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**19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

(Paper No. 26)

\* 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—

(1) Will the Minister please advise if there are any plans to provide air conditioning in all classrooms at Pittwater High School?

(a) If so, what is the timing for when the installation of that air conditioning will be completed?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education continues to deliver air conditioning upgrades in NSW public schools. The Department will continue to work with schools to address their local needs. School Principals can nominate projects for additional air conditioning, which are assessed statewide.

\* 1437 OXFORD FALLS TRANSPORT OPTIONS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister please advise:

(1) Are there any plans to add a stop to the 155-bus route in Oxford Falls (postcode: 2100)?

(a) If yes, could you please advise an expected timeline for the addition of the stop?

(b) If no, would the Minister please provide reason as to why there are no plans to add a stop to the 155 route in Oxford Falls?

(2) Is the Government planning to provide alternative public transport options for people travelling from Narrabeen and north to access the Oxford Falls vicinity?

(a) If yes, could you please advise detailed information on these plans including the expected timeline of services being introduced and possible routes?

(3) Has Transport for NSW undertaken a needs analysis (or similar process) regarding public transport options for the Oxford Falls area?

(a) If yes, could you please provide the outcomes of the needs analysis?

(b) If no, will the Government consider undertaking a transport needs analysis for Oxford Falls?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is investigating improvements to Wakehurst Parkway between Frenchs Forest Road, Frenchs Forest and Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen. This investigation is focusing on safety and capacity for this key link in Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Corridor improvements that are being investigated will aim to:

- improve road safety along the corridor
- improve network efficiency
- provide capacity for future traffic growth
- consider improvements to active transport facilities
- consider options to encourage use of public transport.

As part of these improvements, the inclusion of Disability Discrimination Act compliant bus stops at Oxford Falls are being considered. This will enable route 155 services to stop at this location in the future.

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Further, Oxford Falls Grammar School is serviced by eight morning school services and 17 afternoon school services.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Hume Highway between Hoxton Park Road and Kurrajong Road intersections:

- (1) How many accidents have occurred on this road, per annum for the years data is available?
- (2) How many accidents have occurred on the Hoxton Park Road and Hume Highway intersection, per annum for the years data is available?
- (3) Is Transport for NSW implementing any measures to improve safety on this road?

Answer—

I am advised

(1 - 2) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (Interactive crash data statistics).

- (3) Transport for NSW does not have any current or proposed projects along this section of Hume Highway. Transport for NSW have advised the area is largely residential with some pockets of commercial activity. Most of the unsignalised intersections do not allow right turns into or out of the side street. The speed limit is 60 kilometres per hour south of the M5 into Liverpool, and 70 kilometres per hour through Casula. This is deemed appropriate for the high movement needs in a mixed residential and commercial setting and good operational alignment with a lot of intersections regulating flows on to and off the state road.

- \* 1439 OPTIONS TO REDUCE KOALA VEHICLE STRIKE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the WSP report commissioned by Transport for NSW titled "Options to reduce koala vehicle strike along Heathcote Road, near Deadmans Creek" published in December 2021:

- (1) Of the four options recommended in the report, has the government chosen to pursue a particular course of action?
- (2) Does the government have any forecasts on how many koalas will be saved as a result of the implementation of the aforementioned options?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

- \* 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—

Is the Government planning to widen the M7 motorway to three lanes each way?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is widening the Westlink M7 within the existing median by adding an extra lane in each direction between the M5 interchange at Prestons, approximately 140 metres south of the Kurrajong Road overhead bridge (southern end) to the Westlink M7 bridge at Richmond Road in Oakhurst/Glendenning (northern end). Widening the Westlink M7 will ease congestion and improve

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journey times for freight and motorists and alleviate pressure on critical transport corridors. It will also support the Western Sydney International Airport and surrounding growth areas.

This information is available on Transport for NSW website at <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/westlink-m7-widening>

- \* 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—

With respect to upcoming fire season and the role out of more than 200 Electronic Fire Danger rating signs across the State:

- (1) Where are the new electronic fire danger rating signs located across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Are there any non-digital fire danger rating signs across the Cootamundra electorate, if so, where are they located?
  - (a) If so, what is the Government doing to ensure the new electronic fire danger rating signs are installed across the Cootamundra electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Two electronic fire danger rating signs are scheduled to be replaced by the end of October at:
  - 195 Burley Griffin Way, Temora
  - 206 Neeld Street, Wyalong
- (2) There are 24 manual signs within the Cootamundra electorate:
  - (1) Forbes Street, Gooloogong
  - (2) Lachlan Valley Way, Merriganowry
  - (3) Sloane Street, Billimari
  - (4) Pride of Oak Road, Canowindra
  - (5) Obley Street, Cumnock
  - (6) Banjo Paterson Way, Cumnock
  - (7) Darbys Falls Road, Darbys Falls
  - (8) Mid Western Highway, Lyndhurst
  - (9) Quart Pot Road, Lyndhurst
  - (10) Reg Hailstone Way, Mt McDonald
  - (11) Markham Creek Road, Mt McDonald
  - (12) Oaky Creek Road, Mt McDonald
  - (13) Wyangala Road, Wyangala
  - (14) Wyangala State Recreation Area, Wyangala
  - (15) Sheet of Bark Road, Woodstock
  - (16) Belmore Street, Woodstock
  - (17) Reg Hailstone Way, Woodstock
  - (18) Olympic Highway, Koorawatha
  - (19) Yass Street, Rye Park

- (20) Riverside Drive, Jugiong
- (21) Jugiong Road, Jugiong
- (22) Muttama Road, Coolac
- (23) 2 Edward Square, Greenthorpe
- (24) Blan Road, Quandialla
  - (a) Twenty-five existing manual signs across the RFS Western Area Command, which includes the Cootamundra electorate, are scheduled to be replaced with electronic signs by December 2023.

\* 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—

With respect to the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program which is aimed at improving availability and access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in community sporting and recreational facilities, for use in emergencies involving cardiac arrest:

- (1) Is the Government planning to continue the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program?
  - (a) If so when will the 2023/24 applications open? Noting that the Office of Local Sport website currently states dates for the 2022 program.
  - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised that:\

- (1) The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program will open in 2023-24.
  - (a) The opening date for applications will be announced in due course.

\* 1443 MUTTAMA CREEK—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

- (1) How will the Government provide support to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to ensure preparedness for future flood events?

Answer—

I am advised:

That this is a question for the Minister for Environment.

\* 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—

With respect to the new 7-star energy rating under the state's Building Sustainability Index (BASIX), up from 5.5 stars, for all new home builds, costing above \$50,000:

- (1) How will this new standard of 7-star energy rating apply to homes built off site, such as modular homes?
  - (a) If it does not apply to homes built off site, can the Minister advise the reasons why those with a (BASIX) to build on site, now be hit with additional building costs?
  - (b) What rebates are available to assist those who are building with these additional costs?

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- (2) What is the Government doing to support the building industry around these changes?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- \* 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—

With respect to NSW Ambulance Paramedics across the Cootamundra Electorate:

- (1) How many Paramedics are posted at each NSW Ambulance Station across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Of this information, how many NSW Ambulance Paramedic vacancies are there at each NSW Ambulance Station across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure these vacant positions are filled across the Cootamundra electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce based on electorates.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across the state, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW.

NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required, and as such services are subject to change when identified through either service planning methods or operational requirements.

- \* 1446 POLICE OFFICERS IN COOTAMUNDRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to Police Officers full-time employment (FTE) across the Cootamundra Electorate:

- (1) As at the date for which the most recent data is available, how many FTE police officers are allocated to each of the district/command areas across the Cootamundra Electorate?
  - (a) Of these district/command areas, how many current full-time employment vacancies are at each police station?
- (2) What is the Government doing to fill these vacancies?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.
  - (a) Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.
- (2) In addition to standard recruitment activities to fill vacant positions across PACs and PDs, the NSWPF's Remote and Special Remote Incentive Scheme commenced on 1 July 2023 encourage both recruitment and retention in these locations.

- \* 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—

Following your response received on 15 June 2023. With respect to public housing, for each of the nine local government areas in the Cootamundra electorate. Please note Orange is not part of the Cootamundra electorate.

- (1) Of the 32 public housing dwellings which were vacant as of 30 April 2023:
  - (a) Are any of these 32 dwellings still vacant?
  - (b) If so, why? Noting 58 on a priority list and an additional 349 on a general wait list?
- (2) What systems are currently in place to find housing for the current 407 on the wait list?
  - (a) How long have the priority cases been on the wait list across each 'allocation zone'?
  - (b) How long have the general cases been on the wait list across each 'allocation zone'?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a)
 

As of 1 October 2023, 14 of the 32 the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) owned properties remain vacant, 2 of the initial 32 properties have been demolished due to major fire damage and 2 sites were vacant land.
  - (1) (b)
    - 13 properties require extensive works. These properties are in various stages of the restoration process and works are expected to be completed between October -December 2023.
    - 1 property is under assessment for future use due to extensive termite damage.
  - (2) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is working closely with Real Estate agents to secure properties directly by promoting the benefit of selecting Rent Choice clients.
 

DCJ is working with the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to have the vacant properties completed more quickly.

DCJ is also working with local support services such as Verto Tenants' Advocacy Service and Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), so that people at risk of homelessness are identified and then supported to remain in their tenancies. DCJ is working with SHS providers to assist people's support needs when they require temporary accommodation through Link2Home or directly through DCJ Housing.

Everyone deserves access to safe and secure shelter. The NSW Government is committed to delivering more social and affordable housing.
- (2 a - b) Table 1 (priority) and Table 2 (general) below show the number of applicants housed and the median wait times for those applicants who were newly housed during the 12-month period May 2020 to April 2023 for each allocation zone in the Cootamundra electorate.

<b>Table 1: Median wait time (in months) of social housing <u>priority</u> applicants housed in Cootamundra electorate from May 2022 to April 2023</b>		
<b>Allocation zone</b>	<b>No. of applicants housed</b>	<b>Housed median wait time (months)</b>



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S104 GUNDAGAI	2	2.5
S108 JUNEE	2	1.9
S114 NARRANDERA	2	5.9
S115 TEMORA	4	2.8
S141 YOUNG	9	8.9
S142 HARDEN/MURRUMBURRAH		
S41 COWRA		
S94 WEST WYALONG	2	6.7
S99 COOTAMUNDRA	5	1.9

<b>Table 2 Median wait time (in months) of social housing <u>general</u> applicants housed in Cootamundra electorate from May 2022 to April 2023</b>		
<b>Allocation zone</b>	<b>No. of applicants housed</b>	<b>Housed median wait time (months)</b>
S104 GUNDAGAI	2	18.8
S108 JUNEE	3	12.1
S114 NARRANDERA	3	25.8
S115 TEMORA		
S141 YOUNG	4	25.3
S142 HARDEN/MURRUMBURRAH		
S41 COWRA		
S55 GRENFELL		
S94 WEST WYALONG	1	16.0
S99 COOTAMUNDRA	1	18.4

\* 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—

- (1) As of the date for which the most recent data is available, how many full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers are employed at each public school across the Cootamundra electorate?
  - (a) Of this information, how many (FTE) teacher vacancies are currently noted for each public school across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Following your response on 4 July 2023 to the Government's commitment to make 10,000 temporary teachers and 6,000 support staff permanent, you advised there were 360 temporary teachers employed across New South Wales public schools in the Cootamundra electorate:
  - (a) Please advise which schools and the number of temporary teachers that have been positioned at these schools.
- (3) Of these temporary teachers, 158 temporary teachers employed across schools in the Cootamundra electorate are anticipated to be eligible for an offer of permanent employment through the Temporary Workforce Transition initiative:
  - (a) When will these 158 anticipated positions of permanent employment be offered?

Answer—

As at 18 May 2023 there is a total teaching entitlement of 789.79 FTE in schools in the Cootamundra electorate.

For 12 years, the former Liberal National Government undervalued teachers. This led to a teacher shortage crisis which the former Government denied existed. I note the Member was a Minister during some of this period.

In your electorate of Cootamundra, permanent teacher vacancies grew under the former Liberal National Government from 17 in 2011, to more than 45.

As at 18 May 2023, there are 45.60 FTE vacancies across schools in the Cootamundra electorate.

School Name	Total 2023 Teaching FTE_18 May 2023	Total vacant teaching FTE_18 May 2023
Ardlethan Central School	10.62	2.00
Ariah Park Central School	16.22	1.00
Barellan Central School	16.46	1.00
Barmedman Public School	1.73	0.20
Binya Public School	1.54	0.00
Bongongo Public School	1.63	0.00
Boorowa Central School	27.80	0.00
Bribbaree Public School	1.52	0.00
Caragabal Public School	3.01	0.20
Coolamon Central School	34.90	0.00
Cootamundra Public School	15.94	0.00

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Cowra Public School	31.44	1.00
Eurongilly Public School	1.96	0.00
Ganmain Public School	3.08	0.00
Gooloogong Public School	2.79	0.00
Greenethorpe Public School	1.63	0.00
Grenfell Public School	10.98	1.00
Gundagai Public School	10.87	0.00
Gundagai South Public School	4.13	0.00
Holmwood Public School	2.79	0.00
Illabo Public School	1.55	0.00
Jugiong Public School	2.05	1.00
June Public School	8.59	0.00
June North Public School	10.81	0.00
Koorawatha Public School	1.73	0.00
Maimuru Public School	1.54	0.00
Marrar Public School	1.64	0.00
Matong Public School	2.78	0.00
Monteagle Public School	1.64	0.00
Murringo Public School	2.82	1.00
Murrumburrah Public School	14.79	0.00
Nangus Public School	2.11	0.00
Naradhan Public School	1.53	0.00
Narrandera Public School	18.10	1.00
lauandialla Public School	3.26	0.20
Stockinbingal Public School	1.54	0.00
Tallimba Public School	3.27	0.00
Temora Public School	15.97	0.00
Ungarie Central School	13.46	0.00
Wallendbeen Public School	1.52	0.20
Weethalle Public School	1.92	0.00
Wombat Public School	2.20	0.00
Woodstock Public School	1.64	0.00
Wyalong Public School	5.28	1.00
West Wyalong Public School	16.78	0.00
Young Public School	33.87	0.00

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Young North Public School	22.78	1.80
Temora West Public School	10.42	0.00
Narrandera East Infants School	4.58	0.00
E A Southee Public School	8.10	0.00
Mulyan Public School	21.32	1.00
Holman Place School	7.18	2.00
Cowra High School	49.70	6.00
Young High School	53.60	6.00
Narrandera High School	38.50	4.00
Temora High School	39.30	4.00
June High School	33.00	3.00
Cootamundra High School	32.20	3.00
The Henry Lawson High School	21.70	0.00
Murrumburrah High School	16.30	2.00
West Wyalong High School	34.20	2.00
Gundagai High School	23.50	0.00

Under the term of the former Liberal National Government only 60% of teachers were in permanent work.

The number of temporary teachers skyrocketed from about 11,700 in 2011 to more than 24,000 when the former Liberal National Government left office in 2023. I note the Member was a Minister during some of this period.

As at 8 March 2023, there is a total of 360 temporary teachers in the Cootamundra electorate. Three of the 360 temporary teachers work across multiple schools.

School Name	Total Count of Temporary teachers 8 March 2023
Ardlethan Central School	6
Ariah Park Central School	9
Barellan Central School	3
Barmedman Public School	2
Binva Public School	2
Bongongo Public School	1
Boorowa Central School	10
Bribbaree Public School	3
Caragabal Public School	2
Coolamon Central School	17
Cootamundra High School	5

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Cootamundra Public School	8
Cowra High School	9
Cowra Public School	20
E A Southee Public School	2
Euronqilly Public School	4
Ganmain Public School	2
Goolongong Public School	2
Greenethorpe Public School	2
Grenfell Public School	9
Gundagai HiQh School	9
Gundagai Public School	7
Gundagai South Public School	3
Holman Place School	5
Holmwood Public School	2
Illabo Public School	3
Jugiong Public School	3
June High School	8
June North Public School	8
June Public School	4
Koorawatha Public School	1
Maimuru Public School	1
Marrar Public School	1
Matong Public School	3
Monteaqle Public School	1
Mulvan Public School	11
Murringo Public School	3
Murrumburrah High School	2
Murrumburrah Public School	8
Nangus Public School	3
Naradhan Public School	2
Narrandera East Infants School	2
Narrandera High School	14
Narrandera Public School	8
Quandialla Public School	3
Stockinbinoal Public School	2

Tallimba Public School	3
Temora High School	10
Temora Public School	9
Temora West Public School	5
The Henry Lawson High School	11
Ungarie Central School	7
Wallendbeen Public School	1
Weethalle Public School	2
West Wyalong High School	11
West Wyalong Public School	13
Wombat Public School	3
Woodstock Public School	3
Wyalong Public School	9
Young High School	15
Young North Public School	12
Young Public School	14
Total	363

Offers of permanent employment have been made to all eligible temporary teachers in the Cootamundra electorate, with 127 teachers confirmed as accepting an offer of permanent employment through the Temporary Workforce Transition initiative.

- \* 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—

With respect to the response received on 7 September 2023, regarding mental health support services:

- (1) How is the annual \$4.23 million Rural Adversity Mental Health Program allocated?
  - (a) What portion of this annual funding is being distributed across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) What is the eligibility criteria to access funding under The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Mental Health.

- \* 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—

What are the specific addresses and details of all Crown lands and each Government owned property in the Davidson electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of NSW Government owned properties located in the Davidson electorate is provided at Attachment A.

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Properties owned by the Aboriginal Housing Office, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation or ones that comprise of residential dwellings have been excluded for privacy reasons.

- \* 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—

On 14 September 2023, bushfire hazard reduction was scheduled to take place in Lindfield at Sir Phillip Game Reserve South but was postponed.

- (1) Can the Minister advise when this hazard reduction will be rescheduled?

Answer—

I am advised the hazard reduction burn has been completed.

- \* 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—

- (1) Please advise how many police infringement notices have been issued by the NSW Police Force each financial year since 2019/20 to present:

(a) Outside of St Ives Primary School?

(b) Outside of St Ives High School?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance who is responsible for Revenue NSW.

- \* 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—

Has Transport for NSW considered widening Killeaton Street, St Ives and Burns Road, Turramurra between Cowan Rd and Bobbin Head Road?

Answer—

I am advised

Ku-ring-gai Council is responsible for Killeaton Street and Burns Road, therefore, Transport for NSW has not considered widening Killeaton Street, St Ives and Burns Road, Turramurra between Cowan Road and Bobbin Head Road.

- \* 1454 AVOCA DRIVE UPGRADE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the \$90 million committed by the Commonwealth Government is being factored into this year's State budget for the Avoca Drive upgrade in Kincumber?

