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(Paper No. 80)

* 1158 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—ELECTION COMMITMENTS - BALLINA—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell 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—

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- (1) Can the Minister advise, what election commitments were made for the Barwon electorate through the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program?
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- (1) Can the Minister advise, what election commitments were made for the Bathurst electorate through the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program?
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 - (iii) Who made the commitment and was it done publicly?
 - (iv) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined of more value to the community?
 - (v) 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 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.

* 1176 AGRICULTURE—MRNA VACCINES FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Could the Minister provide an update on the progress in development of mRNA vaccines for Foot and Mouth Disease since March 25, 2023?
- (2) Could the Minister provide an update on the progress in development of mRNA vaccines for Lumpy Skin Disease since March 25, 2023?
- (3) Given the deadline for the creation of the vaccines referenced in (1) & (2), set by the former government has not been met, can the Minister advise if a new deadline has been created?

Answer—

- (1) This year studies have been undertaken by Tiba Biotech Inc, Boston on the mRNA construct shown to give antibody levels in blood to Foot and Mouth Disease Virus (FMDV) type O virus in pigs in studies done in Europe. When this construct was retested, using current dendrimer nanoparticle formulations in mice, these results were not replicated.

NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) are considering a revised proposal to look at a number of alternative constructs in mice, then other species, to replicate the earlier studies funded by Gates Foundation to find effective vaccines.

- (2) Six mRNA vaccine candidates have been shown to produce antibody levels in mice that neutralise Lumpy skin disease (LSD) virus in vitro. Further, mixtures of serum show greater than additive levels of activity in vitro and a mixture of constructs is likely to be required in the end product. At present the consortium is seeking to test the candidates in other species including livestock.

- (3) Deadlines on the creation of a vaccine were set by the former Government. While the project is breaking new ground, it is not productive to provide a definitive timetable to research outcomes. DPI hopes to understand if the LSD vaccine is effective, based on the progression of research over the coming year.

* 1177 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—QUAD BIKE SAFETY AND TRAINING REBATE—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Given the Quad Bike Safety Rebate and Free Training Program ended on June 30, can the Minister advise, is the Government planning to cut funding for any other workplace health and safety programs?

Answer—

No. The former Perrottet Government made the decision to end the Quad Bike Safety Rebate on 30 June 2023.

The Premier appointed the Hon Sophie Cotsis MP as the first dedicated Work Health and Safety Minister in over a decade, which indicates the high priority the Government places on this area.

* 1178 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—NSW POLICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT FOR POLICE—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, what was the total cost of drug enforcement activity by New South Wales Police by Local Government Authority in each of the following calendar years:

- (a) 2013?
- (b) 2014?
- (c) 2015?
- (d) 2016?
- (e) 2017?
- (f) 2018?
- (g) 2019?
- (h) 2020?
- (i) 2021?
- (j) 2022?
- (k) 2023, to 30 June?

- (2) How many drug detection dogs are currently working for the New South Wales Police Force?

- (3) What was the total cost of drug detection dog operations in each of the following calendar years:

- (a) 2013?
- (b) 2014?
- (c) 2015?
- (d) 2016?
- (e) 2017?
- (f) 2018?
- (g) 2019?
- (h) 2020?
- (i) 2021?

- (j) 2022?
- (k) 2023, to 30 June?
- (4) How many drug detection dog deployments were recorded in New South Wales for each of the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015?
 - (d) 2016?
 - (e) 2017?
 - (f) 2018?
 - (g) 2019?
 - (h) 2020?
 - (i) 2021?
 - (j) 2022?
 - (k) 2023, to 30 June?
- (5) How many searches were undertaken following a drug detection dog indication in each of the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015?
 - (d) 2016?
 - (e) 2017?
 - (f) 2018?
 - (g) 2019?
 - (h) 2020?
 - (i) 2021?
 - (j) 2022?
 - (k) 2023, to 30 June?
- (6) How many searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication found no illicit drugs for the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2013?
 - (b) 2014?
 - (c) 2015?
 - (d) 2016?
 - (e) 2017?
 - (f) 2018?
 - (g) 2019?
 - (h) 2020?
 - (i) 2021?
 - (j) 2022?

(k) 2023, to 30 June?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force does not record activity-based costing information for individual crime types.
- (2) 14.
- (3) The NSW Police Force does not record information on the cost of operations involving drug detection dogs.
- (4)
 - (a) 2,128 in 2013
 - (b) 2,708 in 2014
 - (c) 2,574 in 2015
 - (d) 2,174 in 2016
 - (e) 1,999 in 2017
 - (f) 1,770 in 2018
 - (g) 2,008 in 2019
 - (h) 1,471 in 2020
 - (i) 1,535 in 2021
 - (j) 1,447 in 2022
 - (k) 663 in 2023 (to 30 June).
- (5)
 - (a) 13,720 in 2013
 - (b) 14,213 in 2014
 - (c) 12,493 in 2015
 - (d) 8,746 in 2016
 - (e) 9,524 in 2017
 - (f) 9,811 in 2018
 - (g) 10,760 in 2019
 - (h) 2,259 in 2020
 - (i) 2,475 in 2021
 - (j) 6,529 in 2022
 - (k) 4,006 in 2023 (to 30 June).
- (6)
 - (a) 10,622 in 2013
 - (b) 11,495 in 2014
 - (c) 9,423 in 2015
 - (d) 5,906 in 2016
 - (e) 6,795 in 2017
 - (f) 7,229 in 2018
 - (g) 8,330 in 2019

- (h) 1,611 in 2020
- (i) 1,756 in 2021
- (j) 4,887 in 2022
- (k) 2,859 in 2023 (to 30 June).

