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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—

- (1) What was / is the exact number of permanent professional firefighters employed in New South Wales at each of the following dates:
  - (a) The present date or the most recent date for which records are held?
  - (b) 31 December 2022?
  - (c) 30 June 2022?
  - (d) 31 December 2021?
  - (e) 30 June 2021?
  - (f) 31 December 2020?
  - (g) 30 June 2020?
  - (h) 31 December 2019?
- (2) What was exact dollar figure for overtime paid to professional firefighters in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?
  - (d) 2019/20?
- (3) What was / is the exact number of ‘on-call’ firefighters employed in New South Wales at each of the dates referenced at 1(a)-(h) above?
- (4) As at each of the dates referenced at 1(a)-(h) above, what is the exact number of professional firefighters employed in New South Wales stood down for disciplinary reasons regarding a failure or alleged failure to comply with a direction regarding the receiving of a vaccination for COVID-19?
- (5) As at each of the dates referenced at 1(a)-(h) above, what is the exact number of ‘on-call’ firefighters in New South Wales stood down for disciplinary reasons regarding a failure or alleged failure to comply with a direction regarding the receiving of a vaccination for COVID-19?
- (6) What was the exact dollar figure spent on training newly employed professional firefighters in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?
  - (d) 2019/20?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1)

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- (a) 24.08.23 -3,596
  - (b) 31.12.22 -3,558
  - (c) 30.06.22 -3,579
  - (d) 31.12.21 -3,539
  - (e) 30.06.21 -3,585
  - (f) 31.12.20 -3,545
  - (g) 30.06.20 -3,545
  - (h) 31.12.19 -3,519
- (2)
- (a) \$76,251,155
  - (b) \$54,225,997
  - (c) \$23,347,018
  - (d) \$28,439,176
- (3)
- (a) 24.08.23 -3,219
  - (b) 31.12.22 -3,274
  - (c) 30.06.22 -3,243
  - (d) 31.12.21 -3,266
  - (e) 30.06.21 -3,317
  - (f) 31.12.20 -3,319
  - (g) 30.06.20 -3,297
  - (h) 31.12.19 -3,281
- (4) A number of FRNSW employees were required to access leave entitlements for absences from duty due to noncompliance with the COVID19 Vaccination Requirement Policy, which was effective from 17 December 2021:
- (a) 52 (as at 31 August 2022)
  - (b) 58
  - (c) 69
  - (d) Not available
  - (e) 0
  - (f) 0
  - (g) 0
  - (h) 0
- (5) A number of FRNSW employees were required to access leave entitlements for absences from duty due to noncompliance with the COVID19 Vaccination Requirement Policy, which was effective from 17 December 2021:
- (a) 71

- (b) 75
- (c) 79
- (d) Not available
- (e) 0
- (f) 0
- (g) 0
- (h) 0
- (6) The cost of recruitment and training of firefighters, excluding the cost of operations of the Emergency Service Academy, was:
  - (a) \$4,943,096
  - (b) \$4,065,674
  - (c) \$3,994,212
  - (d) \$3,879,970

\* 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—

Could the Minister please advise when the member for Pittwater will be permitted to meet with the Mona Vale Road East project team, as requested in the Member's correspondence to the Minister, dated 11 July 2023, so that the member may seek an update on the project's status and raise queries with the project team relating to the project on behalf of Pittwater constituents?

Answer—

I am advised

The Mona Vale Road East project is scheduled to open to traffic in late 2023. This includes opening the new signalised intersection in place of the existing roundabout at Ponderosa Parade and Samuel Street, finishing laying all the new road surfaces and installing the fauna bridge and underpass. Some minor work will be carried out in the new year, including landscaping, fauna fencing, some traffic barriers and signage.

Additional information is available in the project website link,

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/mona-vale-road-east-mona-vale-road-upgrade](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/mona-vale-road-east-mona-vale-road-upgrade).

Transport for NSW has been in contact with the Member for Pittwater's Office. A briefing has been confirmed for Wednesday, 20 September.

\* 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—

- (1) For the each of the New South Wales Fire and Rescue Stations in the Pittwater electorate - Avalon, Mona Vale, and Narrabeen - could you please advise the exact dollar amount spent on maintenance and capital works in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019/20?
  - (b) 2020/21?
  - (c) 2021/22?
  - (d) 2022/23?

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Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the maintenance and capital works spent for Avalon, Mona Vale and Narrabeen are as follows:
- (a) For 2019/20  
Avalon: \$78,000  
Mona Vale: \$33,000  
Narrabeen: \$65,000
- (b) For 2020/21  
Avalon: \$180,000  
Mona Vale: \$62,000  
Narrabeen: \$352,000
- (c) For 2021/22  
Avalon: \$58,000  
Mona Vale: \$34,000  
Narrabeen: \$110,000
- (d) For 2022/23  
Avalon: \$12,000  
Mona Vale: \$24,000  
Narrabeen: \$178,000

\* 1038 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—

With respect to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program, could the Premier please advise:

- (1) What funding commitments were made for the Pittwater electorate through the LSCA program?
- (2) For each LSCA program funding commitment for Pittwater, who made the commitment and was this done publicly, and on what date was each commitment made?
- (3) For each LSCA program funding commitment for Pittwater, what is the expected timeframe for funding to be provided?
- (4) How did the Government consult with the Pittwater community to determine where this funding should be allocated?
- (5) If it is determined that a project may not be able to be funded, is there scope to reallocate the funds to other projects in the Pittwater electorate?

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.

\* 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—

- (1) How many complaints in each of the last three years has NSW Health and/or the Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) received about a location or person (including a business or retailer) in the NSLHD regarding the breaking of an indoor or outdoor smoking ban?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of each type of complaint in each of the last three years.
- (2) How many complaints in each of the last three years has NSW Health and / or NSLHD received about a location, premises, or person (including a business or retailer) in the NSLHD regarding a tobacco or e-cigarette retail law being broken?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of each type of complaint in each of the last three years.
- (3) How many fines have been issued to retailers, persons (including a business or retailer) or premises under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 and / or the Public Health (Tobacco) Regulation 2022 in the NSLHD in each of the last three years?
  - (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of each type of fine and the overall amount fined in respect of each fine in each of the last three years.
- (4) Currently, how many inspectors (as defined in section 7A of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008) are there NSLHD?
- (5) On how many occasions in each of the past three years have inspectors made visits to tobacco or e-cigarette retailers in the NSLHD?
  - (a) How many of those visits were random?
  - (b) How many of those visits were pre-arranged?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the previous three financial years, there were 202 complaints regarding the breaking of an indoor or outdoor smoking ban, and 335 complaints regarding the breaking of tobacco or e-cigarette retailing laws in the North Sydney Local Health District.

A number of fines were issued to retailers, persons (including a business or retailer) or premises under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 and/or the Public Health (Tobacco) Regulation 2022 in the NSLHD in the last 3 financial years.

The NSW Ministry of Health employs inspectors centrally who are authorised to conduct compliance work under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008.

NSW Local Health Districts appoint their own inspectors for the purposes of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008. The numbers of inspectors authorised by Local Health Districts will vary.

During the last three financial years, a total of 858 inspections were conducted. Inspections are carried out by the Ministry and Local Health Districts as part of their comprehensive enforcement and compliance programs. Inspections are not pre-arranged with the retailer.

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\* 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—

- (1) What is the exact number of patients transported from an address in each of the following postcodes 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 via ambulance service to a hospital in following financial years (please provide the exact number for each postcode);
  - (a) 2019/20?
  - (b) 2020/21?
  - (c) 2021/22?
  - (d) 2022/23?
- (2) Of the patients transport via ambulance service referred to above, in each of the above financial years, please advise how many patients were initially transported to;
  - (a) Northern Beaches Hospital?
  - (b) Royal North Shore (Public)?
  - (c) North Shore Private Hospital?
  - (d) Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?
  - (e) St Vincent's Hospital Sydney?
  - (f) St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney?
  - (g) Other?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about NSW Ambulance performance, including response and turnaround time, is available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

\* 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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of businesses, sole traders, corporations or individuals in the postcodes 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 are currently under audit or have been audited by Revenue NSW for receipt of the following government support measures (please provide the exact number for each post code for each of the below support measures):
  - (a) Job saver payments?
  - (b) COVID-19 micro business grant?
  - (c) COVID-19 business grants?
  - (d) Accommodation support grant?
  - (e) Commercial landlord hardship fund?
- (2) What is the exact number of businesses, sole traders, corporations or individuals referred to above who have been required or requested to repay funds to the Government in respect of any of the audits referred to above (please provide exact figures for each of the support measures referenced at paragraphs (a)-(e) above)?
- (3) What is the exact number of businesses, sole traders, corporations or individuals referred to at 2 above who have had the request to repay funds withdrawn or amended following them providing a reply to the Government's request or requirement for repayment of funds?



- (4) What is the exact dollar amount repaid to the Government by reason of the correspondence issued by the Government to businesses, sole traders, corporations or individuals referred to above?

Answer—

I am advised ...

(1)

(a) JobSaver payments

Postcode	# Audited Businesses
2084	10
2097	23
2101	18
2102	12
2103	19
2104	6
2105	<5
2106	22
2107	27
2108	<5

(b) COVID-19 micro business grant

Postcode	# Audited Businesses
2084	21
2097	149
2101	165
2102	65
2103	117
2104	26
2105	25
2106	94
2107	164
2108	17

(c) COVID-19 business grants

Postcode	# Audited Businesses
2084	<5
2097	11
2101	15

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2102	5
2103	7
2104	<5
2105	<5
2106	14
2107	10
2108	<5

(d) Accommodation support grant

Nil

(e) Commercial landlord hardship fund

Nil

(2)

(a) JobSaver payments

Postcode	# Businesses Requested to Repay
2084	8
2097	13
2101	7
2102	8
2103	13
2104	<5
2105	<5
2106	13
2107	12
2108	0

(b) COVID-19 micro business grant

Postcode	# Businesses Required to Repay
2084	0
2097	<5
2101	5
2102	<5
2103	<5
2104	<5
2105	<5

2106	<5
2107	9
2108	0

(c) COVID-19 business grants

Postcode	# Businesses Requested to Repay
2084	<5
2097	11
2101	15
2102	5
2103	7
2104	<5
2105	<5
2106	14
2107	10
2108	<5

(d) Accommodation support grant

Nil

(e) Commercial landlord hardship fund

Nil

(3)

(a) JobSaver payments

Postcode	# Withdrawn Requests
2084	0
2097	0
2101	0
2102	0
2103	<5
2104	0
2105	<5
2106	<5
2107	<5
2108	0

(b) COVID-19 micro business grant

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Postcode	# Withdrawn Requests
2084	0
2097	0
2101	0
2102	0
2103	0
2104	0
2105	0
2106	0
2107	0
2108	0

(c) COVID-19 business grants

Postcode	Withdrawn
2084	0
2097	<5
2101	<5
2102	0
2103	<5
2104	0
2105	0
2106	<5
2107	<5
2108	0

(d) Accommodation support grant

Nil

(e) Commercial landlord hardship fund Nil

(4)

(a) JobSaver payments

Postcode	Amount Repaid
2084	\$326,205
2097	\$300,363
2101	\$189,992
2102	\$222,361
2103	\$574,805

2104	\$7,125
2105	\$26,250
2106	\$441,787
2107	\$239,638
2108	0

(b) COVID-19 micro business grant

Postcode	Amount Repaid
2084	0
2097	0
2101	\$7,500
2102	\$3,000
2103	0
2104	0
2105	0
2106	0
2107	\$775
2108	0

(c) COVID-19 business grants

Postcode	Amount Repaid
2084	0
2097	\$15,000
2101	\$788
2102	\$7,500
2103	\$810
2104	0
2105	0
2106	0
2107	0
2108	0

(d) Accommodation support grant

Nil

(e) Commercial landlord hardship fund Nil

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\* 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—

- (1) What is the exact number of ambulances operating out of the Narrabeen Ambulance station and what is the exact number of paramedics stationed at or primarily based at the Narrabeen Ambulance station as at each of the following dates:
  - (a) The present date or the most recent date for which records are held?
  - (b) 31 December 2022?
  - (c) 30 June 2022?
  - (d) 31 December 2021?
  - (e) 30 June 2021?
  - (f) 31 December 2020?
  - (g) 30 June 2020?
  - (h) 31 December 2019?
- (2) What was the exact dollar figure spent on the Narrabeen Ambulance station's building maintenance in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
- (3) What was the exact dollar figure spent on the Narrabeen Ambulance station's building capital expenditure in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2019-20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022-23?
- (4) What is the exact dollar amount budgeted for:
  - (a) Maintenance of the Narrabeen Ambulance station?
  - (b) Capital expenditure on the Narrabeen Ambulance station, for each of the following financial years:
    - (i) 2023/24?
    - (ii) 2024/25?
    - (iii) 2025/26?
- (5) In relation to the expenditures referred to at '4' above, please provide particulars of: any new infrastructure or capital expenditure, safety measures or other improvements, or any other works to be undertaken?
- (6) What is the exact number of emergency calls responded to by ambulances which are primary based out of the Narrabeen Ambulance station and / or commence their emergency call at the Narrabeen Ambulance station, and please provide the average response time as at each of the dates referenced at 1(a)-(h) above?
- (7) Does the Government plan to close or re-locate the Narrabeen Ambulance station?

- (8) What is the government's assessment of the risk to public safety of Pittwater constituents from any proposal to close or re-locate the location of Narrabeen Ambulance station, and what mitigation strategies have been or will be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. During periods of higher demand, NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community. Information about NSW Ambulance performance, including response and turnaround time, is available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

Total maintenance costs for Narrabeen Ambulance Station were approximately \$148,000 for the years mentioned, while total capital expenditure was approximately \$207,000. The budget for building maintenance is held centrally and is funded as required. The budgets for future financial years are not yet determined.

Narrabeen Ambulance Station does not meet current modern standards. The NSW Government is continuing discussions about the future of this asset.

- \* 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—

- (1) What are the average costs associated with the removal of gas supply from a residential property?
- (a) What are the maximum costs individuals are being charged to remove their gas meter?
- (2) What current Government policies exist to support individuals wanting to change from gas to electric appliances in their household?

Answer—

- (1) The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is responsible for regulating gas and electricity networks in NSW. The AER sets network prices for the delivery of gas services, including gas disconnections and meter removal.

The latest pricing and tariff schedules for gas networks operating in NSW are published within the respective Access Arrangement for each network operator. These can be accessed on the AER's website at <https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/pricing-proposals-tariffs>.

For example, customers in Jemena's network (the largest gas network in NSW) have the option to cap or disconnect their gas meter for \$112.20 (incl GST).

The cost to remove a meter can vary depending on the premise and meter size. Jemena charges many residential customers \$1,151.70 for gas meter removal as approved by the AER.

- (a) Fees of up to \$1,445 are charged for gas abolishment, meaning removal of the gas service from a property.
- (2) The NSW Government's Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) provides financial incentives to upgrade households and businesses to reduce their energy consumption. This includes support to upgrade a gas hot water system to an electrical heat pump system. The ESS also offers incentives to upgrade air conditioners, which enables households to use a heat pump heating and cooling system in place of gas heating. Information about the ESS can be found at <https://www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades/>.

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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—

- (1) What measures are being undertaken to clean the Georges River from rubbish and debris?
- (2) Have there been any recent water quality tests conducted in the Georges River?
  - (a) If so, were any Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) substances detected?

Answer—

- (1) The Georges Riverkeeper program is a catchment management group run by the eight member councils (Wollondilly, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Canterbury-Bankstown, Bayside, Sutherland and Georges River) to improve the environment of the Georges River.

Each year, tonnes of rubbish are removed from the river and surrounding parklands by the program. There are over 200 sites visited regularly to remove litter and rubbish based on local council knowledge.

The Georges Riverkeeper received a grant of \$60,000 from the NSW Government to develop the Georges River Litter Prevention Strategy to better understand the litter problem and create a long-term plan to guide future actions across the Georges River catchment. Georges Riverkeeper collaborated with six councils and two community groups to develop the strategy, aimed at preventing litter from entering the river in the first place through identifying litter hotspots and targeting littering behaviour.

- (2) There are three monitoring programs in the Georges River: the Riverkeeper program, Beachwatch monitoring and the Estuary Health monitoring program. Each program publicly reports their monitoring results. Overall, the monitoring shows the water quality in the Georges River is 'fair' and has been impacted by floods and heavy rainfall over the past two years. This has increased pollutants being washed into stormwater drains and caused more overflows from the sewerage system. The monitoring results can be accessed here:

- Georges Riverkeeper Report Card (2021-22) -  
<https://georgesriver.org.au/sites/default/files/resources/2022-11/GR%20River%20Health%20Report%20Card%2021-22%20web%20correct.pdf>
  - Beachwatch 2021-2022 Annual Report -  
<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/state-of-the-beaches-2021-22-sydney-region>
  - DPE Estuary Health monitoring program -  
<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/estuaries/monitoring-and-reporting-estuaries/estuary-report-cards>
- (a) Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) substances have been detected in some fish caught in Botany Bay and the Georges River. The number of potential sources of PFAS in the area makes it difficult to attribute the detections to individual sources.

Residents can continue to fish in Botany Bay and the Georges River but should follow precautionary dietary advice when eating their catch. A detailed factsheet outlining the precautionary dietary advice can be found at <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/-/media/epa/corporate-site/resources/pfas/botany-bay-pfas-factsheet.pdf>



\* 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—

- (1) How many ambulance stations are in the electorate of Holsworthy?
- (2) Of the ambulance stations located in the electorate of Holsworthy, during the month of July 2023:
  - (a) How many hours were each of the stations closed due to a lack of staff?.
  - (b) How many were only open on an on-call basis?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce on an electorate basis.

\* 1046 CAPITAL WORKS AND MAINTENANCE ON THE T8 LINE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What capital works and maintenance are scheduled for train stations on the T8 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 TS Airport Line, communities and passengers will be notified.

\* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister detail the reasons for the delays to the completion of the Wilcannia Weir?
- (2) Is there a current timetable for the expected completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Delays to the completion of the Wilcannia Weir have been caused by:
  - the impacts of COVID-19 and extensive flooding on necessary field investigations through 2022 and 2023; and
  - the undertaking of further environmental and heritage assessments and hydrological modelling following feedback from the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement.
- (2) I am advised that the expected completion of the project is currently forecast for 2026. I'd be more than happy to discuss this issue with the Member and what we can do to deliver this project.

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- \* 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—

Given that rural properties often have multiple houses with only one main ‘meter’ measuring power usage:

- (1) Can the Minister investigate a way for the rebate to incorporate those who reside on rural properties but don’t have individual meters?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is delivering around \$1.3 billion in energy rebates and energy bill relief payments in the 2023-24 financial year. Rebates and payments are either applied directly to household customer energy bills by their energy retailer, or as a direct deposit to their bank account by the NSW Government. This requires premises to be individually metered so that retailers or the NSW Government can ensure that energy rebates are applied to customers' energy use. The Government is preparing to undertake a review of NSW energy rebates, which will include considering how to streamline the delivery of energy rebates to NSW households.

- \* 1049 KAMILAROI HIGHWAY MEDIAN BARRIERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Kamilaroi highway between Baan Baa and Narrabri was identified as a high accident area prior to the implementation of median barriers:

(a) Can the Minister advise whether there has been a reduction in accidents since the barriers have been in place?

(b) If so, can you provide the statistics?

- (2) Have the median barriers blocked animal access, particularly kangaroos causing the animals to turn back in their path and run directly into oncoming traffic?

(a) If so, does the Minister believe rumble strips would be more suitable and safer for this section of road?

- (3) Regarding emergency vehicles' ability overtake or turn around when required:

(a) Can the Minister advise how many designated turning ‘gaps’ are available on this section of road?

(b) How far apart have the ‘gaps’ been sectioned?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The crash history for Baan Baa to Turrawan featured a high incidence of cross centre line and run off road crashes. Between July 2012 and October 2019, there were 18 crashes recorded.

From November 2020 to August 2022, with the barriers in place, there have been seven crashes recorded on the Kamilaroi Highway between Baan Baa and Turrawan.

Transport for NSW requires at least three years of crash data before it can verify there has been a reduction in the severity of accidents along this section since the barriers were installed.

- (2) Transport for NSW is not aware of any incidents where the flexible centre barriers have blocked animal access, however guard rails, vegetation and terrain barriers could be other obstacles to some animals crossing a road.

Audio Tactile Line Marking, also known as rumble strips, have been installed on the Kamilaroi Highway and are estimated to reduce the likelihood of vehicles departing their lane by 15 to 25 per cent. Flexible safety barriers reduce the severity of high-risk crashes by up to 95 per cent.

The increased shoulder width coupled with reduced vegetation adjacent the road provides the added benefit of increasing driver visibility of wildlife.

- (3) Key safety features considered and included in the scope the Kamilaroi Highway Safety Upgrade project comprise of breaks in the barriers, restricting maximum length of continuous flexible barrier to provide for safe turn around opportunities and emergency response, and widened shoulders of two to three metres throughout the project length to facilitate emergency response to incident sites.

Where roads have long lengths of barrier, there are breaks along the barrier to allow emergency services vehicles access to the other side of the barrier or road. The design includes 23 gaps in the barrier.

On this section of the Kamilaroi Highway, the barrier lengths vary from 77 metres to 2,060 metres, with an average length of 500 metres. A set of dual overtaking lanes has been installed in section three which has the longest centre line barrier treatment. These are also the first dedicated overtaking lanes to be constructed on the Kamilaroi Highway.

\* 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—

- (1) Has a development application been prepared for construction of the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (2) If so,
  - (a) Has the development application been lodged with Albury City Council?
  - (b) On what date was the development application lodged?
  - (c) What will be the location of the new school?
- (3) Will the Thurgoona Public School be fully constructed as a single project or will it be constructed in separate stages?
- (4) What is the estimated commencement date for construction of the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (5) What is the estimated end date for construction of the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (6) What is the estimated opening date for students to commence at the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (7) What will be the student numbers capacity for the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (8) What sporting and fitness facilities - including but not limited to ovals, playing courts, pool, gymnasium - will form part of the new Thurgoona Public School?
- (9) How many staff are planned to commence work at the new Thurgoona Public School as:
  - (a) Classroom teachers?
  - (b) Classroom support staff?
  - (c) Administrative staff?

Answer—

A new primary school for Thurgoona, in the Albury local government area, is now in the early planning stages.

All schools are staffed based on a staffing formula determined by student enrolments.

Project updates will be published on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

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\* 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—

- (1) How many teachers employed to work in Government primary and secondary schools had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' for the calendar month of:
  - (a) September 2022?
  - (b) October 2022?
  - (c) November 2022?
  - (d) December 2022?
  - (e) January 2023?
  - (f) February 2023?
  - (g) March 2023?
  - (h) April 2023?
  - (i) May 2023?
  - (j) June 2023?
  - (k) July 2023?
  - (l) August 2023?
  - (m) September 2023?
- (2) How many support staff employed to work in Government primary and secondary schools had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' for the calendar month of:
  - (a) September 2022?
  - (b) October 2022?
  - (c) November 2022?
  - (d) December 2022?
  - (e) January 2023?
  - (f) February 2023?
  - (g) March 2023?
  - (h) April 2023?
  - (i) May 2023?
  - (j) June 2023?
  - (k) July 2023?
  - (l) August 2023?
  - (m) September 2023?
- (3) How many TAFE NSW teachers employed to work for TAFE NSW had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' for the calendar month of:
  - (a) September 2022?
  - (b) October 2022?
  - (c) November 2022?

- (d) December 2022?
- (e) January 2023?
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- (j) June 2023?
- (k) July 2023?
- (l) August 2023?
- (m) September 2023?
- (4) How many TAFE NSW support staff employed to work for TAFE NSW had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' for the calendar month of:
- (a) September 2022?
- (b) October 2022?
- (c) November 2022?
- (d) December 2022?
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- (m) September 2023?

Answer—

The response to this Question on Notice is based on the number of teaching and non-teaching staff in schools appointed to their first permanent position at a school between September 2022 and September 2023 where their employment status changed from casual to permanent.

The data does not include employees who converted from temporary to permanent status as part of the Temporary Workforce Transition Initiative.