- (2) Can the Minister please advise an approximate timeline for the public consultation period, planning and delivery period for this major infrastructure road in my electorate?

- (3) Can the Minister advise whether the funding includes an upgrade of the intersection between Carrick Road and Avoca Drive?

Answer—

I am advised

The Federal funding commitment for Avoca Drive is \$100 million subject to the NSW Government matching funding commitment of \$30 million. The 2023-24 NSW Budget allocated \$2 million to continue development, with additional funding yet to be committed.

The timing of the Federal Government's commitment toward implementation of the project is yet to be confirmed. Commitments will be formalised once the funding profile for full detailed design and construction is confirmed by both the NSW and Federal Governments.

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

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 priority stages, consistent with available funding.

The proposed upgrade would include replacing the roundabout at Avoca Drive intersection of Bungoona and Carrak roads with traffic lights and additional lane capacity.

\* 1455 SENIORS REGIONAL TRAVEL CARD—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many Regional Seniors Travel Cards have been provided to seniors in the Terrigal electorate since its inception in 2020?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the Government is planning to extend and fully fund the Regional Seniors Travel Card program beyond 30 November 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Regional Seniors Travel Cards issued to seniors in the Terrigal electorate since its inception in 2020 are as follows:
  - (a) 2020 – 19,161
  - (b) 2021 – 20,041
  - (c) 2022 – 20,063
  - (d) 2023 – 18,353
- (2) The Regional Seniors Travel Card (which was not funded, nor committed to by the former Liberal National Government beyond the end of this year) was put on hold on 7 July 2023 and will not reopen. Customers who have already received a card will continue to be able to use their card. These actions have been taken to minimise the risk of misuse of the scheme.

\* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many Creative Kids vouchers have been provided to families in the Terrigal electorate since its inception in 2018?
- (2) Can the Minister advise since its inception in 2018:
  - (a) How many organisations (in total) in the Terrigal electorate are currently registered as a Creative Kids provider?
  - (b) How many Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed by organisations in the Terrigal electorate?



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- (3) Can the Minister advise whether the Government is planning to continue to fully fund the Creative Kids Voucher Program every year for the next four years?

Answer—

- (1) Create NSW can not advise how many vouchers were redeemed by parent/carers in the Terrigal electorate as there is no address registered to the vouchers. Therefore this data is not available at an electorate level.
- (2) Since the program's inception:
- (a) 69 Creative Kids Providers are registered in the Terrigal electorate
- (b) 99,721 vouchers have been redeemed by providers based in the Terrigal electorate.
- (3) In June 2023, the NSW Government announced a new ongoing voucher program that combines Active and Create Kids programs will come into effect from 1 February 2024. The new, means-tested, program will continue to offer vouchers for children to undertake creative activities.

- \* 1457 FIRST HOME BUYERS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme, how many first home buyers in the Oxley Electorate have:
- (a) Purchased a property valued up to \$800,000 and paid no stamp duty?
- (b) Purchased a property valued less than \$1,000,000 and paid a reduced stamp duty rate?
- (c) Purchased vacant land valued up to \$350,000 on which to build a home and paid no stamp duty?
- (d) 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.

- \* 1458 LAND TAX—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many purchasers of property in the Oxley 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.

- \* 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 Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Regarding the Return and Earn Scheme, how many containers have been recycled in the Oxley Electorate in:
- (a) Year to date (2023)?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2020?

- (e) Since the scheme began in 2017?

Answer—

- (1) The number of containers recycled through the Return and Earn Scheme in the Oxley electorate as of 1 October 2023 is:
- (a) 19,462,193 containers
  - (b) 26,525,794 containers
  - (c) 26,330,524 containers
  - (d) 27,617,722 containers
  - (e) 139,992,692 containers.

\* 1460 RESPONSE TO DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) In response to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability:
- (a) How does the Government intend on regulating restrictive practice substitute decision makers?
  - (b) How does the Government intend to create 'best practice' safeguards in guardianship?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability delivered its Final Report on 29 September 2023. It made recommendations about state and territory legal frameworks in relation to restrictive practices and guardianship and administration.

The NSW Government is closely considering the recommendations of the Royal Commission and will provide a response in due course.

\* 1461 ELECTRIC BUSES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

What plans does the Government have to roll out more electric buses in my electorate of Ryde?

Answer—

I am advised

Zero Emission Buses (ZEB) is a multi-billion dollar program to transition NSW's 8,000 plus diesel and Compressed Natural Gas public transport buses to zero emissions technology.

There are currently over 100 ZEBs operating on Sydney's roads with 200 expected by 2024. By 2028, around 1,700 new electric buses will be operating on Sydney's roads.

As part of the first stage of the ZEB program in Greater Sydney, a new electric bus depot will be built at Macquarie Park by 2028.

By 2028, the new depot at Macquarie Park is planned to operate a fleet of around 165 ZEBs.

\* 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—

What plans does the Government have to reduce single use plastics in my electorate of Ryde?

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Answer—

- (1) The NSW Plastics Action Plan lays out plans for a review of further items for regulatory action. Because of the environmental urgency, the NSW Government has brought this review forward. I have also asked the NSW Environment Protection Authority to publicly consult and seek feedback on potential further action to address unnecessary and problematic plastics in the coming months.

\* 1463 BIKE LANES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

What plans does the Government have to install more bike lanes, both in my electorate of Ryde, and in the Sydney Metropolitan Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's Strategic Cycleway Corridor network maps for Greater Sydney were released in March 2023 and include proposed connections to Meadow Bank, Melrose Park, West Ryde, North Ryde, Eastwood, Marsfield and Macquarie Park. Strategic cycleway corridors provide the foundation for establishing safe and convenient cross-city cycleway connections that better connect centres, precincts, and places.

A network of strategic cycleway corridors will be progressively developed in stages to support the future uptake of active transport. The program and the effective staged implementation of corridors is subject to further development, funding, approvals and ongoing collaboration with partners such as councils, bike groups and other key stakeholders.

The network of strategic cycleway corridors across Greater Sydney will be supported by the delivery of local bike networks by councils.

Transport for NSW supports improvements in local bike networks including the development and delivery of appropriate infrastructure through funding successful council submissions as part of the Get NSW Active program.

Transport for NSW's Get NSW Active program is an annual program that is available to all councils in NSW to lodge applications, and if successful is used to fund the planning and delivery of safe local walking and cycling connections.

The City of Ryde recently released its Bicycle Strategy (2022-2030) and supporting Action Plan that will inform the City's future funding applications for cycling infrastructure to Transport for NSW.

\* 1464 DISABILITY SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) Given disability support is often multi-faceted, why are organisations funded by the Disability Advocacy Futures Program restricted from advocating on matters pertaining to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and other services supported by the Commonwealth Government?
- (2) Are there any plans to better empower advocates to offer wrap-around support and advocacy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Disability advocacy services are entitled to apply for funding under the NSW Government's Disability Advocacy Futures Program, or the Commonwealth Government's National Disability Advocacy Program. Under the current model established by the former government, each jurisdiction funds advocacy services relating to its responsibilities. Many NSW-funded advocacy services also receive Commonwealth advocacy funding, including:

- Advocacy Law Alliance Inc,

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- Intellectual Disability Rights Service Inc,
  - Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW Inc,
  - People with Disability Australia Inc,
  - Spinal Cord Injuries Australia Ltd,
  - Synapse Australia Ltd, and
  - The Institute for Family Advocacy & Leadership Development.
- (2) It is not the NSW Government's intention to assume responsibility for NDIS- or Commonwealth-related advocacy services. However, I have requested the Department of Communities and Justice undertake a review to ensure the DAFP guidelines are effective and efficient, and encourage meaningful support for people with disability.
- \* 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—
- (1) What is the address of the proposed new school and childcare in Melrose Park?
- (2) What plans does the Government have for the existing Melrose Park Public School?
- Answer—
- Planning is underway on delivering the Minns Government's commitments to build a new high school in Melrose Park and to redevelop Melrose Park Public School. Updates will continue to be made available via the School Infrastructure NSW website as they become available.
- \* 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—
- Can the Minister advise of reasons why data cannot be provided as to how many people in my electorate of Ryde will no longer be able to redeem Active and Creative Kids Vouchers, or a reduced quantum of Active and Creative Kids Vouchers under the Government's means tested scheme?
- Answer—
- I am advised that Service NSW does not hold address details for all parents/carers and school aged children (between 4.5 and 18 years of age) eligible to access the current Active Kids and Creative Kids voucher programs, to support the provision of this data at a NSW electorate level.
- Service NSW will be reliant on Services Australia to verify eligibility for the new Active and Creative Kids voucher program via means testing against Family Tax Benefits (a Commonwealth benefits program).
- Services Australia does not provide address details for recipients of Family Tax Benefits to enable determination of the number parents/carers and school aged children who may be eligible for the new Active and Creative Kids program, at an NSW electorate level.
- \* 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—
- What plans does the Government have to reverse the decline in volunteering in my electorate of Ryde, and across communities in New South Wales?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The NSW Government is working with a wide range of sector stakeholders and investing in a range of initiatives to grow volunteer participation across NSW communities.

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The NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030 takes a whole of government, whole-of-sector approach to volunteering in NSW.

The strategy has three focus areas:

- (1) Growth and Support -which aims to increase participation in volunteering; and make volunteer recruitment, retention, and management easier by building the capacity of the sector.
- (2) Knowledge -which aims to improve our understanding of volunteering in NSW.
- (3) Value -which aims to enhance recognition of the value of volunteering and the contributions made by volunteers in NSW.

The vision for the NSW Volunteering Strategy 2020-2030 is 'Volunteering in NSW grows and is vibrant. Everyone can volunteer, more often, throughout life, and their contributions are celebrated.'

- \* 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—

In relation to the old Meadowbank Public School site, does the Government plan to retain the existing school hall as part of the transfer from school infrastructure to community space?

Answer—

Following consultation between the NSW Department of Education, City of Ryde Council and the community, plans for the future of this site are now available, including on the Department's website.

- \* 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—

In relation to full-time-equivalent teaching vacancies at public schools in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) Can the Minister provide the existing number of full-time-equivalent teaching vacancies separately for each public school in the Winston Hills Electorate from the most recent date of data collection?

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 Winston Hills, permanent teacher vacancies grew under the former Liberal National Government from just 6 in 2011, to more than 24 in 2023.

As of 18 May 2023, there was a total of 24.4 FTE teaching positions in the Winston Hills electorate.

School Name	Total Vacant Teaching FTE 18 May 2023
Northmead Public School	1.00
Parklea Public School	1.00
Seven Hills North Public School	1.00
Toongabbie Public School	0.00
Seven Hills Public School	0.80
Seven Hills West Public School	0.00
Lalor Park Public School	2.00

Darcy Road Public School	0.00
Vardys Road Public School	2.00
Lynwood Park Public School	0.00
Toongabbie West Public School	1.00
Toongabbie East Public School	1.00
Winston Hills Public School	0.00
Winston Heights Public School	0.00
Kings Langley Public School	0.00
Caddies Creek Public School	1.40
William Rose School	0.20
The Hills School	0.00
Northmead Creative and PA High	3.00
Seven Hills High School	4.00
Glenwood High School	3.00
Pendle Hill High School	3.00

\* 1470 NEW SOUTH WALES ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme:

- (1) How many households and businesses in the following suburbs have taken up the New South Wales Energy Saving Scheme since the changes were introduced on 14 April, 2023:
- (a) Blacktown?
  - (b) Constitution Hill?
  - (c) Glenwood?
  - (d) Kings Langley?
  - (e) Lalor Park?
  - (f) Northmead?
  - (g) Old Toongabbie?
  - (h) Pendle Hill?
  - (i) Seven Hills?
  - (j) Toongabbie?
  - (k) Wentworthville?
  - (l) Winston Hills?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Energy.

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\* 1471 EARLY LEARNING CENTRES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

In relation to early learning centres in the Winston Hills Electorate

- (1) What is the average wait time for access to an early learning centre in the following suburbs:
  - (a) Blacktown?
  - (b) Constitution Hill?
  - (c) Glenwood?
  - (d) Kings Langley?
  - (e) Lalor Park?
  - (f) Northmead?
  - (g) Old Toongabbie?
  - (h) Pendle Hill?
  - (i) Seven Hills?
  - (j) Toongabbie?
  - (k) Wentworthville?
  - (l) Winston Hills?
- (2) Are there any current plans to build more public early learning centres or preschools in the Winston Hills Electorate to reduce the lengthy wait time?

Answer—

The Minns Government's record investment in public preschools is targeting support for families and children experiencing disadvantage, poorer educational outcomes and in areas where there is undersupply of preschool places based on predicted future demand.

The department is considering locations based on a range of data and feedback from the sector. This includes consideration of Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) and Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) data. Community consultation will occur as part of the rollout of these preschools, with the operational timeframes for each preschool to be determined as part of that process.

The government's 100 public preschools commitment focuses on increasing the supply of preschool in areas of need where there is an undersupply of preschool places.

The NSW government has also established the Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund (the Fund), to foster sector growth over the coming decade.

The Department of Education does not hold specific information on waiting lists for private day care services.

\* 1472 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASSES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many eligible school travel passes have been issued for students in the Bathurst electorate?
- (2) How many in each of the 5 Local Government Areas in my electorate:
  - (a) Bathurst?
  - (b) Lithgow?
  - (c) Oberon?

- (d) Blayney?
- (e) Mid Western?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There are 21,719 active school travel passes for the Bathurst electorate.
- (2)
  - (a) Bathurst – 8,653
  - (b) Lithgow – 4,505
  - (c) Oberon – 1,175
  - (d) Blayney – 1,819
  - (e) Mid-Western – 5,567.

\* 1473 VARROA MITE DETECTION—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—

In relation to a recent detection of varroa mite in the Central West:

- (1) What measures are currently in place for the management and control of Varroa mite in New South Wales?
- (2) Is the Government planning to fund assistance for apiarists in regional New South Wales impacted by the effects of Varroa mite?
- (3) What is the financial assistance currently available?
- (4) Will further measures of support be implemented?

Answer—

- (1) On 19 September 2023, the National Management Group (NMG), made up of representatives from all Australian governments and 16 industries potentially impacted by Varroa mite, agreed that eradication is no longer technically feasible and that the response should transition to enable management.

NSW DPI is currently working with its response partners to develop a transition to management plan, which will provide a foundation allowing beekeeping and pollination-dependent industries to adopt primary responsibility for the management of Varroa mite. This plan is expected to be in place within six weeks.

An interim plan limits movement of bees from high-risk regions (Central Coast, Hunter, Northern Sydney and Kempsey). Under this interim plan:

- (a) movement of bees, hives and apiary equipment is allowed from other areas including zones previously associated infected premises. All movements are still subject to declaration and a permit system.
- (b) baiting of wild European Honeybees with the insecticide fipronil has ceased.
- (c) euthanasia of bees has also ceased except for hives within former Eradication Emergency (red) Zones where beekeepers opt to allow euthanasia and claim reimbursement.

Government and industry partners are currently collaborating to develop a plan to allow Australia to transition to management of Varroa mite. The plan will focus on education and training, sustainable pest management, business continuity and trade and research.



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- (2) Over 3,000 reimbursement applications had been completed by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority as of 20 September 2023.

Following the decision that it is no longer technically feasible to eradicate Varroa mite in Australia further reimbursement will be limited to beekeepers who opt to have their bees euthanised in former Eradication Emergency (red) zones.

- (3) Reimbursement payments for eligible beekeepers are unchanged. Details can be found on the DPI Varroa mite emergency response website.
- (4) The aim of the transition to management program is to work to increase resilience and capacity to manage Varroa mite within the Australian honeybee industry and thereby minimise ongoing impacts of Varroa mite naturalisation on the bee industry and pollination reliant industries. This will occur through slowing the spread, building industry resilience, provide management options and supporting pollination security.

Support measures to assist industry through this transition period are currently being developed but will involve sustainable pest management and business training and measures to ensure business continuity.

- \* 1474 BOMADERRY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the \$1.1 million upgrade and increase in staffing at the Bomaderry Ambulance Station in January 2023:

- (1) How many additional staff have joined the station since the upgrade and enhancement?
- (2) What was the FTE for this station in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?
- (3) Of those FTE, what is the breakdown of staff roles?
- (4) How many of the Bomaderry Ambulance Station staff are Intensive Care Paramedics (ICPs)?
- (5) How many ICPs are now stationed at Bomaderry and designated to rescue and response vehicles respectively?
- (6) How many staff vacancies are there currently for the station?
- (7) Noting that Shoalhaven has the second highest activity rate (geographically - rest of NSW, April – June 2023), will the Minister urgently review the station to ensure staff and vehicle levels are adequate to service the area?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Ambulance provides staffing to meet operational needs.

Paramedics are mobile and respond to patients, whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station, or another location. To provide coverage where they are most needed and deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community, ambulance vehicles and paramedic crews move around during shifts.

Bomaderry Ambulance Station's staffing profile includes paramedics, intensive care paramedics and team leaders. Bomaderry Ambulance Station has 24/7 rescue capability which includes a rescue vehicle. Specialist trained paramedics and rescue resources are assigned to incidents as required.

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth when planning for future service provision, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage. NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand in the area for future decisions about ambulance coverage.

- \* 1475 EASTERN CREEK RACEWAY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

What is the current status regarding future events to be held at the new dirt speedway at Eastern Creek Raceway?

Answer—

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

- \* 1477 DISABLED PARKING PERMITS—Mr Ray Williams 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 denying disabled parking permits to individuals with severe intellectual and behavioural disabilities including those with severe autism and learning difficulties?

(a) If so, why?

(2) Are bureaucrats in the Roads Department considering doctor's letters from practitioners of those with the above conditions when making their decisions including in situations where lifelong doctors have recommended that parking permits be available?

Answer—

I am advised

To be eligible for a Mobility Parking Scheme permit the applicant must have a disability that meets the definition of a disabled person under the Road Transport (General) Regulation 2013.

In the context of the Mobility Parking Scheme, this means a disabled person is defined as a person:

- who is unable to walk because of permanent or temporary loss of the use of one or both legs or other permanent medical or physical condition; or
- whose physical condition is detrimentally affected as a result of walking 100 metres; or
- who requires the use of crutches, a walking frame, callipers, scooter, wheelchair or other similar mobility aid.

Applicants with intellectual or behavioural disabilities will also need to have a permanent or temporary disability that impacts their ability to walk 100 metres to be eligible. Temporary disability parking permits are issued for periods of up to six months.

The NSW implementation of the Mobility Parking Scheme is consistent with the Australian Disability Parking Scheme.

This information is available on the NSW Government website: (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences>).

Service NSW process these applications on behalf of Transport for NSW. Service NSW staff assess all information that is provided to support an application and determine it based on whether the applicant meets the eligibility criteria.

