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\* 1192 WATER—WATER SECURITY FOR BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL—The Hon. Sarah Mitchell 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, what is the Government's plan to ensure that improvements to water security are made for Bourke Shire Council?
- (2) Will the Government commit to capacity upgrades for the weir in Bourke?
- (3) As Bourke Shire Council have extended an invitation for you to visit Bourke, can the Minister advise whether you plan on visiting?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is targeting water security improvements across several levels. The NSW Government's Town Water Risk Reduction Program is working in partnership with councils, local water utilities, government agencies and the broader sector to improve management of town water risks.  
The NSW Government has invested more than \$23 million in water security infrastructure projects benefiting Bourke Shire Council, such as new bores and a new water treatment plant.
- (2) The NSW Government is currently seeking to progress to final business cases for these actions.
- (3) I do plan on visiting Bourke in the near future, and I have spoken directly with the Mayor Barry Hollman about water security in the region.

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1284 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—The Hon. Damien Tudehope 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 whether grants to be made under the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program are “one-off or ad hoc grants” for the purposes of the Grants Administration Guide?
- (2) In assessing whether a project meets the eligibility criterion of having “been nominated as an election commitment prior to the March 2023 election” how is the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program Office determining whether a project meets this criterion?
  - (a) Did the pre-election nomination have to have been made by a Labor candidate standing for election in the electorate for which the project had applied for funding?
  - (b) Did the pre-election nomination of a project have to have been accepted by the organisation that would receive the grant?
  - (c) What measures were in place during the pre-election nomination process to identify any potential conflicts of interest between the Labor candidate nominating a project and the proposed recipients of the grant?
  - (d) Will the Probity Advisors for the Program consider any potential conflict of interests between the Labor candidate who nominated a project and the proposed recipients of the grant?
  - (e) Is there a comprehensive list of all projects nominated by Labor candidates prior to the election?
    - (i) If so, who created this list?

- (ii) If so, when was the list created?
- (f) Is the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program Office responsible for independently verifying that each specific nomination was made before the election?
  - (i) Has the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program been provided with a list of nominated projects?
- (3) When was a pre-election nomination made to spend any otherwise allocated portion of the \$400,000 per electorate on “playground and park upgrade projects to be delivered by local councils”?
  - (a) By whom was the pre-election nomination made?

1285 INDUSTRY AND TRADE—INTERNATIONAL TRADE OFFICES—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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—

Can the Minister please advise, will the Government’s International Trade Offices remain open in the following cities:

- (a) New York?
- (b) San Francisco?
- (c) Washington?
- (d) Toronto?
- (e) Santiago?
- (f) Shanghai?
- (g) Guangzhou?
- (h) Hong Kong?
- (i) Taipei?
- (j) Mumbai?
- (k) Bangalore,
- (l) Abu Dhabi?
- (m) Tokyo?
- (n) Seoul?
- (o) Singapore?
- (p) Jakarta?
- (q) Hanoi?
- (r) Kuala Lumpur?
- (s) London?
- (t) Berlin?
- (u) Paris?

1286 INDUSTRY AND TRADE—VALUE - NEW SOUTH WALES EXPORTS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the value of New South Wales exports to the following countries in the financial year 2023-24:
  - (a) China?

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- (b) India?
  - (c) Japan?
  - (d) Israel?
  - (e) US?
  - (f) Canada?
  - (g) UK?
  - (h) France?
  - (i) Germany?
  - (j) Italy?
  - (k) Greece?"
- (2) Can the Minister advise the budgeted value of New South Wales exports to the following countries in the financial year 2023-24:
- (a) China?
  - (b) India?
  - (c) Japan?
  - (d) Israel?
  - (e) US?
  - (f) Canada?
  - (g) UK?
  - (h) France?
  - (i) Germany?
  - (j) Italy?
  - (k) Greece?"
- (3) Can the Minister advise the five most valuable exports by product in 2022 – 2023?
- (4) Can the Minister advise the five most valuable exports by product in 2023 – 2024?

