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(Paper No. 77)

\* 1146 WATER—CHICHESTER DAM—The Hon. Mark Banasiak 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) In regard the most recent risk assessment of Chichester Dam, can the Minister advise:
  - (a) What is the estimated cost to repair the 100-year-old structure to reduce all identified risks?
  - (b) How many years are these proposed works set to take?
  - (c) How are these repairs proposed to be funded?
  - (d) Will the works entail the complete closure of the dam tourism areas?
- (2) If all works were to be completed, what is the estimated life of the dam before it will ultimately need to be decommissioned?
- (3) What is the planned alternative water supply to the Lower Hunter when this dam is eventually decommissioned?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (l)(a) Hunter Water is working through each of the recommendations of the independent dam safety risk assessments. Short term investigations and interim works are currently being implemented, and longer-term options are currently being progressed. Final costs are not known at this stage.
- (l)(b) Interim works are currently being implemented. Longer-term solutions could take between five and 10 years from initial investigations to construction.
- (l)(c) Hunter Water is a self-funding State Owned Corporation . All investigations and works will be self-funded through Hunter Water's operations.
- (l)(d) Temporary closures may be required to facilitate some works; however, the duration of any closure is not yet known. Should a temporary closure be required, Hunter Water will advise Dungog Shire Council and the Dungog Visitor Information Centre.
- (2) & (3) Hunter Water has no plans to decommission Chichester Dam.

I'd more than happy to discuss this issue with the Member.

\* 1147 ARTS—POWERHOUSE MUSEUM ULTIMO—The Hon. Robert Borsak to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, who is managing the process for the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo options that are going to Cabinet?
  - (a) What expertise does the person(s) have in very large museum planning?
  - (b) When will the options for Powerhouse Museum Ultimo be presented?
  - (c) What are the architectural and cultural briefs underpinning that process?
  - (d) Are the briefs available for the public to view?
    - (i) If yes, where can they be viewed?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) Have the various briefs underpinning that process been based on the completed Alan Croker Conservation Management Plan and the later Robertson and Hindmarsh heritage assessment?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) What was the Conservation Management Plan basis for all the subsequent briefs?

- (c) Why was Alan Croker not asked to complete his work with recommendations?
- (3) Which expert engineer is providing the analysis of the current state of the Wran 1988 project structures?
  - (a) Which expert engineer is providing analysis for the necessary upgrades required to future proof those structures and any enhancements/replacements needed in respect of services?
- (4) Who has defined the brief for these experts?
  - (a) Are the briefs available for the public to view?
    - (i) If yes, where can they be viewed?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) On 2 September 2023, the NSW Government announced that it is delivering on its election commitment to save the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo and preserve the Wran legacy. \$250 million has been committed for a heritage revitalisation of the Museum. The government will undertake further consultation with staff, the arts and culture sector, business and creative industries groups, the education sector, peak bodies, expert advisors, local community, and the public on the details and timing of the project. The details will become known in due course as part of the NSW planning process.
- (2) In June 2022, a Draft Conservation Management Plan was submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment as part of the Stage 1 SSDA for Powerhouse Ultimo. The 2022CMP is reflective of changes that have occurred since 2003 to both the Powerhouse site and NSW heritage and planning legislation. The new Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo CMP will guide future heritage and revitalisation works.
- (3) Following the announcement on 2 September, Infrastructure NSW will procure qualified engineers to guide the revitalisation of Powerhouse Ultimo in line with the Conservation Management Plan and current heritage and planning legislation.
- (4) Plans, briefs, reports and any other documentation or information produced by the project team that will be required to seek planning approval for the revitalisation works from the Department of Planning will be made publicly available as part of the planning approvals process.