Teaching staff in their first permanent appointment from 01 Sept 2022 to Sept 2023 who were employed as casuals:

Years	Total appointments to teaching positions
2022 Total (September – December)	126
2023 Total (January – September)	1,334

Non-teaching staff in schools in their first permanent appointment from 01 Sept 2022 to Sept 2023 who were employed as casuals:

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Years	Total appointments to non-teaching positions
2022 Total (September – December)	107
2023 Total (January – September)	574

346 TAFE NSW teachers employed to work for TAFE NSW had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' between September 2022 and September 2023.

55 TAFE NSW support staff employed to work for TAFE NSW had their employment status changed from 'casual' to 'permanent' between September 2022 and September 2023.

- \* 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—

With respect to investments supporting female participation in sport across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund future rounds of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF), for projects that specifically improve and sustain participation and performance opportunities in female sports, particularly in my electorate of Cootamundra?

Answer—

(1 and 2)

The 2023/24 NSW Budget includes \$1.8 billion for regional investments to build on the strengths of our regions, invest in essential services and infrastructure, and improve living standards, service delivery and quality of life in our rural and regional communities.

Future investments to support local sporting amenity may be considered through the NSW Government's new Regional Development Trust, once established.

- \* 1053 FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Fixing Country Bridges program which enables council to replace timber bridges in poor condition to better connect regional and rural communities:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue the Fixing Country Bridges program?
- (a) If not, what program and funding will the Government implement?
- (b) If yes, does the Government have plans to expand the Fixing Country Bridges program to include replacements of culverts, as well as aging concrete and steel structures?

Answer—

I am advised

The Fixing Country Bridges Program is a \$500 million program, enabling councils to replace hundreds of timber bridges in poor condition and better connect regional and rural communities.

With the announcement of the successful projects for Round 2, total program funding has been committed and this program is now on track to replace over 500 bridges across eligible local government bodies over the life of the Program.

The full details of the Fixing Country Bridges program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/business-and-industry/partners-and-suppliers/local-government-7>)

- \* 1054 **FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM**—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Fixing Local Roads Program which supports economic activity for regional New South Wales:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue the Fixing Local Roads Program?
- (2) If not, what funding program will the Government provide to assist local councils to fix their roads?
- (3) The Cootamundra electorate comprises of nine Local Government Areas, can the Minister advise the funding allocation each council will receive?

Answer—

I am advised

Rounds one, two, three and four of the Fixing Local Roads Program have been awarded and deeds executed. No further rounds for this program are anticipated as program funding allocation has been exhausted.

The NSW Government has committed to create a new \$670 million Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund over the next two years 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 Local Road Repair Program (RLRRP) to ensure there is enough funding available to start the vital work of repairing regional roads.

Councils will have an extension of time to spend their share of the \$280 million RLRRP funding as we have had feedback from a number of Councils that they could not spend that funding within the original deadline which was February 2024.

In addition to the Regional Emergency Road Repair, the Minns Labor Government has committed \$334 million for a new Regional Roads Fund. This funding will go towards a range of priority road upgrade projects that until now have not been supported with a funding source.

Under the \$390 million commitment for the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund the nine Cootamundra councils will receive:

- Bland Shire Council will receive \$6,481,778
- Hilltops Council will receive \$7,021,075
- Narrandera Shire Council will receive \$3,976,990
- Coolamon Shire Council will receive \$3,575,713
- Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council will receive \$3,491,368
- Cowra Shire Council will receive \$3,251,113
- Temora Shire Council will receive \$3,407,023
- Weddin Shire Council will receive \$2,755,267
- Junee Shire Council will receive \$2,241,530.

- \* 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—

Can the Minister advise the total amount of revenue raised from parking fees at Gosford Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised;

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Revenue from car parking across Central Coast Local Health District is reported in the District's Annual Financial Statements, which are publicly available on the District's website at:

[Reports - Central Coast Local Health District - NSW Health](#)

\* 1056 DREDGING AT THE ETTALONG CHANNEL—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the timeline for the completion of dredging works in the Ettalong Channel?
- (2) Is funding for dredging of the Ettalong Channel part of the former Coalition government's \$6.2 million package for dredging of key waters?
  - (a) If so, can the Minister confirm the cost of dredging the Ettalong Channel?
- (3) Will the Ettalong Channel be included in the ten-year dredging plan proposed by Transport for New South Wales?
- (4) Will the dredged sand be used for sand nourishment at local beaches?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The planned timeline for completion of the dredging works in the Ettalong Channel is by the end of October, weather permitting.
- (2) The dredging cost is just under \$1 million plus associated costs for approvals and permits are part of the \$6.2 million package.
- (3) Transport for NSW will seek to obtain a 10-year environmental approval for Ettalong Channel.
- (4) Not on this occasion due to the tight timeframe and the dredge vessel being utilised. Transport for NSW will look at sand nourishment of local beaches, as part of the 10-year environmental approval process.

\* 1057 UPGRADE OF AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Government planning to allocate a \$30 million funding contribution for the upgrade of Avoca Drive to Transport for New South Wales in this year's State Budget?
- (2) Has the Commonwealth Government committed funding for this upgrade?
  - (a) If so, how much?
  - (b) Has this funding been factored into this year's state budget?
  - (c) Has this funding been allocated to Transport for New South Wales?
- (4) Can the Minister provide an approximate timeline for the public consultation period, planning and delivery period for this major infrastructure project in my electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

The Federal funding commitment for Avoca Drive is \$100 million subject to a State matching funding commitment of \$30 million. In the NSW Budget 2023-24, \$2 million is allocated for 2023-24 Financial Year to continue planning and development of this project.

A community update on the project was provided in July 2023. Transport for NSW will continue developing options for the proposed upgrade to seek feedback from the community on the preferred option. It is anticipated that the next stage of consultation may occur in 2024.



The subsequent stages of development and delivery would be subject to consultation, approvals and funding release. The timing for construction is not confirmed and the project is likely to be delivered in stages.

Commitments will be formalised once the funding profile for full detailed design and construction is confirmed by both the NSW and Australian Governments.

\* 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—

- (1) What continued mental health support is being offered for victims of the flood event 2022 post the Recovery phase?
- (2) Are services being maintained in LGAs that had the biggest issues with floodwater damage?
  - (a) If not, is assistance becoming centrally located in larger regional centres away from where the need is?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government continues to fund mental health support for people across NSW who were impacted by flood in 2022 through:

- a \$25 million Mental Wellbeing Flood Recovery Package for flood impacted communities, largely in Northern NSW
- a \$5 million flood recovery package that provides support for people affected by floods in central west and western NSW.

In addition, disaster recovery clinicians, rural adversity mental health program coordinators, and farmgate counsellors work closely with primary health initiatives, community and welfare agencies and mental health services to provide direct care and respond to local community needs and issues on the ground.

\* 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—

- (1) What is the limit that Paramedics can spend on fuel cards to fill Ambulance vehicles in Western New South Wales to enable them to cover their region?
- (2) What impact does this limit have on Emergency services being able to assist patients when distances are vast and fuel prices high?

Answer—

I am advised:

All NSW Ambulance vehicles are provided with designated fuel cards for the purchase of fuel. NSW Ambulance does not set limits or restrictions on fuel purchases.

\* 1060 SIGNAGE ILLUSTRATING THE SYDNEY METRO NETWORK—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding signage that is prominently displayed along the walls of various Sydney Metro sites across our city, illustrating the proposed map of the Sydney Metro network:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the costs that would be associated with the removal, alteration, and replacement of these signs if any Sydney Metro projects were to be cancelled?

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- (2) Are there any plans or considerations currently underway to cancel or modify any of the Sydney Metro projects, especially those that are of significant importance to the prosperity and development of Western Sydney?
- (3) In the event of any project cancellations or modifications, what plans are in place to ensure that the public is adequately informed and updated, especially in regard to any changes or removals of the aforementioned signage?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Provisions for regular hoarding artwork changes are contained within delivery contracts.
- (2) 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. It will also assess the value for money of the existing Sydney Metro West scope.  
  
The Sydney Metro Review Terms of Reference is publicly available. Sydney Metro is continuing to work collaboratively with the reviewers to ensure they have the assistance and support they need.
- (3) Sydney Metro ensures regular engagement with the community and its stakeholders on all activities.

- \* 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—

Does the Government have a policy with respect to the installation of Automatic Electronic Defibrillators at Sporting Grounds at Government or Council owned Sporting Grounds?

Answer—

The NSW Government supports wide accessibility of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) across NSW.

There is no legislation or policy requiring placement of AEDs at public sporting or recreational facilities in NSW.

The Office of Sport and Venues NSW operate sporting facilities at which AEDs are installed and ready for use by any person.

- \* 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—

- (1) How many days were mobile speed cameras deployed in each of the following electorates during the period, 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023:
  - (a) Castle Hill?
  - (b) Kellyville?
  - (c) Parramatta?
  - (d) Riverstone?
  - (e) Winston Hills?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW does not hold data for mobile speed cameras by electorate. The current locations of all mobile speed cameras in NSW are publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/speeding/enforcement-cameras](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/speeding/enforcement-cameras).

- \* 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—

(1) How many speeding offences were detected by mobile speed cameras deployed in each of the following electorates during the period, 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023:

- (a) Castle Hill?
- (b) Kellyville?
- (c) Parramatta?
- (d) Riverstone?
- (e) Winston Hills?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

- \* 1064 YOUNG STREET PLAZA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Young Street Plaza, Neutral Bay:

- (1) What is the status of the permanent plaza on Young Street to be built in place of the trial plaza?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW provided any of the funding allocated to North Sydney Council for the purposes of the permanent plaza?
- (3) Will the ongoing permanent closure of Young Street continue?

Answer—

I am advised

(1&3) This is a matter for North Sydney Council.

- (2) Transport for NSW understands Council's desire for increased open space and the community's strong support for the area and has provided funding to North Sydney Council for the permanent implementation of Young Street Plaza.

- \* 1065 SYDNEY METRO CHATSWOOD DIVE SITE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Sydney Metro Chatswood Dive site at 607 Pacific Highway, Chatswood:

- (1) What is the status of the EOI process for a masterplan for the site?
- (2) Will the Government conduct a formal tender process?
- (3) Does the Government still intend for a new primary school to be the primary occupant of the site?
- (4) What consultation will be conducted with the community on the future of the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

The future use of this site is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property.

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- \* 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—

In relation to the Royal North Shore Hospital master plan:

- (1) What opportunities will exist for public input and consultation into the master plan?
- (2) When is this master plan proposed to be finalised?
- (3) Will the Australia Post site on Westbourne St, bordering the hospital campus be considered for acquisition to support future hospital expansion?
- (4) Will funding be provided to progress the vision to create a green space on the vacant hospital land formally occupied by the Brown Building?

Answer—

(1-4)

I am advised:

Northern Sydney Local Health District has engaged stakeholders to provide input to the master plan, including consumer advisory groups and local council.

The master plan is considering all future space needs of the hospital's campus, and it is anticipated to be finalised by the end of 2023. The master plan is in development and no recommendation has been made about the vacant land formally occupied by the old acute hospital facility.

- \* 1067 NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the North Shore Police Area Command:

- (1) Why is a Detective Sergeant proposed to be moved out of the Command and will this Detective Sergeant be replaced?
- (2) Can the Minister provide assurances that there will be no reduction in police staffing in the NSPAC?
  - (a) If not, why not and how will the Minister ensure that the investigative capacity of the Command is not diminished?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to Question on Notice 1034.

- \* 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—

In relation to proposed housing growth in the suburb of St Leonards:

- (1) Which locations have been identified for rezoning?
- (2) When will this rezoning occur?
- (3) Will the proposed increase in population be accompanied by a corresponding increase in investment in local infrastructure and essential services?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

- \* 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—

What investment is being made to future proof the capacity of the sewerage system in the St Leonards area and ensure it will cope with proposed population growth?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water regularly reviews infrastructure requirements to enable it to service growth without impacting the service it provides to existing customers. Sydney Water is currently undertaking detailed planning for wastewater services in the Lower North Shore, including St Leonards.

Sydney Water will identify upgrades required as part of that planning study.

- \* 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—

In relation to ticket scalping:

- (1) How many potential breaches of ticket scalping laws have been investigated by Fair Trading per annum?
- (2) Of these investigations how many have resulted in compliance action and what actions were taken?
- (3) How many full time employed (FTE) staff have been assigned to monitoring and enforcing these laws?

Answer—

I am advised that information on complaints, investigations and action taken by NSW Fair Trading is published in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

NSW Fair Trading allocates resources and staff across a significant number of Acts and Regulations, including monitoring and the enforcement of ticket scalping legislation.

- \* 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—

In relation to underquoting:

- (1) How many complaints has Fair Trading received alleging breaches of underquoting laws per annum?
- (2) How many of these were referred for investigation?
- (3) What enforcement actions were taken in relation to these complaints?
- (4) How often has the Commissioner of Fair Trading or Secretary of the Department of Customer Service issued a notice to an agent under section 74 of the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002?

Answer—

I am advised that information on complaints, investigations and action taken by NSW Fair Trading is published in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

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- \* 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—

In relation to Fair Trading's consumer protection functions:

- (1) How many consumer complaints have been received by Fair Trading per annum?
- (2) What is the resolution rate of these complaints?
- (3) How many of these have been referred for investigation?
- (4) What enforcement actions were taken in relation to these complaints?
- (5) How frequently is the Commissioner of Fair Trading's power to direct financial resolutions for consumers used?
  - (a) Of these how many have been appealed to the Tribunal?

Answer—

I am advised that information on complaints, investigations and action taken by NSW Fair Trading is published in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

- \* 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—

With consideration of the current environmental conditions, regarding bushfire preparedness operations in the Oxley Electorate:

- (1) What measures have been taken by Government emergency services to prepare for the upcoming bushfire season in the Oxley Electorate?
- (2) What is the total area of hazard reduction burning undertaken by Government emergency service personnel in the Oxley electorate in 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Bush fire mitigation activities include:
  - Hazard reduction activities
  - Inspections on the urban and bush interface, with necessary work undertaken to reduce fire risks
  - Pre-season incident management exercise in the Coffs Coast District and statewide pre-season briefings
  - The Large Air Tanker base at Coffs Harbour Airport has been updated for firefighting operations
  - New Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) signs have been installed, including three new electronic signs
  - Upgraded brigade station connectivity
  - Community engagement activities
- (2) Hazard reduction burning completed by fire agencies and land managers within the Oxley Electorate (Bellingen, Nambucca, Kempsey and Port Macquarie Hastings LGAs) for 2023 are as follows:

- 2022/23: 3,115 hectares, protecting 5,807 properties.
- 2023/24 (as at 11/9/23): 1,501 hectares, protecting 88 properties. Another 19,000 hectares of bush is scheduled to be treated through hazard reduction burning, protecting more than 1,000 properties.

\* 1074 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program which was established by the Government following the 2023 election:

- (1) What commitments have been awarded to the Oxley electorate?
- (2) Which local organisations are recipients of this grant?

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.

\* 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—

Regarding public housing, for each of the four local government areas separately in the Oxley electorate:

- (1) How many dwellings are there?
- (2) How many people currently reside in public housing?
- (3) How many people are currently on the waiting list?
- (4) How many dwellings are currently vacant?
- (5) On average, for what length of time do dwellings remain vacant?
- (6) What planned maintenance of dwellings is expected to take place in the next 12 months?
- (7) How many new public housing dwellings are currently being constructed?
- (8) How many new public housing dwellings are planned to be constructed over the next two years?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1, 2 & 4, 5 & 6) As of June 2023, there are no public housing properties in the Oxley Electorate under management by the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC). Properties owned by LAHC were transferred to community housing providers in 2019.

- (3) The data is not available by state electorate. Oxley electorate includes the following allocation zones:

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- NN22 Port Macquarie,
- NN23 Kempsey,
- NN24 Macksville,
- NN25 Bellingen,
- NN26 Dorrigo,
- NN39 Wauchope,
- NN41 Crescent Head,
- NN72 Nambucca
- NN73 Urunga.

As of 30 June 2023, there were 1,627 applicants on the waiting list. This data is publicly available at

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/download?file=847773>

(7&8) The 2023-23 NSW Budget announced a \$3.1 billion investment into the housing sector. This package is the first step to addressing the state's housing crisis.

- \* 1076 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS BUILT COMPARED TO GOVERNMENT TARGETS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of affordable dwellings built in Ryde compared to Government targets over the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

There were no government targets for affordable housing over the past five years under the former Liberal-Nationals Governments.

The Minns Labor Government will continue working with local councils and state agencies to improve the delivery of affordable housing.

Additionally, the NSW Government has announced a target of 30 percent for social, affordable, and universal housing in residential developments on surplus government owned land.

- \* 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—

Why doesn't TAFE NSW collect or report on the current or prospective incomes of learners?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW does not collect current or prospective incomes as this is not a current data capture requirement under reporting obligations for Registered Training Organisations.

- \* 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—

Does the Government have any plans to establish a wood heater buyback scheme?



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Answer—

- (1) No. The Government is implementing the NSW Clean Air Strategy 2021-2030 with priority actions to reduce the impact of wood smoke.

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any proactive plans to mitigate the risks of water shortages this coming summer?
- (a) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Details about drought preparedness are available at: Greater Sydney Drought Response Plan Overview ([nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au)). We are committed to ensuring our state is prepared for drought.

\* 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—

Does the Government have any plans to continue the Before and After School Care (BASC) voucher program which expired on 30 June 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that under the timeline and funding arrangements set in place by the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government, this program ended on 30 June 2023.

\* 1081 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to deliver, accelerate and/or invest in electric vehicle charging station infrastructure?
- (a) If plans exist, what Key Performance Indicators will be used to measure success of the policy or program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investing \$3 million to co-fund the Regional Fast Charger Program in partnership with the NRMA to provide fast charging stations in over 20 locations throughout NSW, creating Australia's most comprehensive regional charging network along the State's major highways. Currently 17 fast charger sites are in operation, with additional sites expected to be operational by the end of the financial year 2023-24, subject to site approvals. On completion, the Electric Vehicle fast charger network will provide a link with major routes in neighbouring states.

Transport for NSW is also investing in trials of sustainable approaches for Electric Vehicle charging around commuter car parks. In 2022, tenders were awarded for an innovative charging models delivered in partnership with the market and supporting financial sustainability for Transport for NSW.

The NSW Government is committed to supporting an efficient and equitable roll out of electric vehicles. The NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy is being led by the NSW Office of Energy and Climate Change, and is current under review. Questions regarding the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change and Minister for Energy.

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- \* 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—

Under the New South Wales Ambulance vehicle replacement program, what is the average age and odometer reading of Ambulances that are retired in the manufacturer's warranty period and/or the vehicle leasing period?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance follows a vehicle replacement program which aims to replace vehicles within the manufacturer's warranty and/or the vehicle leasing period to maintain a modern fleet with up-to-date technologies.

- \* 1083 HIGH-DENSITY HOUSING CONSULTATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Premier—

What consultation was undertaken with the City of Ryde Council, local residents or any other relevant local stakeholders before it was revealed all Ministers and Departments were instructed to identify plots of government land, such as the Macquarie Mental Health Hospital and North Ryde Common site in North Ryde, for high-density housing?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

- \* 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—

(1) Is the Government planning to upgrade the Balaclava and Blaxland Road intersection, Eastwood?

(a) If so, when will it be completed?

(2) What portion of the project is funded by the Government?

(3) What portion of the project is funded by the Commonwealth Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

While this project is funded on 50:50 basis with the Australian Government, further details will be known after the conclusion of the Federal Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review, due later this year.

Construction of the Balaclava and Blaxland Road intersection, Eastwood is due to take about 18 months from the award of the contract.

- \* 1085 PITT TOWN BYPASS—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Premier—

(1) Is the Government planning to fund the Pitt Town Bypass?

(a) If so, will the Government match the \$100 million allocated by the previous Liberal/National Government?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

- \* 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—

What is the Government's position in relation to the Outer Sydney Orbital?

Answer—

I am advised

The Outer Sydney Orbital is a proposed multi-modal corridor that is vital to connecting the Western Parkland City to the Illawarra and the Central Coast. It will provide for essential transport connections including a dedicated freight network.

- \* 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—

Following on from your answer to Question on Notice #267, where are the 253 full-size "Trauma Kits" and 271 vacuum-sealed "Bleeding Control Kits" located?

Answer—

I am advised:

Surfing NSW have distributed 268 trauma kits and 268 bleeding control kits together as a package.

The table below summarises the distribution of the kits by location. In addition to those 218 kits, there were another 50 kits distributed across all coastal regions.

Surfing NSW kits by location

- \* 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—

Regarding Assertive Outreach:

- (1) When does the current funding for this service expire?
- (2) Is it the intention of the Government to renew funding for this vital community service that assists many people in the Tweed Electorate experiencing homelessness?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current funding expires June 2024
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to making homelessness rare, brief and not repeated. Assertive outreach will continue to be part of the response for people experiencing rough sleeping.

- \* 1089 RELOCATION OF FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding the relocation of the New South Wales Firearms Registry from Murwillumbah to Casuarina:

- (1) What is the total budget for the relocation?
- (2) What is the total cost of the relocation to date, including a breakdown of the cost of renovations on the new location and the costs of moving staff and office equipment to the new Casuarina premises?
- (3) What is rent payable on the new Casuarina premises (e.g. per month/fortnight/week)?

Answer—

- (1) \$3.5 million.
- (2) To date, the total cost of the relocation (including fit out) is \$2.6 million. Costs associated with the move are not yet confirmed.

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(3) \$50,000 per month.

- \* 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—

Which fuel outlets were invited to offer a seniors discount plan to the Government prior to United being chosen as the sole outlet offering a 4c per litre discount to seniors?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Seniors Card program does not choose businesses to be sole providers for any particular product or service.

United Petroleum joined the NSW Seniors Card program through the standard NSW Seniors Card participating business process.

All fuel providers can follow the same process and offer discounts to NSW Seniors Card members.

- \* 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—

Is the Government planning to continue with the Regional Events Acceleration Fund, and if so, will it match the same level of funding provided by the former Coalition Government?

Answer—

The NSW Government is introducing a different model for how public money is invested in regional programs, policies and projects.

The 2023/24 NSW Budget includes \$1.8 billion for a regional investment program to build on the strengths of our regions, invest in essential services and infrastructure, and improve living standards, service delivery and quality of life in our rural and regional communities.

Future investments to support regional events may be considered through the NSW Government's new \$350m Regional Development Trust, once established.

- \* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning to match the former Coalition Government's pledge to invest \$8 million in a program for airstrip upgrades in remote communities within the local government areas of Balranald, Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Carrathool, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Edward River, Gilgandra, Hay, Lachlan, Murray River, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle, Wentworth and the Unincorporated Far West?
- (2) Is the Government planning to match the former Coalition Government's pledge to invest \$4 million for the continuation of regular air services to Bourke, Cobar, Walgett and Lightning Ridge?

Answer—

(1 & 2)

The 2023/24 NSW Budget includes \$1.8 billion for new regional investments to build on the strengths of our regions, invest in essential services and infrastructure, and improve living standards, service delivery and quality of life in our rural and regional communities.

The NSW Government is committed to working with the Far North West Joint Organisation to ensure the continuity of air services to Bourke, Cobar, Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Manning Hospital:

- (1) Is the \$100 million allocated funding (Budget 2022/23) still available for this project as announced under the previous Government?
- (2) Is there a date this project will commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2023-24 NSW State Budget confirms the previously announced \$100 million for the Manning Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2, with an allocation of \$4.6 million in 2023-24.

The Manning Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2 project has commenced and is in the planning stage.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Forster Public Hospital:

- (1) Is the \$20 million allocated funding (Budget 2022/23) still available for this project as announced under the previous Government?
- (2) Is there a date this project will commence?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The 2022/23 Budget allocated \$1m towards the proposed Forster Public Hospital for the 2022/23 financial year.

In April 2023, the Treasurer announced the 2023-24 Budget would be informed by a Comprehensive Expenditure Review and Strategic Infrastructure Review. The proposed Forster Public Hospital was part of the Strategic Infrastructure Review.

To date, neither a detailed scope for the hospital, a final business case, nor a timeline for the project have been produced.

The Local Health District has numerous other high-profile projects currently underway including Manning Base Hospital.

- \* 1096 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES—Mrs Tanya Thompson 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 MidCoast Council for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date?

Answer—

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

- \* 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—

- (1) With the respect to the Government's commitment to fund 500 new paramedics in rural New South Wales:
  - (a) Will this be 500 full time employed positions?

