publishing.nsf/content/forum-members>

\* 0829 SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Sydney Jewish Museum:

- (1) Has \$5 million been provided by the Government since 28 March 2023?
  - (a) If not, when will funding be provided?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Multiculturalism.

\* 0830 PREVENTION PANEL ON RACISM AND EXTREMISM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Premier's Prevention Panel on Racism and Extremism:

- (1) Have you established the panel?
  - (a) If so, when was it established?
    - (i) Who is on the panel?
  - (b) If not, when will it be established?

Answer—

The Premier's Prevention Panel on Racism and Extremism is currently being established by the Premier's Department and I am advised that it will be comprised of senior leaders from across the NSW Government.

\* 0831 MINISTERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to Ministers and their responsibilities:

- (1) Are they responsible for matters that sit in the allocation of acts?
- (2) Are they responsible for matters that sit within their agencies?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

Principles of responsible government apply in NSW. These require that Ministers be collectively responsible to the Parliament and hold the confidence of the Legislative Assembly. Ministers are also individually responsible to the House of which they are a Member with respect to the administration of their portfolios.

Under section 50B of the Constitution Act 1902 the Governor may, by an administrative arrangements order, allocate to Ministers the administration of Acts and other portfolio responsibilities. Under section 50C of the Constitution Act 1902 the Governor may also, by an administrative arrangements order, specify the Minister to whom a Public Service agency is responsible.

Copies of the:

- Administrative Arrangements {Minns Ministry -Administration of Acts) Order 2023; and

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- Administrative Arrangements (Public Service agencies and Ministers) Order 2023.  
May be accessed on the NSW legislation website ([www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au))

\* 0832 GRANTS TOWARDS THE SECURITY OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to \$15 million grants program going towards the security of religious institutions:

- (1) Have you established the program?
  - (a) If so, when was it established?
  - (b) If not, when will it be established?

Answer—

I am advised that the grant program for safety and security of religious institutions is currently being developed with Multicultural NSW (MNSW) leading this work.

\* 0833 FOREST WAY IN BELROSE AND FRENCHS FOREST—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to Forest Way in Belrose and Frenchs Forest, how many of the following have taken place involving driver(s), passenger(s), pedestrian(s) and cyclist(s) each financial year between 2017-18 and 2022-23:

- (1) Speeding infringement(s)?
- (2) Accident(s)?
- (3) injury(ies)?
- (4) death(s)?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service. NSW Police may also have issued speeding fines to motorists on this road. However, police-issued speeding fines are only available at a Police Area Command/Police District level.
- (2) The number of crashes on Forest Way, between Mona Vale Road, Belrose and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest were reported to NSW Police are as follows:
  - 2017-2018 - 27 (24 involved a driver, 1 involved a passenger, 4 involved a motorcyclist, 1 involved a pedestrian and 5 involved a pedal cyclist)
  - 2018-2019 - 21 (21 involved a driver, none involved a passenger, 3 involved a motorcyclist, 1 involved a pedestrian and 1 involved a pedal cyclist)
  - 2019-2020 - 21 (20 involved a driver, 1 involved a passenger, 1 involved a motorcyclist, 2 involved a pedestrian and none involved a pedal cyclist)
  - 2020-2021 - 13 (13 involved a driver, none involved a passenger, 1 involved a motorcyclist, none involved a pedestrian and none involved a pedal cyclist)
  - 2021-2022 - 16 (16 involved a driver, 1 involved a passenger, 1 involved a motorcyclist, 1 involved a pedestrian and 1 involved a pedal cyclist)
  - 2022-2023 - Data is not yet available.

Please note that more than one road user type may be involved in any crash. The data for 2022 is preliminary and subject to change.

- (3) The number of injuries resulted from crashes on Forest Way, between Mona Vale Road, Belrose and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest were reported to NSW Police are as follows:
- 2017-2018 - 24 (13 drivers, 1 passenger, 4 motorcyclists, 1 pedestrian and 5 pedal cyclists)
  - 2018-2019 - 15 (11 drivers, 3 motorcyclists and 1 pedal cyclist)
  - 2019-2020 - 13 (9 drivers, 1 passenger, 1 motorcyclist and 2 pedestrians)
  - 2020-2021 - 10 (9 drivers, and 1 motorcyclist)
  - 2021-2022 - 14 (10 drivers, 1 passenger, 1 motorcyclist, 1 pedestrian and 1 pedal cyclist)
  - 2022-2023 - Data is not yet available.

The data for 2022 is preliminary and subject to change.

- (4) The number of deaths resulted from crashes on Forest Way, between Mona Vale Road, Belrose and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest were reported to NSW Police:
- 2017-2018 - 0
  - 2018-2019 - 0
  - 2019-2020 - 0
  - 2020-2021 - 0
  - 2021-2022 - 0
  - 2022-2023 - 1 (1 driver).

The data for 2022 and 2023 is preliminary and subject to change.

\* 0834 E-CIGARETTES AND E-LIQUIDS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to e-cigarettes/ e-liquids that spans the responsibility of multiple agencies and ministerial portfolios:

- (1) Which Minister has oversight of e-cigarettes / e-liquids?
- (2) Does the Government have a strategy in relation to concerns around e-cigarettes / e-liquids?
- (3) In relation to policing, since 1 January 2019 to present:
  - (a) How many retailers have been fined for selling e-cigarettes /e-liquids containing nicotine?
  - (b) How many retailers have been fined for selling e-cigarettes /e-liquids to individuals under 18 years old?
- (4) In relation to education, since 1 January 2019 to present:
  - (a) How many primary school students have been reported as possessing e-cigarettes / e-liquids?
  - (b) How many high school students have been reported as possessing e-cigarettes / e-liquids?
- (5) In relation to health, since 1 January 2019 to present:
  - (a) How many people have been admitted to hospital in relation to effects of e-cigarettes / e-liquids?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Health.

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- \* 0835 DRINK SPIKING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to drink spiking:

- (1) How many incidents have been reported since 1 July 2017 to present, broken down by financial year?
- (2) How many incidents causing death have been reported since 1 July 2017 to present, broken down by financial year?
- (3) How many people have been caught undertaking activities of drink spiking since 1 July 2017 to present, broken down by financial year?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking to eliminate the risks of drink spiking?

Answer—

- (1) As this matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Yasmin Catley, MP, the question should be referred to her.
- (2) As this matter falls under the responsibility of the Attorney-General, the Hon Michael Daley MP, the question should be referred to him.
- (3) As this matter falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Yasmin Catley, MP, the question should be referred to her.
- (4) The Government is committed to preventing drink spiking from occurring and ensuring that victims of drink spiking are given the support they need.

Drink spiking is a crime under the Crimes Act 1900. NSW Police take the lead on investigating drink spiking incidents as they can take related enforcement action against individuals who commit drink spiking offences.

Liquor & Gaming NSW provides a supporting role through education and awareness campaigns for venue operators and patrons and is implementing several key initiatives. This includes refreshing the Responsible Service of Alcohol and Licensee training manuals to provide more comprehensive guidance on drink spiking for venue staff. The refreshed content will equip staff with the knowledge they need to effectively identify risks and assist anyone who believes their drink may have been spiked.

In addition to the training of workers, Liquor & Gaming NSW is exploring options to further promote educational and awareness campaigns focused on patron safety.

Drink spiking will also be included in the Liquor Intoxication Guidelines. The new content will cover the practical ways in which patron safety can be improved in different circumstances, such as engaging with local police, or having venue staff arrange transport.

- \* 0836 HINDSIGHT ADJUSTMENT PREMIUM NOTICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to small businesses, how many since 1 July 2019 to the present, broken down by financial year received "hindsight adjustment premium" notices from icare?

Answer—

I am advised:

Financial Year (FY)	Number of hindsight adjustment premium transactions completed
FY 19/20	181,898

FY 20/21	183,598
FY 21/22	225,888
FY 22/23	261,549
<b>Total</b>	<b>852,933</b>

\* 0837 MAMRE ROAD AND ELIZABETH DRIVE UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Premier—

- (1) Are the Mamre Road upgrade (Stage 1) and the Elizabeth Drive upgrade currently slated for cancellation as part of the outcomes from the strategic infrastructure review?
- (2) If these projects are to be cancelled what are the reasons for cancellation?
- (3) If these projects are not being cancelled, can the Premier confirm that they will progress as initially planned?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Roads.

\* 0838 CENTRAL WEST RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has there been a business case undertaken for rail infrastructure upgrades to the Central West of NSW to reduce travel time by one hour, as heralded by former Deputy Premier Barilaro, in October 2018?
  - (a) If so, what is the cost of such upgrades?
  - (b) What is the benefit over 20 years?

Answer—

I am advised

Preliminary planning, together with key stakeholder engagement, was undertaken to investigate improved rail connections between Greater Sydney, Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange and Parkes. This project was never completed under the former government.

The project is subject to the Strategic Infrastructure Review of NSW's infrastructure capital program.

The review aims to ensure infrastructure investments are delivering the most benefits for passengers and communities and that they align with the NSW Government's priorities. All projects will be assessed rigorously based on the value they provide, and to answer questions such as those you have posed above

More information will be available once the review has been completed and recommendations have been considered by the NSW Government.

\* 0839 SNOWY HYDRO LEGACY FUND—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Are there remaining funds from the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund available for rail upgrades to the Central West of New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government is assessing the best way to ensure the funds within the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund (SHLF) can serve the needs of the State in the current and expected financial climate. The funds that remain within the SHLF will be used for purposes that improve economic development in regional NSW and include nine election commitments across the Transport, Education, Environment and Health portfolios.

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There are currently no funds committed for rail upgrades to the Central West of New South Wales. Allocation of SHLF funding to future projects must comply with governance processes in accordance with the requirements of the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund Act 2018.

Those projects will need to demonstrate alignment with the purpose of the SHLF to deliver regional infrastructure which will primarily benefit regional New South Wales and its economic development.

I am happy to work with you to identify future projects.

- \* 0840 FAST RAIL PLANNING IN THE CENTRAL WEST—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

\$295m is reported as allocated in the 2019-20 Budget Papers for Fast Rail Planning in New South Wales, including \$10m to the Central West New South Wales:

- (1) Can you please advise what specific planning was carried out for the Central West of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised

Early planning, including a review of engineering and environmental constraints as well as an assessment of costs and benefits for a range of strategic options, was completed to investigate improved rail connections between Greater Sydney, Lithgow, Bathurst, Orange and Parkes. This was informed by key stakeholder engagement in 2019 as part of the development of the Fast Rail Strategy.

However it was not progressed any further under the former Government,

This project is now subject to the Strategic Infrastructure Review of the State's capital program currently underway.

- \* 0841 RELOCATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HILLS STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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

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

- (a) When was the commitment given?  
(b) What are the terms of the commitment?  
(c) What progress has occurred to complete such commitment?

Answer—

I am not aware of any commitment from the current Government to the Hills Shire Council to identify land for a new unit headquarters for the Hills State Emergency Service.

- \* 0842 SPEED CAMERA, OLD NORTHERN ROAD CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to Old Northern Road, Castle Hill, specifically between the intersection of Castle Hill Road and McMullen Avenue, Castle Hill:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place, broken down by each of the following financial year:

- (a) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?

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- (b) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
  - (c) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (d) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (e) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (f) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?
- (2) When was the speed camera (“the camera”) installed on Old Northern Road between the Intersection of Castle Hill Road and McMullen Avenue Castle Hill installed?
- (3) How many infringements have been recorded for offences detected by the camera broken down by each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?
- (4) How much revenue has been generated for offence detected by the camera broken down by each of the following financial years
- (a) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) In the section of road between the intersection of McMullen Avenue with Old Northern Road and the intersection of Castle Hill Road and Old Northern Road:
- (a) Between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, there were three crashes reported to NSW Police
  - (b) Between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, there were two crashes reported to NSW Police
  - (c) Between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, there were four crashes reported to NSW Police
  - (d) Between 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, there were five crashes reported to NSW Police
  - (e) Between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, there were no crashes reported to NSW Police
  - (f) Nil crash or injury data available for 2023

Please note that the data for 2022 is preliminary and is subject to change.

- (2) The camera was installed on 16 February 2007 and commenced enforcement on 18 May 2007.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.
- (4) This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.

\* 0843 OPENING OF SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Samuel Gilbert Public School, Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill:

- (1) Are there any plans to commemorate the opening of the school and to place a ceremonial plaque to record the opening of the school?
- (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative when will the Minister commemorate the opening of the school?

Answer—

I am advised the school does not have any further plans to commemorate their recent upgrade.



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\* 0844 CROSSING SUPERVISORS IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to crossing supervisors at schools in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) At which schools does the government provide crossing supervisors?
- (2) At which of these schools is the crossing supervisor position currently vacant?
- (3) How long have those positions been vacant?
- (4) What measures are being undertaken to fill these positions and ensure student safety in the meantime?
- (5) Are there plans to fund crossing supervisors for other schools that do not currently have one?

Answer—

I am advised

The Government provides School Crossing Supervisors at Northbridge Public School, St Phillip Neri Catholic Primary School, Chatswood Public School, St Thomas Primary School, Willoughby Public School and Redlands School.

A School Crossing Supervisor position is currently vacant at Northbridge Public School as a successful candidate withdrew in the Pre-Employment Check stage. The position will be readvertised on 16 August 2023. St Phillip Neri Catholic Primary School has a successful candidate currently undergoing the Pre-Employment Check stage.

Transport for NSW adopts a range of advertising methods to secure School Crossing Supervisors including:

- Internal - Transport for NSW job board
- External - Transport for NSW I Work for NSW, Seek.com.au, LinkedIn and school communication channels, letterbox drops to both residential and commercial premises and contact with the local council.
- Local Press if available in the area.

School Principals are notified of absences, and Transport for NSW supplies information on how to keep the crossing safe if a School Crossing Supervisor is not available.

School Principals can apply for a School Crossing Supervisor via the Transport for NSW website.

The School Crossing Supervisor Program will assess any nominated site against the following set criteria:

- The site must have an existing children's crossing, pedestrian crossing (zebra) or combined crossing (children's and zebra) on a public road.
- Infant and/or primary school children must use the crossing.
- The site must be within a 30 km/h or 40km/h school zone.
- In the morning or afternoon, the crossing must register counts of either:
  - 50 or more unaccompanied infant and/or primary school children
  - 300 or more passenger car units (heavy vehicles over 3 tonnes unladen count as two passenger car units).
- The site must be considered a safe working environment for a school crossing supervisor.

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\* 0845 NEW PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL UNDER THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What progress has been made on delivering the new pedestrian tunnel under the Pacific Highway connecting the new Crows Nest Station with the south of the highway as identified in the St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan?
- (2) Does the government intend to fund this infrastructure through the St Leonards and Crows Nest Special Infrastructure Contribution Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

\* 0846 LINFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Given the learning approach adopted at Lindfield Learning Village and differences to other local schools:
  - (a) Will students within the school's catchment area be offered entry to an alternative school if their parents so choose?

Answer—

Like all schools, Lindfield Learning Village is required to deliver the NSW curriculum, which is set out in a year and staged based format.

Parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice. However, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend the school and the school being able to accommodate the child.

Non-local enrolment applications are only considered by schools that can accommodate the child below the set local enrolment buffer level. In determining whether the school can accommodate a child the Principal considers:

- the child's age;
- the type of school;
- the resources of the school;
- the existing number of permanent classrooms and other facilities at the school.

\* 0847 WILLOUGHBY AND LANE COVE FIRE AND RESCUE NSW STATIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to Willoughby and Lane Cove Fire and Rescue NSW Fire Stations:

- (1) Do any assets, including firefighting appliances and vehicles, exceed their service life?
- (2) What investments have been made to replace and modernise equipment?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) No appliances or vehicles permanently attached to Willoughby or Lane Cove Fire Stations exceed their target age of service.
- (2) Investments are made on a state-wide basis to replace and modernise equipment across the agency with priority based on age and capability requirements.

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- \* 0848 CHATSWOOD ROTARY WAR MEMORIAL ATHLETICS FIELD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the Chatswood Rotary War Memorial Athletics Field in Lane Cove North:

- (1) Does the government remain committed to delivering \$125 000 in upgrades?
- (2) What upgrades are planned?
- (3) When will construction commence?

Answer—

The NSW Government will honour all of its election commitments.

- \* 0849 NEW AMBULANCE STATION AT CREMORNE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the new ambulance station at Cremorne:

- (1) Does the government remain committed to delivering this facility?
- (2) What is the status of planning and has a site been selected?
- (3) When will construction begin?
- (4) When will the facility open?
- (5) Will the new ambulance station increase paramedics in the local area, rather than redeploy those existing?
- (6) Are there any plans to temporarily deploy extra paramedics to existing stations at Artarmon and Naremburn in anticipation of the new ambulance station?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance North Sydney Zone serves the Cremorne, Artarmon, and Naremburn communities.

Early planning and a search for an appropriate Cremorne site are underway. Operational details and timeframes will be confirmed once a site is finalised.

NSW Ambulance varies staffing to meet operational needs. Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next, whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station, or another location. Vehicles and paramedic crews are moved throughout shifts to provide appropriate ambulance service coverage.

- \* 0850 ZERO EMISSIONS BUSES TRANSITION PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Zero Emissions Buses Transition Plan:

- (1) How many electric buses will be delivered to the Willoughby and North Sydney bus depots?
- (2) When will deliveries commence and when will the full complement be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised

Work to transition NSW public transport buses to zero emissions technology is already underway.

Willoughby depot will receive a total of 97 new Zero Emission Buses (battery electric buses) and North Sydney depot will receive a total of 58 as part of the first stage of the transition.

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The Zero Emission Buses program will be delivered in stages to allow local industry time to prepare, and technology advancements to be assessed and adopted along the way. The first stage of the transition will introduce 1,200 new electric buses for Greater Sydney customers by 2028.

\* 0851 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Is the government planning to reform the Emergency Services Levy to protect the financial sustainability of local governments such as Willoughby City Council?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Treasurer.

\* 0852 KEEPING PETS IN RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES CONSULTATION PAPER—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to the Keeping Pets in Residential Tenancies Consultation Paper:

(1) How many submissions were received during the public consultation period that closed on 2 December 2022?

(2) What were the key findings of this consultation?

(3) Why is the government conducting another consultation on this subject?

Answer—

I am advised the consultation was carried out by the former Government and the results were not published.

The Minns Government is fulfilling its election commitment to make it easier to have pets in rentals.

\* 0853 PARRAMATTA CLASS FERRIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

When will the new Parramatta Class ferries be operational and commence servicing customers?

Answer—

I am advised

The first of the new Parramatta River Class Ferries is expected to arrive in early 2024 and undertake operator testing including sea trials, prior to being placed into passenger service mid 2024.

\* 0854 DELAYS TO CASHLESS GAMING CARD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) What impacts will the Government's delay to the cashless gaming trial have on the health of New South Wales citizens?

(2) What steps is the Department of Health taking to drive down gambling related harm and addiction?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) The GambleAware program supports people experiencing problems from gambling. This program is managed by the Office of Responsible Gambling, in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade.

Western Sydney Local Health District works with GambleAware providers to build capability to deliver culturally appropriate counselling and support services, for people in culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

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People experiencing mental health concerns are encouraged to contact their GP or call the NSW Mental Health Line on 1800 011 511.

\* 0855 TFNSW UNEXPECTED STAFF ABSENCES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What resilience measures are incorporated into the TfNSW rail network to deal with unexpected staff absences?
- (2) Are there any plans to reform, add to or reduce these measures?

Answer—

I am advised

Sydney Trains has measures in place to ensure the resilience of the network and the continuity of rail services when unexpected staff absences occur. These measures include:

- Long and short-term workforce planning including recruitment
- Resource modelling and projections for all roles inclusive of training, recruitment pipelines and capability requirements
- Daily monitoring and weekly reviews of the workforce trends including sick leave
- Rostered, standby and on-call staff, or deployment of staff from other locations within the Sydney Trains network.

Following an incident on 6 July 2023, a signaller taskforce has been established to review what occurred during the incident and improve operational contingency processes. In addition to process improvement, Sydney Trains is continuing to recruit and train additional signallers to provide further roster and unplanned absence resilience.

\* 0856 OPEN SCHOOL STREETS TRIALS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Is the Government planning any 'Open School Streets' trials in this term of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is continuing to progress the five focus areas and ambitions for walking and cycling as set out in the Active Transport Strategy.

Opportunities to promote and enable safer active transport to school are being considered through a range of possible initiatives such as education and behaviour change campaigns and infrastructure improvements in and around schools.

Successful precedents of initiatives like Open School Streets overseas and interstate, are informing the research and are being considered as part of a holistic strategy to encourage more children and parents to take up walking and riding to school.

\* 0857 MINIMUM FEE FOR MUSICIANS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

When will the Government implement its policy guaranteeing a \$250 minimum fee for musicians?

Answer—

The NSW Government has committed to implementing a \$250 minimum fee for musicians at commercial events that receive public funding. The NSW Government is seeking sector advice through its consultation on the development of the NSW Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy to ensure the successful implementation of this requirement.

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The NSW Government intends to address this through the new policy in late 2023.

\* 0858 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN MACQUARIE CENTRE AND RYDE HOSPITAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Are there any plans to introduce a bus service between Macquarie Centre and Ryde Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised

There is a bus service providing passenger connectivity between Macquarie Centre and Ryde Hospital.

Passengers travelling between Macquarie Centre and Ryde Hospital can catch route 545 to Eastwood Station and transfer to route 515 to complete their journey.

I appreciate that the community would like to have a greater say in the future of their bus network.

That is why the Bus Industry Taskforce has commenced a series of Bus Passenger Forums to provide community with the opportunity to have their say on their local services. Future event details are available on the Transport for NSW website.

\* 0859 M52 BUS SERVICE RESTORATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) When will the MS2 bus be restored?

(2) Will any other bus services be discontinued or rerouted in order to restore the MS2 bus route?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will work alongside the Bus Taskforce to identify opportunities to introduce election commitments regarding bus services, including the commitment to reinstate the M52 service.

\* 0860 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ELIGIBILITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, will families with an adjusted taxable income of between \$58,108 and \$103,368 be eligible to access the Active Kids program in its entirety?

(2) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, how many people in my electorate of Ryde who were previously eligible to redeem Active Kids vouchers will no longer be eligible at all?

(3) Under the Government's means tested voucher program, how many people in my electorate of Ryde who were previously eligible to redeem Active Kids vouchers will now be eligible for less vouchers, or vouchers of less cumulative value?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) The new Active and Creative Kids voucher program will commence from 1 February 2024 and will be means tested using the Commonwealth Government's Family Tax Benefit scheme. Eligibility requirements for the Family Tax Benefit are determined by the Federal Government. Information about the Family Tax Benefit can be found at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/family-tax-benefit>.

(2) This data is not available.

(3) This data is not available.

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- \* 0861 2-12 HALIFAX STREET MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What does the Government plan to do with the land at 2-12 Halifax Street, Macquarie Park?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that it does not own the land at the stated address.

- \* 0862 PRIORITISED PROPERTIES UNDER THE RESILIENT HOMES FUND PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Of the 439 properties prioritised for raising and retrofit under the Resilient Homes Fund Program as at 4 July 2023, how many are in each of the following Local Government Areas (LGAs):

- (a) Tweed?
- (b) Lismore?
- (c) Byron?
- (d) Ballina?
- (e) Richmond?
- (f) Kyogle?
- (g) Clarence?

Answer—

Program reports from 4 July 2023 confirm that of the 439 properties prioritised for Raising and Retrofits at that time, a breakdown by local government area is as follows:

- (a) Tweed -144
- (b) Lismore -66
- (c) Byron -55
- (d) Ballina -39
- (e) Richmond -43
- (f) Kyogle -5
- (g) Clarence -87

- \* 0863 PERMANENT TEACHER POSITIONS IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Of the 5463 New South Wales temporary teachers and support staff who had accepted offers of permanent positions as at 19 June 2023, how many are from the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

The Temporary Workforce Transition initiative was launched by the Minns Government on 2 May 2023 and is on track to deliver the commitment to make offers of permanent employment to more than 10,000 eligible temporary teachers and more than 6,000 eligible temporary support staff.

Of the eligible temporary teachers and support staff who had been confirmed eligible and accepted the offer of permanent employment as at June 2023, more than 150 were in the Tweed electorate.

- \* 0864 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Government continue funding the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently undergoing a review of all funding programs.

- \* 0865 BURRENDONG DAM CAPACITY—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) Members of the Alliance of Western Councils would like to increase the storage capacity of Burrendong Dam to 120% of its current mandated maximum capacity:

- (a) Has this issue been raised with you or your department?  
(b) Will you give consideration to a proposal which will allow for greater storage and increased water security for communities that rely on the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Yes.  
(b) The Macquarie-Castlereagh Regional Water Strategy is in the final stages of development, and I will be able to consider the proposal once the strategy is finalised.

- \* 0866 CONTAINMENT OF HUDSON PEAR—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Will the Government continue with the full roll out of the \$2.6 million funding package announced by the previous government in December 2022 for the containment of Hudson Pear in the Walgett and Lightning Ridge districts?

Answer—

Yes.

- \* 0867 WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) Has the Minister spoken to representatives from Walgett Shire Council in relation to the decommissioning of the town's swimming pool?

(2) What measures has the Minister or her department taken in relation to short-term and long-term support and solutions for the council and the community?

Answer—

- (1) Staff from the Department of Regional NSW are in regular contact with Walgett Shire Council.  
(2) The Department of Regional NSW is working with Walgett Shire Council to identify potential solutions to remediate its pool. This includes support from NSW Public Works which have undertaken an initial assessment of the works required to make the pool operational.



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- \* 0868 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

For each local government area in the Western New South Wales portfolio, as well as Dubbo Regional Council and Mid-Western Regional Council, can you please provide:

- (1) The total number of projects approved through the Stronger Country Communities Fund?
- (2) The total value of the projects approved through the Stronger Country Communities Fund?
- (3) The total number of projects approved through the Stronger Country Communities Fund that are yet to be completed?

Answer—

- (1 - 2) Projects approved and funded through the Stronger Country Communities Fund are published at [Stronger Country Communities Fund | NSW Government](#) and [Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 5 | NSW Government](#).
- (3) As stated in the Stronger Country Communities Fund Program Guidelines for Round 5 all projects approved must commence within 6 months of a funding announcement and be completed within 3 years from executing a fund deed.