1287 MENTAL HEALTH—FUNDING HOSPITALS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise, will the Government continue to fund or initiate funding for the following hospitals and programs:
- (a) St George Hospital:
    - (i) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
    - (ii) Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk (CASPAR)?
  - (b) Wollongong Hospital:
    - (i) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
    - (ii) Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk (CASPAR)?
  - (c) Shellharbour Hospital:
    - (i) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
    - (ii) Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk (CASPAR)?
  - (d) Bulli Hospital:

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- (i) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
    - (ii) Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk (CASPAR)?
  - (2) If the Government is choosing not to fund or initiate funding for any of the above programs (1)(a)-9(d), can the Minister please advise why they have chosen not to fund these programs in:
    - (a) St George Hospital?
    - (b) Wollongong Hospital?
    - (c) Shell Harbour Hospital?
    - (d) Bulli Hospital?
- 1288 FINANCE—REVENUE—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise, how much revenue was raised through stamp duty in the financial year 2022 - 2023?
  - (2) How much revenue is expected to be raised from stamp duty in the following financial years:
    - (a) 2023-24?
    - (b) 2024-25?
    - (c) 2025-26?
  - (3) How much revenue was raised through land tax collection in the financial year 2022 - 2023?
  - (4) How much revenue is expected to be raised from land tax collection in the following financial years:
    - (a) 2023-24?
    - (b) 2024-25?
    - (c) 2025-26?
- 1289 FINANCE—LAND TAX—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) Can the Minister please advise the estimated value of land tax forgone by Government in relation to exemptions under the following sections of the Land Tax Management Act 1956:
    - (a) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (i)?
    - (b) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (iii)?
    - (c) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (iv)?
    - (d) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (v)?
- 1290 FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES—FOSTER CARERS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise what steps are being taken by the Government to protect the privacy of children in foster care situations?
  - (2) Can the Minister please confirm:
    - (a) that foster carers are allowed to take photos and record media of children in their care?
    - (b) that foster parents are allowed to post photos or videos of children in their care to social media?
  - (3) Can the Minister please advise what policy governs the use of photos or other media captured of children under the care of foster carers?

1291 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—PLANTING TREES—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise if the Government will commit to the Coalition's target of planting five million trees across Greater Sydney to increase the tree canopy to 40 per cent by 2030?

1292 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—CURRENT DRAFT POLICY—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please confirm:
  - (a) that the Department of Planning and Environment's Planning Circular current draft policy, issued for public comment on 16 May 2023 is marked as "draft - not Government Policy"?
  - (b) that the Minister has advised that this draft policy will not introduce a new or changed policy or override the National Construction Code (NCC)?
  - (c) that the Department will continue with its "current approach to building classification" as explained in response to Question on Notice #1117 – Planning and Public Spaces – ALPINE RESORT AREAS?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise, under what current policy the Department is operating under?
  - (a) When the current policy was adopted?
  - (b) Which authority approved adoption of the current policy?
  - (c) What consultation process the policy was subject to?

1293 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—WHITE ROOFS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please explain what actions are being taken to increase the number of white roofs in New South Wales, to reduce the impact of global warming on homes and suburbs?
- (2) Can the Minister please confirm that a requirement for white roofs will be a requirement for any new buildings or homes built by Landcom?
- (3) Can the Minister please confirm that building codes will be updated in New South Wales to ensure all new buildings are designed with white roofs to reduce heat stress on communities across the state?

1294 HOMELESSNESS—FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown by dollar value of the \$5.9 million to Specialist Homelessness Services as part of the Essential Housing Package?
- (2) Have new Specialist Homelessness Services been funded in the 2023-24 Budget?
  - (a) If so, for how long?
- (3) In response to LC Question on Notice 956 the Minister advised "There have been an additional four SHS contracts (delivered by six Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations) funded since June 2023 under the Aboriginal Homelessness Services Growth Project". Is this funding part of the \$5.9 million or new funding?
- (4) How many Specialist Homelessness Services were funded in New South Wales for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2021-22?
  - (b) 2022-23?