* 1179 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—PERSONALISED LICENSE PLATES—
The Hon. Scott Farlow 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 representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide figures of total revenue to Service NSW for the following financial years, 2018 – 2019, 2019 – 2020, 2020 – 2021, 2021 – 2022, 2022 – 2023:
 - (a) from personalised number plates, for all vehicle types:
 - (i) covering all fees?
 - (ii) including one-off application fees?
 - (iii) any recurring fees charged as part of registration?
 - (iv) other miscellaneous fees including replacement and transfer fees?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)(a)

- (i) Total revenue to Service NSW from personalised number plates, for all vehicle types covering all fees:
 - 2018 -2019: \$122,838,000
 - 2019 - 2020: \$127,338,000
 - 2020 - 2021: \$149,893,000
 - 2021 - 2022: \$149,566,000
 - 2022 - 2023: \$166,600,000
- (ii) Total revenue to Service NSW from personalised number plates, for all vehicle types including one-off fees:
 - 2018 -2019: \$60,161,000
 - 2019 - 2020: \$60,806,000
 - 2020 - 2021: \$74,203,000
 - 2021 - 2022: \$68,397,000
 - 2022 - 2023: \$79,200,000
- (iii) Total revenue to Service NSW from personalised number plates, for all vehicle types recurring fees:
 - 2018 -2019: \$55,180,000
 - 2019 - 2020: \$58,970,000
 - 2020 - 2021: \$66,806,000
 - 2021 - 2022: \$72,728,000
 - 2022 - 2023: \$78,400,000
- (iv) Total revenue to Service NSW from personalised number plates, for all vehicle types miscellaneous fees:

- 2018 -2019: \$7,497,000
- 2019 - 2020: \$7,562,000
- 2020 - 2021: \$8,884,000
- 2021 - 2022: \$8,441,000
- 2022 - 2023: \$9,000,000

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1225 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—FIREARMS - SILENCERS—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many crimes involving firearms, detailed as long-arms or handguns, either have silencers, sound-moderators or sound-suppressors (all referred to as silencers) that are integrated on their barrels or attached to their barrels in New South Wales in each of the calendar years, 2013 to 2023?
- (2) If there were any silencers how many of the firearms with silencers attached were long-arms?
 - (a) How many of the firearms were handguns or shortened long-arms?
- (3) If there were any silencers used in crime in the period referenced in (1) how many were:
 - (a) stolen in New South Wales?
 - (i) elsewhere in Australia?
 - (b) imported illegally in New South Wales?
 - (i) elsewhere in Australia?
 - (c) manufactured illegally or legally in New South Wales
 - (i) elsewhere in Australia?
- (4) If no statistics are collated by either the New South Wales Police, or the New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, under what basis does the Commissioner of Police decide the risk profile when deciding to approve or deny an application for a silencer?
 - (a) Under what basis does the Commissioner of Police decide the use of silencers in New South Wales is not in the public interest when used by:
 - (i) conservation?
 - (ii) recreational or cultural hunters?

1226 CLIMATE CHANGE—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the dates and times of information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (4) In the answers to Questions on Notice (#888-906), provided on 3 August 2023, it stated that “Further engagement in the Voice to Parliament Referendum by the NSW Government will be announced in due course”, can the Minister provide an update as to the further engagement with the Voice to Parliament Referendum by a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for?

1227 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1228 TREASURER—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Treasurer—

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- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the dates and times of information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (4) In the answers to Questions on Notice (#888-906), provided on 3 August 2023, it stated that “Further engagement in the Voice to Parliament Referendum by the NSW Government will be announced in due course”, can the Minister provide an update as to the further engagement with the Voice to Parliament Referendum by a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for?

1229 AGRICULTURE—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1230 FINANCE—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1231 WATER—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1232 PREMIER—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1233 DEPUTY PREMIER—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing 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 advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the dates and times of information sessions referred to in (1)?
- (4) In the answers to Questions on Notice (#888-906), provided on 3 August 2023, it stated that “Further engagement in the Voice to Parliament Referendum by the NSW Government will be announced in due course”, can the Minister provide an update as to the further engagement with the Voice to Parliament Referendum by a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for?

1234 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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1235 HEALTH—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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1236 TRANSPORT—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton 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 representing the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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1237 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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1238 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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- 1239 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details regarding who spoke at information sessions referred to in (1)?
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- 1240 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton 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 representing the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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- 1241 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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- 1242 ATTORNEY GENERAL—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Treasurer representing the Attorney General—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?

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- 1243 **SMALL BUSINESS—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS**—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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- 1244 **BETTER REGULATION AND FAIR TRADING—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS**—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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- 1245 **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND TREATY—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS**—The Hon. Rachel Merton 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 representing 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—
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- 1246 **WOMEN—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS**—The Hon. Rachel Merton to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth,

and Minister for the North Coast representing the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if a department or agency that the Minister has responsibility for has held an information session for staff or the community regarding the upcoming Federal Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum?
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1247 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROADS—VOICE INFORMATION SESSIONS—The Hon. Rachel Merton 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 representing the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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