- \* 0869 MANDATED BAN OF CAGED EGGS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Has the Minister met with producers and other stakeholders within the poultry industry in order to gauge the potential impacts of a mandated ban of caged eggs?
- (2) If so, which producers and stakeholders has she met with?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Ministerial stakeholder meetings can be viewed via the Ministerial diary disclosure, which is published on the Cabinet Office website.

The next publication, capturing 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023 is scheduled in October 2023.

- \* 0870 BIOSECURITY INCURSION OF FIREANTS INTO NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What correspondence has the Minister had with her Queensland counterpart in order to address the looming biosecurity incursion of fireants making their way into New South Wales?

Answer—

I have been working closely with my Queensland counterpart to restrict the spread of red imported fire ants into New South Wales.

On 16 August 2023, the NSW Government announced the implementation of a taskforce that will ensure a coordinated approach between both NSW and Queensland authorities. Site inspections will be conducted on both sides of the border, harnessing the capabilities of existing fixed camera systems normally used to conduct livestock movement surveillance at key road crossings between the two states.

These critical compliance measures will be supported by emergency powers under the Biosecurity Act.

The Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, the Hon Mark Furner MP has written to my Office regarding 2023-27 funding arrangements for the National Fire Ant Eradication Program.

I have also written to the Hon. Mark Furner MP on 2023-27 funding arrangements for the National Fire Ant Eradication Program and commitment to a coordinated approach to restrict the spread of the red imported fire ants.

- \* 0871 AMBULANCE STATIONS IN THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—  
Separately, for each of the three Ambulance Stations in the Coffs Harbour Electorate, during the month of July 2023:

- (1) How many hours were each of the stations:  
(a) Closed due to a lack of staff?  
(b) Only open on an on-call basis?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

NSW Ambulance has not closed any ambulance stations.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and respond from one patient to the next across locations. NSW Ambulance will move staff and resources from other nearby stations to provide coverage where required, including covering any unplanned leave.

- \* 0872 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND ALLOCATION—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Separately for each Electorate in New South Wales, broken down by event, how much funding has been allocated from the Regional Events Acceleration Fund?

Answer—

Details of all REAF round 1 projects are published at [Regional Growth Fund | NSW Government](#).

Round two successful projects are published at [Regional Events Acceleration Fund | NSW Government](#).

- \* 0873 TEACHING VACANCIES IN THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Coffs Harbour Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many teaching vacancies are there?

Answer—

For 12 years, the former Liberal National Government undervalued teachers. This led to a teacher shortage crisis which the former Government denied existed.

In Coffs Harbour, permanent teacher vacancies grew from 9 in 2011, to more than 12 in 2023.

As of 18 May 2023, there was a total of 12.6 FTE teaching positions in the Coffs Harbour state electorate.

School Name	Total vacant teaching FTE_ 18 May 2023
Boambee Public School	0.00
Banville Public School	0.40
Coffs Harbour High School	0.00

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Coffs Harbour Learning Centre	1.00
Coffs Harbour Public School	0.20
Coffs Harbour Senior College	0.00
Coramba Public School	0.00
Corindi Public School	0.20
Crossmaglen Public School	0.00
Karangie Public School	0.00
Kororo Public School	0.00
Lawanna Public School	0.00
Mullaway Public School	0.00
Nana Glen Public School	1.00
Narranga Public School	2.00
Orara High School	3.00
Orara Upper Public School	0.00
Sandy Beach Public School	1.00
Sawtell Public School	0.00
Toormina High School	1.00
Toormina Public School	0.00
Tyalla Public School	2.00
Ulong Public School	0.00
William Bayldon Public School	0.80
Woolgoolga High School	0.00
Woolgoolga Public School	0.00

\* 0874 AMPOL REFINERIES (NSW) PTY LTD—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has a decision been made whether or not to prosecute Ampol Refineries (NSW) Pty Ltd and/or others arising out of the overflow incident at Kurnell on 7 April 2022?
- (2) If yes, what is that decision and when was it made?
- (3) If no, what are the timeframes for the decision making process including approximate decision date?
- (4) If a decision was made not to prosecute, what were the reasons for that decision?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The decision made was to prosecute. Prosecution commenced on 4 April 2023.
- (3) Not applicable.

(4) Not applicable.

\* 0875 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LICENCE FOR AMPOL REFINERIES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What if any variations have been made since 1 December 2022 to the terms and conditions of the environment protection licence (EPL) for the operations of Ampol Refineries (NSW) Pty Ltd ("Ampol") at Kurnell as a result of the overflow incident at Kurnell on 7 April 2022?
- (2) Has Ampol complied with any terms and conditions which were varied after 7 April 2022?
- (3) Is further consideration being given to possible changes to the terms and conditions of the EPL for Ampol's operations at Kurnell as a result of the overflow incident at Kurnell on 7 April 2022?
- (4) If yes, what possible changes are under consideration and what are the timeframes for the decision making process including approximate decision date?
- (5) What does the most recent testing of soil, sand and/or water in the vicinity of Ampol's Kurnell operations show about any remaining contamination from Ampol's Kurnell operations (whether the 7 April 2022 incident or otherwise)?

Answer—

- (1) On 27 May 2022, conditions were added to Ampol's environment protection licence and later amended on 13 March 2023. These conditions require monitoring of the quality of the water discharged from a stormwater drain under the Ampol wharf at Silver Beach Kurnell.

On 3 April 2023, Ampol's environment protection licence was varied requiring activated carbon filters to be installed on exhaust pipes in the separator area and the installation of a cover over a pit in its wastewater treatment plant to reduce the risk of odours by 22 September 2023.

- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Ampol completed detailed stormwater modelling in July 2023 and provided the EPA with a proposal for future flood protection around its wastewater treatment plant, including accounting for climate change sea level rise and rainfall variability. The EPA is currently reviewing the proposal with a view to varying the licence in the coming months to require the completion of these long-term flood protection works.
- (5) The EPA has tested the soils around Kurnell that were contaminated with oily floodwaters from the 7 April 2022 incident and all contamination has been cleaned up successfully.

The EPA's most recent testing in April 2023 of the soil and water in Quibray Bay indicated that hydrocarbons were still present in parts of the bay. The EPA has issued Ampol with a Clean-up Notice requiring it to engage an independent expert to assess whether the hydrocarbons are linked to the 7 April 2022 incident, and if so, to provide clean-up options for this area.

\* 0876 HELENSBURGH COAL PTY LTD—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has a decision been made whether or not to prosecute Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd, its related corporations and/or others arising out of the pollution affecting Camp Gully Creek in or about September 2022?
- (2) If yes, what is that decision and when was it made?

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- (3) If no, what are the timeframes for the decision making process including approximate decision date?  
(4) If a decision was made not to prosecute, what were the reasons for that decision?

Answer—

- (1) No.  
(2) Not applicable.  
(3) Proceedings for offences against the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) and regulations under that Act must be commenced within the timeframes set by section 216 of the POEO Act. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) expects to make a decision imminently.  
(4) Not applicable.

\* 0877 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LICENCE FOR HELENSBURGH COAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Since 30 September 2022, has Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd complied with its environment protection licence (as varied from time to time)?  
(2) What does the most recent testing of soil, sand and/or water in or in the vicinity of Camp Gully Creek and downstream show about any possible contamination from Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd's operations (whether from the pollution incident in or about September 2022 or otherwise)?

Answer—

- (1) There have been four alleged breaches of the environment protection licence since 30 September 2022.  
(2) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) conducted water quality and macroinvertebrate monitoring following a discharge of water in September 2022. These results are subject of a current EPA investigation and are not available for public release at this time.

The EPA has also undertaken additional monitoring programs in Camp Gully Creek and the Hacking River in 2023 and is awaiting laboratory analysis of the samples. The results of that study are expected to be released later this year.

\* 0878 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding cost-of-living pressures for constituents in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) What plans does the current Government have to reduce transport expenditure for constituents in the Winston Hills Electorate?  
(2) What are the specifics of these plans or measures?  
(3) How will these have planned measures impact family budgets?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW are looking to introduce the Toll Relief Scheme for two years from 1 January 2024 on top of the existing Toll Rebate and M5 Cashback Schemes. In addition, Opal provides a number of a discounts such as caps that reduce the costs of travelling on public transport.

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\* 0879 EXPRESS CITY SERVICE TRAIN FREQUENCY—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding express city service train frequency in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) How often do express trains to Central station arrive at the Seven Hills train station?
- (2) How often do express trains to Central station arrive at the Toongabbie train station?
- (3) How often do express trains to Central station arrive at the Pendle Hill train station?
- (4) How often do express trains to Central station arrive at the Wentworthville train station?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available.

\* 0880 EXPRESS CITY SERVICE TRAIN FREQUENCY INCREASE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding express city service train frequency in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) Does the current Government have any immediate plans to increase the frequency of express city service trains from the Seven Hills train station?
- (2) Does the current Government have any immediate plans to increase the frequency of express city service trains from the Toongabbie train station?
- (3) Does the current Government have any immediate plans to increase the frequency of express city service trains from the Pendle Hill train station?
- (4) Does the current Government have any immediate plans to increase the frequency of express city service trains from the Wentworthville train station?

Answer—

I am advised

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

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

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

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

\* 0881 BYRON BAY WILDLIFE HOSPITAL—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital:

- (1) Is the Government planning to honour funding set aside by the previous Government for 4 years for the hospital to provide expert veterinary care for injured, diseased, orphaned, and displaced wildlife?
  - (a) If not, why not?

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- (2) Has the Government allocated this funding to any other related project/s?
- (3) Will the operation and viability of the wildlife sanctuary in Lithgow, which was working in partnership with Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital to care for and protect injured wildlife and those affected by bushfires in the Central West, be jeopardised if this funding does not continue?
- (4) Will the Minister meet with the managers of the Byron Bay Hospital?
  - (a) If no to the above, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The decision to not award proposed grant funding to Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital was informed by a rigorous and transparent assessment process against pre-approved criteria. These criteria are consistent with the NSW Government Grants Administration Guide.
  - (a) A panel of department officials assessed the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital grant proposal and found the proposal did not adequately demonstrate value for money from the proposed Government investment, which is a key consideration under the Grants Administration Guide.
- (2) No.
- (3) Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital's grant funding proposal did not include financial information relating to its current partnership arrangements. I am therefore unable to comment on the implications, if any, for the wildlife sanctuary at Lithgow.
- (4) Yes, I met with representatives of the Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital on 22 August 2023.

\* 0882 BACK BURNING OPERATIONS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to back burning operations in the Bathurst electorate and Blue Mountains Electorate.

- (1) With the prediction of drought, drier times and strong winds over the summer period:
  - (a) What measures have been taken by emergency services to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season in the Bathurst and Blue Mountains electorate?
  - (b) What area in total of backburning has taken place in the Bathurst Electorate, specifically to the calendar years of
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?
  - (c) What area in total of backburning has taken place in the Blue Mountains Electorate, specifically to the calendar years of
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1 - a) Bush fire mitigation activities include:

- Hazard reduction activities
  - Inspections of identified areas on the urban and bushland interface that pose a risk, with necessary work undertaken to reduce the risk
  - Hazard complaint inspections and subsequent actions
  - Community engagement activities
  - Statewide pre-season briefings and Incident Management Exercises
  - Rural land management practices undertaken by the farming communities through their grazing and cropping operations
  - Harvesting and pre-plantation burning across the pine plantations.
- (b) Total prescribed burning and mechanical clearing across the four Local Government Areas in the Bathurst electorate per year:
- (i) 2020 – 2,765 hectares
  - (ii) 2021 – 3,409 hectares
  - (iii) 2022 – 714 hectares
  - (iv) 2023 – 2,708 hectares
- (c) Prescribed burning and mechanical clearing in the Blue Mountains Electorate per year:
- (i) 2020 – 146 hectares
  - (ii) 2021 – 2,689 hectares
  - (iii) 2022 – 82 hectares
  - (iv) 2023 – 27 hectares

\* 0883 OBERON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to Oberon Correctional Facility:

- (1) When will the Oberon Correctional facility re-open?
- (2) What was the cost of the refurbishment and the types of work carried out?
- (3) How many staff (FTE) were employed at the Oberon Correctional Facility before the refurbishment commenced?
- (4) How many staff (FTE) will be employed once the facility reopens?
- (5) When will the Young Adult Offender Program re-commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A reopening date has not yet been determined.
- (2) Approximately \$2.5 million has been spent on maintenance and asset protection since January 2023.
- (3) Oberon Correctional Centre has a staffing profile of 52 FTE.
- (4) This will be determined at a later date.
- (5) There are currently no inmates at Oberon Correctional Centre.



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\* 0884 AMBULANCE TRANSPORT IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many patients were transported from an address in the electorate of Goulburn via ambulance service to a hospital in following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022- to date?
- (2) Of the patients transported via ambulance service referred to above, in each of the above financial years, please advise how many patients were initially transported to:
  - (a) Goulburn Hospital?
  - (b) Crookwell Hospital?
  - (c) Yass Hospital?
  - (d) Bowral Hospital?
  - (e) Canberra?
  - (f) Sydney?
  - (g) Other?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance does not provide resources by electorate.

\* 0885 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CARD—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card, and for each of the four local government areas in the Goulburn electorate, to date;

- (a) Goulburn Mulwaree
  - (b) Wingecarribee
  - (c) Yass Valley
  - (d) Upper Lachlan Shire
- (1) How many applications by eligible apprentices and trainees have been received?
  - (2) How many applications by eligible apprentices and trainees have been approved?
  - (3) How many travel cards have been issued?
  - (4) Of the cards issued, how many have been expended?
  - (5) When will applications from eligible university students open?
  - (6) How will eligible university students be informed that applications are open?
  - (7) How many registered retailers and providers are there?

Answer—

I am advised

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- (1) Applications received by eligible apprentices and trainees;
    - (a) Goulburn Mulwaree - 67
    - (b) Wingecarribee - 79
    - (c) Yass Valley - 9
    - (d) Upper Lachlan Shire - 18
  - (2) Applications approved by eligible apprentices and trainees;
    - (a) Goulburn Mulwaree - 67
    - (b) Wingecarribee- 79
    - (c) Yass Valley - 9
    - (d) Upper Lachlan Shire - 18
  - (3) Cards issued to eligible apprentices and trainees;
    - (a) Goulburn Mulwaree - 67
    - (b) Wingecarribee - 79
    - (c) Yass Valley - 9
    - (d) Lachlan Shire - 18
  - (4) Of the cards issued, how many have been expended;
    - (a) Goulburn Mulwaree - 27
    - (b) Wingecarribee - 35
    - (c) Yass Valley - 3
    - (d) Upper Lachlan Shire – 6

The clear intention of the Regional Apprentice and University Student Travel Card is aimed at assisting with travel related expenses; however, the former Liberal-National government did not provide sufficient measures to minimise misuse of the card.

The card is restricted to certain Merchant Category Codes (MMC). This is a number used by the financial services industry to classify businesses by the type of goods or services they provide. While this allows electronic restrictions to be placed on the types of businesses the travel card can be used at, it does not electronically restrict specific purchases within those businesses.

Recent tests have shown that the card can be used to purchase non-travel related expenses such as cigarettes, soft drinks and confectionary.

I instructed Transport for New South Wales to pause applications and review the program.

\* 0886 TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Separately for each public school in the Goulburn electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many teachers (FTE) are employed in each school?

Answer—

Please refer to the response to LA QON 727.

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\* 0887 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to Development Application processing times:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown on the mean and medium Development Application Processing time for Wollongong, Wingacarrabee, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

\* 0888 NEW SCHOOLS AT FLINDERS, CALDERWOOD AND OAK FLATS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the planning for new schools at Flinders, Calderwood and Oak Flats:

- (1) When is it anticipated construction will commence and the schools will be open for students?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a timeline for the initial planning and development stage for each project?
- (3) Has the Minister considered building the schools at the same time and or under one project?
- (4) Will the Minister prioritise these projects considering observed growth-rates in the area?
- (5) With reference to the Minister's earlier response to my Question on Notice 8113 - A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR CALDERWOOD:
  - (a) What is the Government's current five-year enrolment projections for schools in the Kiama electorate?
    - (i) In particular, Calderwood, Flinders, and Oak Flats?
- (6) Will the Minister review school intake areas to improve or balance utilisation across schools in the Kiama electorate area pending any new builds?
- (7) With reference to the School Infrastructure NSW 2022-23 Delivery Strategy (August 2022), can the Minister indicate when the 2023-24 strategy will be released?

Answer—

The Minns Government has committed to progress planning for new public schools in the region, including for Calderwood, Flinders and West Dapto. This work is currently in initial planning and more information will be made available in due course.

Question on Notice 8113 was not asked of this government. Rather, it was asked of the previous government in the Fifty-Seventh Parliament. The Department of Education is monitoring population growth to inform future planning.

\* 0889 LAND VALUATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to Land valuations by the NSW Valuer-General:

- (1) Has the Minister met with the Valuer-General since her appointment in June 2023 to discuss valuation methodologies and improvements to the system?
- (2) Can the Minister outline and provide a timeframe for these improvements over the next 12 months?
- (3) How many objections have been made under Part 3 of the Valuation of Land Act 1916 since 1 July this year?
- (4) Can the Minister provide the number of objections for the Kiama electorate?

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- (5) Is the Minister aware of variations in valuation rates, such as the Farmland rate of 0.15010 cents per dollar of rateable land value in addition to the base amount compared to the Dairy Farmer rate of 0.07640?
- (a) Will the Minister review differing rates and provide an update on the Government's position on this matter?
- (6) Has the department taken recent flooding events across the State into consideration in the latest round of land valuation?
- (7) What hardship or financial support is available to those who are unable to meet their taxation obligations?

Answer—

- (1) I have been in contact with the Valuer General since her appointment.
- (2) Valuation methodologies are legislated through the Valuation of Land Act 1916 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

Over the next 12 months, I understand the Valuer General is focused on further enhanced quality assurance of values, as well as whole of Valuer General policy improvements to ensure they remain aligned to the Act and are fit for purpose. Service delivery of the Valuer General's functions will also be enhanced via a hybrid delivery model - with greater focus on in house valuation delivery.

- (3) Since 1 July this year, there have been 1,184 objections.
- (4) The Kiama electorate crosses over 3 LGAs:

- Kiama
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven

I am advised that for the three LGAs there have been 276 objections received since 1 July 2023.

- (5 – 5 a) The Office of Local Government advises that determination of the rate structure is at each council's discretion. This is to ensure compliance with a council's notional general income, rate peg and the rating legislation in the Local Government Act 1993. The cents-in-the-dollar calculation is referred to as the ad valorem amount and forms part of each council's rating structure.
- (6) Yes
- (7) I am advised by the NSW Treasurer that the NSW Government provides relief to taxpayers who cannot afford increased tax obligations with respect to land valuations. Revenue NSW can provide relief to NSW customers who have been affected by a natural disaster.

This support includes:

- extending payment or lodgement time frames
- arranging payment plans
- lifting licence or registration sanctions
- putting debts on short term hold
- assisting with hardship applications
- considering the emergency situation when assessing requests for review.

The Taxation Hardship Review Board is an independent statutory body that can provide relief from tax obligations in cases of serious financial hardship. Taxpayers can apply for tax relief under this arrangement.

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The Office of Local Government advises that each council is required to have debt management and hardship guidelines to better manage ratepayer debt and respond to genuine hardship.

Eligible pensioners are entitled to a maximum concession of \$250 for ordinary rates and \$87.50 for water and sewer supply services, if they are provided by the council.

Each NSW council also has the discretion to provide further concessions above the maximum concessions for pensioners, which must be met by the council.

\* 0890 WIFI AND NETWORK COVERAGE FOR REGIONAL RAIL COMMUTERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on technology and viability of wi-fi on the rail network following trials at 19 stations between Hornsby and Wyong on the Central Coast Line?
  - (a) Can the Minister provide results following collection of anonymous data about access to and use of the service?
  - (b) How has TfNSW used this information to learn about how customers used this technology, adjusted and improved the service during the trial?
- (2) When can commuters travelling on the South Coast line expect similar Wi-Fi services on:
  - (a) Trains?
  - (b) At stations?
- (3) What technologies has the Minister and or TfNSW considered to deliver these services on the South Coast line, particularly in difficult sections such as between Helensburgh and Wollongong, Kiama and Bomaderry?
- (4) Has the Minister and or TfNSW collaborated with mobile network providers or other providers to explore if such challenges can be resolved by improving mobile network coverage, installing additional towers, boosters and or satellites along the line?
- (5) Is the Government planning to deliver wi-fi on the South Coast line?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

The three year free wi-fi trial at 19 stations was announced in 2020. More information on the trial can be accessed here: [Free Wi-Fi for Central Coast stations | transportnsw.info](https://transport.nsw.info).

The trial is still being evaluated and the results will be released in due course.

Once the evaluation of the trials on the Central Coast have been completed, the Government will investigate options for a wider rollout.

\* 0891 NEW SOUTH WALES PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to New South Wales pharmacists and pharmacies:

- (1) What is the position of the Government on the Federal Government's 60 day dispensing policy?
- (2) Have you met with New South Wales pharmacists to discuss their concerns about the 60 day dispensing policy?
- (3) Will you raise New South Wales pharmacists concerns at the next meeting of Australian Health Ministers?

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- (4) What concerns do New South Wales pharmacists have surrounding the nature of the payments system for s100 drugs?
  - (5) Will the Minister ask his department for a brief to reform the s100 drug payments system with options to move to a system with a proven track record such as those used to administer COVID vaccinations in pharmacies?
  - (6) Will the Government consider making flu vaccines free to all patients covered by the National Immunisation Program (NIP)?
  - (7) Is the Minister considering making Safescript mandatory for all pharmacies and prescribers?
    - (a) If yes, when?
    - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Reforms to the PBS dispensing policies are a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

Costs incurred by pharmacists for dosing Opioid Treatment Program medicines on a daily staged supply basis are claimed through the same portal for Covid vaccination claims.

Influenza vaccines are free to all patients covered by the National Immunisation Program. The program is being extended by the Australian Government to include pharmacy administered vaccines.

There is currently no plan to make Safescript NSW mandatory for prescribers or pharmacists nor has it ever been.

\* 0892 TRANSPORT ACCESS TO THE NEW SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the new Shellharbour Hospital development:

- (1) Have you been briefed on the development?
- (2) What consideration are you giving to improve access for residents to the hospital off the Princes Highway south of the hospital site?
- (3) Are you considering improving access for railway commuters alighting at Shellharbour Junction Station to the new Shellharbour Hospital?
- (4) Are you considering re-opening Dunmore Road for any form of access including emergency access?
- (5) Are you considering any proposals to improve cycleway access to the new Shellharbour Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised

There is a cross-departmental transport working group for the new Shellharbour Hospital project lead by Health Infrastructure.

Transport for NSW is part of the working group and working with Health Infrastructure to identify and implement appropriate arrangements to manage future traffic to and from the new Shellharbour Hospital, as well as progress options to support the increased use of train and bus services by hospital staff and visitors.

Transport for NSW and Health Infrastructure are working to identify potential improvements to the active transport network that will service both the station and the new Shellharbour Hospital.

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- \* 0893 ADOPTION RECORDS REQUEST PROCESSING DELAYS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

In relation to the Department of Community and Justice's Post Adoption Information Unit (AIU):

- (1) How many applications have been received by the unit for each of the last five years?
- (2) What is the current average wait time for an applicant to receive adoption records?
- (3) In terms of human resources, permanent or otherwise, how many staff make up the unit?
- (4) What strategies and processes has the department implemented to reduce processing times and deal with current volumes of applications?
- (5) Will you review the unit and current processes to improve services and reduce applicant waiting times?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) That the Post Adoption Information Unit (PAIU) has received the following number of applications per financial year.

Financial Year	Applications Received
2018/19	931
2019/20	888
2020/21	1219
2021/22	736
2022/23	887
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,661</b>

- (2) On average, the wait time for an Adoption Information Certificate (AIC) is approximately 12 months.
- (3) The PAIU has 14 full-time equivalent staff members.
- (4) In January 2023, the PAIU implemented strategies to streamline processes and reduce the wait times after a review was undertaken. This has led to a 33 per cent increase in the number of applications completed in the last three months of 2022/23 (April/June 2023),

The strategies implemented include:

- Moving from paper records management to digitisation of records
  - Reviewing end to end process for efficiencies that has seen an increase in the number of applications completed,
- (5) See response to Q4,

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\* 0894 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS IN THE CAMDEN HAVEN AREA—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many wheelchair accessible taxis operate in the Camden Haven area?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to encourage additional wheelchair accessible taxi services in the Camden Haven?
- (3) What other transport options do people have if a wheelchair accessible taxi is not available?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW vehicle registration records are showing that there are currently no licenced wheelchair accessible taxis registered to an address within the Camden Haven Parish. There are 15 wheelchair accessible taxis registered in the nearby towns of Port Macquarie and two in Wauchope and with no restrictions from these vehicles providing passenger services in the Camden Haven Parish.

The NSW Government offers several programs aimed at supporting customers with disability to access wheelchair accessible services. These include the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme which offers participants a 50 per cent subsidy on the metered fare up to a maximum of \$60.

In addition to the subsidy for passengers, payment is made to drivers of wheelchair accessible taxis for every Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme participant that travels in their wheelchair. These payments are offered under the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver Incentive Scheme and are currently fixed at \$15 excluding GST.

The NSW Government also offers the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Interest Free Loan Scheme administered by Transport for NSW. Loans are provided to improve the availability of wheelchair accessible taxi services in NSW.

All Transport for NSW bus operators are also Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) compliant, including Busways who provide route 333 servicing the Camden Haven area.

Additionally, Transport for NSW provides funding to Community Transport Service Providers to provide services to eligible customers across NSW.

\* 0895 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS DELAYS FOLLOWING RECCOMENDATIONS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Attorney General—

What action is the Government taking to address the delays in the time it takes the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute following any recommendations by the ICAC?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) have taken significant steps to reduce the timeframe between the receipt of a referral brief by the ODPP and the provision of advice to ICAC. This includes an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the agencies with nominated timeframes, and ongoing consultation and review with respect to all referrals.

\* 0896 COVID-19 MICRO BUSINESS GRANT AUDITS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many people in the Port Macquarie electorate are being audited for receiving a Covid-19 Micro Business Grant?
- (2) Why is the Government conducting the audit even in cases where applicants met all of the application criteria?



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- (3) Why is the Government undertaking audits two years after the grants ended?