- (5) Has the baseline funding changed for Specialist Homelessness Services?
- 1295 HOMELESSNESS—TOGETHER HOME FUNDING—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown by dollar value of the \$11.3 million for the Together Home program as part of the Essential Housing Package?
- 1296 HOMELESSNESS—FUNDING FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION—The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones to ask the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown by dollar value of the \$11 million for Temporary Accommodation as part of the Essential Housing Package?
- (a) What is the breakdown by dollar value by local government area?
- (b) What is the breakdown by dollar value by region?
- (c) Has the baseline funding changed for Temporary Accommodation?
- 1297 ENERGY—WHITE ROOFS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Can the Minister please explain what actions are being taken to increase the number of white roofs in New South Wales, to reduce the impact of global warming on homes and suburbs?
- (2) Can the Minister please confirm that a requirement for white roofs will be a requirement for any new buildings or homes built by Landcom?
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- 1298 HEALTH—FUNDING HOSPITALS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise, will the Government continue to fund or initiate funding for the following hospitals and programs:
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- (2) If the Government is choosing not to fund or initiate funding for any of the above programs (1)(a)-9(d), can the Minister please advise why they have chosen not to fund these programs in:
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- (b) Wollongong Hospital?
- (c) Shell Harbour Hospital?
- (d) Bulli Hospital?

1299 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—SYDNEY START UP HUB—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the amount of funding allocated to the Sydney Start Up Hub:
  - (a) in the 2023-24 budget?
  - (b) in the forward estimates?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the value of the subsidies that will be made available to assist people wishing to rent a space at the Sydney Start Up Hub:
  - (a) in total?
  - (b) for an individual subsidy?

1300 TREASURER—LAND TAX—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the estimated value of land tax forgone by Government in relation to exemptions under the following sections of the Land Tax Management Act 1956:
  - (a) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (i)?
  - (b) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (iii)?
  - (c) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (iv)?
  - (d) Part 3, Section 10 (f) (v)?

1301 TREASURER—VALUE - NEW SOUTH WALES EXPORTS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the value of New South Wales exports to the following countries in the financial year 2023-24:
  - (a) China?
  - (b) India?
  - (c) Japan?
  - (d) Israel?
  - (e) US?
  - (f) Canada?
  - (g) UK?
  - (h) France?
  - (i) Germany?
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- (2) Can the Minister advise the budgeted value of New South Wales exports to the following countries in the financial year 2023-24:
  - (a) China?
  - (b) India?

- (c) Japan?
  - (d) Israel?
  - (e) US?
  - (f) Canada?
  - (g) UK?
  - (h) France?
  - (i) Germany?
  - (j) Italy?
  - (k) Greece?"
- (3) Can the Minister advise the five most valuable exports by product in 2022 – 2023?
- (4) Can the Minister advise the five most valuable exports by product in 2023 – 2024?

1302 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—FUNIDING FOR GRANTS AND PROGRAMS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise if the following grants and programs will be funded:
- (a) Minimal Viable Product Ventures grants?
  - (b) NSW Future Industries Investment Program?
  - (c) National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Program?
  - (d) Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) Program?
  - (e) NSW Biosciences Fund?
  - (f) Infrastructure Build Out Program?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise how much funding is allocated to each of these programs in the 2023-24 Budget:
- (a) Minimal Viable Product Ventures grants?
  - (b) NSW Future Industries Investment Program?
  - (c) National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Program?
  - (d) Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) Program?
  - (e) NSW Biosciences Fund?
  - (f) Infrastructure Build Out Program?
- (3) Can the Minister please advise how much funding is allocated to each of these programs in the forward estimates:
- (a) Minimal Viable Product Ventures grants?
  - (b) NSW Future Industries Investment Program?
  - (c) National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Program?
  - (d) Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) Program?
  - (e) NSW Biosciences Fund?
  - (f) Infrastructure Build Out Program?