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- \* 1478 INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSION NSW DATA—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to data and information collected and reported by the Information and Privacy Commission NSW:

- (1) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact number of individuals who lodged a GIPA where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
  - (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (2) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact number of valid GIPA applications lodged by individuals where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
  - (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (3) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact percentage breakdown of the nature of information requested by individuals where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
  - (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (4) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact percentage of GIPA applications lodged by individuals which were granted in full where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
  - (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (5) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact percentage of GIPA applications lodged by individuals which were granted in part where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
  - (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?

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- (6) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact percentage of GIPA applications lodged by individuals which were refused in full where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
- (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (7) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact percentage of GIPA applications lodged by individuals which were decided “within time” where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
- (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (8) In each of the below financial years, what is the exact number of GIPA applications lodged which were subject to a decision review where the applying individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode):
- (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?
- (9) In each of the below financial years, if any applications lodged by individuals were reviewed where that individual recorded their postal or residential address as including one of the following postcodes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2099, 2100 (please provide answers by postcode), please provide an exact percentage breakdown of the review outcomes:
- (a) 2022-23?
  - (b) 2021-22?
  - (c) 2020-21?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised by the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) that this data and information is not collected or reported by the IPC.
- (2) I am advised by the IPC that this data and information is not collected or reported by the IPC.
- (3) I am advised by the IPC that this data and information is not collected or reported by the IPC.
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- (8) The IPC only holds data by postcode for reviews undertaken by the IPC, which are as follows:
  - (a) In 2022-23, 5 applications were received for review by the IPC for the postcodes; 2093 - 2 applications; 2099 -1 application, 2101- 1 application and 2107 -1 application

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- (b) In 2021-22, 8 applications were received for review by the IPC for the postcodes; 2086 -1 application; 2099 -2 applications, 2103 - 2 applications, 2107 -3 applications.
- (c) In 2020-21, 5 applications were received for review by the IPC for the postcodes; 2084 -4 Applications and 2099 -1 Application.
- (9) I am advised by the IPC that the IPC only holds data by postcode for review of a decision undertaken by the IPC in circumstances where the applicant provides a post code and that post code was manually entered into the IPC's case management system by staff. Accordingly, the following data should be viewed as representing the best available data:
- (a) In 2022-23, 5 applications were received for review by the IPC for these postcodes and the review outcome percentages are; 2093 -50% Upheld and 50% Declined to deal with; 2099 - 100% Upheld, 2101- 100% Upheld and 2107 -100% - Recommendation for Agency to Reconsider Decision.
- (b) In 2021-22, 8 applications were received for review by the IPC for these postcodes and the review outcome percentages are; 2086 -100% Upheld; 2099 -100% Upheld, 2103 - 50%Upheld and 50% - Out of Jurisdiction, 2107 -67% Upheld and 33% Withdrawn.
- (c) In 2020-21, 5 applications were received for review by the IPC for these postcodes and the review outcome percentages are; 2084 -75% Recommendation for Agency to Reconsider Decision and 25% Withdrawn and 2099 -100% Recommendation for Agency to Reconsider Decision.

\* 1479 GOLF BUGGY REGISTRATION—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:

- (1) What is the exact number of golf buggies subject to a conditional registration where the registered owner of that golf buggy has a residential address on Scotland Island NSW 2105?
- (2) What is the exact number of golf buggies subject to a conditional registration where the registered owner of that golf buggy has a postal address at Church Point NSW 2105?
- (3) What is the exact number golf buggies referenced in answer to question (1) are also referenced in the answer to question (2)?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There are 4 golf buggies subject to a conditional registration where the registered owner of that golf buggy has a residential address on Scotland Island NSW 2105.
- (2) There are 2 of golf buggies subject to a conditional registration where the registered owner of that golf buggy has a postal address at Church Point NSW 2105.
- (3) There are 3 golf buggies referenced in answer to question (1) are also referenced in the answer to question (2).

\* 1480 SCOTLAND ISLAND COMMUNITY VEHICLE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will the Minister advise:

- (1) The exact average number of trips for the Scotland Island Community Vehicle every Monday – Friday for each of the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?

- (c) 2022-23?
- (2) The exact average number of trips for the Scotland Island Community Vehicle every Saturday – Sunday for each of the following years:
- (a) 2020-21?
- (b) 2021-22?
- (c) 2022-23?
- (3) Is there a concession rate for the Scotland Island Community Vehicle?
- (a) If yes, what is the concession rate?
- (b) If yes, what is the criteria to be eligible for the concession rate?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The daily average number of trips for the Scotland Island Community Vehicle every Monday - Friday is as follows
- (a) 2020-21: 15 trips/day including weekends. In 2020-21 trips were tracked weekly.
- (b) 2021-22: 10 trips/day
- (c) 2022-23: 10 trips/day
- (2) The daily average number of trips for the Scotland Island Community Vehicle every Saturday - Sunday for each of the following years:
- (a) 2020-21: 15 trips/day including weekends. In 2020-21 trips were tracked weekly.
- (b) 2021-22: 14 trips/day
- (c) 2022-23: 11 trips/day
- (3)
- (a) The Operator of the Scotland Island Community Vehicle offers a concession of \$5 per trip for eligible customers.
- (b) Customers eligible for the concession include those with mobility issues, those holding a disability permit and/or Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) eligible.

\* 1481 VEHICLE DATA—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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of:
- Electric vehicles,
  - Hydrogen vehicles,
  - Petrol or diesel vehicles,
- (a) Registered to an owner who has recorded their business or postal address in any of the following postcodes (2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2099, 2100):
- (b) As at each of the follow dates, please provide a breakdown by type vehicle, for each post code, for each year.
- (i) 30 June 2023?

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- (ii) 30 June 2022?  
(iii) 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised

Summary table of vehicles (by power) below for years 2021 - 2023 (June month end).

Vehicle (motive power)	30-Jun-2021	30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2023
Electric	1,894	2,633	3,760
Hydrogen	2	2	2
Petrol	105,411	103,784	103,669
Diesel	31,053	32,178	32,880

Note: Electric category includes hybrid electric, plug-in hybrid electric and Battery Electric

Privacy policy does not allow for postcode level summary data to be released for internal and public consumption due to re-identification risks. The table (above) includes counts from all postcodes listed under (a).

- \* 1482 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Could the Minister please advise the total cost (including staff costs) of dealing with code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the general manager (CEO) for each of the 128 Local Government Areas in NSW for the last three reporting periods? Please provide answers for each Local Government Area for each of the reporting periods.

Answer—

The costs for dealing with code of conduct complaints for each of the 128 councils is publicly available on the Office of Local Government website.

- \* 1483 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL FUNDING—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In the 2023-24 State Budget, are you able to outline the programs and funding awarded to the Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2023-24 State Budget allocated \$24.6 million for continued upgrades of the Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre Complex (including a new MRI service for the Sutherland community).

- \* 1484 POKER MACHINES TAX REVENUE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines located in the Holsworthy electorate during:

- (1) 2018-2019?
- (2) 2019-2020?
- (3) 2020-2021?
- (4) 2021-2022?

Answer—

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

- \* 1485 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister provide:

- (1) A list of hazard reduction burns that have been conducted in the electorate of Holsworthy since 1 July 2023?
- (2) A list of scheduled hazard reduction burns to be completed in preparation for the upcoming bushfire season?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Since 1 July 2023, hazard reduction burns covering more than 2,700 hectares have been conducted at Heathcote Road, Pleasure Point; the Holsworthy ADF site; and Stewart Avenue, Hammondville. These hazard reductions will directly protect 76 properties and broadly provide protection to the highly populated areas of Heathcote and Engadine and significant infrastructure, including the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) at Lucas Heights.
- (2) Further hazard reduction burns covering 750 hectares are scheduled on the ANSTO site at Lucas Heights and the Holsworthy ADF site in this financial year, directly protecting 750 properties.

- \* 1486 SKILLED STATE NOMINATED VISAS- 2023-2024 MIGRATION PROGRAM AND STATE ALLOCATIONS—Mr Roy Butler 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—

- (1) Can the Minister provide the total number nominated by New South Wales for both the 190 visa for the 22/23 Financial Year and the 491 visa for the same?
- (2) Can the Minister provide the total number of Registered Nurses of all Australian and New Zealand Classification of Occupations codes nominated by New South Wales for the 190 and 491 visa separately for the 22/23 Financial Year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW nominated its full allocation of 15,536 nomination positions for the 2022-23 financial year including 9,108 nominations for the Skilled Nominated Subclass 190 visa and 6,168 nominations for the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) Subclass 491 visa.
- (2) For the 2022-23 financial year, NSW nominated 636 registered nurses for the Skilled Nominated Subclass 491 visas and 37 registered nurses for the Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) Subclass 491 visa.

- \* 1487 SKILLED STATE NOMINATED VISAS- 2023-2024 MIGRATION PROGRAM AND STATE ALLOCATIONS- REGIONAL NEEDS—Mr Roy Butler 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—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a reason as to the large drop in allocation for New South Wales State nominated visas for the subclasses 190 and 491 visa from the previous financial year allocations as provided by the Department of Home Affairs?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how many visas will be nominated?



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- (3) Can the Minister advise how this will meet the needs of regional New South Wales when individual regional areas internet vacancy indexes are of that amount each month consistently?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Australian Government determines the number of nominations for skilled visas.
- (2) NSW has been provided a total allocation of 4,150 nomination positions for the subclasses 190 and 491.
- (3) The NSW Government prioritises nominating applicants for the subclass 491 visa and has established specific pathways to ensure that regional businesses can retain skilled workers.

\* 1488 FREE FERRY HOPPER SERVICE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the free hopper service between Wagstaffe and Ettalong Wharfs since it was implemented by the Government:
  - (a) Can the Minister advise how many passengers have been using the service on a daily basis?
  - (b) And at what times?
- (2) Is the Government planning a trial of a user pays system to continue this hopper service that is being provided by Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The free hopper service between Wagstaffe and Ettalong Wharfs had an average of 16 weekday passengers. The average weekend passengers were 145 passengers per day.
- (2) No.

\* 1489 FUNDING FOR BOARDRIDER CLUBS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In relation to Labor's commitment to provide \$10,000 for equipment upgrades to the Macmasters Avoca, North Avoca and Wamberal Boardriders Clubs, can the Treasurer advise when this funding will be available?
- (2) Can the Treasurer provide details of what equipment will be provided to these clubs?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Special Minister of State.

\* 1490 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUNDING PROGRAM—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—

- (1) For the following years, how many jobs were created in the Oxley Electorate through the Government's Regional Job Creation Funding program?
  - (a) 2021?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2023?

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Answer—

- (1) 39 jobs are estimated to be created in the Oxley electorate under Round 1 and 2 of the Regional Job Creation Fund.

\* 1491 FUEL DISCOUNT SCHEME WITH UNITED PETROL STATIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many seniors have signed up to the Government's four-cent-per litre discount scheme with United Petrol Stations in the following Local Government Areas:
- (a) Bellingen Shire?
  - (b) Nambucca Valley?
  - (c) Kempsey Shire?
  - (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings?

Answer—

I am advised:

A four cent per litre discount is offered by United Petroleum via the Seniors Card and Seniors Savers Card. United Petroleum has advised 41,816 seniors have registered for the discount plan. Geographical data on the fuel discount card is not available.

\* 1492 STRONG COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND IN OXLEY—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—

With respect to Labor's commitment to appoint an additional 100 frontline National Parks and Wildlife Service staff to tackle uncontrolled weeds and pests, mostly in regional areas:

- (1) How many field officers are currently positioned across each of the four local government areas in the Oxley electorate?
- (2) Of the new 100 positions, how many will be allocated to each of the four local government areas of the Oxley electorate?
- (3) When will the new field officers be on-boarded?

Answer—

- (1) NPWS administrative boundaries do not match NSW electorate or local government boundaries, and staff routinely travel away from their operational base to provide service to other parks. It is therefore not possible to provide a precise indication of field officer staff effort apportioned by electorate.

- Combined Hastings-Macleay Area, Manning-Great Lakes Area and Coffs Coast Area: 67 FTE field officers.

All figures represent full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels for staff employed in the field officer classification as at 1 September 2023. Figures exclude casuats, contractors and board members. Figures do not include other NPWS staff categories such as rangers.

- (2) The locations for the 100 new field officer roles are yet to be determined.
- (3) Planning has commenced for recruitment and onboarding, including timeframes, for the 100 new field officer roles. The first tranche of funding for these roles has been approved in the 2023-24 State Budget. It is planned for all 100 roles to be filled by December 2026, or earlier.

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\* 1493 ROAD USER SPACE ALLOCATION POLICY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Road User Space Allocation Policy that requires Transport for NSW to consider the needs of people walking and cycling before any other road user when allocating road space:

- (1) When will Transport for NSW be reviewing the policy, and what is the timeframe for completion of the review?
- (2) What are the Terms of Reference for the review?
- (3) What opportunities will be available for stakeholders to contribute to the review?
- (4) When and where will the outcome of the review be published?

Answer—

I am advised:

Road User Space Allocation Policy (CP21000) is a Corporate Policy applying to staff in Transport for NSW involved in planning, design, scheme approval, building, management or operation of roads in NSW. The Policy can be found at:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2021/road-user-spaceallocation-policy.pdf>

- (1) Transport for NSW periodically reviews all corporate policies. An internal review of the Road User Space Allocation Policy and supporting Procedure has commenced as it is due for its review period.
- (2) Terms of Reference is in development. The review will consider:
  - Evidence of how the policy has been used and not used, and the resulting outcomes.
  - Any problems, issues and barriers to implementing the policy (real or perceived).
  - How the policy relates to Transport's other policies, guidelines and standards with respect to implementation, governance and decision making around road space allocation and network operations
  - How the policy sits within other requirements for planning, projects and places.
- (3) The corporate policy applies to internal Transport staff who will form the primary stakeholders of the review. Other external stakeholders will be considered during the course of the review, including councils.
- (4) The outcome of the review will be provided to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads for consideration by end of 2023.

\* 1494 ROAD TUNNEL AIR QUALITY—Ms Kobi Shetty 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 the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer's findings on road tunnel air quality:

- (1) When will the Chief Scientist and Engineer be reviewing these findings, and what is the timeframe for completion of the review?
- (2) What are the Terms of Reference for the review?
- (3) What opportunities will be available for stakeholders to contribute to the review?
- (4) When and where will the outcome of the review be published?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality is chaired by NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer and consists of a range of experts and officers in fields related to road tunnels, air quality and human health. The findings of the review is anticipated to be complete by the first quarter of 2024.
- (2) The Terms of Reference will include:
  - An independent review of the findings and recommendations of studies and reports on the human health effects of traffic-related air pollution, and
  - An independent review of the air quality monitoring data from operating motorway tunnels across the Greater Sydney network and impacts on ambient air quality.
- (3) The purpose of the review is to provide scientific and technical advice about the potential benefits of installing filtration and air treatment systems in NSW road tunnels. Therefore, stakeholder consultation is outside of the scope.
- (4) The outcomes of the review will be published on the website of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer following completion of the review.

\* 1495 REVIEW OF PART4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to the requirement under s214B of the Crimes Act that the Minister review Part4AF of the Crimes Act and that the review be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 2 years from the commencement of the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022:

- (1) What body or agency will undertake the review?
- (2) When will the review commence, and what will be the timeframe for its completion?
- (3) What are the Terms of Reference for the review?
- (4) How will the conclusions of the Legislation Review Committee that Division 7 impacts freedom of assembly and association and may insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny be taken into account within the review's Terms of Reference?
- (5) What opportunities will be available for stakeholders and the community to contribute to the review?
- (6) When and where will the findings of the review be published?

Answer—

I am advised:

The review will be undertaken by the Department of Communities and Justice on behalf of the Attorney General and will commence as soon as possible after 1 April 2024. The review will consider whether the policy objectives of Part 4AF remain valid and whether the terms of the Part remain appropriate for securing those objectives. The report from the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament within 6 months after 1 April 2024. The report will be available on the NSW Parliament website once it is tabled. Other aspects of the review will be finalised in due course.

\* 1496 REVIEW OF DIVISION 7 OF THE ROADS ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty 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 requirement under s144H of the Roads Act that the Minister review Division 7 of the Roads Act and that the review be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 2 years from the commencement of the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022:

- (1) What body or agency will undertake the review?
- (2) When will the review commence, and what will be the timeframe for its completion?

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- (3) What are the Terms of Reference for the review?
- (4) How will the conclusions of the Legislation Review Committee that Division 7 impacts freedom of assembly and association and may insufficiently subject the exercise of legislative power to parliamentary scrutiny be taken into account within the review's Terms of Reference?
- (5) What opportunities will be available for stakeholders and the community to contribute to the review?
- (6) When and where will the findings of the review be published?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) As the Roads Act 1993 is jointly administered by the Minister for Roads, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Regional Roads and Transport, it is expected that Transport for NSW will undertake the review on behalf of its ministers.
- (2) Under Section 144H of the Roads Act, the review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of two years from the commencement of the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022, and a report on the outcome of the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament within six months. That is, the review is to be undertaken after 1 April 2024.
- (3) Section 144H of the Roads Act provides that the Minister is to review these offence provisions to determine whether the policy objectives remain valid, and the terms remain appropriate for securing these objectives.
- (4) To be determined as part of the review.
- (5) Opportunities to contribute will be announced during the review.
- (6) Section 144H of the Roads Act requires a report on the outcomes of the review to be tabled in both Houses of Parliament within six months of the end of the two-year period. That is, by no later than 1 October 2024.

- \* 1497 CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$19,441,000 for "Cronulla High School Upgrade" in 2023-24, what are the most recent expected construction completion and occupation dates for the new buildings?

Answer—

Project updates have been made publicly available and shared with the school community.

- \* 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—

- (1) Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$19,351,000 for "Commemorating the Meeting of Two Cultures at Kamay Botany Bay National Park" in 2023-24:
  - (a) What is the work being undertaken?
  - (b) What are the most recent expected construction completion and occupation dates?

Answer—

(1 a - b) The \$19,351,000 of funding identified in the NSW Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla for "Commemorating the Meeting of Two Cultures at Kamay Botany Bay National Park" will be applied toward the delivery of works outlined in the 2019 Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell Master Plan.

These include:

- construction of a new visitor centre, with a new exhibition space, retail area, community meeting rooms, and education and office spaces
- works in the cricket pitch precinct, including expansion of the existing carpark, and replacement of the current amenity building
- construction of associated visitor infrastructure including connecting pathways and walking tracks, picnic facilities and a Disability Discrimination Act 1992 compliant boardwalk to the new commemorative sculptures
- upgrades to major services to support the above works.

Completion of these works including the construction, and occupation of the visitor centre building, is scheduled for December 2024.