Answer—

These questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

- \* 0897 NORTH WEST GROWTH CENTRE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With regards to the \$530 million of development levies in the Growth Centre conservation fund which was established to purchase land for conservation within the Growth Centres and to obtain offsets outside the growth centre:

- (1) How much has been raised in the North West Growth Centre?
- (2) How much has already been spent on the purchase of land for conservation within the North West Growth Centre using these funds?
- (3) What are the addresses of these high valued parcels of conservation land in the North West Growth Centre?

Answer—

I am advised the Growth Centres conservation fund comes from a combination of special infrastructure contributions and from general government revenue.

In response:

- (1) There has been \$598 million collected for the North West and South West Growth Centres. Due to the administrative arrangements of the fund, it is not possible to specify what has been raised in the North West Growth Centre alone.
- (2) The conservation fund is used to purchase offsets inside and outside of the growth centres. The Office of Strategic Land is responsible for purchasing land inside the growth centres and has made \$31.255 million in land acquisitions in the North West Growth Centre.
- (3) The land acquired includes:
  - part of Lot 38 South Street, Shanes Park
  - Lot 39 South Street, Shanes Park
  - Lot 40 South Street, Shanes Park
  - part of 1106 Windsor Road, Rouse Hill.

- \* 0898 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Will you be placing a senior executive from the Department of Education at Castle Hill High School for an intensive placement, which still contains dangerous forms of asbestos?
- (2) What is the Government planning to do regarding the matter of falling, exposed or ground covered asbestos at Castle Hill High School?

Answer—

I am advised senior officials from the Department of Education regularly attend the school.

The department undertakes remediation works as part of its capital works projects, planned maintenance, and emergency and urgent repairs. The department is also working with SafeWork NSW and asbestos remediation specialists to safely remediate and manage asbestos in NSW schools, including Castle Hill

High School. All remediation work has been completed and a clearance certificate was issued by a qualified independent hygienist.

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- \* 0899 CONTAINERS RETURNED THROUGH THE RETURN AND EARN PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the exact number of containers returned at each reverse vending machine in the electorate of Pittwater, since the commencement of the 'Return and Earn' program?

Answer—

- (1) The number of containers returned at Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) in the Pittwater Electorate from the commencement of the 'Return and Earn' program on 1 December 2017 up until 13 August 2023 are:

Type	Suburb	Name	Volume
RVM	Mona Vale	Pittwater RSL	21,573,899
RVM	Terrey Hills	Golf Paradise	11,728,956
RVM	Warriewood	Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Stadium	19,498,862
			Total 51,801,717

- \* 0900 ALCOHOL AND DRUG REHABILITATION SERVICE AT MONA VALE HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Could you please let me know:
- What is the current status of the alcohol and drug rehabilitation service at the Mona Vale Hospital Site?
  - On what exact date did the service first commence?
  - What was the exact dollar amount of capital expenditure connected with the establishment of the service?
  - On what exact date did the service cease?
  - In what month and year is it anticipated or hoped that the service will recommence?
  - What residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services are currently available to residents of Pittwater and the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Kedesh Rehabilitation Services operated in partnership with Northern Sydney Local Health District from 2010. Kedesh Rehabilitation Services ceased operating from the Mona Vale Hospital site in December 2022.

The former Phoenix House site is currently unoccupied pending the outcome of further investigations and consultations about the best use of the site.

NSW Health provides funding to 21 statewide alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation services that are available to people in Pittwater and the Northern Beaches. The closest residential rehabilitation services are located across Sydney suburbs and the Central Coast.

\* 0901 BUS SERVICES IN THE PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister advise:

- (1) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday –Friday for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (2) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday– Friday for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (3) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (4) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?

- (5) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (6) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (7) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (8) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (9) The number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (10) The number of passengers for the 199 route beginning their trip at Avalon Beach SLSC, Barrenjoey Road (southbound) [Stop ID:210728] every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:
- (a) 2020-21?

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- (b) 2021 -22?  
(c) 2022-23?
- (11) The number of passengers for the 190X route beginning their trip Avalon Beach SLSC, Barrenjoey Road (southbound) [Stop ID:210728] every Monday – Friday for the following financial years:  
(a) 2020-21?  
(b) 2021 -22?  
(c) 2022-23?
- (12) The number of trips for the McCarrs Creek to Mona Vale 156 route every Monday – Friday for the following years:  
(a) 2020-21?  
(b) 2021-22?  
(c) 2022-23?
- (13) The number of trips for the Mona Vale to McCarrs Creek 156 route every Monday – Friday for the following years:  
(a) 2020-21?  
(b) 2021-22?  
(c) 2022-23?
- (14) The number of trips for the McCarrs Creek to Mona Vale 156 route every Saturday - Sunday for the following years:  
(a) 2020-21?  
(b) 2021-22?  
(c) 2022-23?
- (15) The number of trips for the Mona Vale to McCarrs Creek 156 route every Saturday – Sunday for the following years:  
(a) 2020-21?  
(b) 2021-22?  
(c) 2022-23?

Answer—

I am advised

All the following figures are an average daily passenger Tap-On's (excluding public holidays).

- (1) (a) 310.  
(b) 220.  
(c) 170.  
(d) 110.  
(e) 210.
- (2) (a) 380.  
(b) 330.  
(c) 290.

- (d) 220.
- (e) 350.
- (3) (a) 460.
- (b) 400.
- (c) 330.
- (d) 260.
- (e) 410.
- (4) (a) 320.
- (b) 240.
- (c) 140.
- (d) 110.
- (e) 240.
- (5) (a) 400.
- (b) 350.
- (c) 300.
- (d) 230.
- (e) 350.
- (6) (a) 400.
- (b) 370.
- (c) 300.
- (d) 250.
- (e) 390.
- (7) (a) 550.
- (b) 390.
- (c) 260.
- (d) 180.
- (e) 360.
- (8) (a) 940.
- (b) 780.
- (c) 680.
- (d) 510.
- (e) 770.
- (9) (a) 1,020.
- (b) 870.
- (c) 680.
- (d) 540.

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- (e) 860.
- (10) (a) 140.  
(b) 120.  
(c) 180.
- (11) (a) 30.  
(b) 30.  
(c) 70.

Note: the Avalon Beach SLSC, Barrenjoey Road (southbound) has been altered and not part of Bus route 190X since Jan 2023. The Average daily passenger tap-on's for financial year 2022-2023 only covers data from Jul 2022 till Dec 2022.

- (12) (a) 100.  
(b) 70.  
(c) 110.
- (13) (a) 110.  
(b) 80.  
(c) 110.
- (14) (a) 90.  
(b) 60.  
(c) 90.
- (15) (a) 100.  
(b) 60.  
(c) 90.

\* 0902 MEANS TESTED ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Under the Government's means tested voucher program for Active Kids, how many people in the electorate of Holsworthy will no longer be eligible?

Answer—

I am advised this data is not available. The new Active and Creative Kids voucher program will commence from 1 February 2024 and will be means tested using the Commonwealth Government's Family Tax Benefit scheme. Eligibility requirements for the Family Tax Benefit are determined by the Federal Government. Information about the Family Tax Benefit can be found at <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/family-tax-benefit>.

\* 0903 UNEXPECTED BUS DRIVER ABSENCES U-GO MOBILITY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many unexpected bus driver absences occur under contractor U-Go Mobility in Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 during:
- (a) July 1st -July 8th?  
(b) July 9th -July 15th?  
(c) July 16th -July 22nd?

- (d) July 23rd - July 29th?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) In the first four weeks of operation the weekly absences for the operator were as follows:
- (a) 62
  - (b) 54
  - (c) 60
  - (d) 75

\* 0904 U-GO MOBILITY PAYROLL ISSUES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Did contractor U-Go Mobility experience payroll issues that resulted in unexpected staff absences for Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10?
- (2) If so, what measures have the Government taken to ensure timely and accurate pay to impacted bus drivers?

Answer—

I am advised

As the Member would be aware, Transport for NSW has been directed to step in to work with U-Go Mobility to resolve a range of issues including with incorrect payment of employees.

As Minister I have directed Transport for NSW to make it clear that underpayment of any employee wage or entitlement will not be tolerated.

To ensure confidence in all the arrangements in place, Transport for NSW meets with U-Go Mobility weekly to review all administrative processes including payroll.

\* 0905 WARRUMBUNGLA SHIRE PIG CONTROL PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How much land/hectare coverage is exclusive to the Warrumbungle Shire as a part of the State Government's intensified pig control program for the 2022-2023 financial year?
- (a) How often are the aerial and ground control programs being performed, specifically to this area?

Answer—

- (1) The programs within the Warrumbungle Shire included ground baiting on 119 holdings covering 128,986 ha, and aerial shooting of feral pigs across 259 holdings covering 177,558 ha of land adjacent to the Castlereagh, Talbragar and Coolaburragundy rivers, and south of the Warrumbungle National Park.
- (a) Ground control programs are ongoing and over the past three years, Central West Local Land Services has subsidised the cost of 1080 grain treatment across the whole region. Groups in the Warrumbungle Shire typically meet up to 4 times a year to coordinate their integrated pest control programs.

Future aerial shooting programs for feral pigs are currently in the planning phase and will be prioritised across the Central West region to address the highest pig densities.

The Warrumbungle Shire area is a known area of feral pig activity and requires coordinated programs that may include baiting, trapping, and additional control through aerial shooting.



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\* 0906 NEW SOUTH WALES ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many households and businesses within Barwon have taken up the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme since the changes introduced on 14/4/23?
- (2) What rules and procedures have been established to ensure the program is accessible for Barwon households and Businesses?
- (3) How many households and businesses within Barwon have upgraded their Hot Water Units through this program?

Answer—

- (1) 74.
- (2) The Energy Savings Scheme rules apply equally across NSW. Accredited Certificate Providers in this market-based scheme make commercial decisions about where they deliver upgrades and may not service all areas of the State. The Safeguard Acceleration Program encourages activity to increase services available in regional areas, including the Barwon electorate.
- (3) 14 (for the period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2023).

\* 0907 MULGOA ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is the Mulgoa Road upgrade (Stage 2) currently slated for cancellation as part of the outcomes from the strategic infrastructure review?
- (2) If this project is to be cancelled what are the reasons for cancellation?
- (3) If this project is not being cancelled, can the Premier confirm that it will progress as initially planned?

Answer—

This question is best directed to the Minister for Roads.

\* 0908 MCNAUGHTON FAST RAIL REPORT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will you please advise when the McNaughton Fast Rail report will be publicly released?

Answer—

I am advised

International rail expert, Professor Andrew McNaughton, was engaged in 2018 by the previous NSW Government to provide advice on a future fast rail vision for NSW.

The Fast Rail Strategy, completed in 2020, outlined the staged delivery of a future fast rail network. This Strategy was not publicly released and release of the Strategy to the new Government was not supported by the previous NSW Government.

Transport for NSW will continue to provide advice to the Government on future fast rail opportunities for NSW.

- \* 0909 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS FUNDING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Is the Government planning to continue the Resources for Regions funding program integral to impacted Councils, to support the ongoing prosperity of mining communities in regional NSW, ensuring continued economic opportunities, improved amenity, and positive social outcomes for these regions?

Answer—

I acknowledge your advocacy on this issue over many years.

Given the precarious budget position we inherited from the previous Government, we are reviewing all expenditure and grant programs as part of the 2023-24 Budget process.

The 2023-24 Budget will be handed down on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

- \* 0910 CROWN LAND UNDER THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Could the Minister please provide a list of all real property within the Castle Hill and Kellyville electorates (including folio identifier and street address where applicable) owned by the Crown and / or any Department for which the Minister has responsibility?

Answer—

I am advised:

The only NSW Government properties that fall under my responsibility in the Castle Hill and Kellyville electorates are Crown land.

Information on Crown land across New South Wales is publicly available through the NSW Planning Portal Spatial Viewer located at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/address> by filtering for Crown land.

It is also publicly available as a full data set at [https://mapprod3.environment.nsw.gov.au/arcgis/rest/services/ePlanning/Planning\\_Portal\\_Crown\\_Land/MapServer](https://mapprod3.environment.nsw.gov.au/arcgis/rest/services/ePlanning/Planning_Portal_Crown_Land/MapServer).

- \* 0911 FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL REGARDING THE HILLS SES—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

On 15 May 2023 the Hills Shire Council (“Council”) forwarded a letter to the Minister seeking assistance with the delivery of a commitment given by the former NSW Government to find a suitable parcel of State Government owned land within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area for the construction of new Headquarters for The Hills SES Unit. Council has not received a response to the letter.

- (1) Could the Minister please provide an update on this matter, including when a formal response will be provided to the Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property. Correspondence from the Hills Shire Council has been referred accordingly.

- \* 0912 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) With regard to primary schools within the Castle Hill Electorate:

- (a) Do all schools have at least one 40 kph zone with flashing sign near the school entrance?

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- (b) If no, which schools do not?
- (2) With regard to primary schools within the Castle Hill Electorate:
- (a) Do all schools have at a 'kiss and drop' zone near the school entrance?
- (b) If no, which schools do not?
- (c) With respect to any schools which do not have a 'kiss and drop' zone near the school entrance are there any plans to include a 'kiss and drop' zone at those schools?
- (3) With regard to primary schools within the Castle Hill Electorate:
- (a) Do all primary school have regular school buses to transport school children to and from the primary school?
- (b) If no, please advise which primary schools do not have buses to transport school children to and from the primary school?
- (c) Do all primary schools have a bus zone located near the entrance to the primary school?
- (d) If no, please advise which schools do not have a bus zone located near the entrance to the school
- (e) With respect to any primary school which does not have a bus zone near the entrance to the primary school, do any plans exist to provide a bus zone near the school?

Answer—

I am advised

All schools in NSW have a 40km/h school zone and flashing light signs on approach to the school. There are 6,800 school zone flashing light signs in NSW.

School 'kiss and drop' also known as 'drop off and pick up' areas are installed in consultation with the school, the council, and the community on local or regional roads outside schools.

Some schools have 'kiss and drop' areas on-site, while others have them on local and state roads. Council should provide further information on 'kiss and drop' areas outside or inside schools in the electorate, as most of these are on local roads. Transport for NSW installs 'kiss and drop' areas on state roads in consultation with the school.

All primary schools in the Castle Hill electorate have access to a bus stop at or nearby the school and bus zones are located near their entrances.

- \* 0914 FIXED SPEED CAMERA CASTLE HILL ROAD—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to Castle Hill Road, between Pennant Hills Road and Coonara Avenue, West Pennant Hills:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place, broken down by each of the following financial year:
- (a) 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
- (b) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (c) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
- (d) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
- (e) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
- (f) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?

- (2) When was the speed camera (“the camera”) situated on Castle Hill Road, between Pennant Hills Road and Coonara Avenue, West Pennant Hills installed?
- (3) How many infringements have been recorded for offences detected by the camera broken down by each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
- (b) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?
- (4) How much revenue has been generated for offences detected by the camera broken down by each of the following financial years:
- (a) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
- (b) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023?

Answer—

- (1) (a) Between 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018, there were three accidents.  
 (b) Between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, there were six accidents.  
 (c) Between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, there were five accidents.  
 (d) Between 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, there was one accident.  
 (e) Between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, there were two accidents. Crash data for 2022 is preliminary and is subject to change.  
 (f) Between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, there was one crash reported to the NSW Police Force. Crash data for 2022 and 2023 is preliminary and is subject to change.
- (2) The camera was installed on 18 April 2002 and commenced enforcement on 18 July 2002.
- (3 - 4) This is a matter for Revenue NSW. Information about fines issued in NSW is published on the Revenue NSW website (<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics>).

\* 0915 COVERED WALKWAYS AT CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to provide funding to provide for the construction of covered walkways to the demountable buildings in use at the Castle Hill School?
- (2) If such plans exist when will the funding be provided?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that, at present, Castle Hill High School has not nominated such a project. The Principal can arrange for projects to be nominated by contacting the local School Infrastructure NSW office. Should the Principal decide to nominate a project for the capital works program, it will be assessed for funding against other priority projects across the State.

\* 0916 FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS IN THE MID-NORTH COAST AREA COMMAND—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism—

As for the date for which most recent data is available (and specifying the date) what is the:

- (1) Actual Number of full-time police officers allocated to the Mid-North Coast Local Area Command?
- (2) Where are they stationed?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report for each Police Area Command and Police District.
- (2) Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence led operational requirements.

\* 0917 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Broken down by event, how much funding has been allocated to events in the Oxley electorate from the Regional Events Acceleration Fund in the categories of:

- (1) Incubator Event Fund?
- (2) Flagship Event Fund?
- (3) Event Development Fund?

Answer—

The Regional Events Acceleration Fund is not broken down by the categories of Incubator Event Fund, Flagship Event Fund or Event Development Fund.

The categories relate to the Regional Event Fund administered by Destination NSW.

\* 0918 FULL TIME TEACHERS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Oxley Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many:

- (1) Full time employed (FTE) teachers are employed?
- (2) How many positions remain unfilled?

Answer—

For 12 years, the former Liberal National Government undervalued teachers. This led to a teacher shortage crisis which the former Government denied existed.

In Oxley, permanent teacher vacancies grew from about 10 in 2011, to more than 18 in 2023, when the Liberal National Government left office.

As of 18 May 2023, there was a total teaching entitlement of 708.1 FTE and 18.6 FTE vacancies at NSW public schools in the Oxley electorate.

School Name	Total Teaching FTE_18 May 2023	Total vacant teaching FTE_18 May 2023
Aldavilla Public School	17.47	1.00
Beechwood Public School	12.04	1.00
Bellbrook Public School	2.78	0.00
Bellingen High School	48.90	<u>3.00</u>
Bellingen Public School	24.10	<u>0.00</u>
Bowraville Central School	27.99	<u>0.00</u>
Cascade EEC	1.00	0.00

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Comboyne Public School	2.78	0.00
Crescent Head Public School	11.10	<u>0.00</u>
Dorrigo High School	18.10	1.00
Dorrigo Public School	5.08	0.00
Eungai Public School	4.04	0.00
Frank Partridge VC Public School	17.87	0.00
Frederickton Public School	10.09	0.00
Gladstone Public School	1.54	0.00
Green Hill Public School	2.88	0.00
Huntingdon Public School	3.69	0.00
Kempsey East Public School	13.57	0.00
Kempsey High School	60.60	2.00
Kempsey South Public School	18.07	0.00
Kempsey West Public School	35.14	0.00
Kinchela Public School	1.73	1.00
Long Flat Public School	5.40	0.00
Macksville High School	48.00	0.00
Macksville Public School	24.14	1.20
Medlow Public School	3.22	0.00
Melville High School	56.20	5.00
Nambucca Heads High School	44.20	0.00
Nambucca Heads Public School	18.24	0.20
Orama Public School	2.69	0.00
Raleigh Public School	2.68	0.00
Repton Public School	3.95	1.20
Rollands Plains Upper Public School	3.09	0.00
Scotts Head Public School	8.51	0.00
Smithtown Public School	4.31	0.00
South West Rocks Public School	18.26	0.00
Stuarts Point Public School	4.06	0.00
Telegraph Point Public School	7.75	0.00
Urunga Public School	12.20	0.00
Wauchope High School	53.40	2.00

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Wauchope Public School	43.36	0.00
Willawarrin Public School	3.88	0.00

\* 0919 EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Housing.

\* 0920 PROPERTY OWNERS REGISTERED FOR THE RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Of the 1,043 property owners from the Tweed Local Government Area registered for the Resilient Homes Program, as per the latest available figures dated May 2023:

- (1) How many have been approved for voluntary home buyback?
- (2) How many have been approved for house-raising or retrofit?
- (3) Did all registered property owners receive advice about their eligibility for the program by the end of June 2023 (Quarter 2 2023)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Of the 1,043 property owners from the Tweed Local Government Area registered for the Resilient Homes Program, as per the available figures dated May 2023:

- (1) As at 19 May 2023, 32 offers have been approved for voluntary home buyback. 214 homes are indicatively eligible for voluntary buyback.
- (2) As at 19 May 2023, no homes were approved for house-raising and retrofit. Homes in areas of greatest risk to life with the highest flood likelihood were prioritised for voluntary home buybacks under the Resilient Homes Program prior to homes to be considered for house-raising and retrofit.
- (3) NRRC have progressively notified homeowners of their eligibility, approximately (61%) were informed by 30 June 2023.
  - The NRRC took a considered, trauma informed approach to homeowner notifications. This has taken time.
  - The NRRC took time to ensure homeowners were connected to support services and alternative grant programs.
  - In addition to calls from Service NSW and the NRRC case management team, outreach has also included 1 to 1 homeowner meetings supported by local Recovery Support Service Providers.

- \* 0921 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES FOR CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you provide an update on the renewal of the Queensland-New South Wales Statement of Principles and Priorities for Cross-Border Collaboration which was due in early 2021?

Answer—

Due to border closures in 2021, negotiations on the renewal of the Queensland and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Cross-Border Collaboration were paused.

In 2022, negotiations recommenced and engagement between Queensland and NSW government agencies has taken place.

The renewed agreement has been prepared and is proceeding through approvals.

- \* 0922 MILESTONE FUNDING FOR SYDNEY DOGS AND CATS HOME—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Further to question on notice and answer 538, what are the “milestones” on which “funding” for Sydney Dogs and Cats Home is based?

(2) Separately for each such milestone, what is the amount of funding payable?

Answer—

I am advised that the Office of Local Government is seeking an auspicing arrangement with a public authority to provide governance oversight over the project.

The milestones and funding will be determined when the auspice partnership has been established.

- \* 0923 CAPITAL WORKS FOR ROYAL NATIONAL PARK AND HEATHCOTE NATIONAL PARK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What capital works are scheduled for the Royal National Park and Heathcote National Park in the next 24 months?

(2) Separately for each such works, what are their estimated dates of commencement and completion?

Answer—

(1 - 2) The following capital works have been scheduled:

Royal National Park

- (a) The Great Southern Walk will establish a new 67 kilometre, multi-day walking track from Kamay Botany Bay National Park, through Royal National Park, to Bulli Tops in the Illawarra. The project includes new overnight accommodation facilities at Bonnie Vale, Wattamolla and Garie Beach, within Royal National Park. The works will also include a new section of walking track from Otford to Bald Hill, that will provide a formal pedestrian connection between Royal National Park and the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area.

A new campground will be constructed at Wattamolla and new hiker huts and camping platforms built at the existing Bonnie Vale campground with works scheduled for completion by December 2024. A new campground at Garie Beach is pending the reopening of Garie Road, which is managed by Transport for NSW and currently closed due to a landslip.



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Track upgrades commenced in 2020, with the Otford to Bald Hill link scheduled for completion in mid-2024.

All works are scheduled for completion by late 2024.

- (b) In 2023-25, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will deliver capital work to upgrade the fire trails in Royal National Park to meet fire management obligations. Works are currently underway with 50 kilometres of fire trail upgrade works scheduled for completion by June 2025.
- (c) The Audley Boat Shed in Royal National Park was damaged from significant flood events on the Hacking River. A scope of works is being prepared to repair the building. Works are scheduled for completion by June 2024.
- (d) A new visitor shelter in the Bonnie Vale day-use area will be constructed later this year and is scheduled for completion by December 2023.

Heathcote National Park

- (a) In 2023-25, NPWS will deliver capital work to upgrade the fire trails in Heathcote National Park to meet fire management obligations. Works are underway with 50 kilometres of fire trail works scheduled for completion to June 2025.

\* 0924 CAPITAL WORKS ON THE T4 ILLAWARRA LINE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What capital works are scheduled for train stations on the T4 Illawarra Line in the next 24 months?
- (2) Separately for each such works, what are their estimated dates of commencement and completion?

Answer—

I am advised

The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering a public transport system that is accessible, affordable, reliable and safe.

In April 2023, the Minns Labor Government announced a comprehensive and independent review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems. The final report for the review of Sydney Trains' Rail Infrastructure and Systems is expected to be delivered later in 2023.

As projects are undertaken at stations along the T 4 Illawarra Line, communities and passengers will be notified.

\* 0925 U-GO MOBILITY BUS DRIVER AVAILABILITY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) On what if any days between 1 April 2023 and 30 June 2023 did the Minister, her staff or Transport for NSW make an enquiry of U-Go Mobility as to the number of bus drivers available to it for Region 10?
- (2) Separately for each such enquiry:
  - (a) What was U-Go Mobility's reply?
  - (b) What action did the Minister, her staff or Transport for NSW take as a result of that reply?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has been liaising with U-Go Mobility since January 2023, as part of the transition process for Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10, which transitioned to U-Go Mobility on 1 July 2023.

The transition meetings held between Transport for NSW and U-Go Mobility included a review of workforce retention plans and planned recruitment activities.

Transport for NSW was not made aware of any significant staffing shortage prior to transition.

- \* 0926 REGION 10 BUS TIMETABLE RESTORATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

What is the Government's target date for restoration of the full bus timetable in Region 10?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is actively working with U-Go Mobility to return a full bus timetable to Region 10 as soon as possible.

- \* 0927 OPERATING HOURS AND STAFFING CHANGES AT SERVICE NSW CENTRES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

What changes are scheduled for the operating hours of, staffing of or services available at, Service NSW centres in the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

I am advised that Service NSW has no changes scheduled to operating hours, staffing levels or services available at either the Engadine or Miranda Service Centre.

- \* 0928 SAFETY BARRIERS ADJACENT TO SUTHERLAND SHIRE ROADS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

What if any safety barriers are scheduled for installation by or on behalf of the Government adjacent to Sutherland Shire roads in the next 24 months and when?

Answer—

I am advised

There are three locations where safety barriers are planned to be installed in the Sutherland Shire:

Location 1: Sir Bertram Stevens Drive within the Royal National Park Sutherland. Transport for NSW are planning minor road widening and new guard rail installation as a result of off-road crashes.

Location 2: Alfords Points Road between Menai Road and Brushwood Drive. Transport for NSW has completed a detailed design for a central barrier down Alfords Point Road between Menai Road and Brushwood Drive. This barrier will address head on crashes which have occurred over the last five-year period.

Location 3: The Heathcote Road bridge over the Woronora River has been opened to traffic with a central barrier installed for a length of 200 metres to improve safety.

- \* 0929 CATCHMENT AREAS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What if any changes to catchment areas of public schools in the Sutherland Shire will the Government be making or be likely to make in the next 24 months?

Answer—

The Department of Education monitors and reviews school intake areas to ensure efficient and balanced utilisation of school infrastructure in local areas.

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- \* 0930 AMBULANCE WAITING TIMES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to ambulance waiting times for constituents of the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) What is the current Government doing to ensure ambulance waiting times are reduced for those seeking emergency medical attention in the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) What is the current Government doing to ensure ambulance ramping does not occur, particularly at Blacktown and Westmead Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided based on electorate.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

Western Sydney Local Health District has strategies in place to provide timely access to emergency department care.