1303 CUSTOMER SERVICE AND DIGITAL GOVERNMENT—DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 advise the name and the details of any data sharing agreements which currently exist between the Federal and NSW Governments?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the expiration date of each agreement?

1304 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—CYBER SECURITY AND ONLINE SAFETY—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise whether the New South Wales curriculum includes mandatory education for children about cyber security and online safety?
  - (a) What is taught under the mandatory curriculum relating to cyber security and online safety?
  - (b) At what age are children taught about cyber security and online safety?
  - (c) Can the Minister advise the year that the current cyber security and online safety curriculum was updated?

1305 MULTICULTURALISM—HOUSE OF WELCOME—The Hon. Jacqui Munro 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 please advise if House of Welcome will receive funding in the 2023-24 Budget?

1306 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—GRANTS PROGRAMS FOR ENTREPRENEURS, START UP FOUNDERS AND OTHER INNOVATION INDUSTRY ACTORS—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what grants programs will be made available to entrepreneurs, start up founders and other innovation industry actors? And advise:
  - (a) the description of each program?
  - (b) the total amount the Government is spending on these programs?
  - (c) how much each program is worth for a successful applicant?
  - (d) when these programs will be available for applications?
  - (e) who will be eligible to apply for these programs?
  - (f) what consultation has occurred to develop these programs?

1307 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—INVESTMENT NSW STAFFING—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise the number of staff employed by Investment NSW at:
  - (a) 24 March 2023?
  - (b) 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 29 September 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise:
  - (a) will funding cuts to Investment NSW will result in job cuts?
  - (b) what is the expected number of job cuts in Investment NSW in the next six months?

1308 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES IN THE 2023-24 BUDGET—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise what grants, subsidies and programs have been cut under the \$1.4 billion reduction in the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade ‘Grants and Subsidies’ line item in the 2023-24 Budget Paper No. 2, Agency Financial Statements?

1309 INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, INVESTMENT AND TRADE’S GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES—The Hon. Jacqui Munro to ask the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise:
  - (a) the value of grants and subsidies paid to successful applicants between 26 March 2023 and 30 June 2023, under the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade’s line item ‘Grants and Subsidies’ from Budget Paper No. 2, Agency Financial Statements?
  - (b) the number of grants and subsidies paid to successful applicants between 26 March 2023 and 30 June 2023, under the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade’s line item ‘Grants and Subsidies’ from Budget Paper No. 2, Agency Financial Statements?
  - (c) the number of grants and subsidies allocated to successful applicants between 26 March 2023 and 30 June 2023, under the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade’s line item ‘Grants and Subsidies’ from Budget Paper No. 2, Agency Financial Statements?

1310 HEALTH—KEY HEALTH WORKER ACCOMODATION—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) In what new locations has the Government allocated funding for Key Health Worker Accommodation?
- (2) Will the Government be proceeding the Key Health Worker Accommodation in the Far West Local Health district committed and funded by the previous Coalition Government?
- (3) Will the Government be proceeding with the \$15 million Key Health Worker Accommodation in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District which was committed and funded by the previous Coalition Government?

1311 HEALTH—MANNING BASE HOSPITAL—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Will the Minister match the Coalition’s commitment to additional funding which will deliver the final stage of the Manning Hospital redevelopment?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that the remainder of the Manning Base Hospital Redevelopment should be completed in one final stage, rather than multiple stages?

1312 HEALTH—MINISTERIAL TRAVEL IN REGIONAL TRAVEL—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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 please advise, since 29 March 2023, how many days have they spent in regional New South Wales, excluding the Central Coast, Wollongong and Newcastle?
- (2) What regional hospitals has the Minister visited since becoming the Minister for Health?
  - (a) Has the Minister overnighted in any regional areas?

1313 HEALTH—NEW REGIONAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Could the Minister please provide a list of all new regional health infrastructure project commitments made by the Government in the 2023-24 Budget that are not projects previously funded, committed to or otherwise commenced under the previous Coalition Government?