\* 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—

(1) Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$576,000 for "Social Housing - Upgrade" in 2023-24:

- (a) What is the nature and locations of the upgrades being undertaken?
- (b) What are the expected completion dates for each?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) develops upgrade programmes based on Property Condition Surveys and prioritises properties in most need. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works undertaken.

\* 1500 SOCIAL HOUSING ACCELERATOR AGREEMENT—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) Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$104,000 for "Social Housing Accelerator Agreement - Asset Improvement" in 2023-24:

- (a) What is the nature and locations of the upgrades being undertaken?
- (b) What are the expected completion dates for each?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) will utilise the Social Housing Accelerator Agreement (SHAF) in accordance with its Property Condition Surveys. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works are undertaken.

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- \* 1501 MULTI-USER WHARVES AT LA PEROUSE AND KURNELL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$42,515,000 for “continue the delivery of multi-user wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell...”, what are the most recent estimated construction completion dates for the wharves?

Answer—

I am advised

This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website

(<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/kamay-ferry-wharves>)

- \* 1502 ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$38,180,000 for “Continue development and construction of accessibility upgrades in line with the Transport Action Plan”:

- (a) At what locations on the T4 train line will any of this be spent?  
(b) Separately for each such location, what is the amount budgeted in 2023-24?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2023-24 NSW Budget has allocated \$800.7 million over the next four years for the More Accessible, Safe and Secure Train Stations program. This program combines the existing Transport Access Program fund with the Commuter Car Park Program fund with an additional \$300 million committed at the election.

Transport for NSW has completed a Strategic Business Case for a future tranche of accessibility upgrades. A Final Business Case is underway for prioritised locations. This list is being considered in the context of the 2023-24 NSW Budget allocation to combine the funding of the current Transport Access Program and Commuter Car Parking Program into the More Accessible, Safe and Secure Train Stations program.

- \* 1503 EXTENDED 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—

(1) Noting that the New South Wales Budget 2023-24 Electorate Report for Cronulla identifies \$15,000,000 for “Continue to deliver extended clearways”:

- (a) In respect of what locations in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas will any of this be spent?  
(b) Separately for each such location, what is the amount budgeted in 2023-24?

Answer—

I am advised

Information about Sydney's Clearways Program and Strategy is available on the Transport for NSW website via [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/sydney-clearways-program-easing-sydneys-congestion-program-office](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/sydney-clearways-program-easing-sydneys-congestion-program-office)

- \* 1504 HEATHCOTE ROAD DUPLICATION—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—

Noting that 2023-24 Budget Paper No 3 page 2-36 identifies \$31.9 million for “Continued planning and development for the duplication of approximately 18 kilometres of Heathcote Road between The Avenue at Voyager Point and the Princes Highway Engadine”, when will the Government commence and complete the actual duplication?

Answer—

I am advised

The funding will be used to continue planning and design work for the duplication of sections of Heathcote Road. This includes consideration of extra overtaking lanes, congestion improvements and providing other safety enhancements.

- \* 1505 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) In relation to the School Student Transport Scheme:

- (a) How many students in the Bathurst Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (b) How many students in the Lithgow Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (c) How many students in the Blayney Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (d) How many students in the Oberon Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (e) How many students in the Mid-Western Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:



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- (i) 2020?
- (ii) 2021?
- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) Bathurst Local Government Area:
  - (i) 2020 -7603
  - (ii) 2021 -8245
  - (iii) 2022 -8486
  - (iv) 2023 -8653
- (b) Lithgow Local Government Area:
  - (i) 2020 -3744
  - (ii) 2021 -4199
  - (iii) 2022 -4392
  - (iv) 2023 -4505
- (c) Blayney Local Government Area:
  - (i) 2020 -1460
  - (ii) 2021 -1692
  - (iii) 2022 -1769
  - (iv) 2023 -1819
- (d) Oberon Local Government Area:
  - (i) 2020 -913
  - (ii) 2021 -1092
  - (iii) 2022 -1138
  - (iv) 2023 -1175
- (e) Mid-Western Local Government Area:
  - (i) 2020 -4338
  - (ii) 2021 -5130
  - (iii) 2022 -5389
  - (iv) 2023 -5567

\* 1506 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme:
  - (a) How many individuals in the Bathurst Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
    - (i) 2020?

- (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (b) How many individuals in the Lithgow Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (c) How many individuals in the Blayney Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (d) How many individuals in the Oberon Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (e) How many individuals in the Mid-Western Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) The total number of participants in the Bathurst Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020 -526
  - (ii) 2021 -489
  - (iii) 2022 -478
  - (iv) 2023 -464
- (b) The total number of participants in the Lithgow Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020 -270

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- (ii) 2021 -242
- (iii) 2022 -227
- (iv) 2023 -219
- (c) The total number of participants in the Blayney Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
  - (i) 2020 -21
  - (ii) 2021 -19
  - (iii) 2022 -19
  - (iv) 2023 -19
- (d) The total number of participants in the Oberon Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
  - (i) 2020 -7
  - (ii) 2021 -6
  - (iii) 2022 - 5
  - (iv) 2023 -4
- (e) The total number of participants in the Mid-Western Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
  - (i) 2020 -205
  - (ii) 2021 -182
  - (iii) 2022 -177
  - (iv) 2023 -171

\* 1507 APPRENTICE VEHICLE REGISTRATION REBATE SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the Apprentice Vehicle Registration Rebate Scheme:
  - (a) How many individuals in the Bathurst Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?
  - (b) How many individuals in the Lithgow Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
    - (i) 2020?
    - (ii) 2021?
    - (iii) 2022?
    - (iv) 2023?
  - (c) How many individuals in the Blayney Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:

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- (i) 2020?
- (ii) 2021?
- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?
- (d) How many individuals in the Oberon Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
- (ii) 2021?
- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?
- (e) How many individuals in the Mid-Western Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
- (i) 2020?
- (ii) 2021?
- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.

- \* 1508 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL REVIEWS—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—
- (1) What review processes are available for NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal members?
- (2) In what way are public complaints utilised in performance reviews of NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal members?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be directed to the Attorney General as the relevant legislation is within his portfolio responsibilities.

- \* 1509 FIRE CREWS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) What work is being done to ameliorate issues in growth centres regarding Rural Fire Service and Fire & Rescue cleavages?
- (2) Specifically, what work is being done to ensure formerly rural, now built-up areas have access to permanently manned Fire & Rescue crews, rather than volunteer-led Rural Fire Service crews – including in North Kellyville?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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- (1) The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) work collaboratively to protect lives and property around the State. RFS and FRNSW are members of the Fire Services Joint Standing Committee and have a Memorandum of Understanding, which provides a framework for cooperation and joint operations of urban and rural fire services.

The Committee recognises the complementary nature of both services' particular skills and is responsible for the management and review of boundaries every five years. The Committee also coordinates Mutual Aid Agreements (MAA) to ensure emergency arrangements are appropriate to the needs of a local area.

- (2) The Committee is responsible for developing strategic plans for the delivery of comprehensive, balanced and coordinated urban and rural fire services at the interface of Fire District and Rural Fire District boundaries. It also reviews jurisdictional boundaries as required.

The MAA for The Hills LGA ensures the best possible service to the North Kellyville community, which is afforded fire coverage by RFS and FRNSW. North Kellyville and Rouse Hill can be responded by FRNSW permanent crews.

A joint Field Commanders Forum, local training exercises and combined community engagement activities help build shared capabilities in The Hills.

\* 1510 BASIX STANDARDS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Government deferred the introduction of the Basix Standards which will add \$20,000 to the cost of building and ergo purchasing every new home?
- (a) If not, can the Government advise the reasons for this action?
- (2) Are there any plans to defer or temporarily weaken the BASIX Standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1-2) This information is publicly available on the NSW Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/BASIX-standards](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/BASIX-standards).

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\* 1511 SYDNEY HARBOUR PETITION—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—

- (1) Has the Premier been advised of the 'Save our Sydney Harbour Bridge Heritage' petition that was started on 27 February 2023 and has received 7,270 signatures on the platform “Change.org”?
- (2) Can the Premier please provide a detailed response to the community petition mentioned in (1), addressing each of the six reasons for objection raised in the petition?
- (3) Can the Premier please provide a response to the letter to the Premier from Robert Stitt KC (Chair, Lavender Bay Precinct) and Councillor Ian Mutton (North Sydney Council), dated 28 August 2023, regarding the planned northern approach cycle ramp to the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- (4) Can the Premier please advise whether the Government has plans to:
- (a) Immediately halt plans to install a cycle ramp landing in Bradfield Park North?
- (b) Re-engage with the community regarding their proposed community cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised that the Minister for Transport has responded to the correspondence. This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

\* 1512 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—

- (1) Who is responsible for the management and maintenance of the nature corridor along Alfords Point Road at Alfords Point?
- (2) When was the last time the nature corridor on Alfords Point Road had undergrowth cleared?
- (3) When will the nature corridor along Alfords Point Road have the undergrowth cleared next?
- (4) What bushfire prevention measures have been made for the nature corridor along Alfords Point Road?
- (5) Are there any management strategies in place to stop the spread of lantana in the nature corridor along Alfords Point Road?
- (6) Have the Rural Fire Service or Fire and Rescue NSW inspected the area to assess the fire risk along the nature corridor along Alfords Point Road?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW engages external providers to provide routine road maintenance and asset management services to state roads across Sydney's road network. ConnectSydney on behalf of Transport for NSW is responsible for the maintenance of Alfords Point Road, between boundary fence to boundary fence. This includes the nature corridors and any vegetation encroaching the vegetation free zone. There are monthly inspections of Alfords Point Road and nature corridors next to Alfords Point Road are inspected and maintained on a reactive basis.

Some overgrown vegetation and fallen branches within the nature corridor backing a property on Sylvan Ridge Drive, Alfords Point was recently reported. An inspection was carried out by ConnectSydney on 27 September 2023, and a subsequent defect was raised for the removal of overgrown vegetation and fallen branches within the corridor. Lantana is removed from nature corridors as identified by ConnectSydney inspectors. A management plan will be developed prior to any works being undertaken in this area.

Transport for NSW is working with ConnectSydney to identify hotspot locations across the network which may require large-scale vegetation maintenance, including Alfords Point Road, for possible inclusion in the 2024 works program. The Rural Fire Service or Fire and Rescue NSW also undertake fire risk assessments along Alfords Point Road.

\* 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—

- (1) Has the Government failed to commit to providing air conditioning in all public, primary, and high school classrooms in Western Sydney?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education continues to deliver air conditioning upgrades in NSW public schools. The Department will continue to work with schools to address their local needs. School Principals can nominate projects for additional air conditioning, which are assessed statewide.

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- \* 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—

With respect to the \$36.2 million commitment to widen Alfords Point Road through the Restart NSW Fund Program:

- (1) What stage of planning is this project currently at?
- (2) When is construction predicted to begin?
- (3) Will the construction include a median barrier strip and more lighting between Brushwood Drive and Menai Road?
- (4) In the 2022-2023 State Budget, \$36.2 million was committed to this project. Are you able to advise why the cost of the project has remained the same, despite construction costs increasing over the last 12 months?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has progressed a design for a central barrier along Alfords Point Road, between Brushwood Drive Bridge and Old Illawarra Road. This project is a result of a safety review carried out by Transport for NSW to target head on crashes.

A \$40 million upgrade to widen Alfords Point Road, between the Georges River and Brushwood Drive, was completed in October 2017. Details of the project are available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/alfords-point-road-illawongalfords-point>).

- \* 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—

Regarding Tow Truck Drivers and Post-Traumatic Stress:

- (1) Can the Minister advise if there is mandatory Detailed Assessment of Post-Traumatic Stress for tow truck drivers, like assessments given to emergency services personnel, especially those who do not self-report?
- (2) Can the Government advise on any work being done to address trauma for commercial road users?

Answer—

I thank the Member for Barwon for his question on this important topic.

The Minns Labor Government is dedicated to rebuilding our essential services and ensuring that our workers are afforded access to mental healthcare and support regarding the management post traumatic stress.

I advise the Member that questions regarding tow truck drivers and post-traumatic stress are best directed to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading.

- \* 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—

Has the Department of Education and/or School Infrastructure NSW considered upgrading the hall and/or classrooms at Davidson High School?

Answer—

Work to progress upgrades at the school is ongoing. Funding for upgrades across NSW public schools was allocated through the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

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\* 1517 MINISTERIAL STAFF DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) In relation to Ministerial Staff, are they required to disclose gifts and hospitality?
  - (a) If so, have disclosures been made?
  - (b) If not, what sanctions have you considered or enacted?
  - (c) If so, how are disclosures made?
  - (d) If so, what is the market value required for disclosure?

Answer—

I am advised the following:

Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the [NSW Government](#) website.

Under the Policy, staff members are personally responsible for ensuring that any gifts or benefits they accept do not give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest or other ethical concerns.

The Policy provides that high-value gifts should not generally be accepted other than in limited circumstances, such as where declining a gift is not practicable or the high value of the gift might not immediately be known. In those circumstances staff may consult with their manager and consider relinquishing the gift to the State.

Under the Policy, if a staff member is offered any gift, hospitality or benefit in circumstances where it appears that the gift or benefit is an inducement to act in a certain way, or where it could be perceived as an inducement, the staff member must immediately report the matter to the Minister and the appropriate authorities.

The Policy also requires that a written disclosure be made to the Minister and kept on the Minister's Office Register of Gifts and Benefits where gifts, hospitality or benefits exceed \$150 in value (including where the total value of multiple gifts received from the same source within 12 months exceeds \$150).

\* 1518 BREACHES OF MINISTERIAL CODE OF CONDUCT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) In relation to the Independent Commission Against Corruption Regulation 2017, have there been any breaches of the Ministerial Code of Conduct?
  - (a) If so, what are the breaches?
  - (b) If so, what was your sanction(s)?

Answer—

I am advised of the following:

The NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) is an appendix to the Independent Commission Against Corruption Regulation 2017.

The Ministerial Code is prescribed as an applicable code of conduct for the purposes of section 9 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 (ICAC Act), meaning that a substantial breach of the Ministerial Code can be corrupt conduct.

Since 20 September 2014, when the Ministerial Code was first prescribed for the purposes of section 9 of the ICAC Act, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has found that the following persons have breached the Ministerial Code:

- Gladys Berejiklian, former Member for Willoughby (see the Operation Keppel investigation report dated June 2023, available on the ICAC website); and



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- John Sidoti, former Member for Drummoyne (see the Operation Witney investigation report dated July 2022, available on the ICAC website).

\* 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—

School Infrastructure NSW website states "Lindfield Learning Village Stage 2 completed project" and Budget Paper 3, page 4-25 states Stage 2 was completed in 2022:

(1) Can you clarify what is the \$448,000 allocated for is in 2023-24?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education advises that whilst the dates listed in Budget Paper 3 are physical completion dates, final expenditure in relation to a project can occur after the school is ready for occupation.

\* 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—

In relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Clanville and Shirley streets in Roseville, I am advised Transport for NSW has placed a nomination for a red-light speed camera at this intersection:

(1) Will it be reviewed by road safety experts?

(a) If reviewed, will I and/or the community be notified of the outcome?

(2) Should members of the community nominate the intersection, or is a single nomination sufficient?

Answer—

I am advised

There are around 3,900 signalised intersections in NSW, and 226 of them have Red Light Speed Cameras (around 6 per cent). Transport for NSW assesses every signalised intersection every year.

New nominations help provide an ongoing source of information to help identify and prioritise locations for speed camera enforcement. A single nomination is sufficient to raise a community concern, although not all nominations are eligible for a signalised intersection.

Locations across the state are assessed with a focus on crash data, with red-light speed cameras installed at high-priority areas that meet the criteria in the NSW Automated Enforcement Strategy. In relation to Pacific Highway, Glanville and Shirley streets, Roseville, this location has a lower crash data history with none of them serious. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor this intersection for future red-light speed camera site selection.

New speed camera sites are listed on the Centre for Road Safety website.

\* 1521 FUNDING FOR WAMBERAL MEMORIAL HALL PARK—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) In relation to Labor's commitment to provide \$60,000 to upgrade the park at Wamberal Memorial Hall Park, can the Treasurer advise when this funding will be available?

(2) Can the Treasurer advise what improvements will be provided at the Wamberal Memorial Hall Park?

(3) Can a timeline be provided on the work that will be done at the park?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Special Minister of State.

- \* 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—

When will Regentville Public School have their security fence built?

Answer—

The Department of Education works with schools in relation to minor works upgrades and maintenance. These works are considered on a case-by-case basis and updates are provided to school communities when works progress.

- \* 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—

Are you available to meet with local residents, businesses, the Drummoyne Business Chamber and I to discuss safety and amenity improvements to Victoria Road, Drummoyne?

Answer—

I thank the member for bringing this matter to me and will gladly schedule some time to meet and discuss in more detail.

- \* 1524 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government planning to fund the Community Building Partnership Grants in 2023?
- (2) Is the Government planning to fund the Community Building Partnership Grants each year for the rest of the Government's term?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to the Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 1371.

- \* 1525 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL - TREASURER RESPONSE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) The NSW Budget makes provision for a portion of funding for the Concord High School upgrade, what is the total cost of the project?
- (2) What is the start date for the project?
- (3) When is the project expected to be completed?

Answer—

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

- \* 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—

- (1) The New South Wales Budget makes provision for a portion of funding for the Concord High School upgrade, what is the total cost of the project?
- (2) What is the start date for the project?

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(3) When is the project expected to be completed?

Answer—

The Minns Government is delivering a major upgrade at Concord High School. Project updates will continue to be provided on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

\* 1527 STUDENT ENROLMENTS—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—

(1) How many student enrolments have there been for each of the following schools in the years 2021, 2022, and 2023?

- (a) Abbotsford Public School?
- (b) Concord High School ?
- (c). Concord Public School?
- (d) Concord West Public School?
- (e) Drummoyne Public School?
- (f) Five Dock Public School?
- (g) Strathfield North Public School?
- (h) Russell Lea Public School?
- (i) Mortlake Public School?
- (J) Lucas Gardens School?
- (k) Victoria Avenue Public School?

(2) What are the predicted student enrolments for each of the schools referred to above for the years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that information about school enrolment numbers is available publicly on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website. I am advised enrolments across these schools were 4,797 in 2022 and 4,794 in 2023. These figures are updated annually.

\* 1528 DRUMMOYNE FERRY WHARF REVIEW—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) The New South Wales Budget commits \$200,000 for the review of ferry timetable services to and from Drummoyne Wharf, is the Government also planning to review services from Cabarita, Abbotsford, and Chiswick wharves?

(2) Is the Government planning to cut services to any of the wharves in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) Transport for NSW is currently reviewing opportunities for uplifting services along the Parramatta River between Sydney Olympic Park and Circular Quay, which includes Cabarita, Abbotsford and Chiswick wharves. This also includes investigating opportunities for uplifting services over the upcoming busy summer period.