- \* 0931 AMBULANCE STATION RESOURCING AND PERSONNEL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to ambulance station resourcing and personnel in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) What is the current Government doing to ensure ambulance stations in the Winston Hills Electorate and surrounding localities are adequately funded and resourced to deal with the current emergency healthcare needs of the local area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided by electorate.

- \* 0932 TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to local traffic congestion in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade Old Windsor Road?
- (2) Are there any plans to upgrade Sunnyholt Road?
- (3) Are there any plans to upgrade Seven Hills Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking strategic investigations of Windsor to Northmead, Sunnyholt Road/ Reservoir Road, and Prospect Highway corridors for potential options to improve safety, traffic flow and access along the corridor. The corridor investigations include Old Windsor Road, Sunnyholt Road and Seven Hills Road within the Winston Hills electorate.

- \* 0933 FAILFORD ROAD AND THE LAKES WAY INTERSECTION—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many accidents have been reported at the ‘stop sign’ intersection at Failford Road and The Lakes Way turn-off in:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?

(2) Out of the above-mentioned reported accidents, how many were fatalities?

Answer—

I am advised

At the intersection of Failford Road and The Lakes Way, there were two crashes reported in 2021 and one in 2022, with no crashes reported in 2019 nor 2020. There were no fatalities.

\* 0934 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES UNDER GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many residential properties in the Myall Lakes electorate are currently under ownership of the Government?
- (2) How many tenants are housed in Government owned residential properties in the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of Government owned residential properties in the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (4) What sites have been identified for these properties?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 June 2022, there are 877 government owned residential properties in the Myall Lakes electorate.
- (2) As at 31 July 2023, there were 1,749 people housed in government owned residential properties.
- (3) The Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is planning the construction of 7 x 2-bedroom homes across 3 sites. These are planned for delivery within the next 3 years.
- (4) Social housing development projects are in the early feasibility and due diligence stages. As such, it is too early to provide specific site details.

\* 0935 INTERCITY FLEET TRAINS OPERATIONAL—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When will the new Intercity Fleet Trains be in operation for commuters?
- (2) When will the Blue Mountains line start to see the commencement of the Intercity Fleet Trains?
- (3) When will the Lithgow / Central West commuters be able to use these trains?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has reached a vital agreement to get the full complement of New Intercity Fleet trains on the tracks in the shortest possible time.

A timeline for the introduction of the New Intercity Fleet will be finalised with operations expected to commence in 2024.

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\* 0936 AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS IN THE BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Bathurst Ambulance Station?
- (2) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Lithgow Ambulance Station?
- (3) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Oberon Ambulance Station?
- (4) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Blayney Ambulance Station?
- (5) What is the total number of New South Wales Ambulance paramedics currently working out of the Kandos Ambulance Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance provides staffing to meet operational needs.

Paramedics are mobile and respond to patients, whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station, or another location.

To provide coverage where they are most needed and deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community, ambulance vehicles and paramedic crews move around during shifts.

\* 0937 FORESTRY CORPORATION BUILDING, PANORAMA AVENUE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) In relation to the Forestry Corporation Building, Panorama Avenue Bathurst:
  - (a) What is the scope and type of works being carried out at the Forestry Headquarters?
  - (b) What is the cost of the project?
  - (c) Who has been awarded the tender for this project?
  - (d) When will this work be completed?
  - (e) How many full-time equivalent staff work at the Headquarters in Bathurst?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional NSW.

\* 0938 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES FORESTRY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government consider requiring contributions from New South Wales Forestry for rural road maintenance along their haulage routes?

Answer—

I am advised

Heavy Vehicle owners and operators pay vehicle registration fees, and road users charges respectively. These charges are set to ensure that vehicles that cause more wear and tear on roads, or those that travel further, pay more.

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The NSW Government has committed to create a \$670 million Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund to improve roads in regional NSW. The Emergency Road Repair Fund will include an additional investment of \$390 million and continue the existing \$280 million regional pothole program to ensure there is enough funding available to continue the vital work of repairing regional roads. The Minns Government also committed \$334 million for a Regional Roads Fund to fund a range of priority and half finished projects that were not funded by the previous Liberals and Nationals Government.

\* 0939 MEDICAL INTERNS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What was the total number of medical interns (university graduate doctors) that undertook training at each hospital, separately, for Goulburn Hospital, Yass Hospital and Crookwell Hospital in;
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022- July 2023?
- (2) What was the total number of medical interns (university graduate nurses) that undertook training at each hospital, separately, for Goulburn Hospital, Yass Hospital and Crookwell Hospital in;
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022- July 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hospitals and local health districts vary staff profiles and numbers to meet operational needs.

From 2018-19 to 2022-23, 80 medical interns undertook training at Goulburn Hospital, and 176 graduate nurses were placed across Goulburn, Yass, and Crookwell Hospitals.

\* 0940 SOCIAL HOUSING PLACES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many social housing places were there in the Goulburn electorate during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022-May 2023?
- (2) How many people are waiting for social housing in the Goulburn electorate during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2022- May 2023?

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Answer—

- (1) Data is available on the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/social-housing-residential-dwellings/facs-quarterly-statistics-social-housing-dwellings>.

Goulburn state electorate is in Southern NSW district.

- (a) As of 30 June 2021, there were 3,251 social housing residential dwellings.
- (b) As of 30 June 2022, there were 3,284 social housing residential dwellings.
- (c) Data is reported annually, and is not available as at May 2023. Data for 30 June 2023, will be finalised in December 2023.
- (2) Monthly data is available by NSW allocation zone on the DCJ website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/social-housing-waiting-list-data>.

The following allocation zones are located within Goulburn State Electorate:

GW15 Wingecarribee, S4 Crookwell, S5 Goulburn, S13 Snowy River, S17 Yass and S143 Boorowa.

- (a) As of 30 June 2021, there were 488 applicant households on the NSW Housing Register.
- (b) As of 30 June 2022, there were 562 applicant households on the NSW Housing Register.
- (c) As of 31 May 2023, there were 509 applicant households on the NSW Housing Register.
- \* 0941 MEASURES TO REDUCE VAPING BY TEENAGERS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What measures is the Government developing to reduce the increasing use of vaping by teenagers in New South Wales?
- (2) Is the Government planning to target the illegal selling of vapes to teenagers in retail stores in New South Wales?
- (3) What is the Government doing to stop vaping activities in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the published response to question LA 264.

- \* 0942 ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ON CYCLEWAYS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Will the Government consider making electric scooters allowable to be used on cycleways?
- (2) Why are electric scooters considered different to an e-bike or mobility scooter when it comes to where they can be legally used?

Answer—

I am advised

In designated trial areas, electric scooters hired through an approved share scheme provider are permitted in the following environments (speeds are limited to 20km/h on bicycle paths/lanes and roads, and 10 km/h on shared paths):

- bicycle paths
- shared paths (which can be identified by signs and/or pavement markings showing a pedestrian and a bicycle)
- roads (including bicycle lanes) on which the speed limit is up to 50 kilometres per hour.

Personal Mobility Devices including e-scooters and e-skateboards are primarily designed for recreation or commuting.

- Motorised Mobility Devices including mobility scooters and motorised wheelchairs are designed for the use of people with disabilities.
- For access to footpaths and other environments, pedestrians with Motorised Mobility Devices must not travel above 10km/h.
- Compliant e-bikes are included in the definition of a bicycle. They are not permitted to be used on footpaths except in limited circumstances, for example children under 16 years and those supervising children. This exception is not applicable to e-scooters as these users must be a minimum age of 16.

\* 0943 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN THE PORT MACQUARIE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many social housing properties are located in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (2) How many people are currently on the social housing waiting list in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (3) How many social housing properties are currently vacant in the Port Macquarie electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Data on the number of social housing dwellings is not available by state electorate. Data is available by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Districts on the DCJ website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/social-housing-residential-dwellings/facs-quarterly-statistics-social-housing-dwellings>.
- (2) Monthly data is available by NSW allocation zone at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/social-housing-waiting-list-data>.
- (3) On 30 June 2022, 90 social housing residential dwellings in Northern NSW District were vacant.

\* 0944 LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE'S REPORT INTO EMBEDDED NETWORKS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Could you please advise what steps the Labor Government is taking to implement all recommendations of the Law and Safety Committee's report into Embedded Networks?

Answer—

The NSW Government is currently considering the Committee's report. The NSW Government has asked the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to investigate and report on embedded network issues in NSW.

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\* 0913 TAFE COURSE BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE CAMPUS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Will there be any changes in 2023 or 2024:
  - (a) To the courses offered at TAFE NSW Baulkham Hills Campus?



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- (b) The number of places offered in any course offered at the TAFE New South Wales Baulkham Hills Campus?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report).

- \* 0945 GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY IN PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Could you please advise the specific addresses and details of all Crown lands and each government owned property in the Pittwater electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Government owned properties located in the Pittwater electorate is provided at Attachment A.

Properties owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and residential dwellings have been excluded for privacy reasons.

- \* 0946 SOLAR PANEL POLICIES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Could the Minister advise:

- (a) The details of the Government's current policies to increase residential and small business uptake of solar panels?  
(b) The details of the Government's policies to increase renewable energy availability?

Answer—

(1 a-b) The NSW Government is supporting energy rebate recipients to install solar panels under its Rebate swap for solar offer. Under the offer, eligible households who are prepared to forego their rebate for 10 years are provided a free 3 kilowatt solar system which is expected to deliver energy bill savings of up to \$600 each year.

The NSW Government is delivering the bipartisan NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap to coordinate new transmission, generation, storage and firming infrastructure including renewable energy. The Roadmap is a policy to coordinate investment in generation, storage and network infrastructure to replace aging power stations before they retire, and ensure availability of renewable energy to energy consumers. By 2030, the Roadmap is expected to attract up to \$32 billion in energy infrastructure investment and support the private sector to bring 12 gigawatts of renewable energy and two gigawatts of storage online.

The NSW Government is developing Renewable Energy Zones (REZs). REZs will group new wind and solar power generation into locations where it can be efficiently stored and transmitted across NSW. These zones will be modern day power stations, delivering large amounts of new energy to power our regions and cities.

- \* 0947 NEW PRESCHOOL AT TERREY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Could you please let me know what month and year construction is expected to commence on a new preschool at Terrey Hills Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education is leading consultation to inform the delivery of the Minns Government's commitment to build 100 new preschools on public school sites, the biggest expansion in public preschools in NSW history.

Consultation is occurring with schools in areas of educational need and where there is projected future demand. The NSW Government is implementing a range of measures to support increased access to early childhood education and care.

- \* 0948 MAINTENANCE OF ROADS DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Can the Minister advise whether Local Councils are obligated to prioritise the repair and maintenance of roads which are designated school bus routes?

(a) If so, how often would the Minister expect Local Councils to grade and repair unsealed roads?

Answer—

(1) If a school bus route is on a state-owned road, then Transport for NSW is responsible for road repairs and maintenance.

If a school bus route is on a regional or local road, then the local council is responsible for road repairs and maintenance.

Under the Local Government Act 1993, councils are required to consult with their communities and plan and prioritise their resources to deliver work to meet the needs of their community. This includes work to repair and maintain roads designated as school bus routes.

(a) As Minister for Local Government, I expect all councils to consider the grading and sealing of roads within this legislative framework. That is, based on community priorities within existing resources.

- \* 0949 CLEAN DRINKING WATER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Should residents be provided with clean drinking water if they are paying water and land rates to their Local Council each year?

(2) What obligation do Local Councils have in ensuring residents within their shire are provided with clean drinking water?

Answer—

(1) Water is an important service a council may provide, but under the Local Government Act 1993 a council is not compelled to provide that service to all premises. Provision is at a council's discretion.

If a council does supply water, then it may impose an annual charge for the service under section 501 of the Act. The payment of land rates does not guarantee an owner of land the supply of water to their property.

(2) Where a council chooses to supply drinking water as part of its water supply service, the council is guided by the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines which include provisions about regular water treatment, monitoring, and testing standards.

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The Public Health Act 2010 and the Public Health Regulation 2022 also apply to a council's provision of drinking water. This Act and Regulation contain provisions relating to quality assurance programs, reporting and records management for drinking water suppliers.

\* 0950 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) Is the Government planning to continue the Regional Job Creation Fund?

Answer—

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

\* 0951 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to mental health support services for those impacted by possible future drought conditions in the state:

(1) Is the Government planning to continue ongoing funding for the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) in this years' state budget?

(a) What funding is currently in place for the RAMHP?

(b) Does the Government have any plans to decrease funding for the RAMHP?

(c) Does the Government have any plans to expand the RAMHP?

(2) Given the predictions of a potential El Niño developing as early as this year, does the Minister have a rapid response plan in place, to rollout emergency mental health support for those impacted by future droughts, including those in my electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program will receive \$4.23 million each year to 30 June 2026.

Unlike a flood, fire, or other emergency, drought is a longer-term event that requires sustained support and recovery.

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program. Along with other funded programs, have a dedicated workforce to help communities during and after tough events, Mental health support teams have strong links to communities and services, and help people 'find the care they need.

Specialist mental health services currently offer 24-hour access across NSW. With any adverse event, the need to provide continuity of services is a major priority, Mental health service teams constantly monitor demand and allocate resources to where they are most needed.

\* 0952 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—

Is the Government planning to continue the Stronger Country Communities fund?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

\* 0953 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—

With respect to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program:

The LSCA program was established by the NSW Government following the 2023 election with \$400,000 to be allocated to each of the 93 NSW electorates at a cost of \$37.2 million

- (1) What election commitments were made for the Cootamundra electorate through the LSCA program?
- (2) What consultation occurred with the relevant groups, councils. Or communities?
- (3) Who made the commitment and was this done publicly?
- (4) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?

Answer—

The Local Small Commitments Allocation has been designed to evenly spread funding across all 93 Legislative Assembly electorates.

It has been designed to prevent pork barrelling and ensure that all electorates receive the exact same amount of funding.

The election commitment ensured \$400,000 went to every electorate in NSW regardless of political allegiance; whether or not a Labor candidate won the seat.

The NSW Government will put every single project through a rigorous assessment process including by an expert independent assessment panel.

Independent probity advisors have been appointed to advise on the management of conflicts of interest and provide probity advice.

\* 0954 FIRE ANTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the control of fire ants in New South Wales:

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to ensure fire ants do not enter the state from Queensland?
- (2) Does the Government have a plan to minimise the impact of fire ants, should they be detected in New South Wales?
- (3) Who should residents in the Cootamundra electorate contact, in the event fire ants are found in the local area?
  - (a) Should fire ants be detected in the state, what support is available for residents and businesses – particularly those in regional areas – who are impacted by this invasive pest?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has committed \$95 million, towards protecting the State.

To prevent the spread of red imported fire ants across the border, NSW is boosting community awareness in the border region to ensure any potential incursions are reported as early as possible, as well as regulating the movement of high-risk materials that may carry fire ants into NSW, such as mulch, soil, hay, turf, woodchips, compost, sand, gravel, and potted plants.

A cross border taskforce has commenced to ensure a coordinated approach between NSW and Queensland authorities. Site and vehicle inspections are being conducted by Authorised Officers and NSW Police, as well as using fixed camera systems normally focused on livestock movement for the surveillance at key road crossings between the two states. These critical compliance measures are supported by emergency powers under the Biosecurity Act 2015 (NSW).

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- (2) In July 2023, immediately following the detection of fire ants at Tallebudgera (5.5 km from the NSW border) the NSW Government stood up an Incident Management Team (IMT) to ensure the state is fully prepared to mount an eradication response, should fire ants be found in NSW. The IMT is revising existing preparatory response plans and reviewing operational needs in the event of an infestation in NSW.
- (3) Residents and businesses should call the NSW DPI on 1800 680 244 if they see any sign of fire ants. For more information about red imported fire ants, visit the NSW DPI website <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/insect-pests/fire-ants>
- (a) If fire ants are found in the state, NSW DPI will work with the National Fire Ants Eradication Program to search the surrounding areas, treat the ants to stop their spread and continue to monitor the site until it was clear they had been eradicated.

\* 0955 CANAL BRIDGE, IRRIGATION WAY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to expansion to widen Canal Bridge, Irrigation Way:

- (1) Has the strategic business case been completed?
- (2) If the business case is complete, when will works start on the bridge?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW undertook strategic assessments in September 2020 including straightening the curves in the road alignment before and after the Canal Bridge.

Where the condition of the Bridge impacts the function of the road, Transport for NSW considers required actions. At this time Transport for NSW has not undertaken a strategic business case regarding the widening of Canal Bridge.

\* 0956 ONCOLOGY NURSES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Oncology Nurses within Regional New South Wales:

- (1) As of the date for which the most recent data is available (specifying what that this is), how many Oncology Nurses are currently employed across each of the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Of this information how many Oncology Nurse vacancies are currently noted across each of the nine local government areas of the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) What plan does Government have in place to attract more Oncology Nurses into the Regional New South Wales workforce?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided by local government area or electorate.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has established a Critical Vacancy Taskforce to work on solutions to boost workforce capacity. These include incentives to attract staff, such as relocation payments, interim accommodation, and regional scholarships for post graduate qualifications oncology nursing.

- \* 0957 EXTRA FULL TIME ADMIN STAFF IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to the recent announcement of public schools welcoming 400 extra full-time admin staff or equivalent:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of the public schools across the Cootamundra electorate who will see these extra staff?
- (2) How many extra staff will each school receive?

Answer—

The Minns Government is committed to supporting over-worked teachers who were left feeling burnt out and undervalued by the former Liberal National Government.

This led to a teacher shortage crisis, where in Cootamundra, permanent teacher vacancies grew from about 17 in 2011, to more than 45 when the Liberal National Government left office in 2023.

That is why the Minns Government is committed to providing more support for our hard-working teachers and reducing the excessive administrative workload.

Two public high schools in the Cootamundra electorate are receiving additional administration support staff as part of the School Administration Improvement Program, Cowra High School and Temora High School.

- \* 0958 MUTTAMA CREEK—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Muttama Creek located at Cootamundra, within the LGA of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the Cootamundra Floodplain Risk Management Study:

- (1) Cootamundra has suffered adverse impacts from multiple flood events over the past 12 months, how will the Government provide support to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to ensure preparedness for future flood events?

Answer—

The Member should direct her question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 0959 BEVERLY HILLS COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Are there currently any delays for the completion of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW still actively considering the parking arrangements to ensure that the entire car park is not solely Park&Ride infrastructure?
- (3) Will you closely consult with surrounding business owners to ensure a final decision is made in the best interest of the entire community?

Answer—

I am advised

The Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park is a multi-storey commuter car park with approximately 200 parking spaces at Beverly Hills providing more convenient access to public transport and to help meet the growing demand for commuter parking in the area. The car park has not been delayed and is expected to open 2024.

The commuter car park is proposed to be operated under Transport Park&Ride. This system would encourage use by commuters, however, it will not preclude non-commuters from using the car park.

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Transport for NSW is currently investigating options for the car park to be made available for use by non-commuters during evenings and weekends (off-peak commuter parking hours) and continues to engage with surrounding business owners in relation to project.

Transport for NSW have worked with Georges River Council to develop a map of current timed and untimed parking available in and around the town centre to assist the community with alternate parking options. This map has been provided to the business community for distribution to their customers and will also be included in future collateral for the commuter car park.

Transport for NSW is also working with Georges River Council to investigate potential improvements to timed and untimed parking in the town centre while construction of the commuter car park is underway.

\* 0960 GLENLEE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Given the Minister has received advice that they cannot issue a new Interim Heritage Order:
  - (a) What alternatives is the Minister considering to protect the property?
  - (b) Are funding options still being considered by the Government as part of these alternatives?
- (2) Has the Minister met with any local community organisations, including Friends of Glenlee, to hear the community's concerns firsthand?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) I am working with Heritage NSW to consider what options exist to ensure the heritage values of Glenlee continue to be protected into the future.
  - (b) Heritage NSW sought advice across the NSW Government about potential funding options to acquire Glenlee. However, no funding source have been identified.
- (2) Yes. On 16 August 2023, I met with representatives of Georges River Council and Friends of Glenlee to hear the community's concerns and discuss the future of Glenlee.

\* 0961 PEAKHURST WEST SWIMMING POOL UPGRADES—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade Peakhurst West Swimming Pool:
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, then does the Government have a plan to increase access to community swimming facilities in my electorate?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that the former government did not fund or progress such a project.

Maintenance work will progress, which has included a recent lighting upgrade project.

A Community Use Agreement is in place at the Peakhurst West Swimming Pool and the facility is operational and open to the public.

- \* 0962 SOUTH-WESTERN SYDNEY YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding youth unemployment and underemployment in South-Western Sydney:

- (1) Can the Minister advise of any new initiatives from the Government to address this?
  - (a) If so, what funding has been allocated to these programs?
  - (b) How are these programs being monitored to ensure they are working?
- (2) Has the Minister met with any local and community organisations to discuss the issue?

Answer—

- (1) As youth unemployment/underemployment matters fall under the responsibility of the member to the Minister for Youth, the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, the questions should be referred to her.
- (2) See answer to Question 1.

- \* 0963 OATLEY COMO WALKWAY—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade the Oatley Como Walkway:
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If not, then does the Government have a plan to improve active transport infrastructure in my electorate?

Answer—

Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 0964 RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Since becoming Minister, can you advise:
  - (a) How many times has the Religious Communities Advisory Council met since its first meeting on 23 January 2023?
  - (b) Has the Council been consulted on any of the Government's legislation that may impact on religious communities in New South Wales?
- (2) In relation to Labor's proposed Faith Affairs Council:
  - (a) What does the framework of proposed Faith Affairs Council look like?
    - (i) What is the timeline for establishing the Council?
    - (ii) How many members will it have?
    - (iii) What are the qualifications in order to apply for a position?
    - (iv) How many times will it meet?
    - (v) Who will it report to?
  - (b) Does the Government plan to disband the Religious Communities Advisory Council in order to replace it with a Faith Affairs Council?
  - (c) What will be different about the proposed Faith Affairs Council compared to the existing Religious Communities Advisory Council?



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Answer—

The Religious Communities Advisory Council was a creation of the former government. I am advised it only met once.

The Government is committed to establishing a new Faith Affairs Council to provide a formal channel of feedback from faith organisations to the NSW Government. The Council will have an independent Chair and comprise representatives nominated by religious organisations.

The Council will provide feedback and advice on the priorities and emerging trends within faith communities as well as facilitate the co-ordination of faith-based organisations during times of need, such as the recent pandemic.

\* 0965 RIVERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What progress has been made on the Government's commitment of \$6 million towards the upgrade of Riverwood Community Centre?
  - (a) Will this funding be received prior to the end of financial year 2022/23?
  - (b) If not, can the Government outline when Riverwood Community Centre should expect to receive this funding?

Answer—

The government's election commitments are on the public record and will be delivered as promised.

\* 0966 SOUTH-WESTERN SYDNEY METRO—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Regarding the metro extension from Western Sydney Airport to Macarthur:
  - (a) When will the Government proceed with a business case?
  - (b) How long will the business case to prepare?
  - (c) Will the Government commit to an extensive public consultation process?
  - (d) Will funding for this business case be allocated in the 2023-24 budget?
- (2) Following the Government's recent commitment to continue the Coalition's Sydenham to Bankstown conversion to metro project:
  - (a) Will the Government consider extending the metro from Bankstown to Liverpool?

Answer—

The NSW Government has announced an independent review into Sydney Metro.

The next phase of the Sydney Metro Independent Review, due in Q4 2023, will include analysis of forecast final costs for all projects, an assessment of the impacts of the current Australian infrastructure market and capacity, and priorities for future extensions.

The Sydney Metro Review Terms of Reference is publicly available.

\* 0967 METHODOLOGY USED BY VALUATIONS NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Could the Minister please provide a detailed explanation of the precise formula or methodology used by Valuations NSW on behalf of the Valuer General to determine land values in New South Wales.

- (a) Are there any measures in place to ensure that the valuations reflect a fair market value and do not disproportionately burden homeowners and landowners in our community?
- (b) Are there any measures to provide relief to home owners that cannot afford increased tax obligations to either the Government or Local Government as a result of valuations that escalate significantly because of what is determined by Valuations New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW currently uses a mass valuation system, similar to many jurisdictions in the world. Valuations are determined by professional contract valuers familiar with the local area. Property sales are the most important factor that valuers consider when determining land values. Land values do not include the value of a home or other structures on the land. Each year to value almost 2.7 million properties, the following methodology is utilised.
- Local properties that have similar attributes (such as location, size and amenity) are grouped into 'components'.
  - A broad range of sales evidence is analysed in each group and inspections of some of the properties are undertaken.
  - A representative 'benchmark' property is selected for valuation in each group.
  - The percentage change in value of the benchmark property from its last valuation is then calculated.
  - This percentage change in value is applied to all of the properties in the group to make their new land values.

In addition, properties are individually reviewed at least every five years, with high-risk properties -being properties that may move in significant value or involve complex calculations to derive value -reviewed at more frequent intervals.

Valuation NSW then quality tests all land valuations for accuracy and consistency as well as undertaking targeted audits where data analysis identifies potential inconsistencies or issues prior to values being made annually.

- (a) The Valuer General monitors the overall quality of land values against internationally recognised standards for quality and consistency.
- Valuation NSW on behalf of the Valuer General, undertakes an annual risk-based quality assurance program to audit and ensure the quality of land values comply with the Act, policies, standards and contract requirements.
  - Formal quality assurance reviews in each local government area are undertaken before the Valuation NSW (via delegation) accepts land values.
  - If a landowner believes an error has occurred with the valuation of their property, they can have it reviewed for free by lodging an objection to their Notice of Valuation.
  - Any objection lodged is independently reviewed by a Valuer not involved into the original valuation -providing further separation and assurance of overall independence.
  - Landowners can also appeal the land valuation in the Land and Environment Court of NSW if they are not satisfied with the final determination of the objection,
- (b) by the NSW Treasurer that the NSW Government provides relief to taxpayers who cannot afford increased tax obligations with respect to land valuations. Revenue NSW can provide relief to NSW customers who have been affected by a natural disaster. This support includes:
- extending payment of lodgement time frames

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- arranging payment plans
- lifting licence or registration sanctions
- putting debts on short term hold
- assisting with hardship applications
- considering the emergency situation when assessing requests for review
- further information on natural disaster relief can be found at

[Natural disaster relief | Revenue NSW](#)

The Taxation Hardship Review Board is an independent statutory body that can provide relief from tax obligations in cases of serious financial hardship. Taxpayers can apply for tax relief under this arrangement. Further information is available at:

[Difficulty paying your fine | NSW Government](#)

Further, each council is required to have debt management and hardship guidelines to better manage ratepayer debt and respond to genuine hardship.