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- (b) When will the 500 recruits be on-boarded?
- (c) How will the allocation of resources be determined for each of the five local government areas of the Bathurst electorate?
- (d) Of the five local government areas in the Bathurst electorate, which stations are identified as the highest priority for the new recruits?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government announced that NSW Ambulance will receive funding towards an extra 500 full-time paramedics in regional and rural NSW. Decisions relating to assignment of staff are still being assessed. Final allocations will be determined to meet current and future demand.

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce based on electorates.

- \* 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—

- (1) How many households across the five local government areas of the Bathurst electorate are eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the 2023-24 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) The estimated number of households eligible for the National Energy Bill Relief payment in the five local government areas of the Bathurst electorate is approximately 19,300.

- \* 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—

- (1) Separately, for each public school in the Bathurst electorate as at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specify what date that is), how many teachers full time employed (FTE) are employed?
- (2) Separately, for each public school in the Bathurst electorate how many vacancies (FTE) were there for teachers from the most recent data available (and specify what date that is)?

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 Bathurst, permanent teacher vacancies grew from just 9 in 2011, to more than 26 in 2023.

As at 18 May 2023, there is a total teaching entitlement of 714.93 FTE and 26.6 FTE vacancies at schools in the Bathurst electorate.

School Name	Total 2023 Teaching FTE_18 May 2023	Total vacant Teaching FTE_18 May 2023
Bathurst Public School	38.89	1.00
Bathurst South Public School	14.91	0.00
Bathurst West Public School	34.58	1.00

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Black Springs Public School	1.63	0.00
Blayney High School	36.00	3.00
Blayney Public School	21.92	0.00
Clapertee Public School	1.62	0.00
Carcoar Public School	2.10	0.00
Carenne School	25.73	0.00
Cooerwull Public School	28.89	2.20
Cullen Bullen Public School	3.11	0.00
Denison Sec College Bathurst	78.29	3.00
Denison Sec College Kelso	70.69	2.00
Eglington Public School	26.33	1.00
Glen Alice Public School	1.62	0.00
Hampton Public School	1.52	0.00
Hill End Public School	1.52	0.00
Ilford Public School	3.05	0.00
Kandos High School	26.10	5.00
Kandos Public School	11.46	0.00
Kelso Public School	34.50	1.00
Lithgow High School	74.40	3.00
Lithgow Public School	30.85	2.00
Lyndhurst Public School	1.53	0.00
Meadow Flat Public School	2.82	0.00
Millthorpe Public School	15.42	0.00
Neville Public School	1.53	0.00
Oberon High School	23.60	0.00
Oberon Public School	15.33	1.00
O'Connell Public School	4.03	0.20
Perthville Public School	7.93	0.00
Portland Central School	22.88	1.00
Raglan Public School	13.66	0.00
Rackley Public School	1.53	0.00
Rylstone Public School	3.98	0.20
Sofala Public School	1.63	0.00
Trunkey Public School	1.53	0.00
Wallerawang Public School	18.17	0.00

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Wattle Flat Public School	1.96	0.00
Zig Zag Public School	7.69	0.00

\* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning to build a High School in Murrumbateman?
- (2) If so, where will the new school be located?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated to this project?
- (4) When will it be built?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Education that the former Liberal Nationals Government did not progress any plans for a project of this kind.

The Department has further advised that, based upon current data, Yass High School will continue to meet the needs of secondary school students in the area.

The department will continue to monitor population projections in the region.

\* 1101 MULTIPURPOSE EQUINE FACILITY IN GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

Regarding the previous Government's commitment to allocating \$3.2 million to construct a new multipurpose equine facility for Riding for the Disabled in Goulburn:

- (1) Is the Government planning to deliver a new facility that would secure the future of the Riding for the Disabled Program in Goulburn?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will be honouring its own election commitments, as the community would expect.

\* 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—

- (1) What is the estimated waiting time for an appointment in Southern New South Wales Local Health District's public dental clinic?

Answer—

I am advised:

Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Information pertaining to public dental waiting lists in local health districts is available via the following weblink:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/public-dental-care-waiting.aspx>

\* 1103 SAFE PASSAGE OVER M1 MOTORWAY IN BOMADERRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is there safe pedestrian passage between Bomaderry and the Nowra Bridge for pedestrians to cross the M1 Motorway?



- (2) Is the Minister and Transport for New South Wales planning to install a pedestrian overpass so that school children, TAFE students, and others, can safely cross the M1 Motorway?
- (a) If yes, when?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The reference to M1 Motorway in the question is considered the Princes Highway in response. The following crossing points are available on the Princes Highway between Bomaderry and Nowra bridge:
- Splitter islands allow a two staged pedestrian crossing at the Moss Vale Road/Cambewarra Road roundabout, Nerang Road roundabout (northern side only) and the Turley Avenue/Beinda Street roundabout (southern side only).
  - Upgraded traffic signals at the Bolong Road intersection, delivered as part of the Nowra Bridge project, now include a pedestrian crossing phase.
  - Traffic signals at the Illaroo Road intersection also include a pedestrian crossing phase.
- (2) There are currently no plans to construct a pedestrian overpass in this area. There is a proposed future upgrade to fully signalise the Princes Highway/ Moss Vale Road/ Cambewarra Road intersection to cater for additional urban development in the area. This will provide an additional signalised pedestrian crossing for the Highway at this location.

\* 1104 TRANSPORT DRIVERS AND STAFF ON CALL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to transport drivers and staff on-call:

- (1) What is the total cost of drivers and staff on call each year for the last four years?
- (2) Can you break down the cost and numbers of drivers and staff on call by shift, deport, and mode of public transport each year for the last four years?
- (3) How many FTE are required to be 'on call' each day and can you provide this number by shift, deport and mode of public transport each year for the last four years?
- (4) How much has been spent on fitting out sleeping quarters each year for the last four years at each deport and mode of public transport?
- (5) How much was spent on taxis and ride share for drivers and staff on-call each year for the last four years?
- (6) How much is spent on pay television subscriptions and other entertainment devices at sleeping quarters for drivers on call each year for the last four years?
- (7) Of those drivers at deports on call, how many are being paid overtime and how much did this cost each year for the last four years?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has contractual arrangements with third party operators to provide coach services. This contractual arrangement is payment for operation of the coach services only and Transport for NSW does not make separate payments.

There are no employees required to be 'on call', drivers are rostered for work.

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Transport for NSW distributes/allocates Cabcharge vouchers to business areas, they record what area (cost centre) these are to be charged against (once used), but details of who the actual individuals are who used the voucher are not captured, as well as the position they hold or whether that individual was on-call when it was used.

Transport for NSW has contractual arrangements with third party operators for the provision of bus services in Rural and Regional and Outer Metropolitan NSW. There is a contract fee for the provision of these services; employment conditions including rostering arrangements and depot facilities are the responsibility of the operator.

There are also contractual arrangements with third party operators for the provision of vehicular ferries in NSW. Transport for NSW pays a contract fee for the provision of these services; employment conditions including rostering arrangements and depot facilities are the responsibility of the operator.

\* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the Government's current position on tissue and organ donations?
- (2) How many people in New South Wales are currently on the donation register?
- (3) How many people in New South Wales are on the donor waiting list?
- (4) How is the Government improving participation in this important initiative?
- (5) How is the Government supporting NSW Health and hospitals in improving donation processes and outcomes?
- (6) Has the Minister met with the Organ and Tissue Authority, Donate Life NSW, or other stakeholders since his appointment as Minister for Health to discuss the above?
- (7) Will the Government mandate compulsory organ and tissue donations for New South Wales with an option for citizens to opt out?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government supports a nationally coordinated effort with consistent messaging led by the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority (OTA) to increase organ and tissue donation and transplantation, with trained staff involved in the donation process and supporting families of potential donors.

More information is available in the Australian Donation and Transplantation Activity Report 2022 (<https://www.donatelife.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-02/OTA%202022%20Donation%20and%20Transplantation%20Activity%20Report.pdf>)

Ongoing efforts to increase donation rates in NSW include using donation specialist staff to implement best practice in offering organ donation in hospitals, as well as supporting a range of initiative that encourage individuals to register on the Australian Organ Donor Register and to make their family aware of their wishes. Work is undertaken in close collaboration with the national Organ and Tissue Authority.

More information is on the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service website at <https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/nsw-organ-and-tissue-donation-service>

The Ministers' diary is published in accordance with the memorandum that sets out publication of Ministerial diaries.

Australia has a nationally program to increase organ and tissue donation. Any decision in the future to shift from the current 'opt-in' consent system for organ donation to an 'opt-out' consent system would be nationally coordinated and involve significant public consultation.

- \* 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—

Regarding recent recruitments of more than 2000 healthcare professionals to the system in the past four months:

- (1) Can you please advise how many of the healthcare professionals have been employed in the Mid North Coast Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the four-month period to 23 August 2023, Mid North Coast Local Health District has recruited across all professional groups into permanent, temporary and casual vacancies.

- \* 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—

How many seniors in the Port Macquarie electorate have signed up to the Government's four-cent-per litre discount scheme with United Petroleum?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is not responsible for any four-cent per litre discount scheme offered by United Petroleum or any other fuel retailer.

The NSW Seniors Card program does not collect data on member sign-ups for the United Petroleum discount.

- \* 1108 OPAL CARD SYSTEM REGIONAL EXPANSION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to expand the Opal Card system to regional areas of New South Wales?

(a) If so when?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

There are currently no plans to roll out Opal to rural and regional customers. Transport for NSW is working to deliver a state-wide integrated ticketing solution and rural and regional areas will be included as part of future ticketing programs of work.

Transport for NSW is currently conducting a trial of contactless payments in Bathurst and Dubbo. The trial will provide customers a convenient, consistent and efficient way to pay their fare using a contactless credit or debit card, or another linked device.

The Dubbo and Bathurst trials were initiated by the former Liberal and National government and do not include provision for Opal cards to be in the trial.

Transport for NSW will monitor the trial and use insights to determine its viability to be rolled out further across rural and regional NSW.

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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—

What "key sections" of Heathcote Road have been identified to be upgraded under the Labor Party's \$180m election commitment over four years?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has allocated \$5 million of the \$180 million in the 2023-24 NSW State Budget to fund further development and upgrades on the Heathcote Road corridor. The funding will be used to continue planning and design work for the duplication of sections of Heathcote Road and to confirm which sections are a priority and can be upgraded. This includes consideration of extra overtaking lanes, congestion improvements and providing other safety enhancements.

- \* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise who manages the maintenance of plants and vegetation along Bangor Bypass?
  - (a) How often are inspections conducted?
  - (b) What locations along the Bangor Bypass are inspected?
  - (c) What days were inspections and maintenance carried out in 2022?
  - (d) What days were inspections and maintenance carried out in 2023?
- (2) Were any hazards identified in the nature corridor adjacent to the Bangor Bypass in September 2022?
- (3) What has been the cost of fixing hazards along the Bangor Bypass in 2022 and 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) ConnectSydney is responsible for the maintenance of vegetation within the defined maintenance boundaries of Bangor Bypass. As Bangor Bypass is classified as a controlled access road, ConnectSydney's maintenance boundary is from boundary fence to boundary fence which incorporates the area bounded by noise wall to noise wall and the nature corridors between the noise walls and residential boundary fences.
  - (a) ConnectSydney inspects Bangor Bypass monthly to identify defects and schedule required maintenance. Ad hoc inspections are also carried out in response to customer feedback.
  - (b) Inspections are conducted on all assets located within the noise wall to noise wall boundary. Inspections of the nature corridors between noise walls and residential boundary fences are conducted on an ad hoc basis, in response to customer reports.
  - (c) and (d) Since 2022, ConnectSydney completed vegetation maintenance within the Bangor Bypass boundaries on 20 occasions. ConnectSydney also undertakes inspections of this location monthly.

- (2) ConnectSydney has no records of hazards being identified within the nature corridor adjacent to Bangor Bypass in September 2022.
- (3) Since 2022, ConnectSydney has engaged subcontractors to undertake large scale vegetation maintenance within the Bangor Bypass boundaries. The value of these works currently totals \$80,608. This does not include vegetation maintenance conducted by internal crews.

\* 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—

What parts of Fifteenth Avenue, Austral will be upgraded under the Labor Party's \$50m election commitment?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is developing a Strategic Business Case for the Fifteenth Avenue Transit Corridor, which includes Fifteenth Avenue (East) and Hoxton Park Road.

This Strategic Business Case will review 2.2 kilometres along Hoxton Park Road, between Banks Road and Cowpasture Road, and 5.9 kilometres along Fifteenth Avenue, between Cowpasture Road and Devonshire Road. The Strategic Business Case is being progressed and is scheduled for completion in 2024.

The NSW Government has committed \$50 million towards the Fifteenth Avenue Transit Corridor to progress planning to progress planning. This will be funded as part of the \$770 million Urban Roads Fund allocated from the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

\* 1112 YOUTH OFFENDERS INTERVENTION INITIATIVES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—

Given that a significant challenge when referring youth offenders to place-based intervention initiatives in Barwon is the lack of services available in local areas:

- (1) What alternate referral options are available for a youth offender who does not have access to State-based services?
- (2) What accountability measures are in place to ensure these services are being provided to rural and remote communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Youth Justice, the Hon. Jihad Dib.

\* 1113 FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Given last year's changes to the Family Preservation Program, does every community in Barwon still have equal access to the program and to qualified caseworkers?
- (2) If so, can the minister provide information on who is providing the service in Barwon?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice is unable to provide this data by electorate. The Murrumbidgee Mid Far West and Western New South Wales district services most of the Barwon electorate, and there have been no changes to Family Preservation Program service levels in the district in 2022.

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- (2) Current Family Preservation Program service providers in the Murrumbidgee Mid Far West and Western New South Wales district covering Bogan, Cobar, Gilgandra, Warren, Warrumbungle Shire, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Wentworth, Brewarrina, Walgett, Bourke, Brewarrina, and Coonamble local government areas in the Barwon electorate are:

- Barnardos Australia
- Central West Family Support Group Inc.
- Mission Australia
- Uniting

- \* 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—

With respect to general practitioner (GP) vacancies in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many vacant GP positions has the government identified in regional New South Wales?
  - (a) How many vacant GP positions have been identified within the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) How is the government working with the New South Wales Rural Doctors Network, and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, with respect to ongoing recruitment of GPs in regional New South Wales?
- (3) What measures is the State Government undertaking in consultation with the Federal Government, to fill these critical vacancies in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

General practitioners (GP) deliver primary care services in private practice settings, not in public health facilities. NSW Health does not hold any information on GP vacancies in private GP practices.

NSW Health provides annual funding to the NSW Rural Doctors Network to:

- manage the NSW Rural Medical Officer Cadetship Program
- the NSW Medical Undergraduate Initiative Program
- assist rural communities and general practices to find appropriately qualified GPs, and assist GPs to find employment in rural NSW.

NSW is collaborating with the Australian Government to expand the Rural Generalist Single Employer Model to all rural local health districts. The Single Employer Model was first piloted in Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

- \* 1115 NEW SOUTH WALES LANDCARE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government planning to honour its election commitment to increase New South Wales Landcare's funding to \$59 million over four years, in the 2023 State Budget?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales.

- \* 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—

With respect to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS):

- (1) Will the government commit to supporting the health and well-being of regional communities through the continuation of funding for the IPTAAS?
- (2) How is the government improving accessibility to the IPTAAS for patients in regional New South Wales, who are forced to travel long distances for medical treatment?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government remains committed to providing the IPTAAS.
- (2) It is expected more than 45,000 people in rural and regional NSW will benefit from increased subsidies and expanded clinical services under IPTAAS. IPTAAS travel and accommodation subsidies have increased, and the scheme has been expanded to include high risk foot services, non-commercial clinical trials, highly specialised publicly funded oral health clinics in NSW and ophthalmologists.

NSW Health has conducted 2 public awareness campaigns since October 2022 to promote IPTAAS to people living in regional, rural and remote NSW. Both campaigns saw an increase in new IPTAAS patients and applications processed. There have also been various IPTAAS engagement activities including online workshops with Aboriginal Medical Services to support IPTAAS usage, and discussions with staff working in eligible health services.

- \* 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—

Kedesh Rehabilitation Services managed a residential alcohol and other drugs facility at Mona Vale Hospital to support residents of the Northern Beaches. This was closed in 2022 and a review was commissioned.

- (1) When is the review scheduled for completion?
- (2) Who undertook the review?
- (3) When will the review be made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

Northern Sydney Local Health District is undertaking the review. The review is expected to be completed shortly.

- \* 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—

- (1) I made representations over 20 working days ago on behalf of the Davidson constituents regarding the following road safety matters: Intersection of Pacific Highway, Clanville and Shirley in Roseville; Intersection of Forest Way, Glen Street and Wearden Road in Belrose; School zones and precincts at St Ives High School and Killara High School; Intersection of Pacific Highway and Lorne Avenue in Killara; M2 potholes and black marks; and Intersection of Warringah Road and Forest Way in Frenchs Forest relating to graffiti.

- (a) Can the Minister advise when I will be receiving a response to these road safety matters?

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Answer—

I am advised

Road safety upgrades are based on strict criteria and consideration is given to vehicle and pedestrian activity, road conditions, future demand and the accident history at a location. These projects are then prioritised for funding on a statewide basis.

Transport for NSW has investigated safety and efficiency at this intersection and it advises that given the Pacific Highway experiences high traffic volumes, introducing right turn arrows or adding traffic signal phases would negatively impact traffic flow. Further, a low crash history indicates motorists are aware of the traffic conditions and adjust their driving behaviour accordingly.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor this intersection to ensure it is operating safely and efficiently for the community.

Responses were provided on 31 August 2023 by myself and my Parliamentary Secretary in relation to these representations.

\* 1119 EXCESS LAND ON RAIL CORRIDORS FOR BIKE PATHS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW and Sydney Trains considered using excess land on our rail corridors to build bike paths?
  - (a) If so, was this consideration made public?
  - (b) If not, will it undertake consideration?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government wants walking and bike riding, known as active transport, to be the preferred way to make short trips and a viable, safe and efficient option for longer trips.

Route alignment selection of cycleways to connect centres, precincts and places is undertaken on a case-by-case basis. Transport for NSW acknowledges that in certain locations, heavy rail corridors can provide an opportunity to develop active transport facilities and has specific design requirements (Active Transport Links on the Heavy Rail Corridor Standard v2.0 September 2019 THR C1 12180 ST) with respect to safety, heritage and urban design.

Strategic cycleway corridors are publicly available

(<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/walking-and-bike-riding/strategic-cycleway-corridors>).

\* 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—

In relation to record keeping for the New South Wales Police Force:

- (1) What official protocols are in place in relation to recording keeping when discussing matters with the public?
- (2) Is there a current and relevant 'Records and Information Management Policy Statement'?
  - (a) If so, is it available to the public?

Answer—

- (1) In accordance with the State Records Act 1998, the NSW Police Force's Records and Information Management Program comprises a planned, coordinated set of policies, procedures and activities that are required to manage NSW Police Force records.
- (2) Yes.



- (a) The NSW Police Force Records and Information Management Police Statement is not publicly available.

\* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if requests for Shark-Management-Alert-In-RealTime (S.M.A.R.T) Drumlins at Lakes and Ocean Beaches had been made by the respective Members for Wyong and Gosford prior to the Shark Meshing Annual Performance Report released in July?
- (2) Will the S.M.A.R.T Drumlins be provided to Central Coast Council for Lakes Beach, Killcare Beach and Ocean Beach?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that on 20 August 2020, Liesl Tesch MP, Member for Gosford, wrote to Adam Marshall MP, the then Minister for Agriculture, requesting a trial of SMART drumlines on the Central Coast. No response was received from the Member for Wyong.
- (2) No. 32 SMART drumlines from Frazer to McMasters beach will not include Lakes Beach, Killcare Beach and Ocean Beach. However, The 2023/24 NSW Shark Management Program will continue to include shark nets at Lakes, Killcare, Umina and 8 other beaches on the Central Coast; drones at The Entrance, Avoca and Ocean beaches; tagged shark listening stations at Soldiers, Avoca and Killcare beaches.

\* 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—

- (1) Can you provide the number of times a 000 ambulance callout and Clinical Emergency Response Systems (CERS) assist call was made in Tocumwal between June 2022 to June 2023?
- (2) What was the average response time for ambulance services in Tocumwal during this time?
- (3) Do these response times meet the minimum New South Wales standards for ambulance response times?
  - (a) Are they comparable to metropolitan response times?

Answer—

I am advised:

BHI data for the January to March 2023 reporting period shows the median time it took an ambulance to reach the highest priority (life threatening P1A) emergency cases in the Upper Murray Statistical Area Level 3, which includes Tocumwal, was 7.5 minutes, which is within the 10 minute target.

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)

\* 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—

As part of the \$250 million redevelopment of the Griffith Base Hospital will you consider the installation of a helipad?

Answer—

I am advised:

A helipad is not part of the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment. All patient air transfers occur from Griffith Airport, which is less than 5 kilometres from the hospital. The majority of patient transfers out of

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Griffith Base Hospital to larger, tertiary facilities require a fixed wing aircraft that departs from the Griffith Airport.

- \* 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—

Given the population growth of Moama, when will the Regional Health Minister update the “Ambulance Service of New South Wales and Ambulance Victoria Cross-Border Patient Transport Guidelines” which was released 8 March 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that:

When an ambulance response is required to attend Moama, the closest available vehicle will respond to the incident, regardless of which side of the NSW or Victorian border it is located. This practice is consistent with provision of ambulance services in areas within state or territory borders.

Collaboration is ongoing between NSW Ambulance and Ambulance Victoria to review the current operational Memorandum of Understanding.

- \* 1125 FERNHILL ESTATE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is the Government planning to honour the previous Government's commitment to allocate \$65 million for the transformation of Fernhill Estate into a public park?
  - (a) If so, what is the proposed timeline for the commencement and completion of the transformation project?
  - (b) Has there been any reassessment or alteration of the scope and vision for the Fernhill Estate transformation since the funding announcement?
    - (i) If so, could you please provide details on any modifications or adjustments made?
  - (c) Are there any potential challenges or considerations that the Government has identified in relation to the funding and execution of the Fernhill Estate transformation project?
    - (i) If so, what steps are being taken to address these challenges?
  - (d) Can you provide any additional information or updates regarding the status of the funding and any significant developments related to the Fernhill Estate transformation project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for Fernhill Estate priority projects as part of the Fernhill Estate Landscape Master Plan is on hold pending NSW Treasury's Comprehensive Expenditure Review. No reassessment or alteration of the scope of works has been carried out during the Review.

- \* 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—

- (1) How does the Government acknowledge Australian South Sea Islanders brought to Australia as forced labour and their descendants?
- (2) What action has been taken on needed housing, education, employment, health and other Government services as identified in the 1995 Premier's Memorandum (M1995-42)?
- (3) What support or funding has been provided to community building services for Australian South Sea Islanders?

- (4) Does the Government recognise Australian South Sea Islander Day as recognised by the Commonwealth government on 25 August:
- (a) If so, what events are held or supported?
- (5) What work has been done to identify the impacts of racial discrimination and marginalisation on Australian South Sea Islanders?

Answer—

I am advised:

Multicultural NSW assists in enabling South Sea Islander people to access NSW Government services, especially through the Multicultural Policies and Services Program which ensures that diverse communities are at the forefront of policies and programs delivered across all agencies.

\* 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—

- (1) Is the Secretariat of the panel independent from Liquor and Gaming NSW?
- (2) Does Liquor and Gaming NSW provide the panel with any of the following:
- (a) Office space?
- (b) Equipment?
- (c) Staff?
- (d) Support services?
- (3) Have the Chair and Deputy Chairs completed a declaration on any income received in the past from the gambling, gaming, betting, liquor and racing industries?
- (4) If so, where are those declarations published?

Answer—

- (1) Liquor & Gaming NSW, supported by The Cabinet Office, provides secretariat support to the Panel. This is outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Panel which are publicly available and can be accessed at [www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/community-and-stakeholders](http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/community-and-stakeholders) under 'Independent Panel on Gaming Reform'.
- (2) (a) No, other than to provide meeting rooms for meetings of the Panel.
- (b) No.
- (c) No, other than Secretariat support.
- (d) In addition to Secretariat support, a secure portal for accessing meeting papers is provided.
- (3) The Chair and Deputy Chairs were required to undergo a robust probity assessment, including declarations of conflicts-of-interest and prior involvement with industry associations.
- (4) The declarations made by the Panel are not published. There is no requirement to publish these declarations, which include personal information.