#### 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

(Paper No. 92)

1206 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell 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 is the assessment criteria for a Domestic Violence Liaison Officer to be placed in a New South Wales Police station?
- (2) How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officer's are at each of the 28 New South Wales Police stations across the Cootamundra electorate:
  - (a) Murrumbidgee Police District:
    - (i) Barellan Police Station
    - (ii) Barmedman Police Station
    - (iii) Narrandera Police Station
    - (iv) Tallimba Police Station
    - (v) Ungarie Police Station
    - (vi) West Wyalong Police Station

- (b) Chifley Police District:
  - (i) Canowindra Police Station
  - (ii) Cowra Police Station
  - (iii) Gooloogong Police Station
  - (iv) Woodstock Police Station
- (c) Hume Police District:
  - (i) Boorowa Police Station
  - (ii) Caragabal Police Station
  - (iii) Greenethorpe Police Station
  - (iv) Grenfell Police Station
  - (v) Harden Police Station
  - (vi) Jugiong Police Station
  - (vii) Young Police Station
- (d) Riverina Police District:
  - (i) Ardlethan Police Station
  - (ii) Aria Park Police Station
  - (iii) Coolamon Police Station
  - (iv) Cootamundra Police Station
  - (v) Ganmain Police Station
  - (vi) Gundagai Police Station
  - (vii) Junee Police Station
  - (viii)- Koorawatha Police Station
  - (ix) Stockinbingal Police Station
  - (x) Temora Police Station
  - (xi)- Wallendbeen Police Station

1207 ENVIRONMENT—NATIVE FORESTRY OPERATIONS AND THE SWIFT PARROT—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister advise, with respect to Native Forestry Operations across New South Wales, how many separate Native Forestry Operations are underway?
  - (a) Where are these located?
- (2) Of the operations listed in (1), how many have been identified to affect the swift parrot, including its habitat?
- (3) What measures are being taken to ensure the protection of the swift parrot, including its habitat?

1208 POLICE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM—OPERATION OF NSW POLICE STATIONS—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell 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 is the assessment criteria for New South Wales Police stations to be operational 24hrs a day?

- (2) Which of each of the 28 New South Wales Police stations across the Cootamundra electorate listed below are operational 24hrs as day?
- (a) Murrumbidgee Police District:
    - (i) Barellan Police Station
    - (ii) Barmedman Police Station
    - (iii) Narrandera Police Station
    - (iv) Tallimba Police Station
    - (v) Ungarie Police Station
    - (vi) West Wyalong Police Station
  - (b) Chifley Police District:
    - (i) Canowindra Police Station
    - (ii) Cowra Police Station
    - (iii) Gooloogong Police Station
    - (iv) Woodstock Police Station
  - (c) Hume Police District:
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    - (vii) Young Police Station
  - (d) Riverina Police District:
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    - (iii) Coolamon Police Station
    - (iv) Cootamundra Police Station
    - (v) Ganmain Police Station
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    - (vii) Junee Police Station
    - (viii)- Koorawatha Police Station
    - (ix) Stockinbingal Police Station
    - (x) Temora Police Station
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1209 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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, what percentage of housing stock is currently being used for Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA), broken down by each Local Government Area?