The Office of Local Government released Debt Management and Hardship Guidelines in November 2018 to assist councils to:

- develop proactive measures to ensure prompt payment
- minimise default
- follow up ratepayers
- recover debts fairly
- assess hardship claims
- monitor debt.

Eligible pensioners are entitled to a concession of a maximum of \$250 for ordinary rates, and a maximum \$87.50 concession for water and sewer supply services if they are provided by the council.

Each NSW council also has the discretion to provide further concessions above the maximum concessions for pensioners, which must be met by the council.

\* 0968 SYDNEY METRO WEST CONSTRUCTION RELIEF FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government be compensating affected households and businesses if it delays or cancels the Sydney Metro West project?

Answer—

I am advised

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\* 0969 DISABILITY INCLUSION PLAN FOR SYDNEY METRO WEST—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is there a Disability Inclusion Plan for households and families affected by Metro construction?
- (2) If not, will you consider the development and implementation of the plan?
- (3) If the Government delays the construction of the project, will you consider implementing this plan?

Answer—

I am advised

The planning approval for the Sydney Metro West project recognises that people experiencing a disability may be more vulnerable to social impacts from major projects, due to potential changes in local access affecting their routines, social and community networks or the local community character and amenity. Impacts to people experiencing disability was assessed as part of the planning approval social impact assessment.

The planning approval identifies that the project will be designed to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) and the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2022. The project is managed in accordance with the conditions of approval set by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Sydney Metro West remains committed to working with individual stakeholders and residents on specific issues. The team is resourced with area-specific place managers who can provide a flexible and responsive approach to meeting the needs of the community and bring in relevant project subject matter experts as required.

\* 0970 SYDNEY METRO WEST COMPENSATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many households have received any form of compensation, relocation or vouchers from Metro or its contractors including Acciona Ferrovia Joint Venture (AFJV) as part of the Sydney Metro West construction.

Answer—

I am advised that all eligible households have received appropriate offers for respite in line with the construction noise and vibration strategy for Sydney Metro West.

\* 0971 SYDNEY METRO WEST DELIVERY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—

- (1) As Premier, will the Sydney Metro West project be delivered without delay?
- (2) Will the Government cancel the project entirely?

Answer—

The NSW Government will announce its response to the Sydney Metro Review after it receives final recommendations in due course.

\* 0972 SYDNEY METRO WEST TRAVEL TIMES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the promised 20-minute travel time on the Sydney Metro West from Parramatta to the CBD remain unchanged?

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Answer—

I am advised

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\* 0973 SYDNEY METRO WEST - STOPS ON THE ROUTE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—

Is the Government still planning to deliver three Sydney Metro West stations in the Drummoyne electorate at Five Dock, Burwood North (Concord Oval) and North Strathfield?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

\* 0974 SYDNEY METRO WEST - STOPS ON THE ROUTE AND DELIVERY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Sydney Metro West project be delivered without delay?
- (2) Will the Government cancel the project entirely?
- (3) Is the Government still planning to deliver three Sydney Metro West stations in the Drummoyne electorate at Five Dock, Burwood North (Concord Oval) and North Strathfield?

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\* 0975 SYDNEY METRO WEST - COMPLETION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) When is the Sydney Metro West expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised

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\* 0976 SYDNEY METRO WEST FUTURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

When can my community expect the Government's decision on the future of the Metro West?

Answer—

I am advised

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\* 0977 ADJUSTABLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the success of the Brisbane City Council's adjustable parking restrictions during events at Lang Park/Suncorp Stadium, which restricts non-resident parking to 15 minutes during events?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to including an option of adjustable parking restrictions in major event precincts as a measure to manage on-street parking?
- (3) What community consultation has the Government carried out into adjustable parking restrictions:
  - (a) If none, what consultation is planned?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to use adjustable parking restrictions to reduce patron on-street parking during major events at Moore Park stadiums?

Answer—

I am advised this matter does not fall within Transport for NSW. It is a matter for the Centennial and Moore Park Trust, part of Greater Sydney Parklands, which now sits with the Department of Planning and Environment under the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

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\* 0978 DECOMMISSIONED PETROL STATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many redundant petrol stations is the Government aware of in New South Wales?
- (2) How does the Government monitor redundant petrol stations to ensure they are registered as contaminated sites and no risk to public health?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that redundant petrol stations are decommissioned without cost to taxpayers or ratepayers?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to improve oversight and enforcement of responsibility for decommissioning redundant petrol stations?

Answer—

- (1) Polluters and/or property owners have a positive obligation under section 60 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 to notify the EPA of potential or actual site contamination. As of July 2023, 1909 sites have been notified to the EPA with 892 of these sites being service station sites. Many of these 892 sites are operational service stations. The EPA does not keep a register of redundant petrol stations. Using a range of data sources, such as old business directories and phone books, the EPA has identified about 130,000 sites that may have used an underground storage tank, such as marinas, workshops, bus depots and service stations. This work is being undertaken to enable a state-wide risk assessment of disused underground tanks.
- (2) Of the 892 service station sites notified to the EPA, 62 sites have been previously regulated under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997 and 44 sites are currently regulated under the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997. These 'regulated' sites are subject to remediation and monitoring. The remaining notified service stations are generally regulated by local council.
- (3) Decommissioning underground petroleum storage systems (UPSS) located on redundant petrol stations often occurs during site redevelopment. Costs of decommissioning and any associated remediation are borne by the polluter or proponent.
- (4) The EPA will consider inclusion of UPSS decommissioning requirements in the Protection of the Environment Operations (Underground Petroleum Storage Systems) Regulation 2019 as part of the scheduled review to be completed before September 2024. Stakeholders would be consulted on any such amendments.

\* 0979 FOOD SECURITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of increasing shock climate events, drying of the Murray-Darling Basin, more extreme droughts, 'rain bombs', greater flooding and extreme temperatures?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the climate modelling that suggests 'synchronised harvest failures' are now a global threat?
- (3) What programs have resulted from the Government's Climate Change Research Strategy focus on primary industries' resilience?
- (4) What action will the Government take to address predicted increased food insecurity?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has undertaken a comprehensive and nation leading work assessing the vulnerability of various primary industries to projected changes in climate.

These Technical Reports are currently being finalised and are expected to be released before the end of the year. These reports will inform the future research, policy and services needed to support adaptation by the primary industries sector.

There is an additional Technical Report that assesses how droughts could shift under climate change that is currently being finalised and is also due to be released by the end of the year.

In respect to the Murray-Darling Basin, the NSW Government, through the Honourable Minister for Water Rose Jackson, is developing a suite of catchment based regional water strategies which reflect the latest climate evidence to understand future water supply risks and responses.

- (2) The NSW Government has not made an assessment of 'synchronised harvest failures' across different countries that have been reported in the recent literature. The immediate focus has been on governments, like NSW, assessing how climate change is likely to impact their respective crop, horticulture and livestock production sectors within their jurisdiction. A relatively new area is to then understand how extreme weather events like heatwaves, droughts and extreme rainfall events also impact negatively on production, given that these events may well increase under climate change. These are the building blocks required to gain an understanding of climate change impacts, and the extent to which these impacts may be correlated across countries and therefore lead to a synchronisation of harvest failures.
- (3) The Primary Industries Climate Change Research Strategy (PICCRS) ended in June 2023.
- The PICCRS invested in three main program areas:
    - (i) energy supply and demand solutions - tackling barriers to uptake of clean energy solutions in agricultural industries, piloting clean energy and energy efficiency technologies, and researching the feasibility of biomass as a fuel source for energy generation.
    - (ii) carbon market and emission reduction opportunities - mitigating climate change and sequestering carbon is an important opportunity for primary industries to participate in the global efforts for net zero emissions and to diversify on-farm income.
    - (iii) climate resilience building programs - identifying the risks and opportunities of a changing climate for key commodities and biosecurity risks in NSW (28 commodities across cropping, extensive livestock, horticulture, viticulture, forestry and fisheries and 14 related biosecurity risks) and assessing the value of digital technologies (humidity sensors, soil moisture probes, water sensors, automatic weather stations etc) to enhance management decisions in a changing climate.

Investments across each of these areas has resulted in a range of infield pilots, producer based case studies and peer reviewed technical reports that have informed new programs of work.

- (4) DPI has a history of undertaking research and industry development work to address food security risks. This links to the creation of the agency more than 130 years ago, to address food security challenges faced by the newly settled communities at that time. DPI continues to partner with industry to undertake research and industry development to address climate change, biosecurity, natural disasters, landuse conflict, economic shocks and trade barriers. All of these are contributors to food security risks.

The NSW Government, is working to respond to these risks and strengthen the resilience of our agriculture sector, including through a new Biosecurity Commissioner, the Agriculture Commissioner, and the new Dairy and Fresh Food Advocacy work.

\* 0980 SMALL BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What practical support does the Government provide to support small business sustainability:
- (a) What resource materials?



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- (b) Technical advice and assistance?
  - (c) Knowledge exchange?
  - (d) Collective procurement support?
  - (e) Training?
  - (f) Mentorship?
- (2) What grants, loans or other financial incentives does the Government provide to support small business investment in sustainability?
- (3) How many small businesses in New South Wales have been helped through these measures over the past five years:
- (a) How many of these are in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to provide practical help to improve small business sustainability?

Answer—

I am advised

Service NSW for Business provides a range of practical support and assistance to small businesses. This includes State-wide services available in Metro and Regional NSW. The Service NSW for Business website hosts a large number of resources where businesses can navigate and access webinars, practical training videos, guides and resources to help prepare for emergencies and natural disasters, practical advice on managing debt, grant information, a fund finding tracker and much more.

The NSW Grant and Funding Finder is a one-stop shop for people to locate the financial support they need, when they need it, and brings together over 500 grant and funding offerings accessible from one easy-to-use webpage.

In addition, Service NSW for Business provides free independent advice on business operations and practical guidance through its various programs and services which include Business Concierge, Business Connect and the Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative. These programs provide small businesses with the opportunity to network and engage with other businesses, work with government departments to identify how to effectively utilise the extensive range of existing resources, provide specialist advice to build their capability, leverage opportunities and offer businesses support.

The Service NSW for Business frontline team provide information and guidance to NSW businesses to help them navigate government information, services and support, including environmental regulation, programs and initiatives. Service NSW for Business independent business advisers also provide support for businesses wanting to make more environmentally sustainable decisions through tailored advice specific to their business operations.

NSW businesses receive tailored business information through regular Electronic Direct Mail (EDMs) which includes referrals to relevant environmental programs. For example, recent advice included reference to Sydney Water's WaterFix Small Business program which aims to help businesses become more water efficient whilst reducing their water bills. The program enables businesses to claim up to \$750 in plumbing services to make their business more efficient. Another example was information on the single-use plastic ban which came into force on 1 November 2022. Businesses were alerted to what items were banned and given tips on how to switch to more sustainable plastic use including information on plastic recycling and a link to free online information sessions with the National Retail Association.

The NSW Government is committed to further strengthen its support for small business through the Business Bureau and Charter for Small Business. The Bureau will be the dedicated home for small business advice, programs and support in NSW. It will build on Service for Business's functions to provide the advice needed to start a business, access opportunities from Government contracts and overseas markets, navigate red-tape and respond to pain points.

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The Bureau will be underpinned by a commitment through a new Charter which will set out what the business sector can expect from the NSW Government.

\* 0981 LIGHT RAIL OXFORD STREET—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the viability of a light rail service from the CBD along Oxford Street to the eastern suburbs?
- (2) What other routes to the eastern suburbs have been examined?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to develop a proposal for light rail using Oxford Street?

Answer—

I am advised there has been no formal assessment made by the Government of the viability of a light rail service from the CBD along Oxford Street to the Eastern suburbs. The CBD along Oxford Street has the 333 bus service (North Bondi to City Circular Quay via Bondi Junction) which runs at a high frequency enabling a turn up and go service throughout the day.

Transport for NSW has considered extending the Light Rail from Kingsford to Maroubra as part of Future Transport 2056 and the Southeast Sydney Transport Strategy, this extension is not a current planning project or short-term priority.

\* 0982 LIGHT POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What laws or controls are currently in place to regulate light pollution?
- (2) How are residents able to protect themselves from the impacts of light pollution in their homes at night, particularly from signs and advertisements in new developments?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to reduce light pollution such as introducing new controls?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

\* 0983 FORTUNE OF WAR HOTEL, THE ROCKS - EXPANDED GAMING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many electronic gaming machines are operating at the Fortune of War Hotel in The Rocks?
- (2) If the hotel's current development application to provide a new gaming area with smoking permitted is successful, how many additional electronic gaming machines does the hotel plan to acquire?
- (3) To what extent did Place Management NSW approve for the hotel:
  - (a) The application for a new gaming room?
  - (b) The gaming room to allow electronic gaming machine users to smoke while gambling?
  - (c) Additional electronic gaming machines for the hotel?
- (4) Did Place Management NSW give owner's consent to the development proposal for a new gaming area with smoking at this hotel?
  - (a) If so, what consideration was given to Government policies to reduce gambling harm in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) There are 6 Electronic Gaming Machines currently operating at the Fortune of War Hotel. This information is publicly available at:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/licenced-premises-data>

- (2) The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority is responsible for gaming machine regulatory functions including determining licensing matters under the gaming and liquor legislation. Under licence number LIQH400102380, the premises has an authorised limit of 15 Gaming Machine Entitlements which allows for 15 Electronic Gaming Machines to be authorised and operated at the venue. This information is publicly available at:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/licenced-premises-data>

- (3) Place Management NSW is not the consent authority. Place Management NSW provided Owner's Consent for the submission of the development application to the City of Sydney who is the consent authority for this development. Owner's Consent does not constitute endorsement of the proposal, nor development consent.

The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority is responsible for gaming machine regulatory functions including determining licensing matters under the gaming and liquor legislation. There is an existing licence in place to operate 15 Electronic Gaming Machines as per point 2 above.

- (4) Place Management NSW gave Owner's Consent to the submission of a development proposal to the City of Sydney by the lessee.

The proposal was in line with the permitted uses within the lease and the existing licence to operate 15 Electronic Gaming machines.

\* 0984 MOTOR VEHICLE EXHAUST—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the health impacts of petrol and diesel vehicle exhaust, including Nitrous Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and Particulate Matter?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of health impacts specifically on children?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the University of Melbourne's Climate Futures Expert Position Statement 'Health Impacts associated with traffic emissions in Australia', regarding premature deaths in Australia attributable to traffic related air pollution?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of programs aiming to reducing unnecessary vehicle pollution as run in London, California and Western Australia, especially in school zones?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of anti-idling laws in other jurisdictions like those in force in New York City since 1972?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to carry out programs in New South Wales to prevent unnecessary vehicle engine idling and associated noise and air pollution?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to investigate similar laws in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment and the Environment Protection Authority are the lead agencies for air quality management in NSW.

\* 0985 SCHOOLING RESOURCE STANDARD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has Government funding to New South Wales private schools increased almost twice as much as funding to NSW public schools since the 2012 Gonski review recommended needs-based funding based on a Schooling Resource Standard?
- (2) What evidence does the Government have about the impact of under-funding on disadvantaged students, schools and communities?
- (3) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth to ensure federal public school funding is increased to meet the Schooling Resource Standard in New South Wales?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to ensure that funding for New South Wales public schools meet 100 percent of the School Resource Standard?

Answer—

Information on school funding is available through the National Report on Schooling in Australia (ANR) data portal. The following table provides information on the change and growth in per student funding in NSW schools for each sector from 2012-2021, from both the Commonwealth and NSW Governments.

**Government funding per student (ps) from 2012-2021 in NSW**

Sector	2012 \$ ps	2021 \$ ps	Difference \$ ps	Growth%
<b>Commonwealth government funding only</b>				
Government	2,180	3,629	1,449	66%
Catholic	6,890	11,225	4,335	63%
Independent	5,353	8,802	3,449	64%
<b>NSW government funding only</b>				
Government	9,341	12,880	3,539	38%
Catholic	2,364	3,166	802	34%
Independent	2,191	2,811	620	28%
<b>Combined Commonwealth and NSW government funding</b>				
Government	11,521	16,509	4,988	43%
Catholic	9,254	14,391	5,137	56%
Independent	7,544	11,613	4,069	54%

Source: [National Report on Schooling in Australia \(ANR\) data portal](#)

Note: figures from the ANR data portal are unadjusted for inflation.

The Minns Government recognises that 100% of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) is the fair funding level and is committed to ensuring the NSW government school system is appropriately funded.

On 5 May 2023, I co-signed a pledge with the Australian Minister for Education to work with the Commonwealth Government on a pathway to 100% SRS for of the NSW Government schools during the life of the next National School Reform Agreement. The plan to reach 100% will be determined through negotiations of the next National School Reform Agreement, which are expected to formally commence in late 2023.

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- \* 0986 KEMPSEY MACLEAY GREYHOUND RACING TRACK—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding the Kempsey Macleay Greyhound Racing Track:

- (1) How many race meetings has the track been allocated for each month in 2023?
- (2) How many race meetings will the track be allocated in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised by Greyhound Racing NSW:

- (1) None.
- (2) The 2023-24 racing calendar is yet to be finalised.

- \* 0987 NAMBUCCA FIRE ANS RESCUE SEV VEHICLE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding the replacement specialist and enthusiast (SEV) Vehicle for Nambucca Fire & Rescue:

- (1) What is the expected timeline for the new SEV Vehicle being constructed?
- (2) What is the expected timeline for a replacement SEV Vehicle for Nambucca Fire & Rescue?
- (3) Where will the new SEV Vehicle be stationed?

Answer—

I am advised that Service Exchange Vehicles (SEVs) are existing vehicles that are not allocated to specific stations.

- \* 0988 GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) operations in the Mid-North Coast region:

- (1) How many greyhounds have been forfeited to the GAP program from LGAs of:
  - (a) Kempsey?
  - (b) Bellingen?
  - (c) Nambucca?
  - (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings?
- (2) How many greyhounds have been successfully rehomed through the GAP program in the LGAs of:
  - (a) Kempsey?
  - (b) Bellingen?
  - (c) Nambucca?
  - (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings?

Answer—

I am advised by Greyhound Racing NSW:

- (1) (a) Kempsey: 36
- (b) Bellingen: 6

- (c) Nambucca: 0
- (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings: 55
- (2) (a) Kempsey: 11
- (b) Bellingen: 8
- (c) Nambucca: 5
- (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings: 37

\* 0989 WAUCHOPE GREYHOUND RACING TRACK—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding the Wauchope Greyhound Racing Track:

- (1) How many race meetings has the track been allocated for each month in 2023?
- (2) How many race meetings will the track be allocated in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised by Greyhound Racing NSW:

- (1) Six. One a month from January to June.
- (2) The 2023-24 racing calendar is yet to be finalised .

\* 0990 TENDER PROCESS FOR NOT FOR PROFIT OUTSIDE OF SHCOOL CARE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What, if any, consultation process was undertaken by the Department of Education before policy was changed to require all parent-managed Not For Profit Outside of School Care (OOSH) Services on public school sites to be put out to commercial tender?
  - (a) Is this policy still in place?
  - (b) Is there any plan to undertake a review of this policy?
- (2) What, if any, legal advice did the Department of Education receive regarding parent-managed services that led to this change?
  - (a) What, if any, consultation took place with parent-managed services and other services ahead of this policy change?
- (3) What reviews, if any, have been undertaken into the implementation of the Before and After School Care (BASC) Innovation Grant?
- (4) What outcomes have been achieved by the implementation of the Before and After School Care (BASC) Innovation Grant?

Answer—

I am advised that, in December 2020, following a request from a sector peak body, Network of Community Activities, the then Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning asked the Department of Education to undertake a review of existing out of school hours care (OSHC) licence categorisations.

Consultation was held with the Network of Community Activities and the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW (P&C Federation) to discuss the review findings and agree on an approach. Information sessions were held on 22 December 2021 and 19 January 2022 to explain the OSHC provider category review and its findings.

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On 17 November 2022, a joint information session with the P&C Federation was held for OSHC providers. An email was sent to OSHC providers after the session to share the legal templates and grant program details.

I am further advised that, in May 2021 under the former NSW government, the Department of Education arranged for an external legal firm to conduct an independent external review, and that the review was conducted by a firm selected from the NSW Government Legal Services Panel.

Parent-run services were contacted on 13 December 2021 regarding the findings and outcomes of the OSHC provider category review.

The Innovation Grant Program seeks to encourage the development of creative and innovative approaches that meet at least one of the following objectives:

- (a) To support new projects that develop innovative practice to achieve significant improvements to the provision of BASC to NSW primary school students.
- (b) To support new projects that encourage excellence in the delivery of BASC to NSW primary school students.

\* 0991 DEFENCE FUNDING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Premier—

- (1) What processes were followed regarding the decision to become a major sponsor of the Indo Pacific International Maritime Exposition?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding that the Government has committed as a major sponsor of the Indo Pacific International Maritime Exposition?
- (3) What is the total amount of money the Government has spent or committed to spending on defence, including but not limited to partnerships with or grants to StartUps in the private arms manufacturing and/or defence sectors?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

The decision process to be a principal sponsor of Indo Pacific was undertaken in line with the Department of Enterprise Investment and Trade Sponsorship Policy.

Principal sponsorship of the Indo Pacific International Maritime Exposition includes:

- Provision of an exhibition space for up to 60 NSW small and medium sized businesses to promote their products and services to the Defence and Aerospace industry to help grow their business and local jobs and find new international markets.
- The principal sponsorship enables early bird rates for all NSW headquartered companies exhibiting at the event, which makes it accessible for more NSW businesses to take part and promote their business and reinforce NSW's industrial capabilities.

A featured presence on the Indo-Pacific program, including guest speaking roles and marketing opportunities at industry conference meetings to promote NSW as the location of choice for Defence and Aerospace job creating investments.

Reporting on sponsorships will be included in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade 2023/24 Annual Report.

The total spend on all defence and aerospace industry activities in financial year 2022-2023 is 5.9 million (including operational expenditure and grants).

\* 0992 BREAST CANCER SCREENING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What consideration has the Department for Health given to additional guidelines and screening processes for people with dense breasts?
- (2) What consideration has been given to reducing the out of pocket expense for people with dense breasts to access a breast MRI?

Answer—

I'm advised:

BreastScreen NSW aligns with the national position statement and does not currently record or report breast density.

BreastScreen Australia is continuing to work with women, screening services and researchers to further develop the evidence base and to pilot notification, using emerging reporting tools and initiatives to ensure that valid, reliable and useful information is provided to women to inform future decision-making.

BreastScreen NSW has a page dedicated to breast density on the website.

It is vital that an evidence based, consistent and equitable approach to identifying and managing the needs of women who are identified as having dense breasts is developed. This requires a national approach, bringing together breast screening programs, diagnostic experts, and primary care.

A mammogram is the best way to detect breast cancer early.

Medicare rebates are available if individuals are referred for further screening by their general practitioner, noting some providers charge a gap fee.

Funding of Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) items is a matter for the Australian Government.

\* 0993 SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

As of February of this year, the Government has extended state support for young people in out of home care from 18 years to 21 years:

- (1) Noting this, can you please clarify if this extension also applies to children and young people living in residential care?

Answer—

I am advised that after care assistance is available to all eligible care leavers until age 25.

Separately, the Independent Living Allowance introduced in February 2023 is not available to people aged 18 or older who are still in residential care or a supported independent living program funded by DCJ, where their accommodation and other essential living expenses are provided for.

\* 0994 PROPERTIES HEADLEASED BY DEPT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many properties does the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) currently headlease across NSW?
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- (a) How many are short-term headleases secured to meet existing tenant needs?
  - (i) Of these, how many properties have been headleased to relocate tenants from public housing estates undergoing redevelopment projects?
- (b) How many are spot headleases secured specifically to house clients that are approved for immediate or priority housing?
- (3) Are there any scenarios in which DCJ headleases properties for longer than 3 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of 7 August 2023, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) had 2,625 headlease properties.
  - (a) Headlease properties are located in various locations across NSW. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of the occupants of headlease properties it would not be appropriate to provide the addresses of each property.
  - (b) The estimated Annual Rent Figure is \$47.9 million.
- (2) DCJ does not record this data.
- (3) Yes. DCJ guidelines for the duration of a lease on a headleased property is between six months to three years. However, out of guidelines approval can be sought for longer leases. Lease terms of five years were obtained recently with the acquisition of 110 headlease properties. The longer lease period was necessary to ensure this bulk acquisition of properties in a difficult rental market.

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\* 0996 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In each of the past twenty years, how many affordable homes were delivered as a component of private residential developments across the state in accordance with the Housing SEPP?
  - (a) Of these, how many are still currently affordable housing?
  - (b) How many, if any, affordable homes delivered through the Housing SEPP in this period have remained affordable housing beyond the 15-year minimum period?
- (2) Does the Department of Planning currently have any oversight over the number and location of affordable homes delivered as part of private residential developments under the Housing SEPP?
  - (a) If not, are there any plans to develop such a database or register of affordable housing?
- (3) What measures are in place to ensure that households on “very low” and “low” incomes who live in affordable housing do not pay more than 25-30% of their gross income in rent?
  - (a) What guidelines, if any, are provided to community housing providers to assist in developing their rent setting policies, which the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines 2022/23 grants them discretion to do?

Answer—

- (1a - b) The Department of Planning and Environment does not hold most of this data as historically councils have been the consent authority for most residential development.

However, from 26 November 2021 until 30 June 2022, following the introduction of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP), 258 development applications approved incorporated an affordable housing component using Housing SEPP incentive provisions.

Affordable housing dwellings delivered through these projects will need to be managed by a registered community housing provider and used as affordable housing for the required 15-year minimum period.

- (2) The Department is working to improving data collection through the Planning Portal and will continue to liaise with councils on how systems can be improved.
- (3) (a) The definition of "very low" and "low" income is defined in [Section 13 of the Housing SEPP](#). Existing rules under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 require affordable housing dwellings that are developed under the Housing SEPP in-fill affordable housing provisions to have restrictions registered on the titles of each affordable housing dwelling. Restrictions require dwellings to be used as affordable housing and managed by a registered Community Housing Provider (CHP).