\* 1128 GEORGE STREET SMOKING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to make George Street Sydney smoke free?
- (2) Do any plans include restrictions on vaping?
- (3) What action will the Government take to reduce the impacts of smoking and vaping on George Street Sydney?

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Answer—

I am advised that decisions around declaring "smoke free zones" in public places can be made by the relevant local government under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

\* 1129 SMOKE FREE CBD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to make George Street in Sydney's CBD smoke free?
- (2) Do any plans include restrictions on vaping?
- (3) What action will the Government take to reduce the impacts of smoking and vaping in the CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

I am advised that decisions around declaring "smoke free zones" in public places can be made by the relevant local government authority under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

\* 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—

- (1) How many ambulance stations are in the electorate of Castle Hill?
- (2) Of the ambulance stations located in the electorate of Castle Hill, during the period 1 April 2023 to 31 July 2023:
  - (a) How many hours were each of the stations closed due to a lack of staff?
  - (b) How many were only open on an on-call basis?

Answer—

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I am advised:

NSW Ambulance services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to adjust the boundaries of the catchment areas for the High Schools within the Castle Hill Electorate?
  - (a) If so when will the new boundaries be published?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that it monitors and reviews school intake areas across NSW to balance the utilisation of school infrastructure in local areas.

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to improve the traffic congestion and traffic safety for motorists travelling on Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta?
  - (a) If there are such plans what are those plans?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW completed a Road Network Plan (RNP) for the Windsor to Northmead corridor, which included Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta.

The main objective of the plan was to identify road network deficiencies and safety issues and develop opportunities for the multi-modal road network for short (0-5 years), medium (5-10 years), and long-term (10+ years) planning horizon. The outcomes of the Road Network Plan are subject to further analysis, evaluation, and prioritisation of options to address performance gaps. Strategic investigations of the Windsor to North mead corridor - including Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and Northern Parramatta - for potential options to improve safety, traffic flow and access along the corridor are currently under way.

Following completion of the strategic investigations, detailed development of the recommended options would be undertaken, subject to a business case assessment and state-wide funding prioritisation process.

\* 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—

- (1) How many people currently receive a Rent Choice Start Safely subsidy?
- (2) What is the average weekly household income of current recipients of the Rent Choice Start Safely subsidy?
- (3) On what basis has  $\leq 50\%$  of income plus any Commonwealth Rent Assistance payment been determined as the appropriate threshold for considering a property “affordable”?
  - (a) Are there any plans to lower the threshold to  $\leq 30\%$  of income, which is broadly considered the upper limit before a tenant enters rental stress?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of July 2023, there are 2,663 people receiving a Rent Choice Start Safely subsidy.
- (2) The average weekly income for people receiving a Rent Choice Start Safely subsidy is \$838.
- (3) Information regarding affordability is available within the Rent Choice Policy that is on the Department of Communities and Justice website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/rent-choice-policy>
- (4) Clients falling under the 50 per cent threshold are still eligible for the program through a deeper subsidy if they are assessed as having capacity and potential to pay high rents on their own at program exit.

\* 1134 PETS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the current policy in relation to allowing pets on public transport in New South Wales?
- (2) Are there any plans to review the Transport for NSW rules that currently prohibit pets from travelling on public transport?
- (3) Are there any plans to amend the definition of “assistance animal” to include therapy and emotional support animals, which are currently considered “companion animals”?

Answer—

I am advised

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(1) & (2) Pets are not prohibited from public transport and are allowed to travel on buses, light rail, and ferries provided the following requirements are met. Under the Passenger Transport Regulation 2017, companion animals are allowed on bus and ferry public passenger vehicles if they are suitably confined in a box, basket or other container. However, the driver may refuse to let an animal onboard if it will cause inconvenience or danger to another person.

The regulation also provides that a rail operator is entitled to impose separate conditions for the carriage of companion animals on their trains. For the safety and comfort of other passengers, Sydney Trains and NSW Trainlink do not allow pets on trains or coaches, except for trained assistance animals and police/security dogs. The light rail operator allows pets on board provided they are suitably confined in a box, basket or other container with permission from the light rail staff.

While it is clear there are benefits to pets and their owners of travelling on public transport, these benefits must be carefully weighed against the needs of passengers with disability, passengers with allergies or phobias, and transport workers.

The issue is complex and requires a careful and considered approach, as well as broad consultation with transport workers, advocates and passengers.

The Minns Labor Government is seeking advice regarding the current policies and procedures governing the conveyance of pets on public transport and will continue to give the issue active and careful consideration.

The definition of an 'assistance animal' is determined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth). There is currently a national working group being led by the Commonwealth Department of Social Services that is developing options for a nationally consistent approach to the regulation and accreditation of assistance animals. NSW is represented on this working group by the Department of Communities and Justice.

Any proposal to expand the definition of an assistance animal to include emotional support and therapy animals would need to be considered at the national level by this working group.

\* 1135 SHARED EQUITY HOME BUYER HELPER—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many people have entered the Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper scheme every year since its introduction?
- (2) Of those on the scheme:
  - (a) What is the average household income?
  - (b) How many are:
    - (i) A single parent of a dependent child or children?
    - (ii) A single person aged 50 or above?
    - (iii) First home buyer key workers who are nurses, midwives, paramedics, teachers, early childhood educators and police officers?

Answer—

- (1) The Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper scheme commenced on 23 January 2023. The parameters of the scheme were set by the previous Government.

As at 31 August 2023, 485 customers have entered the scheme, of which:

- 176 are in pre-approval stage (approved and searching for a home).
- 41 are in final approval stage (found a home and awaiting settlement).
- 268 have settled (moved into their new home).

(2)

- (a) Revenue NSW does not hold the exact income data of the applicants. However, Revenue NSW can provide the income range details as follows (note applications can be either Single or Joint applicants):
- 1 application between \$120,000 to \$124,200;
  - 48 applications between \$90,000 to \$120,000;
  - 372 applications between \$50,000 to \$90,000;
  - 64 applications less than \$50,000.
- (b) (i) 128 are single parents.  
(ii) 104 are singles over 50.  
(iii) 253 are first home buyer key workers.

The Shared Equity Home Buyer Scheme is a trial scheme that will be assessed following applications closing in June 2024. The NSW Government will await the results of this assessment.

In May 2023, the NSW Government announced that the scheme would be expanded to allow victim-survivors of domestic violence and family violence to apply for the program.

\* 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—

- (1) What is the exact number of dwellings expected in each of the:
- (a) social?
  - (b) affordable?
  - (c) private housing components?
- (2) Of the social housing dwellings expected for the site, how many will be managed by:
- (a) Homes NSW?
  - (b) Community housing providers?
  - (c) A not-for-profit entity?
  - (d) A for-profit entity?
- (3) In relation to the 20% affordable housing component promised for Waterloo South:
- (a) What entity(/ies) will operate this?
  - (b) What rent setting policy will be implemented to ensure this housing is genuinely affordable?
- (4) What entity(/ies) will own and operate the  $\leq 15\%$  of the new social and affordable housing on site that will be dedicated for Aboriginal housing?
- (a) Furthermore, will this be  $\leq 15\%$  of the social housing component alone, affordable housing component alone, or of the two components combined?
- (5) Can you indicate the expected typology mix (in terms of the number of bedrooms and unit sizes) of each of:
- (a) The affordable housing component?
  - (b) The social housing component?

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- (c) The Aboriginal housing component?
- (6) In relation to the current composition of Waterloo South:
  - (a) How many people currently live in the estate?
  - (b) What is the total number of dwellings currently on the estate?
  - (c) How many, if any, of these dwellings are currently vacant?
- (7) In relation to the first stage of relocations of Waterloo South tenants that is expected to commence in early 2024:
  - (a) How many households will be included?
  - (b) How many households are expected to be relocated in Waterloo and Redfern?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) If the Member is referring to the Waterloo development, the exact number of social, affordable and private dwellings is subject to final design. As of 27 September 2023 it is anticipated that:
  - (a) 30% of homes in Waterloo South will be social dwellings
  - (b) 20% of homes will be affordable dwellings
  - (c) 50% of homes will be private dwellings

This will result in a significant increase in social and affordable homes at the site. It also shows the Government's commitment to internationally recognised best practice mixed tenure.
- (2) All future social housing will be managed by a Community Housing Provider. The properties will be owned by Homes NSW.
- (3) Community Housing Provider/s selected through the procurement process will operate the affordable housing component.
  - (b) The rent setting policy will be managed in accordance with the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines.
- (4) The 15% dedicated to Aboriginal housing is combined social and affordable housing. At this stage, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation will own the new social housing dedicated to Aboriginal housing and it will be managed by Aboriginal Community Housing Provider/s.
 

The affordable component dedicated to Aboriginal housing will be managed by an Aboriginal Community Housing Provider. Ownership is yet to be determined.
- (5) The typology mix is subject to further detailed design.
- (6) As of 22 August 2023:
  - (a) 1,007 social housing tenants live in Waterloo South
  - (b) There are 750 social housing dwellings in Waterloo South
  - (c) There are 22 social housing dwellings currently vacant in Waterloo South. Many dwellings in Waterloo South are aging and need urgent repair. The previous Government neglected our social housing system – it will take time to rebuild the system and reduce the number of vacant properties that were left in disrepair by the Liberals and Nationals. This is one of the reasons why we are undertaking renewal at Waterloo. It is not acceptable that people are forced to live in homes aren't accessible and aren't built for extreme weather. These buildings were never designed to last this long, and the former Government made this situation even worse.



- (7) (a) The timing and number of relocations will be confirmed following the selection of the renewal partner.
- (b) All residents will be offered relocation locally while Waterloo South is completed. All residents will have the right to return to the Waterloo South once it is completed. This is incredibly important to this Government. This has been communicated to all tenants through letters, calls and texts with dedicated support staff to handle and respond to inquiries.

I note the Member will be receiving a briefing soon and I look forward to discussing this with the Member.

\* 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—

- (1) How much public funding will be directed toward establishing new “centres of excellence” requiring universities, TAFEs, and the defence industry to partner in delivering degree-level courses in submarine manufacturing?
- (2) Are there any current partnerships between any New South Wales tertiary education institutions and private companies within the defence industry in terms of:
- (a) Short-term programs, placements, or courses run or sponsored by the latter?
- (b) Degree or certificate courses offered by tertiary education institutions specifically to ensure “job ready” graduates for the defence industry?

Answer—

Skills Ministers have agreed that TAFE Centres of Excellence will work to provide skills for strategically important industries and to meet economic challenges that require a coordinated response. Priorities include supporting transformation to a net zero economy, sustaining essential care and support services, ensuring Australia's digital and technological capability and sovereign capability.

The implementation of TAFE Centres of Excellence is subject to ongoing discussions with the Federal Government, including on the National Skills Agreement.

Tertiary education institutions are independent entities, with their own governance and management, and are responsible for any partnerships they may have.

\* 1138 FINES ISSUED FOR BOATING OFFENCES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Please provide the following information for boating offences as at the date for which the most recent data is available for 2023 (and specifying what that date is) for residents of the Miranda electorate:

- (1) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying speed sign by <10 knots (vessel)?
- (2) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying speed sign by <10 knots (PWC)?
- (3) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying speed sign by >10 knots (vessel)?
- (4) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying speed sign by >10 knots (PWC)?
- (5) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for breaching part B or C of the collision regulations?
- (6) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying ‘no wash’ sign?
- (7) What is the number and dollar value of fines issued for disobeying other Transport signs?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate.

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\* 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—

- (1) At which road crossings between New South Wales and Queensland are existing fixed camera systems being utilised to monitor the transport of materials with the potential to be carrying fire ants across the border into New South Wales?
- (2) What steps do New South Wales authorities take if these cameras detect high-risk materials crossing into New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Border cameras are located at Chinderah, Mt Lindsay, Richmond Gap, Cobaki, White Swamp, Numinbah, Tomewin and Terranora.
- (2) If border cameras detect high risk materials coming into NSW that contravene the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015, these breaches will be investigated and enforcement action taken where an offence is established.

\* 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—

How many fire ant compliance site inspections have been conducted by New South Wales authorities on both sides of the border to date?

Answer—

- (1) As of 26 September 2023, the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have conducted 45 trace forward fire ant investigations/inspections in NSW.

Matters relating to the Queensland side of the border should be referred to the National RIFA Eradication Response Program.

\* 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—

What eradication plan is in place if fire ants are detected in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have developed the NSW Fire Ant Eradication Response Plan. Any detection of fire ants in NSW will trigger an immediate biosecurity emergency response to delimit, contain and treat the infestation.

If fire ants are confirmed in NSW, the Plan:

- (a) sets out sequenced actions to respond to a confirmed incursion of red imported fire ants (also referred to as RIFA or fire ants) in NSW.
- (b) focuses on the first 96 hours after confirmation, or until an Incident Management Team (IMT) is operative.
- (c) provides essential information for the establishment of, and use by, an IMT throughout the response
- (d) is informed by the National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP) methodology for new incursions (Protocol: Management of Detections of Importance and Serious Outbreaks), and the experience of DPI in the response that eradicated a single nest incursion of fire ants in Port Botany in 2014.

- \* 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—

Regarding unemployment rates in Western Sydney:

- (1) What is the current unemployment rate across the region of Western Sydney?
- (2) What is the current youth unemployment rate across the region of Western Sydney?
- (3) What steps are currently being taken to reduce the unemployment and youth unemployment rate across the region of Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at August 2023, according to figures derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics labour force data, the unemployment rate in Western Sydney was 3.8 per cent (12 month moving average).
- (2) As at August 2023, according to figures derived from Australian Bureau of Statistics labour force data, the youth unemployment rate in Western Sydney was 7.5 per cent (12 month moving average). It should be noted that due to a relatively small sample size, youth unemployment figures are indicative only.
- (3) The NSW Government is committed to job growth in Western Sydney and across the State, including to establish a NSW Jobs First Commission, rebuild domestic manufacturing, fund an additional 500 paramedics, recruit an additional 1,200 nurses and midwives, hire 1,000 additional apprentices across NSW Government, recruit an additional 600 firefighters, establish a Future Women's Jobs Academy program and invest \$22 million in the early childhood workforce.

- \* 1143 SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Sydney Metro West Project:

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund and deliver this project according to plans put forward by the previous Government?
- (2) Is the Government planning to deliver the Sydney Metro West Project without reducing the number of stops?
- (3) Will the previously promised 20-minute travel time from Parramatta to the Sydney CBD remain the same despite changes made to the Sydney Metro West Project by the Government?

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.

It will also assess the value for money of the existing Sydney Metro West scope, including consideration of station locations.

The Sydney Metro Review Terms of Reference is publicly available

([https://www.sydneymetro.info/sites/default/files/2023-04/Sydney\\_Metro\\_Independent\\_Review.pdf](https://www.sydneymetro.info/sites/default/files/2023-04/Sydney_Metro_Independent_Review.pdf)).

Sydney Metro is continuing to work collaboratively with the reviewers to ensure they have the assistance and support they need.

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- \* 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—

Regarding the funding and construction of a new palliative care ward at Westmead Hospital committed to by the previous Government:

- (1) What is the expected delivery date of this ward?
- (2) Is the Government planning to deliver this ward in the same capacity and layout as the previous Government?

Answer—

(1 and 2 )

I refer the Member to the response at LA 646.

- \* 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—

- (1) What does the Government define as what they consider regional New South Wales?
- (2) Can the Government provide a geographical map outlining regional and rural locations in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Government agencies define regional New South Wales in a variety of ways that are relevant to the services and outcomes being delivered for the community. There are also a range of legislated definitions for regional areas. For example, the Regional Development Act 2004 defines 'region' as "any part of New South Wales ... other than the Sydney metropolitan area."
- (2) See response to (1) above.

NSW Government agencies use a range of maps to define the geographic range of their services in regional and rural New South Wales.

The current boundaries for the Department of Regional NSW's Regional Development team is available on the Department's website.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Single employer model and rural generalist program.

- (1) As 80 places are being provided through the Single Employer Model across New South Wales, to help attract and retain doctors in regional New South Wales, will the program be providing any places across the Bathurst Electorate by NSW Health?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a full list as to where placements will be allocated or have already been allocated as part of the Single Employer Model?

Answer—

I am advised:

1-2.

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

All regional local health districts are in the process of identifying general practice partners to participate in the Single Employer Model locally. Local health districts will be responsible for allocating trainees to general practice locations.

- \* 1147 WELLBEING OF POLICE OFFICERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the wellbeing of New South Wales police officers:

- (1) What resources are available to officers to ensure their mental health is not affected by the job?
- (2) What resources are offered to officers who have responded to a traumatic incident?
- (3) How many officers across New South Wales are currently on leave related to mental health including stress and sick leave?
- (4) How would you describe the morale of officers in the force today?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force has a range of programs to support the mental wellbeing of police officers including:
  - Pulse Program: a suite of psychological, health, fitness, safety and injury management initiatives to support NSW Police Force employees, including mental health clinicians embedded in Police Area Commands and Police Districts
  - RECON: includes specialist support in psychology, physiotherapy, and strength and conditioning
  - Your Health First: a psychological health and suicide prevention program
  - Police psychologists: provide mental health and wellbeing advice and support to Commands
  - Family Support Coordinator: provides information, advice and the coordination of support services to police officers and their families when experiencing challenges
  - Family Assist: an external support service that provides counselling for police officers and their families with personal and/or lifestyle concerns
  - Qualified fitness instructors provide health and fitness guidance and support
  - Eat Smart: practical information to encourage a healthy diet and positive lifestyle choices
  - Fitness Passport: access to over 500 gyms and swimming pools at a discounted rate.
- (2) The NSW Police Force has a range of programs, services and responses to support officers who have been exposed to traumatic events in the course of their duties. These include:
  - Pulse Program: a suite of psychological, health, fitness, safety and injury management initiatives to support NSW Police Force employees, including mental health clinicians embedded in Police Area Commands and Police Districts
  - RECON: includes specialist support in psychology, physiotherapy, and strength and conditioning
  - Incident support: a 24/7 psychological first aid services that supports NSW Police Force employees involved in work-related potentially traumatic events or critical incidents
  - Peer Support Program: a network of peer support officers trained to support their colleagues and assist with referrals to appropriate support services
  - Chaplaincy: a support service available to all employees and their immediate family during and after critical incidents, major events, and in times of personal need
  - Employee Assistance Program: a 24/7 crisis counselling service which may involve referral to a range of services.
- (3) As at 31 July 2023, 1,108 police officers are on mental health-related leave.

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- (4) The NSW Government recognises policing is a challenging profession. However, police officers have a strong sense of purpose, are valued, and know that the job that they do makes a difference to the communities they serve.

\* 1148 COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FASTER TRAIN BETWEEN CANBERRA AND SYDNEY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government commence further dialogue with the ACT Government on the cost-sharing arrangements for a faster train between Canberra and Sydney and include this proposal in forward estimates within a reasonable timeframe?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will continue to provide advice to the NSW Government on future fast rail opportunities for NSW and work collaboratively with the Australian Government on its plans to develop a high-speed rail network.

Transport for NSW will continue to work with the ACT Government on cross boarder transport opportunities under the ACT and NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration (the ACT and NSW MoU), the ACT and NSW governments have agreed to establish a Cross-Border Public Transport Steering Committee.

\* 1149 INCREASING PREVALENCE OF COST ESCALATION IMPACTING FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government include in grant-funded road projects a strategy for addressing the increasing prevalence of cost escalation impacting funded grant programs, such as allowing larger contingencies in funding or retaining funds within grant programs to account for escalations?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has developed several program specific Project Change Control Plans to manage project level variations within grant funding environments.

Transport for NSW works with impacted councils to discuss project variations and assists with the review of project scope and construction methodology to identify project changes that would minimise costs without significantly impacting project benefits.

On a state-wide basis the Federal and State infrastructure reviews have provided a good opportunity for transport and infrastructure projects to be reviewed in line with concerns raised by Infrastructure Australia and Infrastructure NSW about the deliverability of some projects.

This important work will ensure better staging of these projects in the future to ensure the most efficient use of scarce labour and materials to avoid cost blow outs on projects, which can occur when projects are concentrated in geographical areas or over short periods of time.

\* 1150 YASS SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

The previous Government committed to allocating \$1.1 million to upgrade the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall at Yass:

- (1) Will the Government deliver these new facilities that would better service the range of activities held at the Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

- \* 1151 BIOELEKTRA AND SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR UPDATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With reference to my Question on Notice (130 – Bioelektra and Shoalhaven City Council), and preliminary enquiries by Departmental Chief Executive under 734A of the Local Government Act:

- (1) Has the Minister been provided with the comprehensive Ministerial briefing by the OLG as referred to in his answer on 15 June 2023?
- (2) If yes to 1, what is the outcome of this briefing and what action (if any) is being taken?
- (3) If no action is being undertaken, what information satisfied the Minister that no further investigation or action is required?

Answer—

- (1) I have been briefed by the Office of Local Government (OLG) on the status of the preliminary inquiry.
- (2) On the basis of OLG's preliminary enquiries, I am advised that OLG is satisfied:
  - Shoalhaven City Council (Council) has recognized the severity of the issue and instituted staffing and governance changes.
  - Internal and external investigations by the Council are ongoing.
  - Council is not subject to ongoing liability as the contract with Bioelektra Australia has been terminated.
  - The Government will not propose further investigations until Council's external forensic investigation is completed, at which time an assessment of whether a section 430 investigation under the Local Government Act 1993 is needed, or the matter can be closed.

- \* 1152 TRAFFIC CONTORL EXPENDITURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to traffic control expenditure on transport projects associated with disaster recovery and repair:

- (1) Can the Minister report on Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) expenditure on traffic control for each year for the last four years for:
  - (a) The State?
  - (b) The Kiama electorate?
  - (c) The Shoalhaven, Kiama, and Shellharbour Local Government Areas?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW engages industry partners to provide traffic control services on State roads through a panel contract. Expenditure below is provided for projects specifically funded through Natural disaster initiatives and does not include some initial incident response costs.

(1)(a) The State:

- Financial year 2020: \$3.54 million
- Financial year 2021: \$1.07 million
- Financial year 2022: \$3.54 million
- Financial year 2023: \$16.45 million.

(1)(b) The Kiama electorate:

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- Financial year 2020: Nil
- Financial year 2021: \$61,002
- Financial year 2022: \$1.27 million
- Financial year 2023: \$4.31 million.

(1)(c) Shoalhaven Local Government Area

- Financial year 2020: \$143,123
- Financial year 2021: \$59,736
- Financial year 2022: \$973,534
- Financial year 2023: \$3.44 million.

Kiama Local Government Area

- Financial year 2020: Nil
- Financial year 2021: \$61,002
- Financial year 2022: \$301,507
- Financial year 2023: \$228,335.

Shellharbour Local Government Area

- Financial year 2020: Nil
- Financial year 2021: Nil
- Financial year 2022: Nil
- Financial year 2023: \$643,511.

\* 1153 ILLEGAL DUMPING ON KIAMA BENDS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does illegal dumping continue to occur on the Kiama bends, despite efforts by the Environmental Protection Authority?
- (2) What can the Minister do to improve surveillance, prevent and penalise those who continue to dump illegal tyres, grain, and other materials on our roads?
- (3) Is the Government planning a clean-up of current illegally dumped materials on the Kiama bends?
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Yes. Once surveillance by the Environmental Protection Authority stopped, tyre dumping started again.
- (2) Transport for NSW continues to access illegal dumping funds from the Environmental Protection Authority for improvements in hotspot areas by enabling surveillance and improved fencing.
- (3) Transport for NSW is currently appointing a specialist contractor to clean up the area and remove the illegally dumped tyres. The work is expected to be completed before the end of 2023.



- \* 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—

What is the status of the Environment Protection Authority's plans to expand the popular Return and Earn Scheme to include glass wine and spirit bottles and larger containers as per the Authority's announcement in October 2022?

Answer—

- (1) In late 2022, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) consulted on proposals to improve the recovery and recycling of beverage containers and other glass packaging, including options to expand the scope of containers covered by the Return and Earn scheme. The EPA received a large number of submissions with detailed input from a number of stakeholders, including the wine and spirits industry.

The EPA is progressing further work to resolve issues raised in the consultation ahead of a decision by Government on this important issue.

- \* 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—

- (1) How many Electric Vehicle fast charging stations are there in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to increase the number of Electric Vehicle fast charging stations in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently three fast charging stations, providing a total of 14 charge points in the Port Macquarie electorate.
- (2) Yes, another fast charging station has been awarded grant funding.
- (3) Not applicable.