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- (2) How many Short Term Rental Accommodations are in New South Wales, broken down by each Local Government Area?
- 1210 AGRICULTURE—NEW SOUTH WALES OCEAN TRAP AND LINE FISHERY ACTIVITY—Ms Cate Faehrmann to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Can the Minister advise, how many instances of whale entanglements were recorded by the Department of Primary Industries in New South Wales waters, and what were the species identified, broken down by calendar year from 1994 to 2022?:
    - (a) Of the entanglements in (1), how many were fatal?
  - (3) How many instances of ‘ghost fishing’ in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery were identified by the Department of Primary Industries, broken down by calendar year from 1994 to 2022?:
  - (4) How many interactions with threatened or endangered species in the Ocean Trap and Line Fishery were reported to the Department of Primary Industries, and what were the species identified, broken down by calendar year, from 1994 to 2022?:
  - (5) What have been the outcomes of the fish habitat improvement actions undertaken as part of the The Fisheries Research Strategic Plan?
  - (6) When was the most recent review of the Fishery Management Strategy for the New South Wales Ocean Trap and Line Fishery?
  - (7) Please provide catch records, broken down by year, since 2001.
- 1211 TRANSPORT—TRANSPORT FOR NSW AND U-GO MOBILITY—Ms Cate Faehrmann 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 please provide a breakdown of work by departmental staff undertaken to support U-Go Mobility in Region 10?
    - (a) In regard to (1). please provide:
      - (i) the position of those staff?
      - (ii) the hours they’ve expended?
      - (iii) the breakdown of what this has cost?
  - (2) How much has Transport for New South Wales expended in assisting U-Go Mobility in addressing the current service delivery issues in Region 10?
    - (a) Please provide a breakdown of these costs?
  - (3) Has there been any attempt to recover funds expended by Transport for New South Wales in providing assistance and support to U-Go Mobility as a result of current service delivery issues?
    - (a) If so, please provide steps taken or planned to be undertaken?
  - (4) Has any other contracted bus company received any financial or other support as U-Go Mobility in meeting its bus service contracts?
    - (a) If so, whom and how much has been expended to provide support?
  - (5) Has any other bus company contacted Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) following news of TfNSW working with U-Go to deliver its services?
    - (a) If so, whom and what were their concerns?
  - (6) Is Transport for New South Wales considering enforcing financial penalties against U-Go Mobility as a result of its inability to meet its contractual obligations?
    - (a) If so, please provide details.

1212 HOUSING—EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) On 13 September 2023, can the Minister advise, how many people were in emergency accommodation state-wide?
  - (a) If unable to provide the information for that date, please provide the most recent date?
- (2) How many people were living in each type of emergency accommodation in the Northern Rivers as at the following dates:
  - (a) Motor Homes:
    - (i) 1 April 2023?
    - (ii) 1 May 2023?
    - (iii) 1 June 2023?
    - (iv) 1 July 2023?
    - (v) 1 August 2023?
    - (vi) 1 September 2023?
  - (b) Camp Sites:
    - (i) 1 April 2023?
    - (ii) 1 May 2023?
    - (iii) 1 June 2023?
    - (iv) 1 July 2023?
    - (v) 1 August 2023?
    - (vi) 1 September 2023?
  - (c) Commercial Accommodation:
    - (i) 1 April 2023?
    - (ii) 1 May 2023?
    - (iii) 1 June 2023?
    - (iv) 1 July 2023?
    - (v) 1 August 2023?
    - (vi) 1 September 2023?
- (3) How many people are currently living in the following temporary housing villages in the Northern Rivers?
  - (a) Ballina Shire:
    - (i) Wollongbar Sports Field?
    - (ii) Bath Street, Wardell?
    - (iii) Burnet Street, Ballina?
  - (b) Byron Shire:
    - (i) Prince and Station Street, Mullumbimby?
    - (ii) Bayside, Brunswick Heads?
    - (iii) Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads?
  - (c) Lismore:
    - (i) Military Road, East Lismore?



- (d) Richmond Valley:
  - (i) Park Street, Evans Head?
  - (ii) Spring Street, Coraki?
- (e) Tweed Shire:
  - (i) Elmond Drive, Kingscliff?
  - (ii) Tweed Coast Road, Pottsville?

1213 HOMELESSNESS—SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES EVALUATION—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) On 27 June 2023, the Department of Communities and Justice updated their website to advise the Final Report by Ernst and Young on the evaluation of the Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) program would be available in mid-2023, as it is now September and the report has not been released, can the Minister advise when will the they release the report?

1214 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—TEMPORARY HOUSING VILLAGES—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones 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—

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  - (c) Lismore:
    - (i) Military Road, East Lismore?
  - (d) Richmond Valley:
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    - (ii) Spring Street, Coraki?
  - (e) Tweed Shire:
    - (i) Elmond Drive, Kingscliff?
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