CHPs must comply with the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines 2022/23 when setting rent and ensure that those households on very low and low 1/es pay no more than 25-30% of their gross income in rent.

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\* 0997 SELF-ASSESSMENT PATHWAYS FOR STATE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In the past 5 years, how many public, social and affordable homes built by LAHC were approved under the self-assessment powers in the Housing SEPP? Of these homes, what was the breakdown by:
  - (a) Bedroom numbers (e.g. studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom);
  - (b) Geographic location; and
  - (c) Average time taken from self-assessment to occupation by the first tenant?
- (2) In the past 5 years, how many public, social and affordable homes built by AHO were approved under the self-assessment powers in the Housing SEPP? Of these homes, what was the breakdown by:
  - (a) Bedroom numbers (e.g. studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom);
  - (b) Geographic location; and
  - (c) Average time taken from self-assessment to occupation by the first tenant?
- (3) In the same period, how many affordable homes built by Landcom were approved under the self-assessment powers in the Housing SEPP? Of these homes, what was the breakdown by:
  - (a) Bedroom numbers (e.g. studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom);
  - (b) Geographic location; and
  - (c) Average time taken from self-assessment to occupation by the first tenant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-2) This is a question for the Minister for Housing.
- (3) Until this Government changed the policy, Landcom has never previously had self-assessment powers under the Housing SEPP.

\* 0998 RETURN AND EARN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding Return and Earn:

- (1) When will the scheme include wine bottles?
- (2) How many containers have been recycled in the Tweed Electorate in:
  - (a) Year to date (2023)?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2020?
  - (e) Since the scheme began in 2017?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is considering feedback received during the public consultation on expanding the Return and Earn scheme that was held in late 2022. The Government is committed to further consultation with stakeholders ahead of a decision.

(2) Containers returned in the Tweed Electorate as at 6 August 2023 are:

- (a) 2023 - 16,653,684
- (b) 2022 - 24,201,534
- (c) 2021 - 21,748,880
- (d) 2020 - 22,826,252
- (e) Since the scheme began in 2017 - 128,050,118

\* 0999 MULTI MODAL CORRIDOR STUDY COOLANGATTA TO TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Can you provide an update on the Multi Modal Corridor Study for a future light rail extension from Coolangatta in Queensland to the Tweed?

Answer—

I am advised

The Tweed Multimodal Corridor Study investigated transport opportunities for a multimodal transport corridor within the Tweed Shire. This includes the consideration of light rail, impacts on traffic, buses, and active transport.

The NSW Government is committed to the delivery of integrated strategic plans for roads and transport. Community consultation on these plans is expected.

Any decision on future public transport solutions for Tweed Shire, including the expansion of Gold Coast Light Rail to Tweed Shire, will need to consider the broader transport network. This includes the region-shaping infrastructure, changes in land use, population growth, and investment decisions by Queensland Government and the Australian Government.

\* 1000 GREEN HATS FOR AARON—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Can you provide an update on mandating Green Hats for Aaron, an initiative designed to allow easy identification of apprentices on a worksite and a reminder to all personnel that greater care and additional information may be required throughout the day?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be directed to the Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Work Health and Safety.

\* 1001 NORTHERN BEACHES BUS SERVICE CANCELLATIONS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) In regards to cancellations of scheduled bus services across all routes in Region 8, what was the total number of scheduled services and total number of cancellations of scheduled services in the following periods:

- (a) January 2023?
- (b) February 2023?
- (c) March 2023?
- (d) April 2023?
- (e) May 2023?

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- (f) June 2023?
- (2) In regards to the Route B1 in Region 8, what was the total number of scheduled services and total number of cancellations of scheduled services in the following periods:
- (a) January 2023?  
(b) February 2023?  
(c) March 2023?  
(d) April 2023?  
(e) May 2023?  
(f) June 2023?
- (3) In regards to Route 160X, what was the total number of scheduled services and total number of cancellations of scheduled services in the following periods:
- (a) January 2023?  
(b) February 2023?  
(c) March 2023?  
(d) April 2023?  
(e) May 2023?  
(f) June 2023?
- (4) Could you please provide the full list of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are set out in the Greater Sydney Bus Contract Region 8 and are used to monitor the performance of Keolis Downer Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore Bus Services?
- (5) Does Transport for NSW have contractual levers to penalise operators if KPIs are consistently below target for a prolonged period of time? What are they?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The number of scheduled and cancelled services across all Region 8 in the following periods:
- (a) January 2023 - Scheduled trips: 84,302; Cancelled trips: 1,162  
(b) February 2023 - Scheduled trips: 87,260; Cancelled trips: 5,293  
(c) March 2023 - Scheduled trips: 97,285; Cancelled trips: 5,629  
(d) April 2023 - Scheduled trips: 85,169; Cancelled trips: 3,364  
(e) May 2023 - Scheduled trips: 98,197; Cancelled trips: 6,263  
(f) June 2023 - Scheduled trips: 94,014; Cancelled trips: 4,713
- (2) The number of scheduled and cancelled Route B1 services in the following periods:
- (a) January 2023 - Scheduled trips: 9,014; Cancelled trips: 113  
(b) February 2023 - Scheduled trips: 9,631; Cancelled trips: 564  
(c) March 2023 - Scheduled trips: 10,353; Cancelled trips: 442  
(d) April 2023 - Scheduled trips: 9,913; Cancelled trips: 166  
(e) May 2023 - Scheduled trips: 10,883; Cancelled trips: 497  
(f) June 2023 - Scheduled trips: 9,678; Cancelled trips: 388

- (3) The number of scheduled and cancelled Route 160X services in the following periods:
- (a) January 2023 - Scheduled trips: 6,631; Cancelled trips: 129
  - (b) February 2023 - Scheduled trips: 5,968; Cancelled trips: 605
  - (c) March 2023 - Scheduled trips: 6,612; Cancelled trips: 587
  - (d) April 2023 - Scheduled trips: 6,442; Cancelled trips: 474
  - (e) May 2023 - Scheduled trips: 6,678; Cancelled trips: 675
  - (f) June 2023 - Scheduled trips: 6,459; Cancelled trips: 552
- (4) Below is the full list of Key Performance Indicators in the Greater Sydney Bus Contracts, used to monitor the performance of Greater Sydney bus operators, including Keolis Downer Northern Beaches:

KPI	KPI Name/Description
SD1	Punctuality Rate - On Time Running (OTR) (First Transit Stop)
SD2	Punctuality Rate - On Time Running (OTR) (Mid Transit Stop)
SD3	Punctuality Rate - On Time Running (OTR) (End Transit Stop)
SD4	Punctuality Rate - Headway Services EWT
SD5	On Demand Booking Acceptance Rate
SD6	On Demand Operator Booking Cancellation Rate
SD7	Cancelled and Incomplete Trips
SD8 (i)	Tracked Trips (i)
SD8 (ii)	Tracked Trips (ii)
SD8(iii)	Tracked Trips (iii)
SD9	Accessible Bus Services
CE1	Customer Complaints per Boardings
CE2 (i)	Customer Complaints Resolution (i)
CE2 (ii)	Customer Complaints Resolution (ii)
CE2 (iii)	Customer Complaints Resolution (iii)
CE2 (iv)	Customer Complaints Resolution (iv)
CE3	Customer Satisfaction - On demand Service feedback rating
CE4	Customer Satisfaction
CE5 (i)	Asset Presentation (i)
CE5 (ii)	Asset Presentation (ii)
CE6 (i)	Data Maintenance (i)
CE6 (ii)	Data Maintenance (ii)
CE7 (i)	Driver and Service Quality (i)
CE7 (ii)	Driver and Service Quality (ii)
SA1 (i)	Asset Condition (i)
SA1 (ii)	Asset Condition (ii)

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- SA2 (i) Contract Bus Maintenance - Major Defects or Incidents (i)  
 SA2 (ii) Contract Bus Maintenance - Major Defects or Incidents (ii)  
           Contract Bus Maintenance - Minor Defects/ Self Clearing  
 SA3 Defects  
 SA4 (i) CCTV and Duress Alarm Reliability (i)  
 SA4 (ii) CCTV and Duress Alarm Reliability (ii)  
 SA5 Bus Valid Ticket Rate  
 SA6 (i) Reporting and Information (i)  
 SA6 (ii) Reporting and Information (ii)

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website. ([https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/buses-and-coaches/bus-contracts#Greater\\_Sydney\\_Bus\\_Contract](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/buses-and-coaches/bus-contracts#Greater_Sydney_Bus_Contract)) (GSBC))

- (5) The contract includes a number of levers which are linked to performance, particularly the Key Performance Indicators schedule. Further details of these performance mechanisms, including both abatement and performance incentives, is also publicly available in the Schedule 4 (Key Performance Indicators) ([https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/buses-and-coaches/bus-contracts#Greater\\_Sydney\\_Bus\\_Contract](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/buses-and-coaches/bus-contracts#Greater_Sydney_Bus_Contract)) (GSBC))

\* 1002 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2020 NEW SOUTH WALES BUSHFIRE INQUIRY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) The New South Wales Bushfire Inquiry of 2020 made 148 recommendations and sub-recommendations for future improvements to how New South Wales plans, prepares for and responds to bushfires.
- (a) When was the latest quarterly progress report on implementation of the New South Wales Bushfire Inquiry published?
- (b) When will the next quarterly report be published?
- (c) Have quarterly progress reports been consistently published until the completion of all implementation of recommendations? If not, why not?
- (2) In the June 2022 progress report, 50% of the 148 recommendations and sub recommendations had been completed and another 50% were in progress.
- (a) What progress has been made in the past year, and have all of the recommendations with a target date of Q2 2023 or prior been completed?
- (b) If not, which recommendations have and have not been completed?
- (3) In particular, what is the status of the implementation of the following recommendations from the New South Wales Bushfire Inquiry:
- (a) Recommendations 25 and 26 relating to the respectful collaborative and effective use of Aboriginal Land Management practices?
- (b) Recommendation 33 relating to finalising a statewide strategic fire trail network?
- (c) Recommendation 40 relating to improving firefighter safety, including Recommendation 40 c) relating to obtaining new generation fire tankers?

- (d) Recommendation 52 relating to trialling of aerial firefighting at night, including whether trials were held in the 2022-23 fire season, if they were successful and if aerial firefighting will be possible at night during the coming bushfire season?
- (e) Recommendation 70 relating to ensuring evacuation centres are fit for purpose?
- (4) What were the outcomes of the Pre-determined Dispatch Trial conducted between December 2020 and February 2021 in Wagga Wagga, Cowra and Sydney (for early fire suppression via initial aerial dispatch)?
- (5) What will be the strategy for early fire suppression during the 2023-24 summer Bush fire season in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Bushfire Inquiry Quarterly Progress Reports set out the implementation status of all recommendations and sub recommendations of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry. Reporting commenced in Quarter 1 2021 (January to March). Following tabling of the reports in the NSW Parliament the reports are published on the NSW Parliament and NSW Government websites.

As of Quarter 1 2023, actions to address 101 recommendations and sub-recommendations have been completed, with the remaining 47 in progress, including Recommendation 25, 26, 40 and 52. Recommendation 33 is partially completed and Recommendation 70 has been completed. The next 2020 NSW Bushfire Inquiry Quarterly Report for Quarter 2 2023 (April to June) will be tabled in Parliament in the third quarter of 2023 and published on the Parliament website and [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) soon after.

The NSW Rural Fire Service completed the Pre-Determined Dispatch (PDD) Trial between December 2020 and February 2021 in Wagga Wagga, Cowra and Sydney. The PDD program aims to keep fires small by deploying aerial firefighting assets to new reports of bush and grass fires simultaneously with fire appliances on days of heightened fire danger. The trial demonstrated that PDD arrangements have the potential to reduce the time it takes to effectively respond to bushfires.

Further detail of the Government's preparations for the 2023-24 bush fire season will be available in the forthcoming Bush Fire Season Outlook Statement prepared by NSW Rural Fire Service, which is due to be tabled in the NSW Parliament in September 2023.

\* 1003 BIDIRECTIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Energy, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What are the current regulatory barriers in New South Wales to installing bidirectional electric vehicle chargers on residential and commercial premises?
- (2) What regulatory reforms would be needed to enable uptake of bidirectional electric vehicle charging in New South Wales for residential and commercial premises?
- (3) Has the Government considered following South Australia's recent move to approve network connection of bidirectional electric vehicle charging? If not, why not?
- (4) What steps is the Government taking as part of the electric vehicle strategy to enable and accelerate uptake of bidirectional charging given the potentially transformative impact of this technology for individuals and the grid?

Answer—

- (1) There is currently very limited availability in Australia of Vehicle to Grid (V2G) capable vehicles and charging systems. The vast majority of EVs available in the NSW market today use a CCS2 (Combined Charging System, Combo 2) charging plug. Global standards are still under development to enable bidirectional charging for EVs using this plug.



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There is some concern that national inverter standards do not currently clearly allow for V2G charger connections to the electricity network.

- (2) The NSW Government is engaging with other states and territories to facilitate grid integration of electric vehicles through the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council (ECMC), including through identifying and pursuing appropriate regulatory reforms. Grid integration includes bidirectional charging.
- (3) The NSW Government does not prohibit or prevent the approval of network connections for bidirectional EV chargers. This is for the consideration of NSW's Distributed Network Service Providers.
- (4) In addition to work under the ECMC (see response to question 2), the NSW Peak Demand Reduction Scheme is intended to incentivise V2G bidirectional charging when the technology becomes more available. This will require the development of related rules under the scheme.

\* 1004 RESIGNATIONS OF TEACHERS IN THE DUBBO ELECTORATE—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What was the total number of resignations of teachers working at schools in the Dubbo Electorate in:
  - (a) 2023 to date?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2020?

Answer—

For 12 years, the former Liberal National Government undervalued teachers. This led to a teacher shortage crisis which the former Government denied existed.

This led to permanent vacancies in Dubbo growing from about 17 in 2011, to more than 55 in 2023. When the Liberal National Government left office, Dubbo had the fourth highest number of vacancies in NSW.

Resignations data pertains to permanent staff only, where the separation is formal from the department.

Year	Total resignations from teaching positions 2020 - 16 August 2023
2020	33
2021	30
2022	41
2023 (as at 16 August)	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>

Data source - Department of Education - HR Personnel System

\* 1005 FULL TIME TEACHERS IN THE DUBBO ELECTORATE—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Separately for each public school in the Dubbo electorate, as at the date for which the most recent date is available (and specifying what date that is), how many teachers full time employed (FTE) are employed in that school?

Answer—

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School Name	Total 2023 Teaching FTE_18 May 2023
Ballimore Public School	1.54
Buninyong Public School	29.96
Cudgegong Valley Public School	35.88
Dubbo College Delroy Campus	51.59
Dubbo College Senior Campus	66.73
Dubbo College South Campus	61.09
Dubbo North Public School	21.26
Dubbo Public School	47.17
Dubbo School of Distance Education	67.24
Dubbo South Public School	41.24
Dubbo West Public School	26.47
Eumungerie Public School	1.53
Geurie Public School	3.38
Goolma Public School	1.52
Gulgong High School	28.20
Gulgong Public School	21.48
Hargraves Public School	1.63
Lincoln School	9.40
Lue Public School	2.77
Mian School	9.08
Mudgee High School	66.10
Mudgee Public School	42.09
Mumbil Public School	1.73
Narromine High School	32.70
Narromine Public School	19.11
Orana Heights Public School	45.20
Red Hill EEC	2.00
Stuart Town Public School	1.63
Trangie Central School	23.68

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Wambangalang EEC	2.00
Wellington High School	38.60
Wellington Public School	32.37
Wongarbon Public School	3.95
Yawarra Community School	12.59

- \* 1006 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE VOUCHERS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

How many Before and After School Care vouchers have been claimed within the Dubbo electorate since its inception?

Answer—

Under the timeline and funding arrangements set in place by the former Liberal and Nationals government, the program ended on 30 June 2023.

I am advised approximately 0.5% of vouchers redeemed since the program's inception were in the Dubbo electorate.

- \* 1007 COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS OPERATION NOISE REVIEW—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With regards to the Coffs Harbour Bypass, what are the terms of reference for the Operation Noise Review expected to be completed by the end of the year?

Answer—

I am advised

The Operational Noise Review is a requirement under the project's Conditions of Approvals E47, which can be found on the project website.

Noise guidelines for the project are set by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and change depending on whether the section is a new road on a new alignment or an upgrade on the existing alignment. Noise guidelines for the new section of the highway are 55 decibels during the day and 50 decibels at night, while for the redeveloped sections they are 60 decibels during the day and 55 decibels at night.

The noise monitoring survey for the project was conducted at 21 locations across Coffs Harbour and is considered representative of the noise environment throughout the project.

When assessing noise, the following is considered:

- the location of noise sensitive receivers such as homes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, places of worship and parks.

During planning and when assessing the predicted noise impact Transport for NSW monitors:

- Volume and speed of traffic
- Horizontal and vertical road alignment
- Gradient of the road
- Bridge or road surface joints – to ensure they are designed to minimise noise of tyre impact
- Road surface

- Shielding structures such as barriers, walls and mounds

For more information on the assessment of noise impacts from traffic, and mitigation treatments is also available on the project website under 'Noise FAQs' within the Document Library.

<https://www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au/document-library/coffs-harbour-bypass-project-noise-faqs>

- \* 1008 INCREASED NOISE AT CHARLESWORTH BAY ROAD AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Operational Noise Review take into consideration the increased noise from Traffic Lights being installed at the Charlesworth Bay Rd & Pacific Highway intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

In the Environmental Impact Statement and associated Amendment Report, a feasible and reasonable assessment of the area was undertaken. The assessment was taken in accordance with relevant NSW Noise Mitigation Guidelines to determine noise mitigation for Pacific Bay Resort and in accordance with NSW Department of Planning environmental assessment requirements.

Transport for NSW is confident the operational noise assessment undertaken for the Environmental Impact Statement, and associated Amendment report for the Coffs Harbour Bypass project have appropriately assessed noise impacts from traffic. This includes areas that are subject to traffic lights such as the intersection of Charlesworth Bay Road and Pacific Highway.

- \* 1009 COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What is the Coffs Harbour Bypass expected to open to traffic, and when is the full project completion date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The bypass will be delivered using a single design and construct contract to ensure innovation and value for money and is expected to be open to traffic by late 2026 and fully completed by late 2027.

- \* 1010 E-SCOOTER REGULATION—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Transport—

Has the minister conducted any reviews into regulating alternate forms of transports such e-scooters, and are they likely to be regulated in the near future?

Answer—

I am advised

Trials of share scheme e-scooters are currently ongoing in NSW. To enable the trials, regulatory amendments were made to create a range of rules applicable to e-scooters and to exempt compliant share scheme e-scooters from licensing and registration requirements.

The electric scooter trials were initiated in response to the growing popularity of e-scooters and the need to safely manage their use. Data from these trials will assist in considerations of future e-scooter regulation in NSW.

Regulatory amendments were made in February 2023 for the use of e-skateboards as a mobility device for people with disabilities. Other uses of e-skateboards remain prohibited in NSW except on private property.

There are two types of permitted e-bikes in NSW: Power-assisted pedal cycles and Electrically power-assisted cycles. Compliant e-bikes are included in the definition of a bicycle in the Road Rules 2014 and are therefore permitted in the same environments as other bicycles and subject to the same rules.

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- \* 1011 AERIAL PUMPER COFFS HARBOUR FIRE AND RESCUE STATION—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

What is the expected delivery date for the Aerial Pumper for the Coffs Harbour Fire and Rescue Station?

Answer—

I am advised that the aerial pumper was delivered to Coffs Harbour on 29 July 2023.

- \* 1012 COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS INFORMATION OFFICE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Why have you closed the Coffs Harbour Bypass information office on Moonee Street, Coffs Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has launched a mobile information van to have a greater reach of the community compared to the information office on Moonee Street.

As a mobile resource, the van facilitates more community access to project team members at convenient locations.

- \* 1013 AMBULANCE STATION RESOURCING AND PERSONNEL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to ambulance station resourcing and personnel in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) How many ambulance officers are currently employed at stations in the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) Are there any immediate plans to increase this number?
- (3) How many new ambulance officers will be employed across these local stations in the next 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance does not provide resources by electorate.

- \* 1014 EMERGENCY ROOM WAITING TIMES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to emergency room waiting times in the Winston Hills Electorate?

- (1) What is the current Government doing to ensure there is a reduction in wait time for patients attending the emergency room at Westmead Hospital?
- (2) What is the current Government doing to ensure there is a reduction in wait time for patients attending the emergency room at Blacktown Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

Patients in emergency department waiting rooms are monitored and treated according to their clinical priority.

To reduce wait times, Western Sydney Local Health District has implemented strategies at Westmead and Blacktown Hospital Emergency Departments, including recruiting additional medical and nursing staff,

implementing the emergency department navigator role to assist with planning and expediting transfers to wards, and increasing staff awareness of the Hospital in the Home program.

Additionally, Westmead Hospital has reintroduced its early treatment zone model of care, while Blacktown Hospital has recruited to front of house medical and nursing positions to facilitate timely ambulance offloading and expedite non-urgent care.

- \* 1015 CROSSING SUPERVISION AT LOCAL SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation crossing supervision at local schools in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) Which schools in the Winston Hills Electorate does the Government currently provide crossing supervisors for?
- (2) Are there any schools in the Winston Hills Electorate that have vacant crossing supervisor positions?
- (3) If so, are there any plans to fill these vacant crossing supervisor positions?

Answer—

I am advised

All schools within the School Crossing Program for the Winston Hill Electorate have a School Crossing Supervisor and there are no vacant positions.

The Government provides crossing supervisors at Winston Hills Public School, Winston Heights Public School, Vardys Road Public School, Toongabbie Public School, St Paul The Apostle, Seven Hills West Public School, Parklea Public School, Northmead Public School, Kings Langley Public School and Caddies Creek Public School.

- \* 1016 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

How many eligible school travel passes have been issued for students in the Myall Lakes electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been 1,593 School Student Transport Scheme passes issued to students in the Myall Lakes electorate since the scheme commenced in January 2016.

- \* 1017 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Before and After School Care Vouchers:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to reinstate the Before and After School Care Voucher Program?
- (2) As at the date of this question, how many Before and After School Care Vouchers have been claimed in the Myall Lakes electorate this calendar year?
- (3) How many Before and After School Care vouchers have been claimed within the Myall Lakes electorate since its inception?

Answer—

Under the timeline and funding arrangements set in place by the former Liberal and Nationals government, the program ended on 30 June 2023.

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I am advised approximately 1% of vouchers redeemed since the program's inception were in the Myall Lakes electorate, and approximately 0.84% redeemed this calendar year were in the Myall Lakes electorate.

- \* 1018 BACK BURNING OPERATIONS IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to back burning operations in the Myall Lakes electorate:

- (1) With the predication of drought, drier times, and strong winds over the summer period:
- (a) What measures have been taken by emergency services to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season in the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (b) What are in total of backburning has taken place in the Myall Lakes electorate, specifically to the calendar years of
- (i) 2020?
- (ii) 2021?
- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) (a) Bush fire mitigation activities include:
- Ongoing hazard reduction operations
  - Interface inspections
  - Water tank installation
  - Community information sessions
  - Community Protection Plans
- (b) The Myall Lakes electorate covers part of the Mid-Coast Local Government Area. Total prescribed burning and mechanical clearing across the LGA per year:
- (i) 2020 -571 hectares
- (ii) 2021 -729 hectares
- (iii) 2022 -1,302 hectares
- (iv) 2023 -1,349 hectares

- \* 1019 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIASON OFFICERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLO).
- (a) How many DVLOs are there across the state?
- (b) At what stations are the DVLOs currently located? Please provide a list.
- (c) What stations currently do not have a DVLO? Please provide a list.

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1 a) As at 6 August 2023, there are 114 DVLOs across NSW Police Area Commands (PACs) and Police Districts (PDs).
- (1 b) Auburn PAC: 2  
Bankstown PAC: 1  
Barrier PD: 2  
Blacktown PAC: 2  
Blue Mountains PAC: 1 Brisbane Water PD: 1  
Burwood PAC: 2  
Camden PAC: 2  
Campbelltown City PAC: 6 Campsie PAC: 2  
Central North PD: 2  
Central West PD: 2  
Chifley PD: 3  
Coffs-Clarence PD: 4  
Cumberland PAC: 2  
Eastern Beaches PAC: 3 Eastern Suburbs PAC: 1 Fairfield City PAC: 4  
Hawkesbury PAC:  
Hunter Valley PD: 2  
Inner West PAC: 3  
Kings Cross PAC: 1  
Ku-Ring-Gai PAC: 1  
Lake Illawarra PD: 2  
Lake Macquarie PD: 2  
Leichhardt PAC: 1  
Liverpool City PAC: 3  
Manning-Great Lakes PD: 1  
Mid North Coast PD: 1  
Monaro PD: 1  
Mt Druitt PAC: 2  
Murray River PD: 2  
Murrumbidgee PD: 2  
Nepean PAC: 2  
New England PD: 1  
Newcastle City PD: 2  
North Shore PAC: 1  
Northern Beaches PAC: 2



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Orana-Mid Western PD: 2  
 Oxley PD: 1  
 Parramatta PAC: 2  
 Port Stephens-Hunter PD: 2  
 Richmond PD: 2  
 Riverina PD: 3  
 Riverstone PAC: 1  
 Ryde PAC: -  
 South Coast PD: 5  
 South Sydney PAC: 2  
 St George PAC: 4  
 Surry Hills PAC: 1  
 Sutherland Shire PAC: 4  
 Sydney City PAC: 1  
 The Hills PAC:  
 The Hume PD: 5  
 Tuggerah Lakes PD: 2  
 Tweed-Byron PD: 1  
 Wollongong PD: 2

All police positions attached to PDs and PACs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district/area.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources, etc) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

- (1 c) As at 6 August 2023, DVLO position vacancies exist at Hawkesbury, Ryde and The Hills PACs. These positions are temporarily filled by other police officers.

\* 1020 TRUNKY CREEK AND ROCKLEY POLICE STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to Trunkey Creek and Rockley police station refurbishments.
- (a) When will the Rockley Police station be operational again and house the local police officer?
  - (b) When will the Trunkey Police station be operational again and house the local police officer?
  - (c) What was the cost of the refurbishment for the Rockley Police Station?
  - (d) What was the cost of the refurbishment for the Trunkey Creek Police station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 a) The Rackley Police Station is currently operational. The local police officer took up residence on 20 July 2023.