- \* 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—

How many jobs were created in the Port Macquarie electorate through the Government's Regional Jobs Creation Funding program in 2021 and 2022?

Answer—

- (1) An estimated 247 jobs are projected to be created.

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- \* 1157 GREATER SYDNEY BUS CONTRACT 10 FULL SERVICE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

When can patrons within Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 expect the level of bus service to return to the full timetable service that operated under the previous contractor?

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Answer—

I am advised

The former government merged two regions to create Greater Sydney Bus Contract 10 and oversaw the appointment of the current operator U-Go Mobility.

U-Go Mobility has failed to meet its contractual obligations. In response the Minister for Transport has directed Transport for NSW to step in to ensure day to day operations improve.

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

- \* 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—

- (1) Has the Government ever investigated the implementation of a tonnage limit along Nuwarra Road, Moorebank?
- (2) If yes, will the Government commit to all the findings of report, if any exist?

Answer—

I am advised

Nuwarra Road is a regional road under the care and control of Liverpool City Council.

- \* 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—

- (1) When will the Labor Party's election commitment of \$150,000 to build a new playground for Menai Primary School be completed?

Answer—

Communities will be kept informed about local election commitments as they progress.

- \* 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—

- (1) Has the Government committed funding for the establishment or building of a preschool in Wanaaring?
- (2) If so, given that there is currently no designated area for secondary students to study in Wanaaring:
  - (a) Would the Government consider also building, within the same structure, a designated space for secondary students, to allow them access to education department resources, books, computers and reliable internet?

Answer—

Decisions about which public schools will receive preschools as part of the NSW Government's commitment to build 100 public preschools will be determined after an infrastructure feasibility analysis has been conducted, as well as after consultation with stakeholders, schools and Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) providers.

This work is focused on pre-school provision, and thus considering facilities for primary and/or secondary students has not been part of this work.

- \* 1161 NATIONAL DISASTER FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Noting that National Disaster Funding Arrangements (DRFA) is a cost sharing arrangement between the Commonwealth and State Government to support certain relief and recovery activities following an eligible disaster:

- (1) What plans does the Government have in relation to Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements to ensure relief costs of disaster and recovery are met?
- (2) What consultation measures with local councils will be undertaken to ensure adequate local disaster and recovery needs are met?
- (3) How will the Government ensure funding meets the immediate needs for safety and long-term recovery?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 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—

With respect to the raising of the Wyangala Dam wall:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise when the Wyangala Dam Final Business Case review will be complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Final Business Case (FBC) is complete and has been published.  
<https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water-infrastructure-nsw/dam-projects/wyangala-dam> .

- \* 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—

With respect to mice and rat pest control:

- (1) What measures are currently in place for the management and control of rodents in regional New South Wales?
- (2) Is the Government planning to fund assistance for communities in regional New South Wales impacted by future rodent plagues?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Mice and rats are always present in urban and rural environments. They are usually at low levels, but a high availability of food and shelter as well as conducive weather conditions may result in elevated numbers.

The NSW Government assists with monitoring, research and advice to develop and promote improved rodent management practices.

Rodent management is generally an individual landholder responsibility. Integrated rodent management involves reducing the availability of food and shelter and baiting and trapping as required. There is commercial bait available for rodent management around buildings and in paddocks.

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- (b) The response to future NSW mouse plagues will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

In exceptional circumstances, such as the widespread 2020/21 NSW mouse plague, the NSW Government may provide coordination and financial assistance to facilitate a more structured response to a state-wide problem. NSW generally experiences widespread mouse plagues less frequently than jurisdictions such as Victoria and South Australia - typically every decade or so.

\* 1164 BUS SERVICES TO WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What progress has been made on the rapid bus links from:
  - (a) Campbelltown to the Western Sydney International Airport?
  - (b) Liverpool to the Western Sydney International Airport?
  - (c) Penrith to the Western Sydney International Airport?
- (2) Has the Government undertaken any consultation with local communities across South-Western Sydney?
  - (a) If so, what consultation has occurred?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the Government deliver these essential transport links in time for the opening of the airport?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2023-24 NSW Budget allocated \$302.7 million to establish a bus service Campbelltown, Liverpool and Penrith with the Western Sydney International Airport prior to airport operations commencing in 2026.

Targeted consultation on the project with Local Government has been completed to inform the project design. Community consultation will be undertaken as the project continues to be developed and delivered.

\* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning to continue the previous Government's increase to the number of businesses and service providers on the NSW Seniors Card?
- (2) What will the Labor Government do to increase the number of businesses and service providers on the card?
- (3) Does the government have a target number of new businesses?
- (4) Are additional rebates, savings and vouchers being considered where eligibility only requires the Seniors Card or Seniors Savers Card?
- (5) Since January 2023:
  - (a) How many additional businesses have registered with the Seniors Card?
  - (b) How many seniors have opted into the digital Seniors Card?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) NSW Seniors Card is working with Service NSW to develop a specific campaign to target NSW businesses to join the program.
- (3) No.

(4) Yes.

(5)

(a) 604

(b) 54,018

\* 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—

(1) Can the Minister please advise with regard to the Local Council Major Festival Grants:

(a) Was this program placed under review as part of NSW Treasury's Comprehensive Expenditure Review?

(b) Have Councils that were successful under this program been assured their funding is secured for festivals being delivered between:

(i) 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

(ii) 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

(2) Regarding the Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Festivals and Events Grants Program:

(a) Was this program placed under review as part of NSW Treasury's Comprehensive Expenditure Review?

(i) If so, as events were to be held from the start of this month, were applicants notified that a review was taking place?

(ii) If not, what discussions took place to ensure the program could continue whilst programs across other portfolios were placed on hold?

(b) How many applications were received in the recent round of this program?

(i) How many of these were successful?

(ii) How many were unsuccessful?

(3) Regarding the Multicultural NSW Stronger Together Project Grants Program:

(a) Was this program placed under review as part of NSW Treasury's Comprehensive Expenditure Review?

(i) If so, given applications closed on 7 July 2023, were applicants notified that a review was taking place?

(ii) If not, what discussions took place to ensure this program could continue whilst programs across other portfolios were placed on hold?

(b) How many applications were received in the recent round of this program?

(i) How many of these were successful?

(ii) How many were unsuccessful?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government initiated the Comprehensive Expenditure Review to identify savings and reform opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Government services and help return the budget to a sustainable operating position.

All areas of Government expenditure are being examined by the Review, to inform the 2023-24 Budget.

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The Review is not yet complete and will be ongoing to identify further savings and reform opportunities to inform future budgets.

\* 1167 TREASURY EXPENDITURE REVIEW—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Treasurer advise in regards to NSW Treasury's Comprehensive Expenditure Review:
- (a) What grants programs were included as part of this review?
  - (b) What grants programs were not included as part of this review?
  - (c) When was the decision made to place these grants programs on hold?
  - (d) What were the requirements that determined which programs would proceed and what programs would be placed under review?

Answer—

The work of the Comprehensive Expenditure Review involved a line-by-line review of all expenditure across the Budget and forward estimates. This informed Cabinet deliberations for the 2023-24 Budget.

\* 1168 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the 2023 round of the Community Building Partnership grants program?
- (a) What funding will be allocated to each Electorate under this round?
  - (b) When will applications open?
  - (c) When will applications close?
  - (d) When would successful organisations likely receive the funding for their projects?

Answer—

I refer to my previous answer to question 46 provided on 14 June 2023 and printed in Questions and Answers Paper No. 10.

\* 1169 CARSS PARK POOL REBUILD COMMITMENT—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 towards the rebuild of Carss Park Pool?
- (a) Will this funding be allocated in this year's State Budget?
  - (b) Does the Government have a timeline between now and when the pool will open?
  - (c) If not, can the Government outline when the community can expect the upgraded facility will open?

Answer—

- (1a, 1b, 1c) The government's election commitments are on the public record and will be delivered as promised.

\* 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—

- (1) What is the status of Land and Housing Corporation's detailed investigations on the Riverwood Housing Estate?
- (2) When will the outcome of these investigations be provided to the community?
- (3) Does the Government's commitment to upgrading local infrastructure accordingly include:
  - (a) Widening of the Belmore Road Bridge over the train line?
  - (b) Addition of traffic lights and/or roundabouts to improve traffic flow along Belmore Road between the M5 and Morotai Avenue?
  - (c) Funding for Canterbury-Bankstown Council to assist in upgrading local community facilities including parks and playgrounds?
  - (d) Upgrades to Riverwood Public School?
  - (e) Increase in bus services between the Riverwood Housing Estate and local town centres/villages?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) investigations are ongoing.
- (2) LAHC is preparing a response to submissions following DPE's public exhibition. Once the response is finalised, the outcome will be provided to the community.
- (3) The Planning Proposal addressing the Precinct will include a full state and local contributions package for associated community infrastructure, as required.

\* 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—

In relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley and Clanville roads in Roseville:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place, broken down by financial year 2017-18 to 2022-23?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW monitoring this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2023, there were a total of four crashes reported within 20 metres of the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley Road and Clanville Road, Roseville.
  - Breakdown of crashes by financial year below:
    - o FY2017-18:1
    - o FY 2018-19: 0
    - o FY 2019-20: 1
      - o FY 2020-21: 1
      - o FY 2021-22: 1
  - There were no pedestrian or bicycle crashes reported at the intersection.

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Data for 2022 and 2023 is provisional and subject to change. Data for non-fatal crashes in 2023 is currently unavailable as the coding for these crashes are delayed by a few months.

- (2) Conditions across the transport network are monitored by CCTV in real time by Transport for NSW. Traffic signal operations are also regularly reviewed to improve pedestrian amenity and safety, reduce delay to buses and other road users as far as possible.

Transport for NSW undertake assessments of locations that have a crash history and determine any potential safety treatments that might be appropriate for implementation.

The intersection of Pacific Highway at both Shirley Road and Clanville Road has been added to the list of locations to review for potential remedial road safety works.

It should be noted that in circumstances where a project is deemed suitable for potential works, an application for funding is not a guarantee that a project will be approved.

Each project in NSW competes on a 12-month basis and with limited funding available, the priorities are determined on a strict criteria including, reported crashes and the severity, road geometry and safety benefits returned to the community.

If a project is not funded in the current 12-month period, Transport for NSW will continue to nominate for future rounds of funding.

- \* 1172 TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT 1988—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

Do you intend on amending the Transport Administration Act 1988 in relation to the Standard Working Timetable?

Answer—

I am advised:

In April 2023, the Minns Labor 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 Government has accepted all the recommendations of the interim report, including recommendations pertaining to the timetable.

- \* 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—

What actions have you and/or your government undertaken to date in relation to direct flights between Sydney and Tel Aviv?

Answer—

I am advised that Destination NSW, on behalf of the NSW Government, has assessed opportunities for direct flights between Sydney and Tel Aviv.

I am further advised that:

- El Al Israel Airlines is the flag carrier for Israel. The airline does not currently have an aircraft type capable of operating a Tel Aviv-Sydney non-stop flight.
- Indirect services from Israel to Australia are currently delivered by Gulf State carriers Emirates, Etihad Airways and Qatar Airways.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation, is it a merit based grant program?



Answer—

The Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program Guidelines outline how the grant program will be administered.

The LSCA Program Guidelines can be viewed on the LSCA website and were tabled in Parliament on Tuesday 19th September.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/lscs-home>

- \* 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—

In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation, given it will intend to meet all documentation and record keeping requirements of the NSW State Records Act 1988:

- (1) Will this include all documentation before 25 March 2023, given eligible projects must have been nominated as an election commitment prior to March 2023 election?

Answer—

The Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) Program Guidelines outline how the grant program will be administered.

The LSCA Program Guidelines can be viewed on the LSCA website and were tabled in Parliament on Tuesday 19th September.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/lscs-home>

- \* 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—

- (1) Has there been funds allocated to the future building of the patient accommodation for the Griffith Radiotherapy Clinic?

(a) If so, what funds have been allocated?

(b) If not, will there be funds allocated for this community project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District has not allocated funds for patient accommodation for the privately owned and operated Griffith Radiotherapy Clinic. All patients who are admitted to public facilities within the District, who require cancer services, are accommodated as an in-patient.

- \* 1177 FITNESS TO DRIVE HEALTH CHECK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Due to long GP waitlists in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Does the Government plan to extend the fitness to drive test deadline for rural customers?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW sends customers a Fitness to Drive medical assessment request eight weeks prior to a customer's birthday. The medical assessment is used to verify the driver's fitness to drive and continue to hold their NSW driver licence.

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Transport for NSW has an effective triaging process to assist customers with the requirement to prove their medical fitness, that also considers practical difficulties associated with obtaining an appointment with a medical professional.

The NSW Government has no active plans to change the requirements to provide a medical assessment result within the eight-week timeframe.

Transport for NSW understands it can be difficult to obtain an appointment to see a general practitioner or a specialist. As such, Transport will grant any customer who can show evidence they have made an appointment, additional time to complete the assessment, if the appointment is not available within the eight-week period.

- \* 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—

Would the Minister consider a rebate or subsidy, like what South Australia currently offer, to rural and remote constituents who have the financial burden of moving from 3G to 4G?

Answer—

- (1) Moving from 3G to 4G or better is an important step in providing rural and remote communities with faster and more reliable telecommunications services; just as it was when the 2G networks were shut down in 2016.

The upgrades to the legacy 3G networks are expected to be finalised between December 2023 and September 2024, depending on each mobile network provider's schedule.

This upgrade will benefit rural and remote consumers as 3G is now a 20-year-old technology having been superseded by 4G and 5G technology.

It would not be an effective use of public money to subsidise the existing commercial arrangements between the mobile network operators and their customers.

All telecommunications providers have been actively communicating with their customers to discuss the 3G upgrade change-over requirements since 2019.

If they haven't done so already, I urge individuals and businesses to work with their chosen telecommunications provider to understand their specific needs; particularly for non-phone devices such as monitors or EFTPOS machines.

- \* 1179 HEAVY VEHICLE TESTING IN DENILQUIN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Registered Training Organisations for the Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessments are in the Deniliquin area?
- (2) How many Heavy Vehicle Testing Officers are employed at the Deniliquin Service NSW Centre?
- (a) What locations do they cover?
- (3) How many heavy vehicle driving tests have been done by the Deniliquin tester for the following years
- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised

(1 & 2)

A Heavy Vehicle Competency Based Assessment (HVCBA) Registered Training Organisation (RTO) delivery area is not denoted by location. However, based on approved assessment routes and assessment data, there is one HVCBA RTO servicing Deniliquin. There is one Vehicle Testing Officer who covers Service NSW Centres at Deniliquin and Finley and Council agencies in Balranald, Barham, Moulamein and Moama.

(3) The number of heavy vehicle driving tests conducted by the Deniliquin tester:

- (a) 2023 - 80
- (b) 2022 - 120
- (c) 2021 - 110
- (d) 2020 - 118.

\* 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—

(1) What is the status of the Elizabeth Drive Upgrade?

- (a) Is the project slated for cancellation?
- (b) If the project is not slated to be cancelled, will there be cuts to the previously announced \$200 million that the previous Liberal Government allocated through critical WestInvest funding?
- (c) Can the Minister provide insights into the potential impacts, if any, on businesses, families, and individuals across Western Sydney due to any changes in the project or funding?
- (d) How does the Government view the role of the Elizabeth Drive upgrade in relation to the future development of Western Sydney and its connectivity to the Western Sydney International Airport?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) and (b) The NSW Budget provides \$10million in the 2023-24 financial year to continue work to improve Elizabeth Drive, including important safety work and progressing the design and enabling work on the proposed future Elizabeth Drive upgrade.
- (c) Transport for NSW is publicly displaying the Review of Environmental Factors for the Elizabeth Drive Upgrade and invites the community to provide feedback. Information available for community feedback will include the Concept Design and details of potential acquisition and construction and operational impacts.
- (d) The Elizabeth Drive Upgrade is the main east-west corridor between Liverpool and The Northern Road that will support the new airport and surrounding precincts. The existing two-lane road would be made a four-lane road with a central median to safely separate traffic and allow for future widening.

This upgrade would increase the capacity needed to support the projected and planned growth in the region. This includes the expansion of industrial and commercial precincts associated with the development of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and related planned releases for residential precincts and employment zones in the area. The Elizabeth Drive

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Upgrade would provide local access to the airport, active transport and support freight connectivity.

- \* 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—

- (1) When will the Workplace Culture Review report be finalised?
- (2) Will the report be made available to all stakeholders including staff?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Ministry of Health has engaged ProActive ReSolutions, an external organisation, to identify issues related to workplace culture at Concord Hospital and to design and implement a process to address matters raised.

- \* 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—

- (1) What are the rates of sedation in the emergency department at Concord Hospital?
- (2) What are the rates of involuntary sedation in the emergency department at Concord Hospital?
- (3) How do these rates of involuntary sedation compare with other hospitals in the District?
- (4) How do these rates compare with other hospitals in the state that have similar emergency admissions numbers to Concord?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on seclusion and restraint in NSW public hospitals is published on the Bureau of Health Information website ([www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au)).

- \* 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—

- (1) How will NSW Health address the radiology backlog at Concord Hospital?
- (2) Will NSW Health be examining how the backlog came to be?

Answer—

I am advised:

Concord Hospital is recruiting vacant staff specialist positions in diagnostic radiology. There has been success with recruitment and there is an ongoing open advertisement to fill remaining vacancies.

To reduce the workload placed on the diagnostic radiologists employed at Concord Hospital, Sydney Local Health District is working to with private sector partners on the reporting of backlogged imaging reports and ongoing afterhours reporting.

- \* 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—

- (1) Will the matters raised by staff at Concord Hospital be investigated by the New South Wales Ombudsman to ensure transparency and independence in the process?

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Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the NSW Ombudsman.

- \* 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—

- (1) Will a Parliamentary Inquiry into Concord Hospital be established to address the matters raised by staff?
- (2) Will a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Sydney Local Health District be established to address the matters by staff with regards to management of the District?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 1181.

- \* 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—

- (1) Have you received correspondence from staff about matters of staff dissatisfaction, bullying and intimidation at Concord Hospital and the Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) As Minister, will you meet with Concord Hospital staff to discuss matters relating to workplace culture, bullying and intimidation at the hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 1181.

- \* 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—

- (1) Will any hospital staff who contribute to the workplace review currently being undertaken at Concord Hospital have their submissions and feedback treated with utmost confidentiality?
- (2) Will any staff who contribute to the review be able to do so without fear of their employment or career progression being compromised?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 1181.

- \* 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—

- (1) Have you received correspondence from staff about matters of staff dissatisfaction, bullying and intimidation at Concord Hospital and the Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) As Minister, will you meet with Concord Hospital staff to discuss matters raised in relation to workplace culture, bullying and intimidation at the hospital, which includes the staff working at the Concord Centre for Mental Health?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.

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- (2) If any staff members would like to meet to discuss issues related to workplace culture concerns, I would be happy to meet with them. Every person deserves to work in a safe workplace.

\* 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—

- (1) Has a business case has been submitted and/or approved for the purchase of an additional MRI Machine for Concord Hospital?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to provide an additional MRI machine for Concord Hospital?
- (3) How many MRI machines are available, by Public Hospital, for patients in metropolitan Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-3) The hospital has commenced the planning for the procurement of an additional MRI scanner. Information on facilities with MRI machines is published on the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care website.

\* 1190 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND ARENA PROJECT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

The former Government pursuant to the WestInvest Program committed as part of the Local Government Allocations \$11.5 million for the Castle Hill Showground Arena Project.

- (1) Will the Government deliver the Castle Hill Showground Arena Project?
- (2) What is the status of the allocation of funds for the project?

Answer—

- (1) I have endorsed the progression of 191 WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the Castle Hill Showground Arena Project.
- (2) I am advised the NSW Government is working towards finalising the Funding Deed with The Hills Shire Council for this project.

\* 1191 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

The former Government pursuant to the WestInvest Program committed as part of the Community Project Grants – Competitive Round Allocations \$4.6 million for the Castle Hill Showground Pedestrian Bridge.

- (1) Will the Government deliver the Castle Hill Showground Pedestrian Bridge?
- (2) What is the status of the allocation of funds for the project?

Answer—

- (1) I have endorsed the progression of 191 WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the Castle Hill Showground Pedestrian Bridge Project.
- (2) I am advised the NSW Government is working towards finalising the Funding Deed with The Hills Shire Council for this project.

\* 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—

The former Government pursuant to the WestInvest Program committed as part of the Community Project Grants – Competitive Round Allocations \$999,595.00 for the Baker Crescent Baulkham Hills Shops, Design and Rejuvenation Project.

- (1) Will the Government deliver the Baker Crescent Baulkham Hills Shops, Design and Rejuvenation Project?
- (2) What is the status of the allocation of funds for the project?

Answer—

- (1) I have endorsed the progression of 191 WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the Baker Crescent Baulkham Hills Shops, Design and Rejuvenation Project.
- (2) I am advised the NSW Government is working towards finalising the Funding Deed with The Hills Shire Council for this project.

\* 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—

Please provide the following information regarding the planned new ambulance station near Sutherland:

- (1) Is the Government still committed to delivering the new Sutherland ambulance station?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Has a site been found?:
  - (a) If not, why not?
  - (b) When is a site expected to be selected?
  - (c) What are the site options under consideration?
- (3) What is the total anticipated cost of the project?
- (4) What is the project timeline? In particular:
  - (a) Start of construction?
  - (b) Project completion date?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response at LA 230.

\* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning for the Local Sport Grant Program to continue?
- (2) What are the dates for the commencement of the program?
- (3) What will the allocation of funding for the Local Sport Grant program be per electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Grant programs will be published on the Office of Sport and NSW Government Grant and Funding finder websites once available.

\* 1195 CASH RELOCATION OFFER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Have officers from the Tweed-Byron LAC applied to transfer to Queensland to take advantage of the \$20,000 cash relocation offer by Queensland Police?
- (2) If so, How many applicants have applied?
- (3) What was the outcome of all transfer applications?

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Answer—

I am advised:

There is no direct transfer arrangement for NSW Police Force officers to transfer to the Queensland Police Service.

- \* 1196 PROPERTY PURCHASERS LAND TAX INSTEAD OF STAMP DUTY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

How many purchasers of property in the Tweed Electorate opted to pay land tax rather than stamp duty before the reforms were repealed by the Government?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance.

- \* 1197 FIRST HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest 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 Tweed 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?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance.

- \* 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—

Separately, and for each event:

- (1) Which events have received funding from the Government since it came April 2023?
- (2) Was a public announcement made of this funding?
- (3) If an announcement was made, who made the announcement?
- (4) Was the Local Member of Parliament notified of the funding?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The following table details events invested in since April 2023

Major Events funded by DNSW since April 2023	Announcement
Night at the Barracks 2023	None - event investment agreed following its announcement
NRL State of Origin- Men and Women's 2023	Announced by the National Rugby League on 26 April 2023.
UFC Pay-Per-View Events 2023-26	Announced by Premier and Minister for Sport 18 May 2023



NRL and NRLW Grand Final and Grand Final Week 2023	Announced by Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism 24 July 2023
World Gliding Championships 2023 - Narromine	None - Event owner media release 9 August 2023
Sydney Contemporary Art Fair 2023 - Marketing Agreement	Event owner media release 6 September 2023.
Sail Port Stephens 2024	None - Event owner media release on 23 May 2023

Events have also been funded through various grant programs. Agencies are required, in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2022-07 Grants Administration Guide, to publish a list of all grants awarded no later than 45 calendar days after the grant agreement takes effect. Information on grant recipients can be found on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder ([nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding](https://nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding)).

(1) (b)-(d)

In the case of major event investments, Destination NSW works with the event owner and the Minister to announce the NSW Government's support to secure the event for the state via media release, media call, event owner channels, Destination NSW corporate channels or targeted media pitching.

For grant programs, successful applicants are directly notified of the outcome of their submission. Many are still in contracting stage and a public announcement will be made, and local MPs notified, when all contracts are in place.

- \* 1199 MINISTERIAL MEETINGS—Mr Gurmish 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—

By month, how many meetings have you had with Members of Parliament?

Answer—

Meetings that are required to be disclosed are published on a quarterly basis and are available on the Cabinet Office website.

- \* 1200 MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS—Mr Gurmish 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—

By month, how many meetings have you had with relevant industry stakeholders?