1314 HEALTH—NURSES AND MIDWIVES' PERMANENT POSITIONS IN REGIONAL NSW—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Regarding the Minns Government's \$572.3 million commitment to make 1,112 nurses and midwives' temporary positions permanent, how many will be in regional New South Wales, excluding Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Newcastle's John Hunter Hospital?
  - (a) Could the Minister please provide a breakdown per Local Health District?

1315 HEALTH—SERVICES AT NYNGAN AND WEE WAA HEALTH FACILITIES—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) In May 2023, services were reduced at Nyngan and Wee Waa Health facilities due to staffing challenges:
  - (a) Have these staffing challenges been resolved?
  - (b) Have the services returned to their normal levels?

1316 HEALTH—PACER PROGRAM FUNDING—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Is the Minister aware of recent media reports of fatal police shootings as a result of mental health experts being banned from assisting police operations?
- (2) What is the budgeted expenditure for the Police, Ambulance, Clinical, Early, Response programs (PACER) over the forward estimates?
- (3) Will the Minister increase funding for PACER to expand it to every Police Area Command in New South Wales?
- (4) Has the Minister allocated separate, dedicated funding for regional PACER programs in New South Wales?

1317 HEALTH—2023-24 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Was there an allocation in the 2023-24 Budget for palliative care services?
- (2) If so, please provide a full breakdown by Local Health District over the forward estimates, split by:
  - (a) recurrent expenditure?
  - (b) capital expenditure?

1318 HEALTH—ALBURY WODONGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL FUNDING—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Why has the Minns Government cut \$20 million from the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital?

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- 1319 HEALTH—EUROBODALLA HOSPITAL—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) In relation to Eurobodalla Hospital, can the Minister advise if they have received a briefing from any or either of the following entities:
    - (a) The Ministry of Health?
      - (i) If so, when?
    - (b) Southern NSW Local Health District?
      - (i) If so, when?
  - (2) Could the Minister please confirm the Minns Government’s current intention regarding the level of care to be provided at Eurobodalla Hospital from its inception?
  - (3) Will the Minns Government meet its election commitment to open the Eurobodalla Hospital as a Level 4 facility from “day one”?
    - (a) If yes, please specify the target date for the hospital opening?
    - (b) If no, please set out the reasons why the Minns Government is breaking a key election commitment it made to the people of Bega and the broader Eurobodalla region?
- 1320 HEALTH—FOSTER-TUNCURRY PUBLIC HOSPITAL—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) Will the Minns Government establish a Public Hospital in Forster?
  - (2) The previous New South Wales Government secured an additional \$60 million towards the establishment of a public hospital in Forster, adding to the \$20 million already budgeted - can the Minns Government confirm that it has retained a total Budget allocation of \$80 million towards a public hospital in Forster?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 1321 HEALTH—HEALTH WORKER STUDY SUBSIDY—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) How much of the \$120 million Health Worker Study Subsidy has been allocated to students who live in a rural location and/or are intending to practice in a rural location, excluding Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District and Newcastle’s John Hunter Hospital?
    - (a) Could the Minister please provide a breakdown per Local Health District?
- 1322 HEALTH—HEALTHONE PROGRAM FUNDING—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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, has additional money been allocated to the HealthOne program within the current budget?
- 1323 HEALTH—IPTAAS FUNDING—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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, what funding has the Minns Government committed over the forward estimates to the continuation of the Isolated Parents and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS)?
- 1324 HEALTH—RURAL AMBULANCE INFRASTRUCTURE RECONFIGURATION PROGRAM FUNDING—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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, has additional money been allocated to the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration program within the current budget?

1325 HEALTH—THE SCHOOL NURSES PROGRAM EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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, what is the budgeted expenditure for the Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse Coordinator (School Nurses) program over the forward estimates?

- (a) Will the Minister guarantee that funding for the School Nurses program will continue?

1326 HEALTH—TOWARDS ZERO SUICIDES INITIATIVE EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Bronnie Taylor 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) What is the Budgeted expenditure for the Towards Zero Suicides Initiative over the forward estimates?

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