(2) Transport for NSW has no plans to reduce ferry services.

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\* 1529 RHODES FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Government planning to deliver the Rhodes Ferry Wharf?
- (2) If so, why has funding been cut in the 2023-2024 New South Wales Budget Paper, when compared with the 2022-2023 Budget papers?

Answer—

I am advised

Further detailed work is required by the City of Canada Bay Council, the Department of Planning and Environment and Transport for NSW to plan the infrastructure required to support the development of the Rhodes Peninsula.

\* 1530 RHODES EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL—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—

- (1) The New South Wales Budget commits early planning funding for the Rhodes East Primary School, what is the start and completion dates for construction of the school?
- (2) When will Rhodes East Primary School open?
- (3) What are the expected enrolment numbers?

Answer—

Planning for a new primary school at Rhodes East is underway. Updates will be provided on the School Infrastructure NSW website as they become available.

\* 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—

The New South Wales Budget commits funding for the Drummoyne electorate for Social Housing via the following:

- Social Housing – Upgrade - \$589,000
- Social Housing Accelerator Agreement – Asset Improvement - \$1,577,000

- (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 – Asset Improvement, what are the details of the projects and which social housing properties, by suburb will be upgraded?

Answer—

I am advised:

Housing agencies develop upgrade programs based on Property Condition Surveys and prioritise properties of most need. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works undertaken.

The NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) will utilise the Social Housing Accelerator Agreement (SHAF) in accordance with its Property Condition Surveys.

\* 1532 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL STOPS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out into the demand and feasibility of an additional light rail stop at Wimbo Park?

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- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out into the demand and feasibility of an additional light rail stop near Robertson Road Centennial Park, midway between the Moore Park and Royal Randwick stops?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to review the benefits of additional stops on this light rail route?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW monitors Opal data and customer feedback that help shape planning and improvements to meet the needs of the majority customers.

Transport for NSW's analysis at the time as part of the Sydney Light Rail PPP project, determined that there were limited benefits to justify a light rail stop at Wimbo Park. The proposed stop is approximately 400 metres east of the Surry Hills (Ward Park) stop and therefore the catchment area for potential passengers at Wimbo Park is small.

There are no proposals to include an additional stop near Robertson Road Centennial Park, midway between the Moore Park and Royal Randwick stops.

\* 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—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of research showing that the great majority of rental homes are too cold in winter and too hot in summer?
- (2) What minimum energy efficiency standards apply to rental homes in New South Wales?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of global heating impacts on the need for minimum standards that ensure homes are liveable in the future?
- (4) What assessment has the Government made of the need to improve standards for rental properties and require measures such as insulation or air conditioning?
- (5) What action does the Government plan to address the need for energy efficiency standards?

Answer—

I am advised that currently under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) landlords are required to provide a property that is fit for habitation.

The NSW Government recently appointed the first NSW Rental Commissioner, Ms Trina Jones. The Commissioner will play a role in investigating how to improve energy efficiency in rental properties.

Questions regarding the National Framework for Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard in Rental Homes should be referred to the Minister for Energy.

\* 1534 ST LEONARDS CROWS NEST INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

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

Answer—

I am advised

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The pedestrian tunnel under the Pacific Highway is not within the scope of the Sydney Metro Project determined by the former government.

Any decision relating to the use of the Special Infrastructure Contribution Scheme to fund this project is a matter for the Department of Planning and Environment.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection project:

- (1) How many properties have been acquired for the project to date within the Willoughby electorate?
- (2) With the project now cancelled, is the Government planning to retain or dispose of these properties?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW acquired two properties for the Beaches Link project in the Willoughby electorate and expects to retain ownership of all properties acquired for the project.

- \* 1536 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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

Answer—

The Government continues to assess and monitor New South Wales taxes considering a range of criteria, including efficiency, equity, simplicity and sustainability of the tax system.

You may be aware that in 2017 the previous Government legislated a property-based levy to replace the Emergency Services Levy. Prior to implementation, the previous Government decided to reinstate the Emergency Services Levy.

I am not aware if the previous Government consulted Willoughby Council on its decision to reinstate the Emergency Services Levy.

- \* 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—

In relation to Aboriginal Land Claims:

- (1) How many active claims are there within the Willoughby electorate?
- (2) Over which sites do these claims relate?
- (3) What percentage of claims are successful?
- (4) What is the average time taken for a claim to be determined?

Answer—

As at 31 August 2023, there were 38,518 Aboriginal land claims awaiting determination Under section 36 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), Aboriginal land claims can only be granted over claimable Crown Land that is not lawfully used or occupied.

Aboriginal land claims are lodged over Crown Land Parcels via Lot and Deposited Plans and not necessarily individual sites.

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Under the ALRA, the Minister for Crown Lands is responsible for the investigation, assessment, and determination of Aboriginal land claims.

The rate at which Aboriginal land claims are determined varies depending on the land tenure and occupation of the Crown Land Parcel.

Since the commencement of the ALRA until 30 June 2023, 54,877 claims have been lodged by NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Local Aboriginal Land Councils with a total of 173,594 hectares of land granted. This has included:

- 4,530 claims have been granted or part-granted;
- 10,737 claims have been refused or part-refused;
- 2,563 claims were withdrawn or partially withdrawn.

The Department of Planning and Environment supports the Minister for Crown Lands to investigate, assess, and determine Aboriginal land claims. Through the investigation process, the Department of Planning and Environment undertakes significant consultation with stakeholders, including Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Across New South Wales only a small number of successful Aboriginal land claims have been granted to Local Aboriginal Land Councils. Crown Lands have been working with Local Aboriginal Land Councils to identify priority Aboriginal land claims for streamlined determination.

Further questions on the Aboriginal land claims process should be referred to the Minister for Crown Lands for a response.

- \* 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—

Why has the funding allocation for cyclical maintenance at Royal North Shore Hospital fallen in 2023-24 from the previous year?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Annual funding allocations align with amounts set in the Royal North Shore Hospital and Community Health Services Public and Private Partnership (PPP) Project Deed.

- \* 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—

(1) Is the Government planning to expand the powers of the NSW Building Commissioner to encompass all building classes?

- (a) If yes, when?

Answer—

The Government is progressing reforms to expand the powers of the NSW Building Commissioner to encompass all classes of buildings under the National Construction Code.

- \* 1540 NSW STRATA 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—

In relation to the NSW Strata Commissioner:

(1) When will the Commissioner commence work?

- (2) What recruitment process has been conducted?
- (3) What will be the role, responsibilities, and powers of the Commissioner?

Answer—

The Government has fulfilled its election commitment following a Government Sector Employment Act compliant process conducted by the Department of Customer Service. The role includes advocacy and oversight of strata governance and policy.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project:

- (1) What measures are in place to ensure workers working at the project's construction sites do not park on surrounding streets?
- (2) When will the Wicks Road construction support site open?
  - (a) Will workers be required to use the parking facilities at that site?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport is continuing to work with North Sydney Council to explore opportunities to further minimise parking impacts on residents and in response to further community feedback.

Mitigation measures to minimise parking loss include around the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project construction sites include:

- managing worker parking arrangements to reduce impacts on residential parking areas by educating workers at weekly site meetings and pre-shift briefings to only park at designated worker parking areas within worksites
- installing signage along Amherst Street and other local roads near worksites to instruct workers not to park on local streets
- conducting inspections of surrounding streets, including Amherst Street and Bells Avenue, to place reminder slips on worker vehicles requesting workers refrain from parking on local streets
- operating an on-demand shuttle bus, which runs between 5:45am and 7:45pm, connecting workers between North Sydney, St Leonards and Artarmon stations and the worksites
- establishing a new project site at Wicks Road, North Ryde, from October 2023 which provides parking for workers and shuttle buses to transport them to site
- continuing to promote carpooling and the utilisation of public transport.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project:

- (1) How many trees in total have been removed by the project?
  - (a) Of these how many were in Cammeray?
- (2) How many trees were estimated to be removed in the project EIS?



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- (3) If the actual number of trees removed is higher than that estimated what is the reason for that difference?
- (4) How many replacement trees have been planted to date?
- (5) How many more replacement trees are due to be planted?
- (6) Will the project meet the approval condition of a 2 for 1 tree replacement ratio?
- (7) How many tree replacements have died since being planted?
  - (a) Will these dead trees be replaced?
    - (i) If not, do the dead trees continue to count towards the 2 for 1 replacement requirement?

Answer—

I am advised

Following community feedback, the updated Tree Replacement Strategy was released on 27 June 2023. The community indicated their strong support for an increase in the quality and coverage of the tree canopy, and the 2:1 tree replacement planning requirement for the projects. This strategy has been developed in partnership with North Sydney Council to gain agreement on principles for tree replacement in the local government area as part of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects.

The amount of vegetation to be cleared remains unchanged from what was identified in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The exact number of trees to be removed for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects will not be known until the later project stages.

\* 1543 ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUND—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) How will the Essential Services Fund be structured and managed?
- (2) Will the management of the Essential Services Fund differ from other Government investment funds of which Labor has been critical?
- (3) What kind of investments will the Essential Services Fund make?
- (4) Will the Essential Services Fund make investments with borrowed money?
- (5) Is the Government planning to further capitalise the Essential Services Fund in the future?
  - (a) If so, how?
- (6) Will future public sector wage increases be contingent on the financial performance of the Essential Services Fund?

Answer—

The NSW Government has created the Essential Services Fund to support a new bargaining framework.

In future financial years, public sector wage increases will be available through a mutual gains bargaining process. The Essential Services Fund will help us attract and retain workers and develop existing staff by supporting wage growth for the public sector.

Questions about the financial management and structure of the Essential Services Fund are better directed to the Treasurer.

\* 1544 ESSENTIAL SERVICES FUND- TREASURER RESPONSE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How will the Essential Services Fund be structured and managed?
- (2) Will the management of the Essential Services Fund differ from other Government investment funds of which Labor has been critical?
- (3) What kind of investments will the Essential Services Fund make?
- (4) Will the Essential Services Fund make investments with borrowed money?
- (5) Is the Government planning to further capitalise the Essential Services Fund in the future?
  - (a) If so, how?
- (6) Will future public sector wage increases be contingent on the financial performance of the Essential Services Fund?

Answer—

- (1) The Essential Services Fund is a consolidated fund reservation to support the transition to a mutual-gains bargaining system. The fund will support higher wages for public sector employees in recognition of improvements in service delivery and changes in negotiated awards. The Fund will be managed by Treasury and the Premier's Department, in consultation with Agencies. The size of the fund will be reviewed periodically to ensure it continues to support wage negotiations.
- (2) The Essential Services Fund is not an investment fund.
- (3) The Essential Services Fund is not an investment fund.
- (4) No.
- (5) See Answer (1).
- (6) No.

\* 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—

In relation to the plans to demolish the former campus buildings of Western Sydney University (WSU) Milperra Campus and to replace them with medium-density private housing development:

- (1) Have you been advised of plans by WSU and Mirvac to demolish three large, modern apartment buildings previously used for student accommodation at the former WSU Milperra campus, and to replace these with private dwellings?
- (2) Can you advise whether the Government has engaged with WSU and Mirvac to explore the possibility of purchasing the three apartment buildings and associated parcel of land?
  - (a) If yes, what was their response?
  - (b) If not, why not, and when can the community expect this to happen?
- (3) With the recent substantial injection of Commonwealth funds through its Social Housing Accelerator Scheme, are you planning to investigate the potential for a proportion of the \$610 million allocated to New South Wales to be directed to the purchase of the three apartment buildings at WSU Milperra campus, before they are demolished?
- (4) Can you advise of any alternative plans the Government has to deliver public housing in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area, which has the second-highest rate of homelessness of any Local Government Area in New South Wales?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I have been informed but not briefed on the matter as the decision was not made within my portfolio responsibilities. The decision for this site was made by the former Government.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Property and Lands.
- (3) This is a matter for the former Government. The decision for the site was made during their tenure.
- (4) The NSW Government is committed to delivering social and affordable housing supply across the state. The creation of Homes NSW, a dedicated social and affordable housing will drive delivery and help streamline the experience for social housing tenants and better address the housing crisis.

LAHC is currently delivering 12 new housing supply projects comprising 87 new social housing dwellings across the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA). LAHC will also continue to actively review its portfolio of properties in the LGA, to build and deliver an ongoing pipeline of projects to help address the waitlist so more people have a safe and secure home.

\* 1546 TRAIN DELAYS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What steps have the Government taken to ascertain the cause(s) of disruptions to the Sydney Trains network?
- (2) What cause(s) for disruptions have been identified?
- (3) How does the Government propose to address these root cause(s) and strengthen our train network moving forward?
- (4) What is the timeline of any works necessary to achieve this goal?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has established the Sydney Trains Review. The review is being conducted by the current National Transport Commission Chair, Carolyn Walsh.

The Sydney Trains Review Terms of Reference sets out the steps taken by the Government to ascertain the cause(s) of disruptions to the Sydney Trains network. The Sydney Trains Review Initial Report was received by government on 12 May 2023 and considers and identifies causes of disruptions. The NSW Government has commenced work on the Sydney Rail Repair Plan -the biggest co-ordinated program of rail maintenance ever undertaken in Sydney. The Government have accepted all 12 recommendations made by the Sydney Trains Review.

A number of recommendations have been complete, including that the Sydney Trains Chief Executive now reports directly to the Secretary for Transport. Several new Sydney Trains executive roles have been created including Chief Legal Counsel, Executive Director People & Culture, Director Employee Relations and Sydney Trains now have responsibility for recruitment decision making. The Government have also decided to transfer accountability for operation of the electric Intercity fleet and management of associated station staff from NSW Train Link to Sydney Trains.

A final report will be tabled by the Sydney Trains Review in late 2023 for consideration by Cabinet.

\* 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—

In relation to your answer to my question 531, regarding Walcha Fire & Rescue Station:

- (1) Can you advise what works the assessment, conducted in February 2023, recommended be undertaken at the Walcha Fire Station to make it fit for purpose?

- (2) Now that the 2023-24 Budget has been handed down, can you advise the timing, scope and cost of these works?

Answer—

I am advised that in February 2023, Walcha Fire Station was assessed as having facilities that are not reflective of the needs of a modern and diverse fire station. The exact timing and scope of works to upgrade the station is dependent upon a more detailed assessment of potential options. Consultation with the local command and crew will occur as part of this process.

- \* 1548 COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

The Budget Paper “Our plan for Regional NSW” on page 43 stated a \$1.3 billion spend for the Coffs Harbour Bypass. How was this figure calculated?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- \* 1549 FUNDING OF DESTINATION NSW PROGRAMS—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—

Given the operational budget for Destination NSW has been cut, can you please advise which programs within Destination NSW will be funded and their amounts?

Answer—

Destination NSW's allocated budget expenditure for the 2023-24 financial year is \$339.1 million.

This budget ensures that Destination NSW remains well-resourced to continue to secure and retain key events and deliver marketing campaigns, industry development programs and outcomes. In fact, this is Destination NSW's second highest budget on record.

It comprises:

- \$232.6 million Events Program which includes \$41.3 million in new funding, plus existing funding to retain and attract events in Sydney and regional NSW.
- \$52.2 million Visitor Economy Program which supports a range of program areas including marketing, PR, digital, product and distribution development, regional initiatives, including business events .

This budget allocation enables Destination NSW to undertake key initiatives in 2023-24, including:

- Delivering on election commitments by planning for two further pay-per-view UFC events, the return of Great Southern Nights, support for the Narooma Oyster Festival and working with Dylan Alcott's Get Skilled Access to make it easier for everyone to plan and enjoy a holiday in NSW
- Retaining key events and continuing to develop a world-class major events calendar for Sydney and NSW
- Visitor economy industry development programs including NSW First business capability building resources and visitor economy engagement initiatives
- Sydney and NSW brand activities across owned and earned marketing channels including campaigns, content partnerships, media familiarisations and always-on content development and distribution
- Partnership campaigns with airlines and travel sellers in priority domestic and international markets

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- Support for the business events sector
- Support for the expansion and development of visitor experiences across specialist sectors including Aboriginal tourism, food and wine, nature, sustainability and wellness, cruise, rail, road, air, lifestyle and accessibility and inclusion.

The remainder of the budget allocation supports Destination NSW operations including labour expenses, facilities, research, audit, legal and information, communications and technology requirements.

- \* 1550 DESTINATION NSW PROGRAMS FUNDING CUT—Mr Gurmeh 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—

Given the operational budget for Destination NSW has been cut, can you please advise which programs within Destination NSW are no longer being funded?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government inherited record debt and significant fiscal challenges in March 2023. In addition, the former government cut \$100 million from State Significant Event Fund and more than \$180 million from the Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade's budget just days before the election, both of which put significant pressure on the Destination NSW budget.

Destination NSW's operating budget was considered in the whole-of-government expenditure review undertaken ahead of the NSW Government's 2023 State Budget.

The review resulted in the following programs being paused in 2023-24:

- Regional Event Fund - Incubator Stream.
- Regional Business Event Development Fund.
- Tourism Product Development Fund - Nature Based Visitor Experience Development Grant Program.

There are a range of Destination NSW programs and events that were created in response to COVID-19 as supplementary stimulus measures that this budget does not seek to reinvest in such as the Summer in Sydney event series.

- \* 1551 NORTH COAST SPENDING—Mr Gurmeh 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—

In the Budget Paper "Our plan for Regional NSW", how much of the spending on the North Coast highlighted in this paper on pages 42 - 45 is new spending not previously committed in previous years budgets, and which programs?

Answer—

NSW Treasury prepare the NSW Government budget papers to reflect economic and financial data and estimates of Government policy decisions up to 14 September 2023, including information provided in the 2023-24 Commonwealth Budget released on 9 May 2023.

The following North Coast programs received new spending that were not committed in previous budgets:

- \$80.0 million to assess and establish the Great Koala National Park on the Mid North Coast to preserve large tracts of koala habitat.
- \$5.0 million to help flood survivors get back into their homes following the 2022 floods in Lismore by supporting the Two Rooms Project.

- \$2.0 million in grant funding to Tweed Shire Council to fund urban flood resilience and mitigation projects.
- \$7.5 million of the \$55.1 million allocation for an office hub in Coffs Harbour to improve cross-agency collaboration and service delivery is additional funding.
- \$400,000 to install and maintain disability-friendly amenities at Nimbin Peace Park.

\* 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—

- (1) How much of the \$58.8 million funding for Landcare is allocated in the following financial years:
- (a) 2023-24 Financial Year?
  - (b) 2024-25 Financial Year?
  - (c) 2025-26 Financial Year?
  - (d) 2026-27 Financial Year?