Answer—

Ministerial stakeholder meetings can be viewed via the Ministerial diary disclosure, which is published on the Cabinet Office website.

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- \* 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—

Is the Government planning to fund the rescue and rehabilitation work at the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is responsible for licensing of exhibited animal establishments in NSW.

My Department has not provided funds since the Dolphin Marine Conservation Park announced it would go into voluntary administration.

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage is responsible for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. I am unable to comment on funding from other NSW Government Departments.

- \* 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—

Does the Government support a Noise Wall to enable the Film Studio's to be built in Coffs Harbour?

Answer—

- (1) Transport for NSW have 'space proofed' the Coffs Harbour Bypass project to facilitate a noise wall in the Pacific Bay Resort Studios & Village proposal at Coffs Harbour if the applicant chooses to include one in their development.

- \* 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—

Can you advise the status of the Argyll Estate redevelopment in Coffs Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government will not proceed with the proposed plans to redevelop the Argyll Estate, which would have delivered only 9 more social homes and less bedrooms than what is currently at the estate. This would have been an unacceptable outcome for the community. NSW is facing a housing crisis and reducing the number of people who can access social housing would be unfair and wrong.

Instead, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation will conduct extensive community consultation to create a significant uplift in social and affordable housing across Coffs Harbour. I look forward to working with the community on a proposal that stacks up and delivers housing for those who need it most.

- \* 1204 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT SITES AT NOWRA AND KEMPSEY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

What is the timetable for roll out of further justice reinvestment sites at Nowra and Kempsey, including milestones and their dates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice entered into a contract with Just Reinvest NSW (JRNSW) to fund JRNSW for three years from June 2023 until June 2026 to progress Justice Reinvestment in Nowra and Kempsey.

Milestones in 2023/24 include:

- Finalisation of a Program Logic and Theory of Change for Nowra and Kempsey.
- Development of Justice Reinvestment local solutions in Nowra and Kempsey.

\* 1205 CIRCLE SENTENCING AT LOCAL COURT LOCATIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) At which Local Court locations is circle sentencing now in operation?
- (2) Will circle sentencing be operating at other Local Court locations and if so, when and where?

Answer—

I am advised:

Circle Sentencing is in operation in Local Courts in Armidale, Blacktown, Bourke, Brewarrina, Dubbo, Kempsey, Lismore, Moree, Mt Druitt, Nambucca, Nowra, Walgett, Broken Hill, Batemans Bay and Wagga Wagga.

It is anticipated the Local Courts in Campbelltown, Penrith, and Wollongong will be able to accept Circle Sentencing referrals in October 2023.

\* 1206 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT SCHEME—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) At which additional Local Court locations since 1 January 2022 is the Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) scheme now operating?
- (2) Will MERIT be operating at other additional Local Court locations and if so, when and where?

Answer—

From the Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion acting for and on behalf of the Attorney General

I am advised that:

- (1) As at 10 September 2023, the Magistrate's Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) service at Muswellbrook has been enhanced to offer Alcohol treatment services, and a new Drug and Alcohol MERIT service has been established at Wentworth. New Drug and Alcohol MERIT services in Forster and Taree will start receiving referrals from October 2023. NSW Health is working with the Local Health Districts on the implementation of all other Phase 1 sites.
- (2) Yes. Magistrate's Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) services will be expanded in four phases across 2022/23 to 2025/26. Locations will be announced with each phase.

\* 1207 EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS FOR THE WALAMA LIST—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What external evaluations are planned for the Walama List in the District Court?
- (2) What is the timetable for each such evaluation, including milestones and their dates?
- (3) If one of those evaluations is by BOCSAR:
  - (a) What are the criteria for that evaluation?
  - (b) What are the key design features of the evaluation, including sample size and any control population?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Qualitative and quantitative evaluations are planned for the Walama List trial.
- (2) The quantitative outcome evaluation commenced in November 2022 and will continue until a sample size of 356 Walama List participants is reached. The criterion for the quantitative evaluation consists of a randomised control trial where eligible and consenting individuals are randomised, with equal probability to the Walama List or to the regular list of the NSW District Court for sentencing.

Associate Prof Melanie Schwartz, UNSW, Impact Policy, BOCSAR and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), are leading the quantitative evaluation. A co-design process of the methodology is likely to finalise in 2024, with evaluation results available in 2025, subject to ethics approval being granted.

- (3) (a) The key design feature of the quantitative evaluation is a minimum sample of 356 in each group (712 participants in total) to detect a 10 percentage point reduction in the proportion receiving imprisonment. Individuals randomised to Walama will be compared with individuals who are sentenced through the usual sentencing process on the following outcomes:
  - probability of a full-time prison penalty at finalisation
  - length of prison sentence at finalisation
  - total time in custody in the 12 months from randomisation
  - free time to first reoffence
  - probability of reoffending within 12 months of index finalisation
  - probability of reoffending within 12 months of free time of index finalisation
  - probability of a serious violent, property and drug offending within 12 months of free time of index finalisation
  - probability of a breach of a sentencing order within 12 months of free time of index finalisation.
- (3) (b) This study will assess the implementation of the trial and identify other benefits to participants and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The methodology for the qualitative evaluation will be determined by the co-design process but will broadly seek to identify whether the Walama List:
  - operates as intended
  - is considered culturally appropriate and acceptable by List participants (including the Walama List Judges, Elders, offenders, and caseworkers)
  - increases Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people's participation and confidence in the criminal justice system
  - confers other benefits upon participants
  - provides a targeted rehabilitative approach that addresses the criminogenic needs of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

\* 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—

Since a reported landslide in early August causing sediment to be washed into Camp Gully Creek:

- (1) Have changes been made to the environment protection licence held by Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd?

- (2) Will further changes be made to that licence, including cancellation?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) The EPA has not yet determined if licence variations or regulatory action are required as the landslip incident remains under investigation.

\* 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—

Will the Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager continue to have responsibility for the entire Hungry Point Cronulla site after the terms of its current board members expire?

- (1) If not, will:
- (a) ownership of,
  - (b) a lease or licence for, or
  - (c) other management or occupancy interest, right or responsibility for, part or parts of the Hungry Point Cronulla site be conferred upon to a third party?
- (2) If so, which part or parts and, separately for each such part or parts, what kind of interest, right or responsibility and to whom?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Board which comprises the Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager will not have responsibility for the Hungry Point Reserve after the term of the remaining board member ended on 28 September 2023.

An Administrator will be appointed to manage the Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager for a period of up to 6 months until a new Crown Land Manager is appointed.

(1)(a) The Reserve will remain in public ownership as Crown land.

(1)(b) Marine Rescue NSW have occupied some of the buildings onsite under licence since 2013.

The application for lease of part of the Reserve comprising the building precinct by Marine Rescue NSW is currently on hold.

(1c and 2)

The Department will appoint an Administrator as an interim arrangement while it considers separate requests from Sutherland Shire Council and Marine Rescue NSW for appointment as Crown Land Manager of the Reserve.

\* 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—

- (1) Will all existing protections for swimmers along the coastline of the Cronulla electorate that were in place for the 2022-23 swimming season remain in place for the 2023-24 swimming season?
- (2) If not, which protections will no longer be in place?
- (3) What, if any, additional protections for swimmers along the coastline of the Cronulla electorate will be in place for the 2023-24 swimming season?

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Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) The 2023/24 NSW Shark Management Program in the Sutherland LGA will continue to include 15 SMART drumlines, 6 shark nets, 2 drones and 1 tagged shark listening station. The question of the potential provision of additional bather protection services by Sutherland Shire Council or other beach authorities are best directed to those organisations.

\* 1211 WORKING CONDITIONS AT BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Regarding the safe working conditions of healthcare workers at Blacktown Hospital:

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure nurses at Blacktown Hospital have appropriate safety accommodations made to keep their workplaces safe?
- (2) What is the Government doing to ensure doctors and junior medical officers at Blacktown Hospital have appropriate safety accommodations made to keep their workplaces safe?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure allied health workers at Blacktown Hospital have appropriate safety accommodations made to keep their workplaces safe?

Answer—

Persons Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBUs) have the primary duty under WHS laws to ensure the health and safety of workers and others in the workplace. This includes provision and maintenance of a safe work environment.

SafeWork NSW prioritises the health care and social assistance sector to raise awareness and build the capability of businesses and workers to create healthy and safe workplaces for all workers within the NSW hospital system including Blacktown Hospital as part of the Western Sydney Local Health District. SafeWork NSW's commitment to this sector is ongoing and will continue to be a focus and priority in 2023 and beyond.

In 2021, SafeWork NSW established an Action Against Violence in NSW Hospitals Working Group to develop key initiatives to address violence in NSW hospitals. The Group includes representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Local Health Districts, Unions, private hospital representatives, NSW Ambulance, NSW Police, Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network and SafeWork NSW.

\* 1212 WORKING CONDITIONS AT WESTMEAD HOSPITAL—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Regarding the safe working conditions of healthcare workers at Westmead Hospital:

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure nurses at Westmead Hospital have appropriate safety accommodations made to keep their workplaces safe?
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- \* 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—

Regarding locally owned and operated small business in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) What is the Government doing to ensure locally owned and operated small businesses are provided adequate financial relief in the current cost-of-living crisis to continue operations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minns Government is committed to supporting small businesses in the current cost of living crisis and long term. As part of our election commitments, the Government will be delivering a Business Bureau which expands on the current services of Service NSW for Business to also assist businesses access opportunities for export and procurement and cut unproductive red tape, which saves time and money. We are anticipating the launch of the Business Bureau at the end of 2023.

In addition, the NSW Government is committed to listening to and consulting with the small business sector and is currently developing a Small Business Charter through consultation with the business sector and agencies.

Winston Hills businesses will be well supported through these initiatives which ensure not only current survival but importantly resilience and growth into the future.

- \* 1214 **INFRASTRUCTURE BETTERMENT FUND**—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

\With respect to the Infrastructure Betterment Fund:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue the Regional Road and Transport Recovery Program?
- (2) MidCoast Council were listed as successful applicants for the Betterment of Lansdowne Road Pavement Upgrade (segments 100, 170, 190, 220, 240, 400, 410 and 510):
- (a) Does the Government plan on providing MidCoast Council with the funding to complete this project?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with councils and the NSW Reconstruction Authority to ensure the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects meet Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements requirements.

Transport for NSW representatives and technical assessors continue to support all 24 councils with successful Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package projects to source evidence required to demonstrate Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements compliance. A list of successful council projects is available on the Transport for NSW website

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(<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/business-and-industry/partners-and-suppliers/local-government-3>).

Over the coming weeks Transport for NSW will arrange meetings with councils to review the funding deed and arrange formal execution of the deeds and confirm next steps.

- \* 1215 **FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM**—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Fixing Local Roads Program which supports economic activity or regional New South Wales:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue the Fixing Local Roads Program?
- (2) If not, what funding program will the Government provide to assist local councils to fix their roads?
- (3) Can the Minister advise the funding allocation MidCoast Council will receive under the program?

Answer—

I am advised

Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Fixing Local Roads Program have been awarded and deeds executed. No further rounds for this program are anticipated as program funding allocation has been exhausted.

Under the 2023–2024 Budget, a new Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund will deliver \$390 million directly into the hands of regional and rural councils for urgent road and pothole repairs, expanding the total fund for road repairs to \$670 million.

MidCoast Council will receive \$9,277,940 under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund. This is in addition to the \$6,618,447, which MidCoast Council was allocated under the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program in February 2023.

Additionally, the NSW Government has created a new \$334 million Regional Roads Fund for councils to build new roads and roundabouts, replace or repair old bridges and improve safety at crash blackspots in rural and regional areas.

- \* 1216 **LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM**—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation (LSCA) program:

- (1) 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 Myall Lakes electorate through the LSCA Program?
  - (b) What consultation occurred with the relevant group, council, or community?
  - (c) Who made the commitment and was it made publicly?
  - (d) Is there scope to reallocate the funds to projects that may be determined to be 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.

- \* 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—

- (1) How many households and businesses within the Myall Lakes electorate have taken up the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme since the changes were introduced on 14th April 2023?
- (2) What rules and procedures have been established to ensure the program is accessible for Myall Lakes households and businesses?

Answer—

- (1) 82 households and businesses in the localities listed as wholly or partially within the Myall Lakes electorate have taken up the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme since the changes were introduced on 14 April 2023. ESS data is not separated by electorate.
- (2) The Energy Savings Scheme rules apply equally across NSW. Through the Safeguard Acceleration Program the Government is investigating ways to provide targeted stimulus to the market to encourage activity in underserved regions and technologies. The stimulus will provide price certainty for approved suppliers and underwrite the risk of investing in new business models, including in regional areas. These new business models are expected to persist well beyond the life of the Safeguard Acceleration Program and build long-term capacity and capability in the market. It is anticipated that this will increase the services available to regional areas.

- \* 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—

- (1) How many Active Kids Vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Myall Lakes electorate during:
  - (a) 2019 -20?
  - (b) 2020-21?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2022 – 23 August 2023?
- (2) How many organisations (in total) in the Myall Lakes electorate are currently registered as Active Kids providers?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The following number of Active Kids Vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Myall Lakes electorate during:
  - (a) 2019-20: 6,098
  - (b) 2020-21: 6,652
  - (c) 2021-22: 5,572

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(d) 2022-23 August 2023: 6,792

- (2) 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.

- \* 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—

How many properties are owned or leased by the Government within the Myall Lakes electorate?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Government:

- owns 5,859 parcels of land within the Myall Lakes Electorate
- is the Lessee of 31 separate whole or part titles within the Myall Lakes electorate

- \* 1220 COAL ROYALTIES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Is the Government seeking to change coal royalties in New South Wales in any way?

- (2) If changes are to be made:

- (a) What plans does the Government have to support coal mining communities?
- (b) Will any mines be closed or jobs lost as a result of coal royalties changes?

Answer—

- (1) On 6 September 2023, the NSW Government announced it will not continue the temporary emergency coal measures after their legislated end date of 30 June 2024. From 1 July 2024, the NSW Government will modernise the coal royalties scheme, increasing coal royalties by 2.6 percentage points from 1 July 2023. The existing discounts for underground and deep underground coal mines will remain in place.

This announcement was made after close consultation with the mining industry, including individual coal mining companies, key trading partners and power generation companies. This modernisation of the coal royalties system will ensure the ongoing viability of the NSW coal mining sector, whilst also ensuring a fair return to the people of NSW on their resources. Coal remains a key part of NSW's electricity network and our state's economy.

- (2)

- (a) The NSW Government was elected on a platform to fix the state's essential public services. The modernisation of the coal royalties scheme will assist the NSW Government as it addresses the chronic teacher shortages in NSW public schools, provides permanent employment for nurses in the NSW health system and rebuilds other essential public services across NSW. In addition to this, the NSW Government has announced it will be establishing Future Jobs and Investment Authorities in coal-producing regions to support workers and communities harness the opportunities of a clean energy future.
- (b) There is no need for any job to be lost or mine to be closed. The NSW Government consulted extensively with the coal mining industry and coal mining companies as it developed the new royalties scheme. At no point during the consultation process was this raised as a consequence of the new scheme.

\* 1221 TASKFORCE MAGNUS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Of the 100 officers involved in Taskforce Magnus:
- (a) Which commands and stations do the 70 detectives come from?
- (b) Which commands and stations do the 30 police officers come from?
- (2) How will funding allocated to the asset's confiscation team be used?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) As at 28 August 2023, the 57 detectives involved in Taskforce Magnus have been drawn from:
- State Crime Command x 38
  - Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command x 4
  - Inner West Police Area Command x 3
  - Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command x 2
  - Auburn Police Area Command x 2
  - South Sydney Police Area Command x 1
  - Surry Hills Police Area Command x 1
  - Leichhardt Police Area Command x 1
  - North Shore Police Area Command x 1
  - Campsie Police Area Command x 1
  - Riverstone Police Area Command x 1
  - Wetherill Park Region Enforcement Squad x 2
- (b) As at 28 August 2023, 77 Constables have been drawn from:
- Bankstown Police Area Command x 2
  - Blacktown Police Area Command x 2
  - Campbelltown City Police Area Command x 1
  - Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command x 1
  - Fairfield City Police Area Command x 1
  - Nepean Police Area Command x 2
  - North Shore Police Area Command x 2
  - Northern Beaches Police Area Command x 1
  - Parramatta Police Area Command x 1
  - South Sydney Police Area Command x 1
  - St George Police Area Command x 3
  - Sydney City Police Area Command x 2
  - The Hills Police Area Command x 1

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- Traffic and Highway Patrol Command x 15
- Proactive Crime Team x 16
- Police Transport Command x 9
- Enforcement Squad x 8
- High Visibility Policing Unit x 5
- North West Metro Region DV High Risk Offender Team x 1
- Marine Area Command x 3

(2)

In 2023-24, the NSW Crime Commission will invest \$34.6 million (\$33.9 million in recurrent expenses and \$0.7 million in capital expenditure) to support the NSW Crime Commission to prevent, disrupt and reduce incidence of organised and other serious crime across the state.

The funds will go towards employee and other operating related expenses including creating an additional multi-disciplinary team comprising of intelligence analysts, forensic accountants and lawyers, who will focus on tracing and seizing criminal assets of high net worth criminal figures and their associates, in order to disrupt the flow of funding to organised criminal networks who are engaging in violence.

- \* 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—

Given the likelihood of drought in the coming summer season coupled with rising interest rates:

- (1) Will you extend the successful Farm Innovation Fund to assist farmers with low interest, long term loans so that they can continue operations and improve productivity?
- (2) Which Minister and Department is responsible for drought preparedness for urban communities in Regional Cities?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) The Farm Innovation Fund remains open.
- (b) The NSW Government will take a whole of government response in preparing for drought.

- \* 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—

Funding was committed to continue AgSkilled until June 2024 in the 2022-23 budget.

- (1) Will the Government fund this arrangement?
- (2) If not, where will the funds be redirected and how do you justify this decision?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Yes. Five million dollars has been allocated for the current financial year through Training Services NSW in the education portfolio.
- (b) Not applicable.

- \* 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—

The Better Farms, Better Environment Service Hub was designed to offer farmers advice, support and planning strategies to make it easier for farmers to participate in emerging natural capital business deals.

- (1) Will the Government provide funding to Local Land Services for additional resources to support farmers and landholders build on-farm biodiversity?

Answer—

- (1) The government has heard from farmers and land managers across NSW that they need independent and trustworthy advice and support to help them navigate natural capital and environmental markets opportunities.

In 2023/24, Local Land Services (LLS) is developing a natural capital program. The natural capital program will deliver services that:

- Equip farmers and land managers to seize new opportunities in natural capital and environmental markets, and integrate them with their agricultural portfolio, by informing, assisting and supporting their decision-making,
- support farmers to demonstrate sustainability and access markets,
- facilitate natural capital investment on farms and across landscapes, and
- provide farmers and land managers with access to trusted, independent and local expertise, information and advice.

This year's work involves planning, co-designing services with farmers, and building the capacity of LLS staff.

- \* 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—

The New South Wales Weed Action Program (WAP) is a five-year program funding Councils via Local Land Services to assist the Government in implementing the New South Wales Invasive Species Plan and New South Wales Biosecurity Strategy.

- (1) Will the Government increase/reduce or remove the annual allocation of funding for the New South Wales Weed Action Program in the 2023 / 24 State Budget?

Answer—

The NSW Government handed down its budget on the 19 September 2023 and remains committed to tackling high priority weeds.

The NSW Government will also establish the Good Neighbour Program, with \$10 million to tackle pest and weed infestations between neighbouring public and private lands over the next three years.

- \* 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—

In relation to Service NSW support and stimulus initiatives:

- (1) How many organisations (in total) in the Goulburn electorate have been registered as Active Kids provider?
- (2) How many Active Kids vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Goulburn electorate during:

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- (a) 2019-20?
- (b) 2020-21 ?
- (c) 2021-22?
- (d) 2022- 23 May 2023?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Program data does not allow for accurate breakdown of providers by electorate ( see data notes).
- (2) The following number of Active Kids vouchers were redeemed by organisations in the Goulburn electorate during:
  - (a) 2019-20: 8,814
  - (b) 2020-21: 10,036
  - (c) 2021-22: 8,525
  - (d) 2022 -23 May 2023: 9,536

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.

\* 1227 LANDLORDS AND NEW SOUTH WALES CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General—

In reference to issues being resolved through New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT):

- (1) Are landlords living outside of New South Wales exempt from any rulings or consequences without commencing civil proceedings?
- (2) How is the Government working to close this loophole and connect states in agreement?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) does not have the authority to exercise ‘federal jurisdiction’, including determining tenancy disputes when one party, such as the landlord, is a permanent resident of another state.
- (2) Matters involving ‘federal jurisdiction’ need to be referred to a ‘court of a state’, such as the Local or District Court of NSW, for determination or enforcement of a settlement. Part 3A of the *Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013*, enables applicants to have matters involving ‘federal jurisdiction’ resolved by those courts, rather than by the NCAT.

\* 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—

Will the Government consider funding a multi-year cultural burning program on public land to reduce bushfire risk, to provide economic opportunity for aboriginal people and to recognise the knowledge of First Nations people about our lands?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to supporting Aboriginal people to undertake cultural burning on public land, as recommended in the final report of the 2019-2020 NSW Bushfire Inquiry. Following the inquiry, a Cultural Fire Management Unit was established in the Department of Planning and Environment supported by \$2.6 million in funding over the last two years.

The Cultural Fire Management Unit is funding Aboriginal community led projects that are exploring the opportunities to develop partnerships between Aboriginal people and a variety of land owners. These community partnerships provide funding to facilitate community aspirations for use of fire in the management of Country.

The Cultural Fire Management Unit is also developing a NSW Cultural Fire Management Strategy for all land tenures in NSW. This work is led in partnership by the Cultural Fire Management Aboriginal Working Group and the Cross Government Working Group, which includes NSW Government agencies such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Crown Lands, the Rural Fire Service, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, Regional NSW and Local Land Services.

Cultural burning is also promoted and carried out in NSW national parks guided by the NPWS Cultural Fire Management Policy. Cultural burns follow the Guidelines for Community (Low Risk) Cultural Burning on NPWS-managed lands as published on the Department's website. NPWS recognises the traditional knowledge that is held by Aboriginal communities.

\* 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—

- (1) How many people are on the social housing register who applied before 27 April 2005?
- (2) How many of these people comply with the income test post 27 April 2005?
- (3) How many people on the social housing register who applied before 27 April 2005 have household incomes above \$120,000 per year?
- (4) Have you or your office considered any policy changes or briefs that consider making changes to the grandfathering of people in social housing prior to 27 April 2005?
- (5) Of the last ten years, what year was social housing general and priority waiting lists the lowest?
- (6) Since 1 April 2023, how many social housing clients have been evicted?
- (7) Since 1 April 2023, how many social housing clients have been served notices of eviction?
- (8) During your tenure as Minister, what policy changes have you made concerning social housing?
- (9) Will the Government maintain the three strikes policy and the anti-social behaviour management for social housing clients?
- (10) How many social housing properties are there in the Kiama Electorate?
- (11) Of the social housing properties in the Kiama Electorate, how many are currently tenanted and how many are vacant?
- (12) Of the properties that are vacant, how many are vacant due to maintenance issues?
- (13) What is the maintenance backlog, in dollar terms, of social housing properties in the Kiama Electorate?
- (14) What is the Government target for the growth of social housing properties in the Kiama Electorate over the next five and ten year periods?

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Answer—

- (1) Of the applicants who were on the social housing register as of 30 June 2023, 1,017 applicants had applied before 27 April 2005.
- (2) All applicants on the social housing register comply with the income test.
- (3) One applicant who applied before 27 April 2005 has a household income above \$120,000 per year.
- (4) There have been no discussions between the Government and the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), with regards to changing the grandfathering provisions for people on continuous leases in social housing prior to 27 April 2005.
- (5) Of the last ten years, year ending 30 June 2021 had the lowest social housing general and priority waitlist with 49,928 applicants.
- (6) From 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023, 43 social housing tenants were evicted.
- (7) Data for notices of eviction is not available.
- (8) There have been no policy changes made regarding the management of public and Aboriginal housing.
- (9) Yes.
- (10) Data on the number of social housing properties is not available by electorate. Data is publicly available by DCJ districts at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/social-housing-residential-dwellings/facs-quarterly-statistics-social-housing-dwellings>.
- (11) & 12.  
There are currently 204 NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned and DCJ managed properties in the Kiama electorate, all of which are tenanted.
- (13) LAHC undertakes maintenance to the public housing portfolio, through responsive and planned maintenance programs, so that properties are clean, safe and habitable, in accordance with the legislative requirements under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (NSW), with annual maintenance expenditure directly based on priority and need.
- (14) The Government is currently identifying vacant land for future social housing developments.