(1 b) The Trunkey Police Station is currently operational. The local police officer will be taking up residence on 19 September 2023.

(1 c-d) The Rackley and Trunkey Police residences were refurbished, not the police stations. Property and Development NSW conducted the refurbishments and holds the information regarding costs incurred.

\* 1021 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Premier—

(1) In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program:

The LSCA program was established by the NSW Government following the 2023 election with \$400,000 to be allocated to each of the 93 NSW electorates at a cost of \$37.2 million.

- (a) What election commitments were made for the Bathurst electorate through LSCA program?
- (b) What consultation occurred with the relevant group, council, or community?
- (c) Who made the commitment and was it done publicly?
- (d) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?

Answer—

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It has been designed to prevent pork barrelling and ensure that all electorates receive the exact same amount of funding.

The NSW Government will put every single project through a rigorous assessment process including by an expert independent assessment panel.

Independent probity advisors have been appointed to advise on the management of conflicts of interest and provide probity advice.

\* 1022 OPAL CARDS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many residents in the Goulburn electorate hold a Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal Card?
- (2) How many residents in the Goulburn electorate hold a Concession Opal Card?
- (3) How many residents in the Goulburn electorate hold a Free Opal Card?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) In the Goulburn electorate, 123 people hold a Gold Senior/Pensioner Opal Card.
- (2) In the Goulburn electorate, 237 people hold a Concession Opal Card.
- (3) In the Goulburn electorate, 2,209 people hold a Free Opal Card, including School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Opal Cards and Employee Opal Cards.

\* 1023 FOSTER CARERS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) How many foster carers were there in the Goulburn electorate during:
  - (a) 2020-21?
  - (b) 2021-22?

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- (c) 2022-May 2023?
- (2) How many children were cared for by foster parents in the Goulburn electorate during:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) 2022- May 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on foster carers and children in foster care is not available by electorate in Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) systems.

Data on foster carers and children in foster care by Community Service Centre (CSC) is available. The responsible CSC that covers the geographical area bounded by the Goulburn electorate is Goulburn CSC.

- (1) The number of foster carer households associated with Goulburn CSC during 2020/21 was 16. The number of foster carer households associated with Goulburn CSC during 2021/22 was also 16. As at 30 June 2021, the number of foster carer households associated with Goulburn CSC was 15. As at 30 June 2022, the number of foster carer households associated with Goulburn CSC was 16. Both these counts include foster carer households with no placements.
- (2) The current quality-assured reporting practice within DCJ is to provide the number of children in care at a point in time, rather than over a 12-month period. This is reported annually as at the end of the financial year (i.e. 30 June), and at the end of the quarter.

The number of children and young people in foster care households as at 30 June 2021 associated with Goulburn CSC was 20 (being cared for in seven foster carer households). The number of children and young people in foster care households as at 30 June 2022 associated with Goulburn CSC was 16 (being cared for in seven foster carer households). All of these children and young people in foster care households were children under foster care placements.

As data is derived annually, data for 2022/23 will not be available until September 2023.

\* 1024 TARALGA SHOWGROUND—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Did the previous Government commit \$1.1 million to build a new multi-purpose sports facility at the Taralga Showground?
- (2) Is the Government planning to deliver these new facilities that would better serve the range of activities held at the Taralga Showgrounds?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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

\* 1025 BIG FOUR CONSULTING FIRMS AND REGULATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to consultancies:

- (1) Have you or your office been briefed by your Department on the implementation of recommendations from the Legislative Council inquiry into the Transport Asset Holding Entity?
- (2) Have you or your office met with your Department about the recommendations of the Legislative Council inquiry into the Transport Asset Holding Entity?

- (3) How many recommendations has your government implemented from the Legislative Council inquiry into the Transport Asset Holding Entity?
- (4) With respect to Question 1, which recommendations are you implementing and when will they be implemented?
- (5) With respect to Question 1, which recommendations aren't you implementing and what are the grounds for not proceeding with these recommendations?
- (6) Given the evidence before the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee showing a failure by Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CA ANZ) to regulate their members who are partners of the Big Four consultancies, will you consider amending professional standards legislation to suspend CA ANZ as a regulator until the fitness of CA ANZ can be established?
- (7) Do you hold concerns that CA ANZ are not currently complying with professional standards legislation?
- (8) Are you considering changes to tax policy to ensure that large partnership-based consultancies, such as the Big Four, no longer escape Payroll Tax due to their legal structure?

Answer—

(1 – 2) Yes.

(3 – 5) The NSW Government is carefully determining the best way to reform the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) to resolve the ongoing scandals uncovered by the Auditor-General and other independent stakeholders since TAHE was created in 2015.

Under the previous government, including the period between April 2019 and May 2021:

- the costs of the state's rail network were shifted off the state balance sheet and into TAHE to improve budget outcomes;
- it was proposed that Transport for NSW become a for-profit corporation to save TAHE's budget status;
- Sydney's rail network came within hours of shutting down after TAHE failed to get an operating license until the day before it took over the State's rail assets; and
- Millions of dollars were spent on consulting firms including PWC, KPMG and the Boston Consulting Group.

Despite warnings, the previous Government declined to reform TAHE and allowed the Auditor-General to delay signing off on the state's accounts in February 2022 due to a "protracted disagreement" over TAHE figures. In December 2022 the Auditor-General further noted that: "TAHE returns are contingent upon government funding the operators, so the circularity in flow of funds remains a concern."

Additional measures to be taken by this NSW Government will be provided as part of the 2023-24 Budget.

- (6 – 7) This is a matter for the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, as the responsible Minister for the Professional Standards Act 1994.
- (8) The Government will announce and consult on its taxation policies as appropriate.

\* 1026 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Minister been briefed by Business Illawarra (BI) on solutions to the affordable housing crisis in the Illawarra Shoalhaven?
- (2) If so, what does the Minister think of BI's proposal?

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- (3) Can the Minister provide an update on build-to-rent housing projects in the Illawarra Shoalhaven?
- (a) How many build-to-rent sites have been identified for Kiama, Shellharbour, and the Shoalhaven respectively?
- (4) In terms of Community Housing Providers, can the Minister provide a current breakdown of housing provided in the Illawarra Shoalhaven for social, affordable, specialist disability, transitional, and key worker housing respectively?
- (5) Following the Premier's direction to prioritise social and affordable housing and audit underutilised public land, can the Minister indicate how this is progressing for the Illawarra Shoalhaven and where documentation on the audit can be found?
- (6) Where can one access and review greenfield release areas for the State, to identify housing opportunities?
- (7) In light of the urgent need for solutions to the above, will the Minister commit to state significant development at Bombo quarry?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Yes - the Minister addressed the launch of the report by Business Illawarra on July 26 2023.
- (2) The report's recommendations contain initiatives the Government has already announced, or measures that are underway, including build-to-rent initiatives on the South Coast under the auspices of Landcom.
- (3) Landcom is in negotiation to acquire a site on the South Coast of NSW for a Build to Rent project. To not prejudice ongoing discussions, Landcom cannot reveal locations that are being investigated.
- (4) This is a matter for the Minister for Housing.
- (5) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property.
- (6) Information on greenfield release areas is publicly available at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/regional-urban-development-programs](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/regional-urban-development-programs)
- (7) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan 2041 identifies Bombo Quarry as a future growth area for homes and jobs, when quarrying operations end. The Department of Planning and Environment will work with Kiama Municipal Council, landowners, and the community to develop a vision for the quarry lands. The vision will inform master planning and rezoning of the site, along with consideration of the appropriate planning pathways.

\* 1028 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

How many demountable classrooms per school are there in the Port Macquarie electorate?

Answer—

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

\* 1029 REGISTERED ACTIVE KIDS PROVIDERS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

How many businesses or organisations (in total) in the Port Macquarie electorate are currently registered as an Active Kids provider?

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Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Program data does not allow for accurate breakdown of providers by electorate (see data notes).

Data notes:

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

- \* 1030 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Premier—

- (1) In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program.

The LSCA program was established by the Government following the 2023 election, with \$400,000 to be allocated to each of the 93 New South Wales electorates at a cost of \$37.2 million.

- (a) What election commitments were made for the Clarence electorate through LSCA program?  
(b) What consultation occurred with the relevant group, council, or community?  
(c) Who made the commitment and was it done publicly?  
(d) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?  
(e) When will the funds be available for the projects to commence?

Answer—

The Local Small Commitments Allocation has been designed to evenly spread funding across all 93 Legislative Assembly electorates.

It has been designed to prevent pork barrelling and ensure that all electorates receive the exact same amount of funding.

The election commitment ensured \$400,000 went to every electorate in NSW regardless of political allegiance; whether or not a Labor candidate won the seat.

The NSW Government will put every single project through a rigorous assessment process including by an expert independent assessment panel.

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- \* 1031 CREMORNE POINT WHARF—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the roof repairs at Cremorne Point Wharf following extreme weather?  
(a) Has there been a delay to the roof repairs?  
(i) If so, why?  
(b) Can the Minister advise what steps are being taken to ensure the roof is replaced?  
(i) What is the expected timeframe?  
(c) Will Transport for NSW be ensuring that local residents receive timely and regular updates on the status of repairs at Cremorne Point Wharf?  
(i) When will information be provided next?

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Answer—

I am advised

The repairing of the roof of Cremorne Point Wharf is complex and requires input from multiple engineering disciplines including marine, civil, structural and mechanical.

Transport for NSW and their partners are working with Melbourne University and Australian Maritime College to address the diverse expertise requirements.

Once Transport for NSW obtains a detailed design by certified engineers, a plan for roof replacement will be developed. A timeline for repairs will be communicated at the appropriate time.

Cremorne Point wharf remains fully operational with gangways accessing the pontoon covered providing some shelter for commuters.

\* 1032 CREMORNE AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the Minns Government plans for the new Cremorne Ambulance station committed to by the Perrottet Government?

(a) If so:

(i) Has a site been chosen for the new ambulance station?

(ii) How many ambulance staff will be working out of Cremorne station?

(iii) What is the timeframe for the station becoming operational?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 849.

\* 1033 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE AT MIDDLE HEAD—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the Environmental Education Centre at Middle Head?

(a) Has engagement been undertaken with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to discuss options for housing the centre in 10 Terminal or one of their buildings?

(b) Is Education Infrastructure actively engaging with all stakeholders to ensure the progression of a final design is complementary to the environment and heritage surrounds?

(c) What are the plans for the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) and when will a detailed revised design and location be available for consultation?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that it is engaging with the Trust regarding the project.

The department is committed to working with stakeholders, including the Heritage Council of NSW, to deliver facilities that meet the needs of the wider community and respect the heritage of the existing site.

\* 1034 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND RESOURCES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the allocation of resources to the North Shore Police Area Command?

(a) Can you confirm that the North Shore Police Area Command has lost a Detective Sergeant?

- (b) Are you concerned about the impacts this will have on Policing capabilities in the North Shore area?
- (c) What are the plans are to ensure appropriate staff resources to the North Shore Police Area Command

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The allocation of Police resources is determined by the Commissioner of Police based on operational need. The NSWPF regularly reviews the allocation of resources to inform resource allocation decisions.
  - (a) There has been no decrease in the number of Authorised Police Positions allocated to the North Shore Police Area Command to date.
  - (b) Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence led operational requirements. All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the Command.
  - (c) There has been no decrease in the number of Authorised Police Positions allocated to the North Shore Police Area Command to date.

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- 1035 PROFESISONAL FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1036 MONA VALE ROAD EAST PROJECT—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1037 FIRE AND RESCUE STATIONS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL WORKS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1038 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—
- 1039 BREAKING OF SMOKING BANS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1040 PATIENTS TRANSPORT VIA AMBULANCE SERVICE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1041 REVENUE NEW SOUTH WALES AUDITS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1042 NARRABEEN AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1043 GAS SUPPLY REMOVAL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—



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- 1044 GEORGES RIVER RUBBISH AND DEBRIS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1045 AMBULANCE STATIONS IN THE HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1046 CAPITAL WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ON THE T8 LINE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1047 WILCANNIA WEIR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1048 RURAL PROPERTIES METER MEASURING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1049 KAMILAROI HIGHWAY MEDIAN BARRIERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1050 NEW THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1051 TEACHERS EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGES—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1052 SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1053 FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1054 FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1055 GOSFORD HOSPITAL PARKING FEES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1056 DREDGING AT THE ETTALONG CHANNEL—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1057 UPGRADE OF AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1058 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR FLOOD VICTIMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

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- 1059 AMBULANCE FUEL CARD LIMITS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1060 SIGNAGE ILLUSTRATING THE SYDNEY METRO NETWORK—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1061 AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATORS AT SPORTING GROUNDS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1062 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1063 SPEEDING OFFENCES DETECTED—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1064 YOUNG STREET PLAZA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1065 SYDNEY METRO CHATSWOOD DIVE SITE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1066 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1067 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1068 PROPOSED HOUSING GROWTH IN ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1069 SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN ST LEONARDS AREA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1070 TICKET SCALPING INVESTIGATIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 1071 BREACHES OF UNDERQUOTING LAWS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 1072 CONSUMER PROTECTION FUNCTIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 1073 BACK BURNING OPERATIONS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- 1074 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Premier—
- 1075 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1076 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS BUILT COMPARED TO GOVERNMENT TARGETS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1077 CURRENT OR PROSPECTIVE INCOMES OF TAFE NSW LEARNERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1078 WOOD HEATER BUYBACK SCHEME—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1079 WATER SHORTAGE PROACTIVE PLANS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1080 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE VOUCHERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1081 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1082 AMBULANCE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1083 HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING CONSULTATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Premier—
- 1084 BALACLAVA AND BLAXLAND ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1085 PITT TOWN BYPASS—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Premier—
- 1086 OUTER SYDNEY ORBITAL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1087 TRAUMA AND BLEEDING CONTROL KITS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1088 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH FUNDING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

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- 1089 RELOCATION OF FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1090 FUEL OUTLET SENIORS DISCOUNT PLAN—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1091 REGIONAL EVENTS ACCELERATION FUND—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1092 AIRSTRIP UPGRADES AND SERVICES TO REMOTE COMMUNITIES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1093 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS GRANT—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1094 MANNING HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1095 FORSTER PUBLIC HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1096 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1097 NEW PARAMEDICS IN RURAL NEW SOUTH WALES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1098 NATIONAL ENERGY BILL RELIEF IN BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1099 FULL TIME TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN THE BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1100 MURRUMBATEMAN HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1101 MULTIPURPOSE EQUINE FACILITY IN GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1102 WAITING TIMES FOR PUBLIC DENTAL CLINIC—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1103 SAFE PASSAGE OVER M1 MOTORWAY IN BOMADERRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1104 TRANSPORT DRIVERS AND STAFF ON CALL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 1105 IMPROVING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1106 NEW HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED IN THE MID NORTH COAST—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1107 FUEL DISCOUNT SCHEME WITH UNITED PETROLEUM—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1108 OPAL CARD SYSTEM REGIONAL EXPANSION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 1109 KEY SECTIONS OF HEATHCOTE ROAD—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1110 BANGOR BYPASS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1111 FIFTEENTH AVENUE AUSTRAL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1112 YOUTH OFFENDERS INTERVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—
- 1113 FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1114 GENERAL PRACTITIONER VACANCIES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1115 NEW SOUTH WALES LANDCARE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1116 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1117 KEDESH REHABILITATION SERVICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1118 RESPONSES TO ROAD SAFETY MATTERS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

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- 1119 EXCESS LAND ON RAIL CORRIDORS FOR BIKE PATHS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1120 RECORD KEEPING IN THE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE FORCE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1121 SHARK-MANAGEMENT-ALERT-IN-REALTIME DRUMLINES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1122 AMBULANCE SERVICES IN TOCUMWAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1123 HELIPAD FOR GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1124 AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR MOAMA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1125 FERNHILL ESTATE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1126 AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1127 INDEPENDENT PANEL ON GAMING REFORM—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1128 GEORGE STREET SMOKING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1129 SMOKE FREE CBD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1130 AMBULANCE STATIONS WITHIN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1131 CHANGES TO BOUNDARIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1132 WINDSOR ROAD BETWEEN BAULKHAM HILLS AND NORTH PARRAMATTA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1133 RENT CHOICE START SAFELY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1134 PETS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1135 SHARED EQUITY HOME BUYER HELPER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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- 1136 WATERLOO SOUTH REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1137 TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND AUKUS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1138 FINES ISSUED FOR BOATING OFFENCES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1139 FIXED CAMERA DETECTION SYSTEMS FOR FIRE ANT MATERIALS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1140 FIRE ANT COMPLIANCE SITE INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1141 ERADICATION PLAN FOR FIRE ANTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1142 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1143 SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1144 PALLIATIVE CARE WARD AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1145 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1146 SINGLE EMPLOYER MODEL—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1147 WELLBEING OF POLICE OFFICERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1148 COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FASTER TRAIN BETWEEN CANBERRA AND SYDNEY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1149 INCREASING PREVALENCE OF COST ESCALATION IMPACTING FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1150 YASS SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—
- 1151 BIOELEKTRA AND SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR UPDATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 1152 TRAFFIC CONTROL EXPENDITURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1153 ILLEGAL DUMPING ON KIAMA BENDS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1154 EXPANSION OF RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1155 ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST CHARGING STATIONS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1156 REGIONAL JOBS CREATION FUNDING PROGRAM—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

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- 1157 GREATER SYDNEY BUS CONTRACT 10 FULL SERVICE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1158 TONNAGE LIMIT ON NUWARRA ROAD MOOREBANK—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1159 MENAI PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1160 WANAARING PRESCHOOL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1161 NATIONAL DISASTER FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1162 WYANGALA DAM WALL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1163 MICE AND RAT PEST CONTROL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1164 BUS SERVICES TO WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1165 SENIORS CARD EXPANSION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—



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- 1166 MULTICULTURAL NSW GRANTS PROGRAMS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1167 TREASURY EXPENDITURE REVIEW—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1168 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1169 CARSS PARK POOL REBUILD COMMITMENT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1170 RIVERWOOD HOUSING ESTATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1171 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SHIRLEY AND CLANVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1172 TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT 1988—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1173 DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN SYDNEY AND TEL AVIV—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1174 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1175 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION DOCUMENTATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1176 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEW RADIOTHERAPY UNIT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1177 FITNESS TO DRIVE HEALTH CHECK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1178 CONNECTIVITY FOR RURAL AND REMOTE CUSTOMERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1179 HEAVY VEHICLE TESTING IN DENILQUIN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1180 ELIZABETH DRIVE UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

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- 1181 CONCORD HOSPITAL WORKPLACE CULTURE REVIEW - COMPLETION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1182 SEDATION RATES IN EMERGENCY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1183 RADIOLOGY BACKLOG AT CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1184 INDEPENDENT INQUIRY FOR CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1185 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1186 CONCORD HOSPITAL STAFF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1187 CONCORD HOSPITAL WORKPLACE CULTURE REVIEW - STAFF SUBMISSIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1188 CONCORD HOSPITAL AND CONCORD CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1189 MRI MACHINE FOR CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1190 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND ARENA PROJECT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1191 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1192 BAKER CRESCENT BAULKHAM HILLS SHOPS, DESIGN AND REJUVENATION PROJECT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1193 NEW AMBULANCE STATION IN SUTHERLAND—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1194 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1195 CASH RELOCATION OFFER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1196 PROPERTY PURCHASERS LAND TAX INSTEAD OF STAMP DUTY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1197 FIRST HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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- 1198 EVENT FUNDING SINCE APRIL 2023—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- 1199 MINISTERIAL MEETINGS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1200 MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1201 DOLPHIN MARINE CONSERVATION PARK—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1202 FILM STUDIOS IN COFFS HARBOUR—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1203 ARGYLL ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1204 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT SITES AT NOWRA AND KEMPSEY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—
- 1205 CIRCLE SENTENCING AT LOCAL COURT LOCATIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—
- 1206 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT SCHEME—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—
- 1207 EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS FOR THE WALAMA LIST—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—
- 1208 LANDSLIP INTO CAMP GULLY CREEK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1209 HUNGRY POINT RESERVE LAND MANAGER—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1210 PROTECTIONS FOR SWIMMERS ALONG THE CRONULLA COASTLINE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1211 WORKING CONDITIONS AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

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- 1212 WORKING CONDITIONS AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 1213 LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1214 INFRASTRUCTURE BETTERMENT FUND—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1215 FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1216 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Premier—
- 1217 NEW SOUTH WALES ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1218 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1219 GOVERNMENT OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTIES IN MYALL LAKES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1220 COAL ROYALTIES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1221 TASKFORCE MAGNUS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1222 UPCOMING DROUGHT SEASON—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1223 AGSKILLED FUNDING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1224 BETTER FARMS, BETTER ENVIRONMENT SERVICE HUB—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1225 NEW SOUTH WALES WEED ACTION PROGRAM—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 1226 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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- 1227 LANDLORDS AND NEW SOUTH WALES CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General—
- 1228 CULTURAL BURNING PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1229 SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1230 ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1231 NOWRA BRIDGE PROJECT AND RIVERFRONT PRECINCT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1232 NEW SOUTH WALES ENERGY SAVER SCHEME—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1233 NEW POLICE STATION IN PORT MACQUARIE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1234 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS COUNCIL—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1235 NORTH SYDNEY OVAL UPGRADES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Premier—
- 1236 NORTH SYDNEY OVAL UPGRADES AND ACTIVE KIDS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1237 NORTH SYDNEY OVAL AND ELITE WOMEN'S SPORT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1238 SMART ENERGY SCHOOLS PILOT PROJECT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

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(Paper No. 23)

- 1239 AVALON AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) In relation to the Avalon Ambulance Station (at 697-699 Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach), could the Minister please let me know:
- (a) What is the current status of the lease, noting the lease terminated on 16 June 2022, with an option to renew for a period "2 x Five (5) years"?

- (b) Noting the available options under the lease, what is the current termination date of the lease?
- (c) Does the Government have current plans to seek a further lease (and/or a renewal of the lease) assuming the "2 x Five (5) years" options are exercised?

1240 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines in each of the following postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 during:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
- (2) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines by venue in each of the following postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 during (please provide a breakdown of revenue for each relevant venue):
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?

1241 NOISE CAMERAS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise if the government has any plans to trial noise cameras in the following locations:
  - (a) Bayview?
  - (b) Church point?
  - (c) McCarrs Creek Road?
  - (d) Palm Beach?
  - (e) 2104 postcode?
  - (f) 2105 postcode?
  - (g) 2108 postcode?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise the exact process by which trial sites / locations for noise cameras are selected?
- (3) Could the Minister please advise the name and position of the person who has made or will make a decision regarding noise camera trial sites / locations?
- (4) Could the Minister please advise how an application can be made for a noise camera trial sites / location?

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1242 SPEEDING FINES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the following at each of the fixed speed cameras in school zones during the listed financial years:
- the number of speeding fines issued for offences of 0-10km/h over the speed limit,
  - the number of speeding fines issued for offences of 10-20km/h over the speed limit,
  - the number of speeding fines issued for offences of 20-30km/h over the speed limit,
  - the number of speeding fines issued for offences of 30-45km/h over the speed limit,
  - the number of speeding fines issued for offences of over 45km/h over the speed limit,
- (a) Narrabeen (Pittwater Road, between Ocean Street and Devitt Street) Southbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (b) Narrabeen (Pittwater Road, between Ocean Street and Devitt Street) Northbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (c) North Narrabeen (Pittwater Road between Garden Street and Namona Street) Southbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (d) North Narrabeen (Pittwater Road between Garden Street and Namona Street) Northbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise the revenue generated for each of the following fixed speed cameras in school zones during each of the listed financial years:
- (a) Narrabeen (Pittwater Road, between Ocean Street and Devitt Street) Southbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (b) Narrabeen (Pittwater Road, between Ocean Street and Devitt Street) Northbound:

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- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (c) North Narrabeen (Pittwater Road between Garden Street and Namona Street) Southbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- (d) North Narrabeen (Pittwater Road between Garden Street and Namona Street) Northbound:
- (i) 2022/23?
  - (ii) 2021/22?
  - (iii) 2020/21?
  - (iv) 2019/20?
- 1243 CROWN LAND TERREY HILLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Could the Minister please advise:
- (a) What organisation currently controls the vacant crown land opposite ‘Shortees Golf’ on the corner of Myoora Road and Mona Vale Road, Terrey Hills (located as a part of Lot 270 in Deposited Plan 752017)?
    - (i) Is that land subject to a lease?
    - (ii) Who is the lessee?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any plans for a cemetery to be built on crown lands in Terrey Hills?
- (a) If so, please provide details of the land where such cemetery is being planned?
  - (b) If so, please provide a timeline for when such a cemetery is to be opened?
  - (c) If so, what New South Wales Government or Council approvals are required for the opening of a cemetery in Terrey Hills?
- 1244 PLASTICS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Could the Minister please advise if the Government has any current policies to:
- (a) Expand the ban on single-use plastics?
    - (i) If so, please provide details of what plastics will be banned and when such bans will come into effect?
  - (b) Increase access to soft-plastic recycling services, following the collapse of RedCycle?
- 1245 TAMWORTH CROWN LAND—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- In relation to the Tamworth Crown Land Housing project:



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- (1) Is the proposed Tamworth Crown Land Housing project continuing under the current Government?
- (2) How many meetings have the Department of Crown Lands had with Tamworth Regional Council regarding the Tamworth Crown Land Housing Project since the March 2023 election?
- (3) How many meetings have the Department of Crown Lands had with the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Lands Council regarding the Tamworth Crown Land Housing Project since the March 2023 election?
- (4) What are the current options under investigation in Tamworth?
- (5) Have the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and Landcom been engaged to deliver housing on Crown Land as part of the Tamworth Crown Land Housing Project?
- (6) Has there been any community consultation in relation to proposed public housing developments in the Tamworth region?

1246 NSW POPULATION PROJECTIONS—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to New South Wales population projections:

- (1) Does NSW Planning still project that the Tamworth Regional Local Government Area will grow in population by 0.69 percent by 2041?
- (2) Does this projection take into consideration Tamworth Regional Council's 'Blueprint 100' planning document?
- (3) Does NSW Planning still project that the Gunnedah Shire Council Local Government Area will grow in population by 0.30 percent by 2041?
- (4) Does NSW Planning still project that the Liverpool Plains Shire Council Local Government Area will decrease in population by 0.54 percent by 2041?
- (5) How is NSW Planning population data distributed between Government departments?
- (6) How often are population projections reviewed and updated?
- (7) Is this updated information provided to other Government departments when it is made available?
- (8) How has the pandemic influenced population growth in the:
  - (a) Tamworth Regional Council Local Government Area?
  - (b) Gunnedah Shire Council Local Government Area?
  - (c) Liverpool Plains Shire Council Local Government Area?