Answer—

- (1) The estimated allocations per financial year are:
- (a) \$10.9 million
  - (b) \$15.7 million
  - (c) \$15.9 million
  - (d) \$16.3 million

\* 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—

- (1) How much funding is in the 2023-24 Budget is allocated to the following:
- (a) Regional Events Acceleration Fund?
  - (b) Regional Conferencing Unit ?
  - (c) Western Sydney Visitor Economy Strategy?
  - (d) National Touch League Tournament 2023-2026?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The Regional Events Acceleration Fund is operated and administered by the Department of Regional NSW.
  - (b) The Regional Conferencing Unit is an operational team within the Policy, Product and Engagement division at Destination NSW and continues to support regional NSW by:
    - Increasing the promotion and awareness of regional business event destinations
    - Helping to secure new business events for regional NSW
    - Supporting training and education programs
    - Supporting product development and investment.

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Destination NSW received its operating budget in September 2023, and is assessing how funding will be allocated across operations in FY 2023/24, including the Regional Conferencing Unit.

- (c) The Western Sydney Visitor Economy Strategy was implemented from 2017-2021 to stimulate demand and grow the Western Sydney visitor economy. Western Sydney-specific actions have been incorporated into the NSW Visitor Economy Strategy 2030 and will contribute to the goal of \$65 billion total visitor expenditure and making NSW the premier visitor economy in the Asia Pacific by 2030.
- (d) I am advised that in August 2022 Destination NSW confirmed investment for the National Touch League Tournament 2023-2026 through its major event investment program. The amounts invested in major events is Commercial-in-Confidence to enable Destination NSW to remain competitive in the major events market.

\* 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—

- (1) How many homes will the \$100 million announced for Tranche 2 of the Resilient Homes Programs:
  - (a) Provide Treatments for?
  - (b) Purchase?

Answer—

As requested by the local community, the NSW Government has committed the NSW Reconstruction Authority to work closely with community leaders to prioritise the additional funding announced in the Budget, including any additional funding required for measures such as the ongoing Resilient Homes Program in the Northern Rivers.

\* 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—

If the Commonwealth Government will not contribute more money to the Resilient Homes Program, is the Government planning to contribute more money into this program?

Answer—

The NSW Government continues to deliver the \$700 million Resilient Homes Program which is jointly funded with the Commonwealth. The NSW Government has also allocated a further \$100 million to ongoing flood recovery in the Northern Rivers and is in discussions with community leaders to prioritise the additional funding and determine any potential future funding which may be required.

The NSW Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth to deliver disaster recovery assistance.

\* 1556 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM NOTIFICATION—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding the Resilient Homes Program, when will affected homeowners be notified as to whether their properties are being treated or purchased?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 20 October 2023, everyone who registered for the Resilient Homes Program has been contacted and informed of the status of their application. The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation team is working through all eligible applications by prioritising properties in the highest risk areas.

- \* 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—

In relation to Budget Paper no.3 on page 2-10 there is reference to “New Schools for Westmead”. Can you please advise:

- (1) Has there been a site allocated for these schools?
- (2) Does this include a selective high school for Westmead?
- (3) Does this include an on-site pre-school?

Answer—

Planning work is currently underway, including consideration of sites. Updates will be made available in due course.

- \* 1558 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the recent budget handed down by the current Government:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise whether there is no ongoing funding allocated for the Community Building Partnership Grant program and the Local Sport Grant program.
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to the Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 1371 regarding Community Building Partnership.

Funding has been allocated to the Local Sport Grant program.

- \* 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—

Given the commitment to upgrade Northmead Public School and Northmead Creative and Performing Arts Public School:

- (1) What are the specifics of these upgrades?

Answer—

Planning is underway to deliver these school upgrades. More information will be made available in due course via the School Infrastructure NSW website.

- \* 1560 NORTH TUNCURRY LANDCOM DEVELOPMENT—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the North Tuncurry Landcom Development, will the Minister please advise:

- (1) That the development project is included in the Government’s 2023/24 budget?
  - (a) If so, when is the project scheduled to commence?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom projects are not funded from the NSW Budget.

Subject to approvals, work is expected to start in 2025.



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\* 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—

- (1) In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).
  - (a) How many renewable energy projects (specific to wind, solar and hydro) have been approved in NSW since 2021?
  - (b) Under the REZ, how many solar, wind and hydro projects have been approved in each of the REZ –
    - (i) Central-West Orana REZ?
    - (ii) South-West REZ?
    - (iii) New England REZ?
    - (iv) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
    - (v) Illawarra REZ?
  - (c) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system across New South Wales?
  - (d) How many renewable projects are currently proposed in the planning system for each of the REZ –
    - (i) Central-West Orana REZ?
    - (ii) South-West REZ?
    - (iii) New England REZ?
    - (iv) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
    - (v) Illawarra REZ?
  - (e) In relation to social licences:
    - (i) Does the Government have plans to give greater emphasis to community consultations?
  - (f) Please list all renewable projects proposed in the Bathurst Electorate and status of each project.

Answer—

The Hon. Member should direct his question to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Penny Sharpe

\* 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—

- (1) In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).
  - (a) How many renewable energy projects (specific to wind, solar and hydro) have been approved in NSW since 2021?
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  - (i) Does the Government have plans to give greater emphasis to community consultations?
- (f) Please list all renewable projects proposed in the Bathurst Electorate and status of each project.

Answer—

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

\* 1563 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS - PLANNING RESPONSE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).
  - (a) How many renewable energy projects (specific to wind, solar and hydro) have been approved in NSW since 2021?
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    - (i) Central-West Orana REZ?
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    - (iii) New England REZ?

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- (iv) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
- (v) Illawarra REZ?
- (e) In relation to social licences:
  - (i) Does the Government have plans to give greater emphasis to community consultations?
- (f) Please list all renewable projects proposed in the Bathurst Electorate and status of each project.

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
  - (a) Twelve.
  - (b) (i) Nine solar and three wind projects.
    - (ii) Five solar projects.
    - (iii) Five solar and three wind projects.
    - (iv) Two solar and one wind projects.
    - (v) Nil - Illawarra REZ was formally declared by the Minister for Energy under section 19(1) of the [Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020](#) (the Act) and published in the NSW Gazette on 27 February 2023.
  - (c) There are 100 renewable projects currently in the planning system.
  - (d) (i) Twenty.
    - (ii) Seventeen.
    - (iii) Nine.
    - (iv) Six.
    - (v) Nil - Illawarra REZ was formally declared by the Minister for Energy under section 19(1) of the [Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020](#) (the Act) and published in the NSW Gazette on 27 February 2023.
  - (e) (i) The Department has stringent processes in place in relation to community consultation, in line with legislation, Government policy and relevant guidelines.
  - (f)
    - Panorama BESS - Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements issued .
    - Glanmire Solar - Assessment underway.

\* 1564 COUNCIL DEMERGER—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What support has the Government provided towards the demerger of Cootamundra-Gundagai Council?
- (2) What is the timeline for this support to be delivered, and demerger completed?

Answer—

On Tuesday, 3 October 2023, I met with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (Council) to announce the NSW Government will progress their demerger. I provided a path that empowers the Councils themselves to show how two councils can be established.

Despite the statutory mess our Government has inherited from the NSW Liberals and Nationals, who failed to progress this issue after six years of community backlash, I remain convinced on the conceptual merits of a demerger, noting that it is the wish of Council and has been recommended previously by the NSW Boundaries Commission.

I announced a new pathway that empowers Council to take ownership of the demerger process which is possible under sections 204 and 212 of the Act.

This will be dependent upon Council preparing a revised implementation path expeditiously. It is the Government's intention that this process be as efficient and cost effective as possible.

The Office of Local Government has provided, and will continue to provide, support to Council during this process.

\* 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—

- (1) In relation to the NSW Club Grants Program:
- (a) Is the Government planning to continue the NSW Club Grants program this term?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (b) For each year for the last four years, can the Minister provide a list of recipients of Club Grants based on the specific round and funding detail for the Kiama electorate?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The Government has announced a review of the ClubGRANTS scheme. The scheme is continuing to operate while the review is undertaken.
- (i) Please see answer to (1)(a).
- (b) ClubGRANTS Category 1 and Category 2 are administered by participating clubs within their local government areas. Details of individual grants for Categories 1 and 2 are published by individual clubs and, from 31 October 2023, will be published by Clubs NSW. ClubGRANTS Category 3 funding is administered by the Office of Responsible Gambling and details of all recipients are published within 45 days of a grant being awarded. Details regarding recipients of Category 3 funding are available on the NSW Government Grants website at [www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-category-3-fund](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-category-3-fund).

\* 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—

- (1) Given representatives of the Government have pledged to return maternity services to Milton Hospital, can you advise when maternity services will return to Milton Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has started work on a clinical services plan for the Milton Ulladulla Hospital to confirm the future clinical, and clinical support service priorities for the facility. This work is the first step in preparing a full master plan for the hospital site.

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\* 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—

- (1) Following the decision to make parking free at Shoalhaven Hospital:
- (a) What is the Minister doing to ensure staff working at the hospital have access to parking?
  - (b) Will the Minister ensure there are dedicated staff parking areas?
  - (c) When can staff expect these changes?
  - (d) Noting the challenges staff face in relation to the above, does the Government plan to provide designated staff parking areas?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Parking availability at Shoalhaven Hospital is monitored every week.

\* 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—

- (1) Considering recommendations in the NSW Small Business Strategy 2023-26:
- (a) Will the Government release its updated small business strategy?
  - (b) What strategies will the Government employ to encourage more women into small business?
  - (c) What strategies will the Government employ to encourage more small businesses owned and operated by Aboriginal people?
  - (d) What strategies will the Government employ to encourage more small businesses owned and operated by culturally diverse people?
  - (e) What strategies will the Government employ to encourage more small businesses owned and operated by young people?
  - (f) How will your strategy support small businesses in rural and regional New South Wales?
  - (g) Have you met with Destination NSW to discuss the current small business strategy or a future small business strategy?
  - (h) What strategies does the Government have to reduce 'red tape'?
    - (i) What areas of regulation is the Government targeting?
  - (i) Will the Minister meet with the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government to examine regulatory and bureaucratic challenges faced by small businesses?
    - (i) If yes, when?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised the Government is currently developing a Charter for Small Business, that will set out our commitment to the sector. To inform the Charter, the NSW Department of Customer Service, with Service NSW for Business, are consulting small business peak bodies and stakeholders, and NSW Government Agencies.

As part of this work, we are considering the alignment of the Small Business Strategy 2023-2026 with the Charter.

An announcement on the Charter is expected to be made by the end of 2023.

\* 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—

- (1) With respect to the Small Business Bureau and Small Business Charter that you have announced:
- (a) When will the Small Business Bureau be operational?
  - (b) What is the budget for the Small Business Bureau?
  - (c) Where will the bureau be located?
  - (d) What services will be provided by the bureau?
  - (e) How will small businesses be able to access the bureau's services?
    - (i) Will access be available on weekends?
  - (f) How many full time employees will be employed by the bureau?
  - (g) What targets for staff and recruitment will the bureau have?
    - (i) Does this include the recruitment of people with small business experience?
  - (h) Will the bureau be undertaking small business outreach work?
    - (i) If yes, how will this work and how will this outreach be communicated?
  - (i) Will the bureau have key performance indicators (KPIs)?
    - (i) If yes, will these KPIs and their results be made public?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
  - (j) When will the small business charter be made public?
  - (k) What consultation have you undertaken on the charter and its contents?
  - (l) Will the charter be a code or a set of rights?
  - (m) Will the charter be legislated, introduced by regulation or is it a Government statement of intent?
  - (n) Does the Government plan to have an annual review of the success of the charter?
  - (o) Will the charter have key performance indicators?
  - (p) Will the charter include the promotion of voting in local Government elections by eligible small businesses?

Answer—

I am advised the Service NSW Business Bureau has been announced by Government.

The Service NSW Business Bureau will give small business owners a seat at the table with a commitment to tackling unproductive red tape, helping businesses navigate government and boosting growth opportunities.

The NSW Government also announced the Service NSW Business Bureau App. The app will provide businesses with support on their mobile, including a new range of features, such as:

- Tracking and saving all licences associated to their business and employees in one place,
- Booking expert advisers based on their unique business needs,
- Viewing voucher payment summaries, transaction reports and bank details

Members of the public will be able to access the services of the Business Bureau in Service NSW Centres, online and via the app.

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An announcement on the Small Business Charter is expected to be made by the end of 2023.

To inform the Small Business Charter the NSW Department of Customer Service, with Service NSW for Business, are consulting small business peak bodies and stakeholders, and NSW Government agencies.

Consultation is underway with key stakeholders, including agencies and business associations, to ensure the Small Business Charter establishes a common agreed framework for engagement.

Performance reporting and whole of government metrics are part of the discussions currently being held with the small business sector on the Small Business Charter.

\* 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—

- (1) With respect to safety concerns in relation to artificial turf / synthetic grass in sport fields, playgrounds, schools, and other public spaces:
  - (a) What is the Minister doing to address heat, microplastics, chemical compounds, and other environmental, health and safety concerns, as raised by the NSW Chief Scientist and others?
  - (b) Are there any plans for a five-year moratorium on new planning and approvals for these products as requested by the Australian Microplastic Assessment Project (Ausmap)?
  - (c) How many synthetic installations are currently scheduled to be rolled out for major projects such as sports fields in the State, and in the Kiama electorate?
  - (d) Has the Minister discussed these concerns with the Minister for Sport?
  - (e) Is the Minister planning to extend a review of these concerns to synthetic products and the installations of such in playgrounds and parks?
  - (f) What of the four recommendations categories, what has the Minister implemented, as outlined in the Chief Scientist's report (October 2022), to mitigate these risks:
    - (i) Planning and approvals – mitigating risk?
    - (ii) Sustainability and end of life?
    - (iii) Data?
    - (iv) Research program?

Answer—

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

\* 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—

- (1) With respect to out-of-area enrolments:
  - (a) How many out-of-area enrolments have been granted and how many refused for each school in the Kiama electorate for the past five years, inclusive of this year?
  - (b) Will the Minister reconsider the inclusion of demountable rooms in determination of available places for a school student populations?
  - (c) Will the Minister provide Principals further powers and discretion to accept or reject a student on compassionate grounds or extenuating circumstances, if a school is deemed "capped"?

- (d) Noting the assessment criteria as outlined by the Department of Education, namely:
- (i) if siblings are already enrolled at the school;
  - (ii) if you have a child with disability or additional needs that are better met at this school;
  - (iii) medical reasons such as improved access to specialist local health services; and
  - (iv) special interests and abilities such as language or music classes,
- Can the Minister provide further details on how the department determines applications these extenuating circumstances:
- (i) Is there a decision matrix?
  - (ii) Are applications determined by an individual or panel?
- (e) Should applications be assessed differently for schools with and without caps in place?
- (f) Are student populations determined by assets or individual circumstances?
- (g) Does the Government have plans to review this policy to shift the focus on such applications to student and parent circumstances rather than caps, bricks and mortar?

Answer—

The Department of Education's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy states that parents are entitled to enrol their child at the local school within the designated intake area which the child is eligible to attend. All students who make an application to their local school and whose permanent place of residence falls within this boundary will be offered a place at the school.

While parents may apply to enrol their child in another school, acceptance is subject to the school being able to accommodate the child. A non-local application can only be considered if places are available.

\* 1572 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the budget and infrastructure projects not proceeding or deferred as identified in the Strategic Infrastructure Review (BP1 A5-12):
- (a) Is the Faster Rail Sydney to Bomaderry not proceeding or deferred?
  - (b) Will this decision impact on progressing the Toolijooa Passing Loop project which is at the planning stage?
  - (c) Is the Milton-Ulladulla Bypass also subject to this review?

Answer—

I am advised

As a result of the Strategic Infrastructure Review, the NSW Government has agreed to delay and descope several projects, including the Fast Rail Program. The Toolijooa Passing Loop project is part of Fast Rail. No further activities are planned at this stage.

The Milton-Ulladulla bypass is subject to the Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor patronage and services along the South Coast Line as part of the wider timetable review.

\* 1573 HOUSING SHORTAGE RESPONSE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Regarding the widespread accommodation shortage in New South Wales:



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- (1) Is the Government considering amending the Local Government Regulation 2005-Reg 73, (1) to allow a person permitted to stay in a moveable dwelling that occupies a short-term site, longer than the current 150 days in any 12-month period.
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Matters relating to manufactured homes and caravans fall under the responsibility of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

\* 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—

- (1) In relation to students with complex learning difficulties including Autism Spectrum Disorder 2, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Generalised Anxiety Disorder and Oppositional defiant disorder what is the Government doing to provide additional supported learning classes and teachers for Tacking Point Public School?
- (2) How many Supported Learning Teachers and Teacher's Aides has the Government employed since being elected?
- (3) What changes, if any are being made to make education more accessible for children with complex additional needs in public schools in the Port Macquarie electorate?

Answer—

There are currently 27 specialist support classes in Port Macquarie. This represents a significant increase in the number of such classes in the area in recent years. These classes provide a specialist education setting for students with disability, including autism, anxiety, and behavioural disorders. Staff teaching in these classes have specialist skills.

In addition to specialist support classes, schools receive funds each year specifically for providing additional support for students with a disability. This support may include additional staff, time for planning with families, or professional learning for staff.

School staff in NSW public schools have access to a suite of evidence-based resources to build their skills and confidence in supporting students with disability. Local Delivery Support staff provide regular professional learning sessions for schools on topics related to supporting students with additional needs. Delivery Support staff are also available to provide direct support for schools for individual students.

\* 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—

- (1) What actions is the Government taking to reduce the number of single Paramedic response incidents in the Port Macquarie electorate?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to reallocate Periodic Automatic Replenishment areas for the Port Macquarie-Hastings area to only include Ambulance Stations at Laurieton, Lake Cathie, Port Macquarie and Wauchope?
- (3) What initiatives has the Government implemented to minimise movement of staff between Periodic Automatic Replenishments on the Mid North Coast?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Ambulance does not organise the workforce based on electorates.

NSW Ambulance provides staffing to meet operational needs.

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

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

NSW Ambulance monitors factors such as demographics and population growth when planning for future service provision, as well as proximity to existing services and general ambulance coverage.

\* 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—

(1) When will the promised, dedicated Retirement Village Ombudsman service be implemented by the Government?

(2) What will be the annual budget allocated to this service?

Answer—

The Government has appointed a Strata and Property Services Commissioner whose role incorporates advocacy and oversight of strata governance and policy, including the retirement village sector. The Government will continue to engage with industry stakeholders on policy development within the sector.

\* 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—

(1) When will construction for the Rouse Hill Hospital recommence?

(2) Why has completion of the project been delayed until late 2029?

(3) Could you please provide a detailed outcome statement organised by year for when the additional \$400 million is expected to be allocated in the budget?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Construction on the new Rouse Hill Hospital will start in 2024, following an extensive planning and design phase.