\* 1230 ALTERNATIVE CARE ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to Alternative Care Arrangements (ACAs):

- (1) How many children in total have been in an ACA in total over the last six months?
- (2) What is the average number of children in an ACA each month over the last six months?
- (3) Of the children currently in an ACA, what is the longest period a child has been in an ACA and how much is the total cost of this ACA to date?
- (4) How much have ACAs cost in the last six months?
- (5) Noting the Minister's answer to Question on Notice 450 and specifically your answer to question 5, what policy changes have you made to Alternative Care Arrangements as stated in your answer?
- (6) If you haven't made any changes to policy, what were your reasons for saying you would announce policy changes in your answer to Question on Notice 450 and what has changed?
- (7) What private sector and/or non-Government organisations are supporting the delivery of ACAs?
  - (a) How many children are currently in an ACA delivered by a non-government organisation?



- (b) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of this data for each month over six months?
- (8) In the last four years, what month had the lowest number of children in an ACA and what was that number?
- (9) What are the qualifications the Government requires for a person caring for a child in an ACA?
- (10) With respect to question 9, how do these qualifications differ from the requirements of carers in residential care?
- (11) Of the children currently in ACAs, how many were previously in residential care?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023, 355 children and young people have been in Alternative Care Arrangements (ACA).
- (2) Between January 2023 and June 2023, the average number of children and young people in an ACA at the end of each month is 121.
- (3) As of 30 June 2023, a sibling group of four children and young people had been in an ACA for 534 days. Individual ACA costs are unable to be provided, however the average annualised cost is \$829,000 per annum.
- (4) From January to June 2023, ACAs have cost \$57.7 million.
- (5) -(6) Per LA Question on Notice 450, and given the significant failures of the previous government to reduce costly emergency arrangements, I am considering and will announce in due course a range of reforms to address this issue.
- (7) As of 30 June 2023, there were 35 organisations providing day to day care to children and young people in ACAs:
  - The Department of Communities and Justice
  - Connecting Families
  - Maple Youth Services
  - Boys to the Bush
  - Amondos
  - Anglicare - Talent Quarter
  - BRC
  - Concept Care
  - Ngadhi Family Services
  - Yuulangga
  - SNAP
  - Sanctuary Family Connections
  - Social Plus Services
  - NDIS sole trader
  - Yinggirra Pty Ltd
  - Workpac Health And Social Care Pty Ltd

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- Fam Connect Pty Limited
  - Comfort Lifestyles Pty Ltd
  - Access-Able Connections Pty Ltd
  - Zest
  - Little Brown House Pty Ltd
  - Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
  - Intensive Support Pty Ltd
  - Next Step Incorporated
  - Quest Employment Solutions Pty Ltd
  - Resolute Support
  - The Lifecare Group Pty Ltd
  - Paramount Youth Services Pty Ltd
  - Lighthouse Association
  - MGBP Services Pty Ltd
  - King & Donovan Pty Ltd
  - Next Step Incorporated
  - Social Plus Support Work Pty Ltd
  - Kutanya Pty Ltd
  - Pegasus Community Care Pty Ltd.
- (a) As of 30 June 2023, 42 children and young people were in an ACA case managed by NGOs.
- (b)

As at end of month	Number of CYP in ACAs case managed by NGO
Jan-23	43
Feb-23	44
Mar-23	48
Apr-23	55
May-23	57
Jun-23	42

- (8) December 2020 was the month with the lowest number of children and young people in an ACA. The number of children and young people was 66.
- (9) For DCJ case managed ACAs, DCJ requires the provider to engage staff with:

- qualifications in youth work, community services, health services, social welfare, disability or substantial experience in one or more of those areas,
  - experience in caring for vulnerable children and young people, and
  - a first aid certificate.
- (10) The qualification requirements for Intensive Therapeutic Care (residential care) include a Diploma in Community Services or related Diploma. For Aboriginal staff, a qualification is desirable but relevant experience and willingness to participate in training is acceptable.
- (11) As of 30 June 2023, of the 119 children and young people in ACAs, 36 (30.2%) have had a residential care placement at some point in their life. This may not have been immediately prior to the ACA placement.

\* 1231 NOWRA BRIDGE PROJECT AND RIVERFRONT PRECINCT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to my Question on Notice (813) to you on 29 June 2023:

- (1) Has the Minister been advised of Shoalhaven City Council's request to review access and the proposed ongoing closure of Pleasant Way Nowra?
- (2) As TfNSW has acknowledged the social, environmental, and economic impacts construction work for the Nowra Bridge project has had on the community, how will the Minister and department ensure affected stakeholders are compensated?
- (3) Will the Minister and TfNSW meet with stakeholders to review and progress the above before 21 September 2023?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW met with Shoalhaven City Council and provided an update on recent matters relating to Pleasant Way and Shearwater Way, at their meeting on 21 September 2023. Pleasant Way is expected to reopen with a left-in slip lane for southbound Princes Highway traffic in the coming weeks, as planned. Transport for NSW continues to develop a directional signage plan for northbound road users to guide them from the Princes Highway to the riverfront precinct.

Transport for NSW does not generally provide compensation under this circumstance. There is an option available to affected stakeholders who believe they have suffered a loss as a result of work, to submit a claim to [public.liability@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:public.liability@transport.nsw.gov.au) for assessment.

If stakeholders wish to meet with myself and/or Transport for NSW, I would be grateful if they could contact my office and request a meeting.

\* 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—

What is the Government doing to increase the number of service providers in the Port Macquarie electorate to participate in the New South Wales Energy Saver Scheme to upgrade LED lighting in both commercial and residential buildings?

Answer—

- (1) The Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) has incentivised the uptake of energy efficient lighting in NSW since the scheme's inception in 2009.

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ESS activity data shows that in postcodes encompassing the Port Macquarie electorate 334 households and businesses have benefitted from ESS lighting upgrades in the period from January 2021 to August 2023. (Note: ESS data is not captured by electorate and these statistics are based on the localities and post codes listed in the Port Macquarie electorate).

The NSW Government is investing \$25 million to encourage ACPs to deliver more products and services to customers, including in regional areas through the Safeguard Acceleration Program.

- \* 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—

Does the Government intend to reallocate funding announced in the 2022 New South Wales Budget for a new Police Station for Port Macquarie to any other project?

Answer—

There is no intention to reallocate any of the funding for the Port Macquarie Police Station to any other project.

- \* 1234 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS IN THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS COUNCIL—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council in each of the following years for road maintenance and repairs through the Regional Road Block Grants Program, REPAIR Program or through Natural Disaster Funding Assistance programs:

- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2020?
- (e) 2019?
- (f) 2018?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) 2023
  - Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,260,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$224,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$286,689
  - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: \$4,431,177.79
- (b) 2022
  - Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,234,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$220,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$286,689
  - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: \$9,713,724.70
- (c) 2021

- Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,234,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$220,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$286,689
  - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: \$5,888,600.06
- (d) 2020
- Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,234,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$220,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$286,689
  - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements: \$1,263,118
- (e) 2019
- Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,208,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$215,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$278,850
- (f) 2018
- Block Grants – Regional Roads: \$1,181,000
  - Block Grants – Supplementary: \$162,000
  - Block Grants – Traffic Facilities: \$210,000
  - Regional Roads REPAIR Program: \$273,393

\* 1235 NORTH SYDNEY OVAL UPGRADES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund the North Sydney Oval upgrades as announced by the former Government?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

\* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund the North Sydney Oval upgrades as announced by the former Government?
- (2) Given the Government's policy to reduce the Active Kids Voucher, how does it plan to support women's sport throughout New South Wales, especially in North Shore?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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- The 2023-2024 State Budget includes more than \$50 million to support women's sport throughout the State, including:
  - \$30 million towards the Level the Playing Field program that will provide grassroots sporting groups access to funding to upgrade and build new sporting facilities for women and girls in their local communities.
  - \$14.5 million towards the Football in Schools Program to support Western Sydney local school sporting teams.
  - \$3.7 million to improve to improve football infrastructure and programs on the Central Coast including training facilities for the new Central Coast Mariners A-Leagues Women's team.
  - Increased funding for State Sporting Organisations (SSOs), from \$2.45 million to \$5 million in 2023-2024, and \$10 million in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 with SSOs incentivised to achieve increased female participation and improved organisation governance.
- The Level the Playing Field grant program may provide a funding opportunity for North Sydney Oval facility improvements. The Office of Sport will administer the program with grant guidelines, eligibility and assessment criteria and timing to be made available in the coming months.

\* 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—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to ensure that North Sydney Oval is upgraded so that it can continue to host elite women's sporting events?
- (2) If there are no plans, why not?

Answer—

I am advised this question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

\* 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—

Given that the Smart Energy Schools Pilot project could realise 2GW of rooftop solar and 7GWh of battery energy storage systems from New South Wales schools alone:

- (a) Does the Government plan to support the next round of the Smart Energy Schools Pilot project?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

Updates on the Smart Energy Schools Pilot Project can be found on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

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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—

1240 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1246 NSW POPULATION PROJECTIONS—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1249 ICE INQUIRY ATTORNEY GENERAL RESPONSE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Attorney General—
- 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—
- 1251 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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—
- 1253 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Premier—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 1258 COUNCIL DEMERGE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 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—
- 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 for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1261 REGIONAL SENIORS TRAVEL CARD—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1262 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1263 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION IN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Premier—
- 1264 AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1270 ANZAC PARK MASTERPLAN—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1271 ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—
- 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—



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- 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—
- 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—
- 1276 BUS DOOR COUNTERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1277 BUS SERVICE EXPANSION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1278 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 1279 TWEED POLICE NUMBERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1280 POLICE RESIGNATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 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—
- 1282 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Premier—
- 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—
- 1284 F-10 BLACKWATTLE BAY FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1285 FERRY SERVICES IN ROZELLE, BALMAIN AND PYRMONT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1286 URBAN TREE CANOPY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1287 SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1297 AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1302 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—
- 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—
- 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—
- 1305 ILLAWARA 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—
- 1306 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCESSING TIMES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- 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—
- 1308 GRANT MONEY RETURNS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 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—
- 1310 SEATBELTS AND SAFETY ON BUSES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—
- 1312 PROCUREMENT OF STEEL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1313 FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1314 LAND TAX—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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- 1315 ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME AND HOT WATER UNITS UPGRADE—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—
- 1316 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1317 CLOSURE OF DAYDREAM STREET WARRIEWOOD—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—
- 1318 TAMWORTH EARLY CHILDHOOD SECTOR—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1319 M5 TOLL CASHBACK—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—
- 1320 MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING MACHINE LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1321 SURPLUS LAND IN HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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- 1322 COOTAMUNDRA POLICE FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1323 PAEDIATRICIANS IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1324 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1325 SCHOOL VENTILATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1326 SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1327 KILLARA 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—
- 1328 SMALL BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PREMIUMS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 1329 RATS AND PEST CONTROL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1330 SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1331 MINISTERIAL STAFF E-LEARNING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 1332 RAILWAY STATION LIFTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1333 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL WHITE POWDER—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—
- 1334 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL RED BOX—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—
- 1335 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL INDEPENDENT HYGIENIST—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—
- 1336 MEDICARE FUNDED URGENT CARE CLINICS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1337 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AND LOW EMISSIONS CONCESSION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1338 WARIALDA COURT HOUSE REMEDIATION WORKS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Attorney General—

- 1339 OLD WALCHA HOSPITAL—The Hon. Adam Marshall 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—
- 1340 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Premier—
- 1341 TWEED NURSING POSITIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1342 COVID NURSES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1343 WINSTON HILLS SMALL BUSINESS—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1344 WINSTON HILLS SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1345 MENTAL HEALTH CARE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1346 CRITICAL MINERALS AND HIGH TECH METALS ACTIVATION FUND—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1347 REGIONAL POLICE INCENTIVES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1348 BATHURST FOSTER CARERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1349 GARDE SUBMISSION—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—
- 1350 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—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—
- 1351 REGIONAL APPRENTICE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT TRAVEL CARD APPLICATIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1352 HEAVY VEHICLE THEFTS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1353 HEAVY VEHICLE REPAIR—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—

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- 1354 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS AND FINES—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—

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- 1355 ROAD-VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ALONG 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—
- 1356 PARK'NPAY IN THE LIVERPOOL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1357 NSW ENERGY SAVING 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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1358 NEW SOUTH WALES SENIORS CARDS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1359 CATEGORY 4 BUS SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1360 SOUTH-WESTERN SYDNEY UNEMPLOYMENT—Mr Mark Coure 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—
- 1361 SOUTH-WESTERN SYDNEY YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—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—
- 1362 OATLEY COMO WALKWAY—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1363 CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1364 SYDEY STARTUP HUB—Mr Mark Coure 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—
- 1365 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 1366 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW - AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1367 BOATING NOW FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1368 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 1369 VICTORIA ROAD DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 1370 IRON COVE LINK - TRAFFIC MODELLING FOR DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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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- 1371 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP 2023—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—
- 1372 INTERSECTION OF LYON AND VICTORIA ROADS DRUMMOYNE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 1373 WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1374 CONCORD AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1375 DRUMMOYNE AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1376 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS CASE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1377 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT—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—
- 1378 ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES—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—
- 1379 MOTORWAY LAND EAST SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—
- 1380 NOISE CAMERAS—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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1381 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1382 REGISTERED BOARDING HOUSES PLANNING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1383 SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM SECONDARY CARPARK EGRESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1384 BICYCLE LOCKERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1385 REGISTERED BOARDING HOUSE DATA—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—
- 1386 TRAINING FOR MAGISTRATES IN RELATION TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—

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- 1387 FIRE STATIONS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1388 EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON CONSUMER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS—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—
- 1389 FUEL CHECK SERVICE—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—
- 1390 PARK'NPAY APP—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1391 SERVICE NSW DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTER—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1392 BREAK AND ENTERS IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1393 ACCIDENTS ON FULLERS ROAD, CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1394 'INTELLIGENT' TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1395 INTERIM HERITAGE ORDERS REGARDING HOLT ST, CREMORNE—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1396 HAYDEN ORPHEUM PICTURE PALACE CREMORNE—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1397 TIMBER INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Michael Kemp 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—
- 1398 GREAT KOALA NATIONAL PARK AGRICULTURE—Mr Michael Kemp 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—
- 1399 GREAT KOALA NATIONAL PARK—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—
- 1400 REMEDIATION OF DISUSED PETROL STATIONS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice



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- representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1401 VACANT PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS—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—
- 1402 WESTCONNEX CAMPERDOWN DIVE SITE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1403 134-144 PITT STREET REDFERN—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—
- 1404 LITTLE EVELEIGH STREET—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1405 MOREE SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT—The Hon. Adam Marshall 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—
- 1406 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUSHFIRE CORONIAL INQUIRY—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1407 DRIVING ASSESSMENTS FOR OVER 85 YEAR OLDS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1408 SPEEDING IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1409 START STRONG PROGRAM IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1410 EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION—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—
- 1411 KPI DEFAULTS AND SERVICE DEFAULTS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1412 NORTHERN BEACHES BUS SERVICES ESTIMATED SAVINGS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1413 BIKES ON BUSES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1414 STUDENT ENROLMENTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1415 NEW SOCIAL HOUSES PLANNING—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,

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Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- 1416 SOCIAL HOUSES UPGRADES—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—
- 1417 SOCIAL HOUSES CONSTRUCTION—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—
- 1418 GREEN-FIELD DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—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—
- 1419 URBAN-INFILL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—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—
- 1420 ARGYLL ESTATE SOCIAL HOMES AGES—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—
- 1421 ARGYLL ESTATE RENOVATION—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—
- 1422 SOCIAL HOUSING AGENCIES OR STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—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—
- 1423 PLANNED BUILDING OF SOCIAL HOUSES DURING TERM OF GOVERNMENT—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—
- 1424 MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1425 RURAL FIRE SERVICE STATIONS IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1426 BACKBURNING IN THE WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- 1427 DENISON COLLEGE, KELSO AND BATHURST CAMPUSES—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—
- 1428 WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1429 TOLL CAP—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1430 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1431 BARTON HIGHWAY TIE IN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1432 POKER MACHINE TAX REVENUE IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1433 EMERGENCY TREATMENT TIMES AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1434 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Ray Williams 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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- 1435 BUS ROUTE DATA—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1436 AIR CONDITIONING IN PITTWATER HIGH 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—
- 1437 OXFORD FALLS TRANSPORT OPTIONS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1438 HUME HIGHWAY SAFETY—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—
- 1439 OPTIONS TO REDUCE KOALA VEHICLE STRIKE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1440 M7 MOTORWAY WIDENING—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—
- 1441 ELECTRONIC FIRE DANGER SIGNS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1442 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1443 MUTTAMA CREEK—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- 1444 NEW 7 STAR ENERGY BUILDING—Ms Steph Cooke 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—
- 1445 NSW AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1446 POLICE OFFICERS IN COOTAMUNDRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1447 PUBLIC HOUSING WAIT LIST—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—
- 1448 PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFFING—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—
- 1449 SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1450 CROWN LANDS AND GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY IN DAVIDSON—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1451 BUSHFIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1452 POLICE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—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—
- 1453 ROAD WIDENING—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—
- 1454 AVOCA DRIVE UPGRADE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1455 SENIORS REGIONAL TRAVEL CARD—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1456 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch 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—
- 1457 FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1458 LAND TAX—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1459 RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the

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- Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1460 RESPONSE TO DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General—
- 1461 ELECTRIC BUSES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1462 SINGLE USE PLASTICS—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—
- 1463 BIKE LANES—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—
- 1464 DISABILITY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1465 MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—
- 1466 ACTIVE AND CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER DATA—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1467 VOLUNTEERING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 1468 MEADOWBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL—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—
- 1469 TEACHING VACANCIES—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—
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- 1482 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Local Government—
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- 1495 REVIEW OF PART4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—
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- 1498 KAMAY BOTANY BAY 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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 1499 CRONULLA SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADE—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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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- 1501 MULTI-USER WHARVES AT LA PEROUSE AND KURNELL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1513 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS—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—
- 1514 WIDENING ALFORDS POINT 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—
- 1515 TOW TRUCK DRIVERS AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1516 DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1517 MINISTERIAL STAFF DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 1518 BREACHES OF MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 1519 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE PROJECT—Mr Matt Cross 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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- 1520 RED LIGHT SPEED CAMERA NOMINATION—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—
- 1521 FUNDING FOR WAMBERAL MEMORIAL HALL PARK—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1522 REGENTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL FENCE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1523 VICTORIA ROAD DRUMMOYNE MEETING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 1524 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1525 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL - TREASURER RESPONSE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1526 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL - EDUCATION RESPONSE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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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- 1528 DRUMMOYNE FERRY WHARF REVIEW—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 1531 SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADES—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—
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- 1533 RENTAL PROPERTY ENERGY EFFICIENCY—Mr Alex Greenwich 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—
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- 1535 BEACHES LINK AND GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION PROJECT—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1536 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1537 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1538 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1539 NSW BUILDING COMMISSIONER—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—
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- 1541 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1542 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE - TREE PLANTING AND REMOVAL—Mr Tim James 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—
- 1543 ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUND—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 1544 ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUND- TREASURER RESPONSE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1545 FUTURE OF WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY MILPERRA CAMPUS—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—
- 1546 TRAIN DELAYS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1547 WALCHA FIRE STATION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1548 COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS—Mr Gurmish Singh to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1549 FUNDING OF DESTINATION NSW PROGRAMS—Mr Gurmish 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—

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- 1550 DESTINATION NSW PROGRAMS FUNDING CUT—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—
- 1551 NORTH COAST SPENDING—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—
- 1552 LANDCARE FUNDING—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—
- 1553 EVENTS FUNDING—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—
- 1554 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM TRANCHE 2—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1555 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM COMMONWEALTH FUNDING—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
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- 1557 NEW SCHOOLS FOR WESTMEAD—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—
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- 1559 NORTHMEAD SCHOOL UPGRADES—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—
- 1560 NORTH TUNCURRY LANDCOM DEVELOPMENT—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1561 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS - AGRICULTURE RESPONSE—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—
- 1562 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS - ENERGY RESPONSE—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—
- 1563 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS - PLANNING RESPONSE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1564 COUNCIL DEMERGER—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 1565 NSW CLUBS GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Gareth Ward 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—
- 1566 MATERNITY SERVICES AT MILTON HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1567 PARKING AT SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1568 NSW SMALL BUSINESS STRATEGY 2023-26—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1569 SMALL BUSINESS BUREAU AND SMALL BUSINESS CHARTER—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1570 ARTIFICIAL TURF SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Gareth Ward 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—
- 1571 OUT OF AREA ENROLMENTS—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—
- 1572 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1573 HOUSING SHORTAGE RESPONSE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1574 SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS—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—
- 1575 HEALTH ISSUES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1576 RETIREMENT VILLAGE OMBUDSMAN SERVICE—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—
- 1577 ROUSE HILL HOSPITAL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1578 INCREASE NUMBER OF POLICE STATIONS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 1579 SOCIAL HOUSING FUNDING 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—

representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

The New South Wales Budget commits funding for the Holsworthy electorate for social housing via the following:

- Social Housing - Upgrade: \$1 766 000
- Social Housing Accelerator Agreement - New Supply: \$53 000
- Social Housing Accelerator Agreement - Asset Improvement: \$145 000

- (1) In relation to Social Housing upgrades, what are the details of the projects and which social housing properties, by suburb will be upgraded?
- (2) In relation to Social Housing Accelerator Agreement, what are the details of the projects and which social housing properties, by suburb will be upgraded?

1580 VOYAGER POINT AND PLEASURE POINT GAS OUTAGE COMPENSATION—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—

With respect to the gas outage that impacted Voyager Point and Pleasure Point because of a gas line being struck on 5 June 2023—

- (1) Did residents in Voyager Point and Pleasure Point receive any compensation?
- (2) If not, why?

1581 WESTINVEST LIGHT HORSE PARK UPGRADE PROJECT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) At what stage is the \$28.7m WestInvest commitment for the Light Horse Park Embellishment and Upgrade project at?

1582 SCHEDULED BUSHLAND HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what bushland hazard reduction burning in regional New South Wales is scheduled between now and the end of 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether communities in Regional New South Wales are adequately prepared for summer fire conditions?

1583 AGRICULTURAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR IMPENDING DROUGHT DECLARATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What funding and support has the Minister allocated to support our agricultural community through the coming months?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether access to funding will be made available as soon as communities are officially drought declared?

1584 DIALYSIS IN BARWON AND TRANSPORT OPTIONS TO DIALYSIS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Across the Barwon electorate, how many patients currently require dialysis and within the electorate how many facilities provide dialysis, and where are they?

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- (2) Within the Barwon electorate, what transport options are available to those who must travel multiple times a week for dialysis treatment outside of their community?
- (3) Are there plans to provide access to dialysis in more locations in rural and remote New South Wales?

1585 500 NEW JOBS FOR PARAMEDICS-BUDGET COMMITMENT—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 the Government's budget commitment to provide 500 new jobs for paramedics in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many of these new paramedics will be positioned at the following ambulance stations:
  - (a) Ardlethan Ambulance Station?
  - (b) Boorowa Ambulance Station?
  - (c) Coolamon Ambulance Station?
  - (d) Cowra Ambulance Station?
  - (e) Cootamundra Ambulance Station?
  - (f) Grenfell Ambulance Station?
  - (g) Harden Ambulance Station?
  - (h) Junee Ambulance Station?
  - (i) Narrandera Ambulance Station?
  - (j) Temora Ambulance Station?
  - (k) West Wyalong Ambulance Station?
  - (l) Young Ambulance Station?
- (2) When will these new paramedics be on-boarded?

1586 COUNTRY SHOW SUPPORT PACKAGE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government planning to continue the Country Show Support Package?
- (2) If not, can the Minister advise how the Government is supporting Country Shows in regional New South Wales?

1587 EXTRA FULLTIME ADMIN STAFF IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN REGIONAL NSW AND METRO—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the response received on 7 September 2023 in relation to extra full time admin staff in public schools:

- (1) How many extra full time admin staff will be provided to all regional New South Wales public schools?
- (2) How many extra full time admin staff will be provided to all metropolitan area public schools?