1247 GUNNEDAH CROWN LAND—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to Crown Land opportunities in Gunnedah:

- (1) Has the Department of Crown Lands identified any opportunities for housing development on crown land in Gunnedah?
- (2) Has Gunnedah Shire Council been engaged to discuss opportunities for housing development on public land in the shire?
- (3) Have the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and Landcom been engaged to explore opportunities in Gunnedah?
- (4) Has there been any community consultation in relation to proposed public housing developments in the Gunnedah region?

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1248 TAMWORTH POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNER—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the introduction of a PET (positron emission tomography) scanner in Tamworth:

- (1) Has the capital works program to prepare Tamworth Hospital for the installation of a PET scanner begun?
- (2) What is the current timeline for the completion of these works?
- (3) What is the capital cost of these works?
- (4) Will the Government complete these works later this year?
- (5) Can patients still expect to be able to use the service by the end of 2023?

1249 ICE INQUIRY ATTORNEY GENERAL RESPONSE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to the Government's response to the Special Commission of the Inquiry into the Drug Ice:

- (1) Is the Government maintaining the former Government's \$500 million commitment to fund a range of health rehabilitation services and justice initiatives?
- (2) Has the Tamworth Electorate been identified as a priority for rehabilitation services?
- (3) How many drug related matters were seen in the Tamworth Court in each of the years 2012-2022?
- (4) How does this compare with the state average for each year?

1250 ICE INQUIRY HEALTH RESPONSE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Government's response to the Special Commission of the Inquiry into the Drug Ice:

- (1) Is the Government maintaining the former Government's \$500 million commitment to fund a range of health rehabilitation services and justice initiatives?
- (2) Has NSW Health identified areas of need within New South Wales for the provision of capital expenditure?
- (3) Is the Tamworth region seen as an area of high priority in relation to the provision of health rehabilitation services?
- (4) Has there been any investigation into the future use of the existing Banksia Mental Health unit for drug and alcohol detoxification unit once the new facility is completed?
- (5) Where can residents of Tamworth currently access drug detoxification services?

1251 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Agricultural Commissioner's Report into Improving the Prospects for Agriculture and Regional Australia in the NSW Planning System:

- (1) Has the Government adopted all recommendations of the Agriculture Commissioner's report?
- (2) What new framework has NSW Planning adopted to respond to the recommendations of the Agricultural Commissioner's report?
- (3) How has this new framework impacted the development of energy projects in the Tamworth electorate?
- (4) Has the department rejected or asked for significant modifications to any current or former planning proposal as a result of the report's findings?

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- (5) Has the NSW Department of Planning prepared a standard agreement template to improve communities' understanding of financial arrangements for renewable energy developments, as recommended by the Agricultural Commissioner?
- 1252 SECONDARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- (1) What programs are available for secondary school children through school holidays?
  - (2) Are there any school holiday programs for children in secondary school in the Liverpool Local Government Area?
  - (3) If there are, can they cater for children with disabilities?
- 1253 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Premier—
- With respect to the local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program:
- (1) What election commitments were made for the electorate of Holsworthy through the LSCA program?
  - (2) What consultation occurred within relevant local community groups or councils?
  - (3) Who made the commitment and was this done publicly?
  - (4) Is there a scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?
- 1254 CROWN LAND HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Could you please advise the specific addresses and details of all Crown lands and each Government owned property in the Holsworthy electorate?
- 1255 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- Will the Minister conduct a review of the Community Building Partnership grant process, due to constituents raising issues regarding departmental administrative problems?
- 1256 BORDER FENCE MAINTENANCE REGULATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Is the Minister going to raise the maximum rate that the Border Fence Maintenance Board can levy Western division landholders to maintain the border fence?
  - (2) Considering that, according to the previous government (in answer to a Question on Notice asked on 24/05/2023), the start of construction on the 32km priority section of the fence for the Wild Dog Fence Extension Project was anticipated sometime in 2023:
    - (a) When will construction commence?
    - (b) What progress has been made on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Surveying Infrastructure approvals?
- 1257 SERVICE NSW MOBILE VAN VISITS—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) In August 2022, to what communities did Service NSW provide mobile service in the Albury Electorate?
- (2) In August 2023, to what communities did Service NSW provide mobile service in the Albury Electorate?
- (3) From what date did visits by the Service NSW mobile van cease to Walla Walla?
- (4) From what date will the Service NSW mobile van visits re-commence to Walla Walla?
- (5) Has the Government ceased Service NSW mobile van visits to other Communities in the Albury Electorate?
- (6) Does the Government plan to propose ceasing Service NSW mobile van visits to other communities in the Albury Electorate?
- (7) How many separate interactions with members of the public have with Service NSW mobile van staff in the Albury Electorate for the period?
  - (a) 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 April 2023 to 30 August 2023?
- (8) How many separate interactions with members of the public have with Service NSW mobile vans across New South Wales for the period?
  - (a) 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 April 2023 to 30 August 2023?

## 1258 COUNCIL DEMERGE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to the demerge of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, announced on 24 August 2022:

- (1) What is the NSW Government doing to ensure the demerge of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council occurs as expeditiously as possible?
- (2) What consultation has occurred in the communities of Cootamundra and Gundagai within the last three months?
- (3) What consultation is scheduled in the communities of Cootamundra and Gundagai for the next three months?
- (4) What consultation has occurred for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council within the last three months?
- (5) What consultation is scheduled for Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for the next three months?

## 1259 VARROA MITE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to a recent detection of varroa mite in the Riverina:

- (1) What measures are currently in place for the management and control of Varroa mite in New South Wales?
- (2) Is the Government planning to fund assistance for apiarists in regional New South Wales impacted by the effects of Varroa mite?

## 1260 REGIONAL ABORIGINAL WATER COMMITTEES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister

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for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What are the scheduled dates and locations for the NSW Government to hold Regional Aboriginal Water Committee meetings for each region?
  - (a) If no fixed schedule, when will the NSW Government commence Regional Aboriginal Water Committee meetings for each region?
- (2) What is the NSW Governments assessment criteria for determining and evaluating the work of the committees to ensure the best outcomes for our First Nations communities.

1261 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Minister instruct the Department to pause applications for the Regional Seniors Travel Card whilst a review was undertaken?
- (2) When will the community receive an update?
- (3) Is the Government planning to reinstate funding for the Regional Seniors Travel Card?

1262 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government planning to continue the Community Building Partnerships Grant Program?
  - (a) If so, when will the program recommence?
  - (b) Will the same amount be allocated for electorates across New South Wales?
  - (c) Will the program be amended in anyway and outline any proposed changes?

1263 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION IN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Premier—

- (1) With respect to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program, could the Premier please advise
  - (a) Within the period 1 January 2023 to 31 August 2023 were there any applications made for the grant of funding pursuant to the LSCA program for projects within the Castle Hill Electorate?
  - (b) If the answer to question (a) is in the affirmative please provide the name of each applicant for grant funding and provide the details of the project which was sought to be funded through the program.
  - (c) With respect to the LSCA Program did the Government consult with the Castle Hill Electorate prior to the date for the closing of applications? If so, how did such consultation process take place.
  - (d) Has the government made a commitment to provide funding through the LSCA Program for any projects within the Castle Hill Electorate?
  - (e) If the answer to question (d) is in the affirmative please advise:
    - (i) the name of each applicant for grant funding where a commitment has been made to provide funding?
    - (ii) the amount of the granting funding for each project which will be funding through the LSCA Program?
    - (iii) the expected time frame for the delivery of the project?

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- (f) If there were such applications, please list the name of each applicant and the details of such project?
- (g) What funding commitments were made for the Castle Hill Electorate through the LSCA program?
- (h) For LSCA program funding commitment please provide the details of each application?
- 1264 AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of affordable dwellings built within the Castle Hill Electorate over the last five years?
- 1265 LAND FOR NEW SCHOOLS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- (1) Has the Government identified land within the Castle Hill Electorate for new school?
- (a) If so, what is the location of the land?
- 1266 NATIONAL ENERGY BILL RELIEF IN OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) How many households across the 4 Local Government Areas of the Oxley electorate are eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the 2023-24 financial year?
- 1267 HOUSING FOR POLICE IN OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- With respect to housing for members of the New South Wales Police Force in Oxley:
- (1) How many dwellings are owned?
- (2) How many dwellings are occupied?
- (3) How many dwellings are vacant?
- (4) How much funding has been allocated to maintenance for the 22/23 financial year?
- (5) How much funding has been allocated to maintenance for the 23/24 financial year?
- 1268 PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE IN OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- (1) What are the full details of planned upgrades and maintenance at all public primary and high schools across the four Local Government Areas of the Oxley electorate in the next 12 months?
- 1269 NEW AMBULANCE STATION IN MACQUAIRE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) Is the Government planning to deliver a new ambulance station in Macquarie Park?
- (a) If so, when will this infrastructure be built?

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1270 ANZAC PARK MASTERPLAN—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Is the Government planning to grant \$6,000,000 to the City of Ryde Council to finance the ANZAC Park masterplan, which includes new accessible barbecue facilities, accessible toilet amenities, shared walkways and a fitness zone?

(a) If so, when will this money be granted?

1271 ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Is the Government planning to deliver an electric bus depot in Macquarie Park?

(a) If so, when will this infrastructure be built?

1272 TRAFFIC LIGHTS CONSTITUTION ROAD MEADOWBANK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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) Is the Government planning to install traffic lights on any part of Constitution Road, Meadowbank?

(a) If so, where?

(b) If so, when will these works occur?

1273 ORGAN DONATION REGISTRATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How does the Government presently support organ donation registration?

(2) Are there opportunities to further facilitate organ donation registration within existing Service NSW or other Government agency interactions?

(3) Are there any plans to implement these opportunities and improve the overall rates of organ donation registration in New South Wales?

1274 CONSTITUTION ROAD RETAINING WALL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What is the status of the City of Ryde's grant application under the Infrastructure Betterment Fund for the Constitution Road Retaining Wall Stabilisation Works in Meadowbank?

1275 HOSPITAL PARKING FEES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Does the Government have any plans to eliminate or reduce vehicular parking fees for nurses and/or doctors and/or any allied or other healthcare practitioner attending work at a New South Wales hospital?

(a) If so, at which hospitals?

(b) If not, why?

(c) If for some but not all hospitals, how were these locations selected?

1276 BUS DOOR COUNTERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Does the Government have any plans to install door counters on buses to improve the accuracy of passenger number data?

1277 BUS SERVICE EXPANSION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- (1) In relation to funding for bus service expansion, is there any contingency allocated for when circumstances change within the terms of a given contract?
- (a) If so, what is the standard contingency amount as a percentage of a given contract?
- 1278 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- Regarding the three Tweed Electorate allocated projects funded under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program:
- (1) What and where are the three allocated projects?
- (2) How much funding has each of the three projects been allocated?
- (3) How much of the funding allocated to each project has each project received?
- (4) What was the total funds allocated to the Tweed Electorate?
- 1279 TWEED POLICE NUMBERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- I refer to your previous answer to Question on Notice# 268 regarding Police officers in the Tweed Byron Police Area Command:
- On what page and what paragraph within the annual report are the NSW Police Force numbers for the Tweed Byron Police Area Command?
- 1280 POLICE RESIGNATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- I refer to your previous answer to Question on Notice #269 regarding Police resignations in the Tweed Byron Local Area Command:
- On what page and what paragraph within the annual report are the NSW Police Force numbers of officers' separations for the Tweed Byron Police Area Command?
- 1281 DUBBO SPORTS HUB—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- In relation to the Dubbo Sports Hub indoor complex project, can the Minister confirm:
- (1) What progress has been made on the project since March 25, 2023?
- (2) Have there been changes to the scope of the project which included a five-court indoor facility with reception area, kitchen, administrative space, police area, youth hub, learning room, boxing gym, fitness gym, three multi-purpose rooms and a 1000m<sup>2</sup> gymnastics space since the first sod was turned in February 2023?
- (3) If the scope of the project has changed, why has it changed and what are the new specifications appropriate to the features listed above?
- (4) Has a start date been planned for construction of the facility?
- 1282 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Premier—
- In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program, and specific to the electorates of Dubbo, Bathurst, Cootamundra, Tamworth, Myall Lakes, Coffs Harbour, Tweed, Oxley, Clarence, Upper Hunter, Northern Tablelands, Barwon, Orange, Monaro, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Ballina and Murray, can the Premier confirm:



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- (1) What commitments were made, who were they made by, and was this done publicly?
  - (2) What consultation occurred with community groups or councils in relation to the commitments?
  - (3) Is there scope to reallocate the funds towards projects which may be determined to be of more value to the community?
- 1283 CARRINGTON AVENUE WORKPLACE HUB—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- In relation to the announcement of August 24, 2023, of a redeveloped workplace hub in Carrington Avenue, Dubbo, can the Minister advise:
- (1) The total cost of the project?
  - (2) How much money had already been spent on the development of the original project up until August 24, 2023?
  - (3) Will the new project cost less than the original scope of \$48million?
    - (a) If so, where will the remaining funds be distributed?
  - (4) Does the Government have plans to ensure more than one-quarter of the project's consultant services, including planning, engineering, and geotechnical services, will be procured from regional-based businesses in Dubbo, Orange and Bathurst?
- 1284 F-10 BLACKWATTLE BAY FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) With regard to the F-10 Blackwattle Bay ferry:
    - (a) What were the passenger number counts for ferry services between September 2022 and August 2023, broken down by:
      - (i) Time of service?
      - (ii) Fare type?
    - (b) Are increased services planned for the ferry in order to enable access to the night-time economy in Pymont and the Central Business District?
    - (c) Are increased services planned for the ferry in order to factor in increased demand from residents at Bays West and Blackwattle Bay developments and visitors to the new Sydney Fish Market and White Bay cultural facility?
    - (d) Will an additional stop at White Bay be added to facilitate access to Bays West and the White Bay cultural facility?
    - (e) What steps are being taken to investigate placing the ferry on the Opal network?
    - (f) What steps are being taken to assess and improve community knowledge about the service and ensure the service map and timetable are clearly signposted?
- 1285 FERRY SERVICES IN ROZELLE, BALMAIN AND PYRMONT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) With regard to ferry services in Rozelle, Balmain and Pymont:
    - (a) What is the timeline for the return of ferry services to Elliott St Wharf in West Balmain?
    - (b) What is the timeline for the delivery of ferry stops at Rozelle Bay and Pirrama Wharf for the F10 ferry service?
    - (c) What steps has the Government taken, or plans to take, to meet these timelines?

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- 1286 URBAN TREE CANOPY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) With regard to the recent Inner West Council Tree Canopy Report finding that tree canopy in the LGA decreased by 29 hectares between 2020 and 2022:
    - (a) What steps is the Government taking to ensure the tree canopy damage in the Inner West is not repeated in other council areas?
    - (b) Is the Government planning to mandate tree protection targets for Local Government Areas in order to meet the NSW Department of Planning and Environment goal of achieving 40% urban tree canopy cover for Greater Sydney by 2036?
    - (c) What steps will the Government take to ensure developments on public land contain sufficient tree canopy?
    - (d) Is the Department of Planning and Environment planning to release a canopy dataset showing the most recent tree canopy coverage and changes across Greater Sydney?
    - (e) Is the Government planning to deliver a grant program in 2023 such as the Greener Neighbourhoods grant program to help councils strategically plan for and manage urban forests in their Local Government Area?
- 1287 SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Approximately when does the Government expect that a new Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan will be:
    - (a) exhibited as a draft?
    - (b) finalised?
- 1288 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- What numbers of publicly accessible electric vehicle charging stations in the Sutherland Shire does the Government predict, separately for each year to 2030?
- 1289 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- What additional pedestrian crossings in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas are being investigated or planned for installation prior to 30 June 2025?
- 1290 TRAFFIC LIGHTS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- What additional traffic lights in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas are being investigated or planned for installation prior to 30 June 2025?
- 1291 SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—
- What speed limit changes on State roads in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas are being investigated or are planned for installation prior to 30 June 2025?

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1292 CLEARWAYS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

What additional clearways, or existing clearways but with extended hours, in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas are being investigated or are planned for installation prior to 30 June 2025?

1293 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What new treatments or services at or to be provided out of Sutherland Hospital are being investigated or planned for commencement prior to 30 June 2025?

1294 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL TREATMENT CESSATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What treatments or services at or provided out of Sutherland Hospital are being investigated or planned for cessation prior to 30 June 2025?

1295 SHARK NETS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

What (if any) studies of the effectiveness of shark nets at beaches along the Cronulla coastline does the Government plan to undertake and when (if at all) will the results of those be made public?

1296 TOONGABBIE RAILWAY BRIDGE CONGESTION—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

In relation to traffic congestion surrounding and along the Toongabbie Railway Bridge:

- (1) What consultation has taken place between Cumberland City Council and the City of Parramatta Council to alleviate traffic Congestion on and around the Toongabbie Railway Bridge?
- (2) When can residents of the surrounding suburbs expect an appropriate solution to alleviate traffic around and along the Toongabbie Railway Bridge?

1297 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What percentage of housing in each of the following suburbs is considered ‘affordable housing’:
  - (a) Lalor Park?
  - (b) Toongabbie?
  - (c) Wentworthville?
  - (d) Pendle Hill?
  - (e) Old Toongabbie?
  - (f) Winston Hills?
  - (g) Glenwood?
  - (h) Kings Langley?
  - (i) Seven Hills?
  - (j) Blacktown?

(k) Northmead?

1298 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

In relation to the Premiers Back to School Vouchers:

- (1) Does the Minister intend to keep this program available for families across New South Wales?
- (2) If not, how does the Minister intend on supporting families with cost of schooling through the current cost-of-living crisis?

1299 TIMBER EXPORTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to timber exports:
  - (a) How much timber is exported annually from New South Wales in the calendar years of:
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?
  - (b) How much timber is exported through Forestry Corporation NSW annually in the calendar years of:
    - (v) 2020?
    - (vi) 2021?
    - (vii) 2022?
    - (viii) 2023?
  - (c) How much timber is exported through private contractors annually in the calendar years of:
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?
  - (d) As a percentage, how much is left for domestic use in each of these calendar years:
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?

1300 BLAYNEY MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE UPGRADE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) In relation to the major upgrade of Blayney Multipurpose Service:
  - (a) Can you provide the latest update on the type of works planned for the upgrade to the Blayney Multipurpose Service?

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- (b) What works have been completed?
  - (c) Can you provide a detailed scope of works to proceed and the timeline for the upgrade at Blayney Multipurpose Service for these works?
  - (d) What is the budget for the upgrade at Blayney Multipurpose Service?
  - (e) Will nursing accommodation be included as part of the refurbishment to assist with the future workforce?
- 1301 FORESTRY CORPORATION BUILDING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) In relation to the Forestry Corporation Building, Panorama Avenue Bathurst:
    - (a) What is the scope and type of works being carried out at the Forestry Headquarters?
    - (b) What is the cost of the project?
    - (c) Who has been awarded the tender for this project?
    - (d) When will this work be completed?
    - (e) How many full-time equivalent staff work at the Headquarters in Bathurst?
- 1302 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—
- With respect to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program:
- (1) What commitments, to which organisations, were made for the Goulburn electorate through the LSCA program?
  - (2) How were these organisations and projects determined?
  - (3) What consultation occurred surrounding the value for these projects with the relevant local groups, councils or communities?
  - (4) Why have other organisations within the Goulburn electorate been invited to apply for 2023 the LSCA program when \$400,000 has been publicly committed across the Goulburn electorate?
  - (5) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?
- 1303 PEST CONTROL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- With respect to pest control:
- (1) What measures are currently in place for the use of 1080 in the management and control of pigs in regional New South Wales?
  - (2) Does the Government routinely audit Local Land Services and their referrals in their compliant use of 1080?
  - (3) What, if any, policy does the Government have in place for pest control prior to resorting to the use of 1080?
- 1304 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) What practical support does the Government provide to support small business across New South Wales?

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- (a) Does this include grants, loans or other financial support?
- (b) Technical advice and assistance?
- (c) Collective procurement support?
- (e) Training?
- (2) What incentives does the Government provide to support small business investment across Regional New South Wales?
- (3) How many small businesses in regional New South Wales have been helped through these measures?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to provide practical help small business across regional New South Wales?
- 1305 ILLAWARRA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- With respect to the Illawarra Youth Employment Strategy (YES) funded by Training Services:
- (1) How many participants are currently active in the two regional programs (covering Helensburgh to Eurobodalla)?
- (2) From the State and Commonwealth Governments, how much funding is currently provided to the strategy?
- (3) How many participants have graduated from the program for each of the last five years?
- (4) How many Employers are currently participating in the program?
- (5) How many Registered Training Organisations are currently participating in the program?
- (6) Has the program been considered for the Shellharbour Hospital build?
- 1306 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- With respect to Development Application (DA) processing times for Wollongong, Wingecarribee, Shellharbour, Kiama and Shoalhaven Councils:
- (1) Every year for the last four years, what is the mean DA processing time for each council?
- (2) Every year for the last four years, what is the medium DA processing time for each council?
- (3) What is the longest processing time for a DA each year for the last four years for each council?
- (4) How many DAs were lodged with each council every year for the last four years?
- (5) How many DAs were appealed either to the full Council for a determination or the Land and Environment Court for year council each year for the last four years?
- 1307 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL WORKFORCE AND BUILD—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- With respect to the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program and Shellharbour Hospital:
- (1) With work on the new Shellharbour Hospital commencing March 2023, can the Minister provide a breakdown of workers in accordance with the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program targets, namely:
- (a) Learning Workers?
- (b) Apprentices?

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- (c) Aboriginal People?
  - (d) Women in non-traditional Trades/Roles?
  - (e) Young people under 25 years?
  - (f) People living in the local Region?
- (2) Has the Minister met with TAFE NSW or other Registered Training and or Group Training Organisations to discuss the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program for the new project?
- (3) Is there an advisory group providing outside guidance to the project and sharing good practice regarding skill development?
- (4) Whilst respect to materials in the hospital, what per centage of the materials will be sourced from local providers?
- (5) What percentage of local steel will be used in the construction of Shellharbour Hospital?

1308 GRANT MONEY RETURNS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to grant money returned to the Government and Commonwealth Government from local councils:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a total and a detailed breakdown (by grant program) for Commonwealth and New South Wales Grant funding, each year for the last four years, returned by:
- (a) Shoalhaven City Council?
  - (b) Kiama Municipal Council?
  - (c) Shellharbour City Council?
  - (d) Wollongong City Council?

1309 REGIONAL FUNDING- NEW SOUTH WALES PROGRAMS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport representing 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—

With respect to funding events in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many grants programs funded in the 2022/23 budget in your Department are presently under review?
- (2) How many grants programs funded in 2022/23 budget in your Department have been cancelled?
- (3) Has the NSW Regional Events Fund been cancelled?
- (4) How many applications had the Government received in relation to the Events Fund (Round 3) State-wide and from the Kiama Electorate?
- (5) Has the NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund been cancelled?
- (6) How many applications had the Government received in relation to the Business Event Fund, as of 31 March 2023, State-wide, and from within the Kiama Electorate?
- (7) Has the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant fund been cancelled?
- (8) How many applications has the Government received for the Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant Fund?
- (9) Has the Government apologised to those applicants that have spent time and money applying for grants programs that have now been cancelled?
- (10) Will the Government notify all applicants that have applied for a grant that has subsequently been cancelled?

- (11) Does the Government plan to announce new funding to replace any existing grant programs or to renew existing grant programs?

1310 SEATBELTS AND SAFETY ON BUSES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide the Taskforce's early findings on increasing bus and coach passenger safety outlined on page 71 of the First Report (July 2023) in relation to:
- (a) The adequacy of retrofitting seat belts on school buses in regional New South Wales over the past 10 years?
  - (b) Consideration of expanding seat belts on buses to other areas of the state, and enforcement of seat belt laws?
  - (c) Whether any changes should be recommended to the Australian Design Rules for buses and coaches?
  - (d) Bus and coach operator safety management systems, including driver training and fatigue management?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how much of the \$208 million investment by the Government (2013) to install seatbelts on buses dedicated to school runs and regional New South Wales was spent on the installation of seatbelts?
- (3) In relation to Question 2, and noting 1,700 buses were planned to be upgraded, can the Minister advise how many buses have been upgraded?
- (4) Can the Minister provide an updated cost to retrofit a bus with seatbelts?
- (5) Is the Minister considering any other technologies to improve the regulation and monitoring of seatbelts, once installed on a bus?
- (6) Is the Minister considering expanding the requirement of a seatbelt to all buses in the state?
- (7) Will the Minister phase out standing when travelling on buses?

1311 HEALTH WORKFORCE PLANNING FOR ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to workforce planning for the upgraded Shoalhaven Hospital and new Shellharbour Hospital:

- (1) What will be the uplift in medical staff at Shoalhaven Hospital once the upgrade is complete as compared to today?
- (2) What will be the uplift in medical staff at the new Shellharbour Hospital once the new hospital is complete as compared to the existing Shellharbour Hospital?
- (3) What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Planning about planning for an increase in housing stock to provide housing options for an expanded workforce?
- (a) If you haven't met with the Minister for Planning to discuss this matter, will you?
- (4) Will the Minister consider re-developing a de-commissioned Shellharbour Hospital site for front-line worker housing such as nurses and cleaners?
- (5) Has the Minister discussed housing options for key workers in the Illawarra and South Coast with LandCom?

1312 PROCUREMENT OF STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to workforce planning for the upgraded Shoalhaven Hospital and new Shellharbour Hospital:



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- (1) What changes have been made to the procurement and procurement policy concerning steel for New South Wales infrastructure projects since 25 March 2023?

1313 FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme, how many first home buyers in the Clarence Electorate have:

- (1) Purchased a property valued up to \$800,000 and paid no stamp duty;
- (2) Purchased a property valued at less than \$1,000,000 and paid a reduced stamp duty rate;
- (3) Purchased vacant land valued up to \$350,000 on which to build a home and paid no stamp duty;
- (4) Purchased vacant land valued over \$350,000 and less than \$450,000 and paid a reduced stamp duty rate?

1314 LAND TAX—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

How many purchasers of property in the Clarence Electorate opted to pay land tax rather than stamp duty before the reforms were repealed by the Government?