Pending appointment of a builder, construction completion is anticipated in 2028.

Funds will be allocated in forthcoming State Budgets in line with the construction program.

\* 1578 INCREASE NUMBER OF POLICE STATIONS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Could you please advise if there are any plans to increase the number of police stations in Northwest Sydney to keep pace with population growth – including in Rouse Hill?

Answer—

There are no current plans to increase the number of police stations in Northwest Sydney.

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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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Housing agencies develop upgrade programs based on Property Condition Surveys and prioritise properties of most need. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works undertaken.
- (2) Social Housing Accelerator Fund (SHAF) upgrades are to restore uninhabitable social housing properties providing much needed social housing. Projects in the Holsworthy electorate have not been finalised at this time.
- \* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The Office of Energy and Climate Change understands that the outage occurred from 5 to 8 July 2023. Compensation has not been provided by the gas distributor, Jemena Gas, to customers impacted by this gas outage.
- (2) The gas outage was caused by a third party damaging the gas infrastructure. As the outage was not caused by Jemena Gas, the gas distributor has not provided compensation.
- \* 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?

Answer—

- (1) I have endorsed the progression of 191 WestInvest Community Project grants, which includes the \$27.8 million for the Light Horse Park Embellishment and Upgrade project.

Further, I am advised:

Liverpool City Council has returned a signed Funding Deed that is being processed for final execution.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Proposed hazard reduction in regional NSW from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, including burns and mechanical clearing, will treat more than 285,000 hectares, protecting 81,874 properties. As at 9 October 2023, hazard reduction has been completed across more than 45,000 hectares, protecting 5,850 properties.
- (2) Preparation for the 2023-24 bush fire season includes:
- Ongoing hazard reduction activities
  - Proactive inspections to identify and mitigate fire risks on the interface between bush and grasslands and urban areas.
  - Ongoing maintenance and construction of fire trails
  - Multi-agency pre-season briefings in Glen Innes, Tamworth, Maitland, Dubbo, Queanbeyan and Griffith
  - Incident management exercises for the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and partner agencies
  - Public information and awareness campaigns and events such as:
    - the RFS annual Get Ready Weekend in September, involving more than 500 events held across NSW to provide advice to the community on bush fire preparedness.
    - the annual Prepare Act Survive campaign, focusing on bush fire planning and preparation, communicating simple actions that can be taken to reduce people's risk
    - the second Australian Fire Danger Rating campaign starting later this year, focusing on the specific actions required at each rating level
    - launch of the [www.nsw.gov.au/getready](http://www.nsw.gov.au/getready) information hub including advice for residents on preparing their properties and a Bush Fire Survival Plan.
  - Assistance to property owners to manage the vegetation on their properties and reduce their fire risk through the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme and the Rural Boundary Clearing Code
  - Support for at-risk community members through RFS Assist Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents (AIDER) program.

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\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has a range of support measures for primary producers provided by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Local Land Services.

This includes: access to low interest loan products which can support critical drought infrastructure; access to support to develop a farm business plan, including drought plans and access to rural financial counsellors; access to technical expertise to assist with livestock nutrition, management and welfare, pest and weed control; and decision support tools and resources.

Information can be found at [www.droughthub@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:www.droughthub@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

- (2) The NSW Government does not declare drought or exceptional circumstances. This has been the case since 2013, where drought support based on a declaration of exceptional circumstances was no longer in place as agreed by primary industries ministers across Australia and is accordance with the National Drought Agreement which NSW is a signatory.

The NSW Government is monitoring the current situation and working with farmers to ensure the support and assistance on offer is appropriate and timely.

\* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided based on electorate.

When patients need to travel for treatment, they may be eligible for the Isolated Patient Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme. The scheme provides financial assistance to people living in rural, regional, and remote areas of NSW when they need to travel significant distances to access specialised, high quality health care, by helping pay some of their out-of-pocket expenses for travel and accommodation.

All patients eligible for IPTASS support are assisted by Dialysis Unit staff to complete the relevant documentation.

Western NSW Local Health District has a draft Renal Clinical Services Plan in development.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

On 15 September 2023, the NSW Government announced an investment towards an extra 500 full-time paramedics across regional and rural NSW.

NSW Ambulance assesses locations across the state to identify areas to prioritise resources. Staff assignments are not finalised.

- \* 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?

Answer—

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

- \* 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?

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Answer—

The former Liberal National Government oversaw a teacher shortage crisis with teachers under-valued and over-worked with their salaries suppressed by an unfair wages cap. In Cootamundra, permanent teacher vacancies increased from 17 in 2011 to more than 45 in 2023.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to supporting teachers and reducing the excessive administrative workload placed on schools.

Approximately 620 full-time equivalent (FTE) additional administrative support roles across more than 400 schools have been funded. Of those, 214.6 extra FTE positions across 182 schools have been funded across schools in regional, rural and remote parts of New South Wales.

- \* 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
  - 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



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- 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?

Answer—

The Member should direct her question to the Minister for Education and Early Learning, Prue Car MP.

\* 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?

Answer—

(1 - 2) The \$1.2 billion budgeted to support councils, communities, and businesses in the NSW Budget 2023-24 will support the delivery of projects that will be delivered during 2023-24. Programs will be published on the NSW Grants Finder page when launched.

\* 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?

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

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- 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

June 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

Answer—

The Member should direct her question to the Minister for Education and Early Learning, Prue Car MP.

\* 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?

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Answer—

This question should be directed to the Special Minister of State for a response.

\* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government is committed to improving access to cancer services to people across the State.

Around 95% of people across NSW now live within 100 kilometres of a comprehensive cancer centre. This includes radiation oncology services, as well as public and private radiation oncology treatment centres, in NSW and the ACT.

NSW Health services strive to deliver care as close to patient's homes as possible. However, specialty and complex treatments, such as complex surgery and radiotherapy, need to be delivered in larger centres that have access to a range of connected health services and teams to ensure the best health outcomes for patients. Oncology nurses work as part networked cancer teams across the local health district.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Between 2018 to 2022, there have been 132 crashes between the intersection of Mona Vale Road and McCarrs Creek Rd in Terrey Hills, and the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Vista Street in St Ives, including two fatal, 33 serious injury, 24 moderate injury, 40 minor/other injury, and 33 non-casualty (towaway) crashes. As no specific time period was provided, data has been provided for the last five years as per standard practice. 2023 crash data is not yet finalised.
- (2) Between 2016 and 2023, there have been 436 complaints. This data covers complaints received since Transport for NSW introduced its current complaints database system.
- (3) ConnectSydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, is responsible for the maintenance of Mona Vale Road, between Terrey Hills and St Ives. As part of flood recovery works in November 2022, ConnectSydney resurfaced a failed section of pavement on Mona Vale Road, between Douglas Street and Palm Street.

ConnectSydney are aware of some localised sections of pavement deterioration along Mona Vale Road and have nominated these sites for inclusion in our 2024 Financial Year works program, subject to final approvals.

- (4) ConnectSydney sweep Mona Vale Road monthly.

\* 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?

Answer—

The guidelines for the \$500 fee relief payment per child, per year for parents of 3-year-olds in long day care preschool programs are currently being finalised, and will be available to the community shortly.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW permanent residents aged 60 or over can apply for either a NSW Seniors Card or Senior Savers Card.

NSW Seniors Cards are recognised nationally as part of the Australian Seniors Card program. The card is only available to seniors who are working less than 20 hours per week. These cards provide access to a broad range of discounts and concessions across Australia. These concessions include access to the Gold Opal Card for NSW public transport.

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The Senior Savers Card is a specific offering from the NSW Department of Communities and Justice and is only recognised in NSW. The card is available to people who work more than 20 hours per week and offers discounts at participating businesses.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

ConnectSydney, on behalf of Transport for NSW, have proposed the installation of an anti-climb mesh barrier and graffiti removal at the intersection of Warringah Road and Forest Way, Frenchs Forest.

ConnectSydney are currently awaiting subcontractor pricing for the works and once received, ConnectSydney will forward the proposal to Transport for NSW for final approval.

ConnectSydney will remove the existing graffiti at the location in conjunction with the installation of the proposed anti-climb mesh barrier.

- \* 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”:

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has allocated \$10 million in the NSW Budget 2023-24 to continue the Elizabeth Drive Upgrade Safety and Enabling Works and to progress the design and enabling work on the proposed future Elizabeth Drive Upgrade.

The Elizabeth Drive Upgrade proposes to upgrade about 7.8 kilometres of Elizabeth Drive between Badgerys Creek Road near the future M12 Motorway and about 600 metres east of Duff Road at Cecil Hills. The proposed Elizabeth Drive Upgrade East includes signalisation of intersections along Elizabeth Drive, including the intersections of Elizabeth Drive and Western Road, and Elizabeth Drive and Devonshire Road.

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The Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed Elizabeth Drive (East and West) upgrade was recently on display. Transport for NSW invited the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the Review which was open until Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

Information from vendors is commercial in confidence and therefore unavailable.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has committed \$200 million for Elizabeth Drive safety initiatives and corridor enabling works, including \$10 million 2023-24. Transport for NSW is currently working on activities to progress the development and delivery for safety improvements on Elizabeth Drive.

The Elizabeth Drive Upgrade proposes to upgrade about 7.8 kilometres of Elizabeth Drive between Badgerys Creek Road near the future M12 Motorway and east of Duff Road at Cecil Hills.

The proposed Elizabeth Drive Upgrade East includes signalisation of intersections along Elizabeth Drive, including the intersections of Elizabeth Drive and Western Road and Elizabeth Drive and Devonshire Road.

The Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed Elizabeth Drive (East and West) Upgrade was recently on display. Transport for NSW invited the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the Review which was open until Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

\* 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?



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Answer—

I am advised

This allocation is to continue work toward a construction contract and to start major construction for the Mamre Road upgrade between the M4 Motorway and Erskine Park Road.

The tender process for the delivery of the upgrade is expected to be completed in early 2024. Construction is expected to commence in late 2024.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Both the Mulgoa Road Upgrade Stage 2 and The Horsley Drive Upgrade projects are State and Australian Government funded.

The Australian Government's Infrastructure Investment Program Review will inform the future funding allocation.

Transport for NSW will continue to support these projects within the current available funding allocations until future allocations are determined.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Funding to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Windsor Road and Annangrove Road has been approved as part of the NSW Government's Special Infrastructure Contribution funding. This project includes changing the lane arrangements and traffic signal phasing to allow two right turn lanes from Annangrove Road into Windsor Road. Works are expected to commence in early 2024 and be completed by June 2024

Both Annangrove Road and Kenthurst Road are council managed roads. Any improvements are a matter for council. There are no plans for Annangrove Road to be transferred to Government.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

There are no committed plans or funding to upgrade Old Northern Road between Wylds Road, Middle Dural/Glenorie and Galston Road, Dural, at this time.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

In September 2022, Transport for NSW completed an Integrated Transport Action Plan for the Old Northern Road to Windsor Road, Castle Hill corridor. The Integrated Transport Action Plan included the intersection of Highs Road and Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor conditions at this site.

- \* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

In May 2018, Transport for NSW completed a Road Network Plan for the Windsor to Northmead corridor, which included Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta.

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 Northmead corridor for potential options to improve safety, traffic flow and access along the corridor are currently underway, including Windsor Road between Baulkham Hills and North Parramatta.

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

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The project has been deferred for two years following the 2023-24 NSW Budget handed down on 19 September 2023. Transport for NSW is reviewing the next steps and will keep stakeholders and the community updated as more information becomes available.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW completed an Integrated Transport Action Plan (ITAP) 55 for the Old Northern Road to Windsor Road (Castle Hill) corridor, which included Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills, September 2022.

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 ITAP are subject to further analysis, evaluation, and prioritisation of options to address performance gaps. Strategic investigations of the Old Northern Road corridor, including Old

Northern Road, Baulkham Hills for potential options to improve safety, traffic flow and access along the corridor are currently under way.

- \* 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?

Answer—

As at 31 August 2023, there were 38,518 Aboriginal land claims awaiting determination. Under section 36 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), Aboriginal land claims can only be granted over claimable Crown Land that is not lawfully used or occupied.

For information on the particulars of land claims in each electorate, and further questions on the Aboriginal land claims process, inquiries should be referred to the Minister for Crown Lands for a response.

- \* 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?

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Answer—

I am advised

A summary is included below for vehicles registered in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (as of 30 June each year). The data includes counts from postcodes: 2125, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2157, 2158.

Electric\*:

- 30-Jun-2021: 2,644
- 30-Jun-2022: 3,691
- 30-Jun-2023: 5,804

\*Electric category includes hybrid electric, plug-in hybrid electric and battery electric

Diesel

- 30-Jun-2021: 28,544
- 30-Jun-2022: 29,438
- 30-Jun-2023: 30,292

Hydrogen

- 30-Jun-2021: 5
- 30-Jun-2022: 3
- 30-Jun-2023: 3

Petrol

- 30-Jun-2021: 113,198
- 30-Jun-2022: 113,198
- 30-Jun-2023: 113,972

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has a one-stop online destination for information and support available to primary producers to prepare for and manage drought: NSW DroughtHub <https://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au/>.
- (2) The NSW Government does not declare drought or exceptional circumstances. This has been the case since 2013, where drought support based on a declaration of exceptional circumstances was no longer in place as agreed by primary industries ministers across Australia and in accordance with the National Drought Agreement which NSW is a signatory.

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The NSW Government is monitoring the current situation and working with farmers to ensure the support and assistance on offer is appropriate and timely.

(3) See answer (1).

\* 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

Answer—

The NSW Government has allocated Start Strong program funding to services located within the Oxley Electorate that have a total of 1,786 students enrolled in 2023.

\* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Mental Health.

\* 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?

Answer—

Information on funding for the 2023/24 financial year is available in the NSW Budget Papers.

Updates will be provided to the community as the project progresses.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Project planning approval for the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project, including the bridge, is expected in early 2024. As a Critical State Significant Infrastructure project, determination and approval for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 will need to be granted by the Minister for Planning and may be subject to Conditions of Approval from the Minister.

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- \* 1614 ANZAC PARK MASTERPLAN- WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Specifically, on what page of the budget is funding allocated for the ANZAC Park masterplan in West Ryde?

Answer—

I am advised:

Page 160 of Budget Paper No 1 contains the Department of Planning and Environment's budget measures. It identifies the Department's budget and the material measures for the financial year. The funding allocated for the ANZAC Park masterplan is not a material measure, so is not listed as a line item.

I understand the Department has written to the Council to set up the masterplanning process in line with the Government's election commitment.

- \* 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?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that, as planning progresses, updates about project timelines will be made available via the School Infrastructure NSW website: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is working with the City of Ryde to develop an intersection upgrade outside Meadowbank station. The upgrades will include new traffic signals and replacement of the existing roundabout. The 2023/24 NSW budget allocated \$4 million to the project.

As Bank Street and Constitution Road, Meadowbank are local roads, the City of Ryde will lead the design and delivery of these traffic signals.

- \* 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?

(i) If not, why not?

(ii) If not, are there any plans to introduce an Office of Overseas Skills Recognition?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, the Hon Steve Whan MP

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\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The Department of Planning and Environment reviews and updates the Major Projects submissions portal in an ongoing manner as part of enhancements to the NSW Planning 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW considered several options for the location of the bridge between Melrose Park and Wentworth Point, including the option proposed by Melrose Park Residents Action Group (Action group).

With all options, Transport for NSW assessed the constraints to determine viability of that option. The option proposed by the Action group is substantially constrained by the location of the Parramatta River, residential properties, existing and planned infrastructure (including high voltage electricity lines and developments), Ermington Boat Ramp, and areas of biodiversity (including Newington Nature Reserve and areas of mangrove vegetation).

Based on the above reasons, Transport for NSW determined that the undertaking of invasive geotechnical investigations west of the boat ramp was unwarranted due to the unviability of the option suggested by the Action group.

A bridge further west of the boat ramp would have the potential for additional impacts to biodiversity, land use, heritage, and property. For instance:

- the northern bridge landing would extend through a larger area of mangrove/wetland vegetation
  - the southern bridge landing would directly encroach on the Newington Nature Reserve (gazetted under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1979) and the State heritage-listed Newington Armament Depot and Nature Reserve.
  - the active transport link connections (i.e. ramp connections to the bridge) would also likely increase the project's footprint in the Millennium Parklands and/or private property that would need to be acquired.
- (2) The community and stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project as part of the Environmental Impact Statement public exhibition in late 2022.



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Holdmark did not submit feedback during the public exhibition of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Environmental Impact Statement in late 2022.

Feedback from Holdmark in relation to the Environmental Impact Statement was received by Transport for NSW (via the NSW Department of Planning and Environment) post-Environmental Impact Statement on 21 August 2023. However, the submission did not provide feedback on the use of the playing field area as a staging yard. Holdmark is not the owner of the playing field.

Transport for NSW continues to pursue opportunities to ease the impacts of the closure on the local boating community, including reducing the length of time the boat ramp is closed.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The Transport for NSW contract with Routematch ends on 30 June 2024. Community Transport Service Providers have been consulted to ensure sufficient time and access to the existing technology solution while investigating their own ongoing needs. From 1 July 2024, Transport for NSW will no longer fund access to Routematch Centralised Trip Allocation Booking System.

Community Transport Service Providers will need to source an alternative system or negotiate a direct contract with Routematch if they decide to continue with Routematch. Transport for NSW will continue to support Community Transport Service Providers during transition to their own transport management solution.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 291 (as at 25 October 2023)
- (b) 657
- (c) 503
- (d) 333

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The number of unique customers that have received Energy Accounts Payment Assistance in the Tweed Electorate are as follows:
  - (a) 103 (as at 17 October 2023)
  - (b) 367
  - (c) 260
  - (d) 300

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Approximately 24,700
- (2) This data is not available.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Rangers have issued corrective advice under clause 15(1)(f)(ii) in 35 incidents since the Place Management NSW Regulation 2022 came into effect in August 2022.
- (2) One penalty notice was issued in 2022.
- (3) Seen incidents related to the distribution of political materials.

\* 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?

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- (2) What opportunities are available for passengers and other stakeholders to contribute to the review of those existing bus services?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW is investigating options to deliver our bus election commitments including to reinstate a service in line with the 370. These options will be informed by the work of the Bus Industry Taskforce including input from Bus Passenger Forums.
- (2) The NSW Government is implementing the First Bus Industry Taskforce First Report Recommendation 1.3. This recommendation will enhance community and stakeholder engagement prior making a significant network or service change including the implementation of this election commitment.

I also note that the Bus Industry Taskforce is also engaging directly with community through Bus Passenger Forums across the state to hear from the community first-hand what they want to get from their bus services. Members of the public and representatives from community groups, local businesses and non-government organisations are invited to have their say.