1588 FREE DENTAL IN SCHOOLS- BUDGET COMMITMENT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Government's budget commitment to provide free dental care at schools with mobile dental clinics:

- (1) Which of the following schools across the Cootamundra electorate will receive these services:

Bland Shire

- Barmedman Public School
- Naradhan Public School
- St Mary's War Memorial School
- Tallimba Public School
- Ungarie Central School
- Weethalle Public School
- West Wyalong High School
- West Wyalong Public School
- Wyalong Public School

Coolamon Shire

- Ardlethan Central School
- Coolamon Central School
- Ganmain Public School
- Marrar Public School
- Matong Public School
- St Brendan's Primary School
- St Michael's Primary School

Cowra Shire

- Cowra Public School
- Gooloogong Public School
- Holmwood Public School
- Mulyan Public School
- Woodstock Public School

Cootamundra-Gundagai Region

- Bongongo Public School
- Gundagai High School
- Gundagai Public School
- Gundagai South Public School
- Nangus Public School
- St Patrick's Primary School
- Cootamundra High School

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- Cootamundra Public School
- EA Southee Public School
- Elouera Special School
- Scared Heart Central School
- Stockinbingal Public School
- Wallendbeen Public School

Hilltops Region

- Murrumburrah High School
- Jugiong Public School
- Murrumburrah Public School
- Trinity Catholic Primary School
- Wombat Public School
- Cowra High School
- Holman Place School
- St Raphael's Catholic School
- Hennessy Catholic College
- New Madinah College
- Young High School
- Bribbaree Public School
- Koorawatha Public School
- Maimuru Public School
- Monteagle Public School
- St Mary's Primary School
- Young North Public School
- Young Public School
- Boorowa Central School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Junee Shire

- Eurongilly Public School
- Illabo Public School
- Junee High School
- Junee North Public School
- Junee Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Narrandera Shire



- Barellan Central School
- Binya Public School
- Narrandera East Infants School
- Narrandera High School
- Narrandera Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Temora Shire

- Aria Park Central School
- St Anne's Central School
- Temora High School
- Temora Public School
- Temora West Public School

Weddin Shire

- Caragabal Public School
- Greenethorpe Public School
- Grenfell Public School
- Henry Lawson High School
- Quandialla Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

- (2) When will this free dental service be available for these school students?

1589 GRANT PROGRAMS-BUDGET COMMITMENT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Government's budget commitment to targeted projects and grant programs totalling \$1.2 billion to support councils, communities, and businesses:

- (1) What grant programs are available?
- (2) When will these grant programs be announced?

1590 INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL SCHOOLS – BUDGET COMMITMENT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Government's budget commitment to investing \$1.4 billion in regional schools:

- (1) Which of the following schools across the Cootamundra electorate will benefit from this \$1.4 billion investment?

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- Barmedman Public School
- Naradhan Public School
- St Mary's War Memorial School

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- Tallimba Public School
- Ungarie Central School
- Weethalle Public School
- West Wyalong High School
- West Wyalong Public School
- Wyalong Public School

Coolamon Shire

- Ardlethan Central School
- Coolamon Central School
- Ganmain Public School
- Marrar Public School
- Matong Public School
- St Brendan's Primary School
- St Michael's Primary School

Cowra Shire

- Cowra Public School
- Gooloogong Public School
- Holmwood Public School
- Mulyan Public School
- Woodstock Public School

Cootamundra-Gundagai Region

- Bongongo Public School
- Gundagai High School
- Gundagai Public School
- Gundagai South Public School
- Nangus Public School
- St Patrick's Primary School
- Cootamundra High School
- Cootamundra Public School
- EA Southee Public School
- Elouera Special School
- Scared Heart Central School
- Stockinbingal Public School
- Wallendbeen Public School

Hilltops Region

- Murrumburrah High School
- Jugiong Public School
- Murrumburrah Public School
- Trinity Catholic Primary School
- Wombat Public School
- Cowra High School
- Holman Place School
- St Raphael's Catholic School
- Hennessy Catholic College
- New Madinah College
- Young High School
- Bribbaree Public School
- Koorawatha Public School
- Maimuru Public School
- Monteagle Public School
- St Mary's Primary School
- Young North Public School
- Young Public School
- Boorowa Central School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Junee Shire

- Eurongilly Public School
- Illabo Public School
- Junee High School
- Junee North Public School
- Junee Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Narrandera Shire

- Barellan Central School
- Binya Public School
- Narrandera East Infants School
- Narrandera High School
- Narrandera Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

Temora Shire

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- Arian Park Central School
- St Anne's Central School
- Temora High School
- Temora Public School
- Temora West Public School

Weddin Shire

- Caragabal Public School
- Greenethorpe Public School
- Grenfell Public School
- Henry Lawson High School
- Quandialla Public School
- St Joseph's Primary School

1591 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM PROCESS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—

With respect to the response received on 7 September 2023 in relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program:

- (1) What does the assessment process entail?
- (2) What consultation process has the Government had with councils around the Local Small Commitment Allocation Program to ensure that councils requirements are heard?

1592 ONCOLOGY NURSES IN REGIONAL NSW NUMBERS AND VACANCIES—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 the response received on 7 September 2023 in relation to Oncology Nurses within Regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many Oncology Nurses are currently employed at the following facilities:

Murrumbidgee Local Health District:

- Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
- Coolamon – Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
- Cootamundra Hospital?
- Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
- Junee Multipurpose Service?
- Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
- Narrandera Hospital?
- Temora Hospital?
- West Wyalong Hospital?
- Young Hospital?

Western New South Wales Local Health District:

- Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
- Cowra Hospital?
- Grenfell Multipurpose Service?

(2) How many Oncology Nurse vacancies are currently noted across each of these facilities?

1593 MONA VALE ROAD BETWEEN TERREY HILLS AND ST IVES—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—

In relation to Mona Vale Road between Terrey Hills and St Ives:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place?
- (2) How many complaints have been received?
- (3) When was the road last resurfaced?
- (4) How often is this road cleaned of debris?

1594 CHILD FEE RELIEF FOR LONG DAY CARE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the \$500 per child fee relief for children attending long day care announced in the budget:

- (1) If a child attends both a community preschool and a long day care centre, are the parents/carers eligible for:
  - (a) Long day care fee relief?
  - (b) Strong community preschool funding?
  - (c) Both?

1595 SENIOR SAVERS CARD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

How is the Government supporting Senior Savers Card holders using public transport, who work more than 20 hours per week?

1596 UNAUTHORISED ACCESS AND GRAFFITI IN FRENCHS FOREST—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—

In relation to the improvement plan being prepared by Transport for NSW to address unauthorised access and mitigate ongoing graffiti issues at the intersection of Warringah Road and Forest Way in Frenchs Forest:

- (1) What is the timeline for the plan?
- (2) Will the plan be made public?
- (3) When do you anticipate the graffiti will be removed?

1597 ELIZABETH DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS—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—

- (1) In the New South Wales Budget 2023/24, as part of the Urban Road Fund program, there is a \$10 million allocation for 2023/24 for “Planning for the future with funding allocated to investigate improvements to Elizabeth Drive between the M7 Motorway at Cecil Hills and The Northern Road at Luddenham”:

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- (a) What exactly will this money be used for?
- (b) What quotes have the Government received from relevant vendors that total \$10 million to undertake this investigation?
- (c) Does this funding focus on Elizabeth Drive between Devonshire Road and Western Road?
  - (i) If not, why not?

1598 ELIZABETH DRIVE ALLOCATION—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—

- (1) In a media release issued by the Minister for Roads on 28 September 2023, titled “M12 hits construction milestone as Western Sydney roads become budget spend focus,” it was stated that there would be a “\$200 million allocation for Elizabeth Drive safety initiatives and corridor enabling works.”
  - (a) Can the Minister advise if this \$200 million allocation is included in the 2023/2024 New South Budget papers?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (b) If the funding is available:
    - (i) Can the Minister advise whether it will be expended over the forthcoming four-year period?
    - (ii) Can the Minister advise whether any portion of it will be specifically allocated towards safety improvements on Elizabeth Drive between Devonshire Road and Western Road?

1599 MAMRE ROAD 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—

- (1) In the New South Wales Budget 2023/24, \$7.551 million has been allocated for 2023/24 for Mamre Road, M4 Motorway to Erskine Park Road:
  - (a) What exactly will this money be used for?
  - (b) Has the Government completed the tender process for getting the first stage of the Mamre Road upgrade underway? If not, when will this begin?
  - (c) When can the community expect the Mamre Road upgrade Stage 1 to begin?

1600 ROAD UPGRADES—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—

- (1) In the New South Wales Budget 2023/24, in Table 2.15: “Key Sydney Metropolitan Transport projects continuing in this Budget”, the Connecting Sydney Roads project is allocated \$3 billion over the course of four years to 2026/27. As part of this project, the Mulgoa Road upgrade Stage 2 – Glenmore Parkway to Jeanette Street is listed among others such as Mulgoa Road Stage 1 and 5 and the Horsley Drive, M7 motorway to Cowpasture Road:
  - (a) How much money will be allocated to Mulgoa Road Stage 2 upgrade out of the total \$3 billion allocation over four years to 2026/27?
  - (b) How much money will be allocated to the Horsley Drive, M7 Motorway to Cowpasture Road of the total \$3 billion allocation over four years to 2026/27?
  - (c) What will the funds be used for in relation to Mulgoa Road upgrade Stage 2?

- (d) What will the funds be used for in relation to the Horsley Drive, M7 Motorway to Cowpasture Road?

1601 TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONGESTION ISSUES, ANNANGROVE ROAD, ANNANGROVE—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—

- (1) Are there any plans for the Government to transfer responsibility for Annangrove Road, Annangrove from the Hills Shire Council to the Government?
- (2) Are there any plans upgrade Annangrove Road, Annangrove to improve the safety and traffic flow on such Road?
  - (a) If there are plans for the works mentioned, when it is expected such works will commence?
- (3) Are there any plans to upgrade the intersection of Annangrove Road and Windsor Road at Annangrove to improve the safety and traffic follow at such intersection?
  - (a) If there are plans for the works mentioned, when it is expected such works will commence?
- (4) Are there any plans to upgrade the intersection of Annangrove Road and Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst to improve the safety and traffic follow at such intersection?
  - (a) If there are plans for the works mentioned, when it is expected such works will commence?

1602 TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES, OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL—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—

- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade Old Northern Road Dural between Wylds Road and Galston Road, Dural to improve the safety and traffic flow on such Road?
  - (a) If there are plans for the works mentioned, when it is expected such works will commence?

1603 TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES, CASTLE HILL ROAD AND HILLS ROAD, WEST PENNANT HILLS—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—

- (1) Are there any plans upgrade the intersection of Highs Road and Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills to improve the safety and traffic flow within the West Pennant Hills Valley?
  - (a) If there are plans for the works mentioned, when it is expected such works will commence?

1604 FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING WINDSOR ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS—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—

- (1) On 27 September 2023 in answer to question 1132, the Minister advised that Transport for NSW completed a Road Network Plan (RNP) for the Windsor to Northmead corridor which included Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta. With respect to such response:
  - (a) When was the RNP completed?
  - (b) Has the Minister asked Transport for NSW to undertake a further analysis or review?
    - (i) If yes, when was such request made and what is the time frame for the completion of the review?

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1605 FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES, NEWLINE ROAD, CHERRYBROOK/DURAL—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—

(1) On 27 June 2023, in answer to question, 178 the Minister advised that Transport for NSW was in the process of progressing with investigating options and that further “development of feasibility options is subject to further community consultation, environmental approvals, and a business case approval process.” With respect to such response:

- (a) Has Transport for NSW carried out “further community consultation”?
  - (i) If such consultation has been completed, when was it completed?
- (b) Has Transport for NSW obtained the “environmental approvals”?
  - (i) If such approvals have been obtained, when were they obtained?
- (c) Has Transport for NSW commenced the process of preparing a business case?
  - (i) If so, when was such process commenced?

1606 FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING TRAFFIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ISSUES, OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL—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—

(1) On 27 June 2023 in answer to question 179, the Minister advised that Transport for NSW were undertaking strategic investigations into the Old Northern Road corridor. With respect to such response:

- (a) Has Transport for NSW completed the strategic investigation?
- (b) If the strategic investigation is now complete on what date was the strategic investigation completed?
- (c) If the strategic investigation is now complete, what recommendations were made to improve the traffic congestion with respect to the Old Northern Road corridor?
- (d) If the strategic investigation is not completed, when it is expected the investigation will be completed?

1607 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Mark Hodges 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—

- (1) How many active Aboriginal Land Claims are there within:
  - (a) The Castle Hill Electorate?
  - (b) The Hawkesbury Electorate?
  - (c) The Kellyville Electorate?
- (2) In relation to each active Aboriginal Claim in the Castle Hill, Hawkesbury and Kellyville electorates, please identify the location of each claim?
- (3) What is the average time taken to determine Aboriginal Land Claims?

1608 VEHICLE DATA FOR ELECTRIC, HYDROGEN, PETROL AND DIESEL VEHICLES—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—



- (1) For each date (30 June 2021, 30 June 2022, 30 June 2023), could the Minister please advise the exact number of the following vehicle types registered to an owner who has a business or postal address in any of the following postcodes (2125, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2157, 2158):
- Electric vehicles?
  - Hydrogen vehicles?
  - Petrol or diesel vehicles?
- 1609 SUPPORT FOR RURAL FARMERS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- Regarding the incoming drought across the Mid-North Coast:
- (1) What actions is the Government taking to prepare Oxley farmers for the upcoming drought?
- (2) What support will the Government make available for farmers in Oxley following a drought declaration?
- (3) What new initiatives will the Government put in place to build on-farm resilience to drought and natural disasters?
- 1610 START STRONG PROGRAM IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many children in the Oxley electorate have received funding under the Start Strong Program for preschool children in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2022-23?
- (c) 2021-22?
- 1611 SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) How is the \$4.23 million yearly budget for the Rural Adversity Mental Health Programme distributed?
- (a) What percentage of this yearly budget is allocated to the Oxley electorate?
- (2) What requirements must be met before receiving funds from the Rural Adversity Mental Health Programme?
- 1612 MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Of the \$8.8 billion allocated in the 2023-24 Budget for new and upgraded schools, how much is attributed to the Melrose Park Public School redevelopment?
- 1613 MELROSE PARK TRANSPORT BRIDGE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In relation to the active transport bridge from Melrose Park, can the Minister advise when this bridge will be approved?
- 1614 ANZAC PARK MASTERPLAN WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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Specifically, on what page of the budget is funding allocated for the ANZAC Park masterplan in West Ryde?

- 1615 MACQUARIE PARK EDUCATION PRECINCT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

On what date is the Government planning to commence and conclude delivery of the Macquarie Park Education Precinct?

- 1616 BANK STREET TRAFFIC LIGHTS—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—

On what date is the Government planning to commence and conclude delivery of the Bank Street traffic lights in Meadowbank?

- 1617 OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SKILLS RECOGNITION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Does New South Wales have an Office of Overseas Skills recognition?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If not, are there any plans to introduce an Office of Overseas Skills Recognition?

- 1618 MAJOR PROJECTS SUBMISSION PORTAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) When was the last time the Major Projects submission portal was updated?

(a) What is the process for reviewing and updating the Major Projects submission portal?

- 1619 PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL IMPACT ON MELROSE PARK COMMUNITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 and its impacts on the Melrose Park community:

(1) What geotechnical investigations were undertaken west of the boat ramp to ascertain if construction of the bridge could follow the Melrose Park Action Group's suggested route or any other route west of the ramp?

(2) What investigations or discussions were held with Holdmark to use their playing field park area as the staging yard so that the ramp could continue to function during construction?

- 1620 ROUTE MATCH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Does the Government have any plans to continue funding for Community Transport Providers to access 'Route Match', and if not, what provisions are being made to financially assist providers who will be required to source alternative programs?

- 1621 SENIORS ENERGY REBATE—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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) How many households within the Tweed Electorate have received Seniors Energy Rebate in the following years:

(a) Year to date?

(b) 2022-23?

- (c) 2021-22?
- (d) 2020-21?

1622 ENERGY ACCOUNTS PAYMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME—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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many households within the Tweed Electorate have accessed the Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme in the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2020-21?

1623 NATIONAL ENERGY BILL RELIEF SCHEME—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 Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the National Energy Bill Relief scheme:

- (1) How many households within the Tweed Electorate are eligible for this assistance?
- (2) How many small businesses with the Tweed Electorate are eligible for this assistance?

1624 POLITICAL COMMUNICATION IN PUBLIC SPACES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding the Place Management NSW Regulation 2022:

- (1) On how many occasions have rangers sought to enforce clause 15(1)(f)(ii)?
- (2) How many penalty notices have been issued under clause 15(1)(f)(ii)?
- (3) Of those instances referred to in response to questions (1) and (2), if any, how many related to the distribution of material that would constitute political communication?

1625 REINSTATEMENT OF ROUTE 370—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Which existing bus services are being reviewed and what investigations are currently underway to facilitate the Government's commitment to reinstating the 370 bus route?
- (2) What opportunities are available for passengers and other stakeholders to contribute to the review of those existing bus services?

1626 E-CIGARETTE COMPLIANCE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Since 1 May 2023, how many compliance activities (inspections) have been taken by NSW Health relating to E-Cigarettes in the Electorate of Vacluse?
- (2) Since 1 May 2023, how many compliance activities (inspections) have been taken by NSW Health relating to E-Cigarettes in the Woollahra Local Government Area?
- (3) Since 1 May 2023, how many compliance activities (inspections) have been taken by NSW Health relating to E-Cigarettes in the Waverley Local Government Area?

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- (4) Since 1 May 2023, how many compliance activities (inspections) have been taken by NSW Health relating to E-Cigarettes in the City of Sydney Local Government Area?
- (5) Have any prosecutions been made in relation to the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008?
- (a) If so, how many?
- (b) If so, in relation to which offences?
- (c) If so, where were the alleged offences committed?
- (d) If so, in what Local Government Areas were the alleged offences committed?
- 1627 QUIET CARRIAGES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Does the Government intend to introduce ‘quiet carriages’ on services on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line?
- (a) If so, on which services will ‘quiet carriages’ be introduced?
- (b) If so, by which estimated date will ‘quiet carriages’ be introduced?
- 1628 AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITES—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—
- (1) How many New South Wales air quality monitoring sites are currently active in the following areas:
- (a) Sutherland Shire Local Government Area?
- (b) Bayside Local Government Area?
- (c) Georges River Local Government Area?
- (d) Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area?
- (2) Does the Government intend to install or recommission new air quality monitoring sites in the following areas and if so where in these areas:
- (a) Sutherland Shire Local Government Area?
- (b) Bayside Local Government Area?
- (c) Georges River Local Government Area?
- (d) Canterbury-Bankstown Local Government Area?
- (3) Does the Government have plans to recommission the decommissioned New South Wales air quality monitoring site at Woollooware in the Sutherland Shire?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 1629 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL PROGRAMS—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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) Is the Government planning to continue to fund the following programs at Sutherland Hospital:
- (a) Safeguards: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Response Team?
- (b) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?
- (c) Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk (CASPAR)?

- (2) If not, why not?

1630 TRANSPORT FOR NSW LAND—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to utilise or dispose of any land owned by Transport for NSW in Gymea, south of President Avenue, including but not limited to the following addresses:
- (a) 318 President Avenue, Gymea NSW 2227?
- (b) 143-145 Gymea Bay Road, Gymea NSW 2227?

1631 POLICE STATION OPENING HOURS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Separately for each police station, during what hours are Cronulla Police Station, Miranda Police Station and Sutherland Police Station open to the public?
- (2) What if any proposals are there to change those hours?

1632 SUTHERLAND COURT HOUSE THERAPY DOGS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) During what hours are therapy dogs scheduled to be present at Sutherland Court House?
- (2) What numbers of therapy dogs are scheduled to be present at any one time?
- (3) What if any proposals are there to change those hours or those numbers?

1633 SUTHERLAND COURT HOUSE UPGRADES OR MAINTENANCE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

What upgrades or maintenance are scheduled for Sutherland Court House?

1634 SUTHERLAND COURT HOUSE MAGISTRATE ALLOCATION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent magistrates sit in the Local Court at Sutherland Court House?
- (2) What if any proposals are there to change that allocation?

1635 SUTHERLAND COURT HOUSE WAITING TIMES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a Defended Apprehended Domestic Violence Order Application to come to trial at Sutherland Court House?
- (2) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a defended criminal matter to come to trial at Sutherland Court House where the defendant is not in custody?
- (3) As at the most recent date for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a defended criminal matter to come to trial at Sutherland Court House where the defendant is in custody?

1636 KURNELL PRECINCT OF KAMAY BOTANY BAY WHARF FACILITIES—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—

Will the Government (through the National Parks and Wildlife Service or otherwise) install toilets and related facilities in the vicinity of the new wharf in the Kurnell precinct of Kamay Botany Bay National Park?

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1637 KURNELL AND LA PEROUSE FACILITIES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government (through Transport for NSW or otherwise) install toilets and related facilities in the vicinity of the new wharf in the Kurnell precinct of Kamay Botany Bay National Park?
- (2) Will the Government (through Transport for NSW or otherwise) install toilets and related facilities in the vicinity of the new wharf at La Prouse?

1638 FIRE AND RESCUE STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Separately for each Fire and Rescue Station within the Sutherland Shire:

- (1) As at 30 June 2023 (or the nearest date for which data is available), what was the authorised number of staff (Full-time equivalent and head count) employed at that station?
- (2) As at 30 June 2023 (or the nearest date for which data is available), what was the actual number of staff (Full-time equivalent and head count) employed at that station?
- (3) In the period since the date as at which data is supplied in answer to 1 and 2 above, otherwise in the period since 1 April 2023, what, if anything, has the Government done to recruit employees specifically for the Fire and Rescue Stations within the Sutherland Shire?

1639 BATHURST HOSPITAL—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 carparking within the Bathurst Hospital,
  - (a) How many carparking spaces in total are available within the precinct of the Bathurst Hospital excluding street parking?
  - (b) How many are reserved or dedicated parking spaces for other purposes? Please be specific e.g. spaces allocated for disabled parking, courier, drop off zones, hospital management parking and other staff, etc.
  - (c) How many new carparking spaces in total are planned for the redevelopment of the Bathurst Hospital?

1640 PULSE PROGRAM—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to Pulse Program.
  - (a) When was this program made available to officers?
  - (b) If not implemented yet, can you provide a progress update and timeframe when the program will be available to officers?
  - (c) How many officers have engaged in the program in total?
  - (d) How many have engaged specifically in the following areas:
    - (i) Psychological?
    - (ii) Health?
    - (iii) Fitness?
    - (iv) Safety?
    - (v) Injury management?

1641 NSW POLICE DOGS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to NSW Police Dogs:
  - (a) How many dogs are in use across NSW?
  - (b) Where are they stationed?
  - (c) How many dogs are currently on sick or other forms of leave?
  - (d) What is the process and requirements for a dog to be retired from the force?

1642 HERITAGE ORDER FOR KENMORE HOSPITAL PROPERTY—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—

Noting the Heritage order for the Kenmore Hospital Property in Goulburn:

- (1) Can the Minister advise when further action will be taken on preserving the state heritage of Kenmore?
  - (a) Alternatively, if the Minister does not intend to pursue the preservation of Kenmore can the Minister please outline the reasons for this?
- (2) What is the timeline for this?

1643 PET REGISTRY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the pet registry implementation timeline on track to be delivered by December 2023?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What funding has the Government provided towards Pet Registry?

1644 FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What funding programs in the Budget were provided for small businesses?
- (2) How is the Government supporting the prosperity of small businesses across New South Wales?

1645 PEDESTRIAN LIFTS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

Could you please provide a date for when the pedestrian lifts on Old Windsor Rd, Bella Vista will be made re-operational?

1646 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Have you responded to my letter sent to you over 4 months ago on behalf of local homebuilders concerned about Basix Standards?
  - (a) If not, why not?

1647 SCHOOL PROGRAMS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Government cancelled schools programs: Living Safely With Dogs, Living Safely With Pets and We Are Family?
  - (a) If yes, can the Minister provide reasons for the funding cancellation?

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- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the funding cancellation will impact on jobs?
- (3) Could you please provide the data/evidence that was used to justify the programs' cancellations – including whether the programs were underperforming?

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