Registration of interest to attend a Community Bus Forum or the submission of feedback directly can be completed via the Have Your Say website [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bus-industry-taskforce](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bus-industry-taskforce)

- \* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health does not collect information about compliance and monitoring activities by electorate.

Information about seizures of illegal nicotine e-cigarettes, and prosecutions for illegal sales of nicotine containing e-cigarettes in NSW is publicly available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

While Sydney Trains does not have any plans to introduce quiet carriages on its suburban services at this time, it is investigating the feasibility of doing so in the future.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (the NEPM) sets minimum monitoring requirements for air quality. For the Greater Sydney Region, the number of monitoring stations required by the NEPM is eight, projected to rise to 10 by 2026. The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) currently operate 20 stations across Sydney.
  - (a) None.
  - (b) None. DPE monitors fine particle (PM2.5) pollution at Bayside Council (Rockdale) in partnership with the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).
  - (c) None.
  - (d) One in Earlwood.
- (2)
  - (a) DPE is currently working with the Sutherland Shire Council to identify a suitable location for a permanent air quality monitoring site.
  - (b) There are no current plans to install a monitoring station in the Bayside Local Government area. DPE will continue to monitor PM2.5 at Rockdale in partnership with ANSTO. Air

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quality in the area is well characterised when considering the monitoring stations at Earlwood, Randwick and the new Sutherland station.

- (c) There are no current plans to install a monitoring station in the Georges River Local Government area. Air quality in the area is well characterised when considering the Earlwood monitoring station and the new Sutherland station.
  - (d) There are no current plans to install additional stations in this area. DPE will continue to operate the Earlwood monitoring station. Air quality in the area is well characterised when considering the Earlwood monitoring station and the nearby stations at Lidcombe and Liverpool.
- (3) Currently there are no plans to recommission the air quality monitoring station at Woolooware.
- (a) The location does not meet the requirements for air quality monitoring as proscribed by Australian Standard AS/NZ 3580.1.1:2016 Guide to siting air monitoring equipment.

The NSW Air Quality monitoring plan will next be evaluated at the end of 2025 and will again assess the needs for monitoring in these areas of Sydney.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services is a specialist mental health service that provide services in the community to children, adolescents, and their families with a range of difficulties that impact their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The NSW Government funds the Mental Health Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

The Safeguards Team is a new Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services community based team providing skilled, evidence-based interventions, to resolve mental health crises.

The Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk service aims to improve access to specialist care for young people with a first episode of psychosis and at risk of developing mental disorder.

From 2023-24, in line with the Bilateral Schedule on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, funds will be provided - through an expression of interest process - for local health districts to establish similar services to the Comprehensive Assessment Service for Psychosis and At Risk.

- \* 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?

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Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Sutherland, Miranda and Cronulla Police Stations are open to the public and operate 24 hours, seven (7) days a week.
- (2) There are no proposals to change the operating 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Canine Court Companion Program dogs and handlers attend Sutherland Local Court on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00am and 11:00am.
- (2) There is usually one dog and handler scheduled each day. On occasion, a second dog may attend for training. Therapy Dog Teams may also receive additional special requests from police or court professionals to assist with people who are especially anxious, or who might benefit from spending time with a Therapy Dog.
- (3) There is no current proposal to change the hours or number of dogs attending.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

For Sutherland Court House in 2023/24 there will be reactive maintenance and planned periodic maintenance carried out in accordance with statutory compliance requirements.

\* 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?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are five (5) full-time Local Court Magistrates sitting at Sutherland Local Court. A Children's Court Magistrate sits each Wednesday.
- (2) The Chief Magistrate is responsible for the determination of listings and sittings in the Local Court across New South Wales.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) As of 30 September 2023, the average waiting time for hearing of defended matters is 19 weeks. This relates to both Defended Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders and defended criminal matters where the defendant is not in custody.
- (3) The average waiting time for defended criminal matters where the defendant is in custody is approximately 8-12 weeks. Note, 'average waiting time' refers to the period of time between the date when a matter is listed for hearing and the date of the hearing.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Toilets are not proposed at the wharves at Kamay Botany Bay National Park as there are existing public toilets at Kurnell and La Perouse. Public facilities will also be available on the ferries.

As part of the Kamay 2020 project in the Kurnell visitor precinct, the National Parks and Wildlife Service will:

- replace the current public toilets and expand the existing carpark in the cricket pitch precinct
- construct visitor infrastructure including connecting pathways and walking tracks, picnic facilities and a Disability Discrimination Act 1992 compliant boardwalk to the new commemorative sculptures
- construct a new visitor centre with an exhibition space, retail area, community meeting rooms, education and office spaces and carpark.

Completion of these works is scheduled for December 2024.

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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 Perouse?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Kamay Ferry Wharves project does not include toilet amenities at the new Kurnell ferry wharf as there are existing public toilets at Kurnell.
- (2) The Kamay Ferry Wharves project does not include toilet amenities at the new La Perouse wharf as there are existing public toilets at La Perouse.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that, as at 5 October 2023:

- (1) Menai (Mixed Permanent/On Call Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters and 10 On-Call Fire Fighters  
Miranda (Permanent Station): 24 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Bundeena (On Call Station): 20 On-Call Fire Fighters  
Engadine (Permanent Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Sutherland (Permanent Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Cronulla (Permanent Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters
- (2) Menai (Mixed Permanent/On Call Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters and 10 On-Call Fire Fighters  
Miranda (Permanent Station): 26 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Bundeena (On Call Station): 17 On-Call Fire Fighters  
Engadine (Permanent Station): 21 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Sutherland (Permanent Station): 22 Permanent Fire Fighters  
Cronulla (Permanent Station): 20 Permanent Fire Fighters



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- (3) A recruitment campaign to fill vacancies at Bundeena On Call Station is underway with applications open until 30 October 2023.

\* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Bathurst Hospital campus has 306 on-site parking spaces, including allocated spaces for disability parking, loading zones, emergency drop off and patient pickup.

Car parking spaces will be determined as part of the design process for the \$200 million Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) (a) The PULSE Program was launched in July 2023.
- (b) To date, a number of new initiatives have been established as part of the PULSE Program to provide immediate support to all staff. For example, the rollout of Mental Health Clinicians, the establishment of the Early Access Treatment initiative and the new Career Transition Team. All the key pillars of the PULSE Program are being implemented and projects are being rolled out in a phased approach building upon existing programs and resources.
- (c - d) (i-v) PULSE Program projects are early in their inception, and engagement with each of the initiatives is being continuously monitored and evaluated to further develop the program. Specific data on the number of officers engaged in the PULSE Program and the specific

areas accessed is not available at this time as psychological, health, fitness, safety and injury management are all embedded in existing programs and are enhanced by the PULSE Program initiatives.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 70.
- (b) Police dog teams are centrally based at Menai and operationally deployed from both metropolitan and regional commands to provide a timely response to commands on a 24 hour/seven day per week basis.
- (c) Two (2) dogs are currently classified as non-operational due to injury.
- (d) The retirement age for police dogs is when they reach the age of eight (8), conditional upon the police dog maintaining an ongoing training regime and quarterly assessments. Unforeseen injury or illness may result in the consideration of early retirement should the dog be unable to meet physical and quarterly accreditation standards.

All cases of police dog retirement are considered by the NSW Police Force Dog's and Mounted Command – Breeding, Acquisition, Replacement and Disposal Panel.

\* 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?

Answer—

- (1 - 2) On 12 October 2023, Heritage NSW met with the owner and Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Mayor and senior council staff onsite.

The roof of one of the most exceptional buildings has been repaired, renovations of two cottages on Taralga Road have started, and there is improved garden and grounds maintenance overall.

The Government is committed to ensuring the dilapidated condition of the property is rectified, and steps actioned to reduce risk of vandalism.

I have instructed Heritage NSW to maintain regular site visits to monitor progress of work.

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Longer-term activation of the site must be addressed by the owner in consultation with Council and Heritage NSW and required planning approvals.

\* 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?

Answer—

(1) I am advised that as was planned under the previous Government, the final product will be released in stages across 2024.

The Pet Registry Steering Committee which is overseeing the build of the IT platform recommended avoiding a public trial over the Christmas shutdown period, which usually coincides with an increase in pet ownership transfers and increases in queries. External user testing will occur in the first quarter of next year.

(2) \$9.1M has been allocated for 2023/2024, with further funding in the forward years.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to backing small businesses. The Service NSW Business Bureau was launched on 25 October 2023 by the Minister for Small Business and the Minister for Customer Service. The Service NSW Business Bureau will help businesses navigate government, boost growth opportunities and tackle unproductive red tape.

The Service NSW Business Bureau connects businesses with free, personalised support to understand and access government programs to grow their business, alongside digital tools to manage transactions and licences. This includes a major upgrade to the Service NSW Business Bureau App, which supports business with:

- tracking and saving licences associated to their business and employees in one place
- booking expert advisers based on their unique business needs
- viewing voucher payment summaries, transaction reports and bank details.

The NSW Government's commitment to support small businesses extends through the Charter for Small Business. The Charter is currently in development, including through consultation with small business peak bodies.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget announced an energy bill relief for small businesses. Energy bill relief is being provided to small businesses consuming less than 100MWh of electricity annually. Retail customers can receive payments from their energy providers. From October 2023, on-supplied customers can apply for relief through the Service NSW website. This support aims to alleviate the financial burden of energy costs. Eligible small businesses will receive a payment of up to \$650 towards their energy bills.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget also allocated funding to provide a one third toll rebate for heavy vehicles using the M5 and M8 tunnels, over two years.

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- \* 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?
- Answer—
- I am advised
- The Sydney Metro lifts near Bella Vista station are operational.
- Maintenance and operation of a separate set of lifts, for a pedestrian bridge about two kilometres south. is not a matter for Transport for NSW or Sydney Metro.
- \* 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?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- Yes.
- \* 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?
- (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?
- Answer—
- The information requested does not fall under the responsibility of the Minister for Education. Please refer this question to the Minister for Local Government.

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- \* 1648 NSW POLICE DOGS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) How many K-9 units operate in Liverpool City Police Area Command?
- (2) How many K-9 units operate in Sutherland Shire Police Area Command?
- (3) Do any of the K-9 units that operate in Liverpool Police Area Command or Sutherland Police Area Command have fully qualified Cadaver dogs certified to Australian Standards?
- (4) How many K-9 units in NSW have fully qualified Cadaver dogs certified to Australian Standards?
- (5) How much does it cost to train a NSW police force dog to become a fully qualified Cadaver dog certified to Australian Standards?

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- (6) Who offers the canine training services to obtain certification to Australian Standards?  
(7) Who regulates the Australian standards for certification of Cadaver dogs?

Answer—

- (1 - 2) The Sydney metropolitan area is serviced by 54 Police dog teams that provide a timely response to Police Area Commands on a 24 hour/seven day per week basis. Dog units are not specifically aligned to Police Area Commands.  
(3 - 4) There are currently four (4) police dogs accredited with cadaver detection capability. The requisite accreditation is in accordance with the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) Education and Training Guidelines relating to police dog handling. The NSW Police Force is not guided by Australian Standards.

Cadaver dogs are not specifically aligned to Police Area Commands.

- (5) It is not possible to establish a definitive cost to train a NSW Police Force dog in cadaver detection.  
(6) The NSW Police Force provides all training of NSW Police Force cadaver detection dogs. Law enforcement dogs are not bound by Australian Standards AS 5350.1 :2022 and AS 5350.2:2022.  
(7) The Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) regulates the ANZPAA Education and Training Guidelines that provide for the requisite accreditation of police dogs with cadaver detection capability.

- \* 1649 RESTART NSW PROJECTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to the Holsworthy electorate report for the 2023-2024 State Budget Restart New South Wales projects:

- (1) Under the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund - Growing Local Economies program, can the Minister advise how the Gap Road Economic Precinct Southern Approach project relates to the electorate of Holsworthy?  
(2) Is the Gateway to the South, Alford's Point widening project included in the Holsworthy Electorate report for the 2023-2024 State Budget?  
(a) If not, can the Minister advise the reasons for not including the project?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Regional New South Wales.

- \* 1650 AIR-CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can you specify which schools in Holsworthy applied for the Cooler Classrooms Program to install air-conditioning systems?  
(2) In the last financial year, how many classrooms, by school in Holsworthy, received funding to install air-conditioning systems?  
(3) How many classrooms, by school in Holsworthy, remain without air-conditioning systems?

Answer—

Three schools were approved for funding under the Cooler Classrooms program: Casula High School, Lucas Heights Community School and Lurnea High School.

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The Department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

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Applications under Cooler Classrooms Round 2 opened in Term 1, 2019. While work was repeatedly promised by the former Liberal Nationals Government, funding was not allocated.

- \* 1651 WEE WAA EVACUATION POINT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister advise of the allocated evacuation point for Wee Waa residents in the event of breach of the town's levee bank?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Evacuation centres are determined by the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC), which is led by the relevant local council.
- The Narrabri Shire Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN) (August 2023) describes the local arrangements at the local level to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. The Plan also lists the evacuation centres, activation and capacity of centres for Narrabri Shire.
- The evacuation centre is listed as being the Crossing Theatre in Narrabri. Six additional welfare registration centres are listed, with Wee Waa Indoor Sports Centre being one of these centres.
- The Narrabri Shire Local Flood Plan is a sub plan of the Narrabri Shire Local EM PLAN. It lists locations as being suitable for flood evacuation centres. The evacuation centres are reviewed during weather incidents by the planning team in accordance with the NSW Evacuation Management Guideline. This is dependent upon the specific flooding scenarios.
- The following locations in Wee Waa are listed in the current Narrabri Shire Local Flood Plan (November 2020) as being suitable for flood evacuation centres:
  - Wee Waa High School in Purcell Street.
  - Sports Complex on Narrabri Road.
  - CWA Rooms in Rose Street.
  - Namoi Cotton Co-Op and Cotton Grower Services on Boolcarrol Road.

- \* 1652 FERALS CAN DATA ENTRY—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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether members of Government agencies taking part in authorised campaigns are required to enter data into the Government supported FeralScan website or app?
- (a) If not, why?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, as the Minister responsible for Local Land Services and the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has a Pest and Weed Information System that allows data on NPWS feral animal programs to be combined with FeralScan data to inform cooperative pest management programs.

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\* 1653 AUTHORISED CAMPAIGNS AND CATEGORY D LICENCE HOLDERS—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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise of what authorised campaigns are underway for the eradication of feral animals, so that Category D licence holders may apply to take part?
- (2) Would the Government consider making this information publicly available?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, as there are no authorised campaigns under the definition used for firearms licensing within the Minister for the Environment's portfolio.

\* 1654 VETERANS ORGANISATION FUNDING—Mr Justin Clancy 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) What is the total funding provided by the Government to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate for the periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (e) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (2) What is the funding provided by the Government, to Legacy Albury for the periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (e) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (3) What is the funding provided by the Government, to Soldier On Albury for the periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?
  - (e) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (4) What is the funding provided by the Government, to Albury RSL Sub-branch for the periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022?
  - (c) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021?
  - (d) 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020?

- (e) 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) In the period of 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023, a total of \$750 was provided to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate from the Anzac Community Grants Program. This information is publicly available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program/>.
  - (b) In the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, a total of \$1,250 was provided to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate from the Anzac Community Grants Program. This information is publicly available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program/anzac-community-grant-recipients-2021/>.
  - (c) In the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, a total of \$2,000 was provided to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate from the Anzac Community Grants Program. This information is publicly available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program/acgp-grant-recipients/>.
  - (d) In the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, a total of \$10,680 was provided to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate from the Community War Memorials Fund. This information is publicly available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>.
  - (e) In the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, no funding was provided to veterans' organisations in the Albury Electorate from the Anzac Community Grants Program or Community War Memorials Fund.
- (2) No funding was provided to Legacy Albury from the Anzac Community Grants Program, Community War Memorials Fund, or the Minister for Veterans Discretionary Fund in any of the named periods.
- (3) No funding was provided to Soldier On Albury from the Anzac Community Grants Program, Community War Memorials Fund, or the Minister for Veterans Discretionary Fund in any of the named periods.
- (4)
- (a) In the period 1 July 2022 to 25 March 2023, no funding was provided to Albury RSL Sub-Branch from the Anzac Community Grants Program or Community War Memorials Fund.
  - (b) In the period of 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, a total of \$750 was provided to Albury RSL sub-Branch from the Anzac Community Grants Program. This information is publicly available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program/anzac-community-grant-recipients-2021/>.
  - (c) In the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, no funding was provided to Albury RSL Sub-Branch from the Anzac Community Grants Program or Community War Memorials Fund.



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- (d) In the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, no funding was provided to Albury RSL Sub-Branch from the Anzac Community Grants Program or Community War Memorials Fund.
- (e) In the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, no funding was provided to Albury RSL Sub-Branch from the Anzac Community Grants Program or Community War Memorials Fund.

\* 1655 WEEKEND DOCTORS—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 doctors available during weekends in hospitals across the Cootamundra electorate:

(1) How many doctors 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 NSW Local Health District:

- Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
- Cowra Hospital?
- Grenfell Multipurpose Service?

(2) How many doctors are currently available during weekends 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 NSW Local Health District:

- Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
- Cowra Hospital?
- Grenfell Multipurpose Service?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to meet operational need. Health care services are delivered by doctors, nurses, paramedics, and allied health professionals.

In rural and regional hospitals, local health districts engage GPs as visiting medical officers (VMOs) to work in acute and residential aged care. GP VMO's may be rostered to work in the facility or on an on-call basis. Where a GP VMO is not available, the District may engage a locum.

When a doctor is not physically present, nursing staff have access to clinicians through virtual care technologies who provide care for the patient, and support to the bedside team.

\* 1656 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT AND METRO UPDATE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will there be shared pathways constructed in parallel with the Western Sydney Airport Metro project to facilitate safer and more accessible commuting for pedestrians and cyclists?
- (2) Are there specific plans to incorporate bicycle facilities and storage amenities at Metro stations to promote sustainable and healthy transport alternatives?
- (3) How will the Western Sydney Airport Metro project integrate or establish connections with existing shared pathways and cycling infrastructure, particularly along major routes including The Northern Road, M12, M7, and Bringelly Road?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) This information is available within Transport for NSW's Strategic Cycleway Corridors Western Parkland City document online.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Please refer to the Strategic Cycleway Corridors Western Parkland City document. Specific route alignments for strategic cycleway corridors are yet to be confirmed.

\* 1657 OXLEY PRESCHOOL ACCESS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the early childhood sector in the Oxley Electorate:

- (1) What is the average waiting list to access day-care in the following Local Government Areas:
  - (a) Bellingen Shire?
  - (b) Nambucca Valley?
  - (c) Kempsey Shire?
  - (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings?
- (2) What is the average waiting list to accessing preschool in the following Local Government Areas:
  - (a) Bellingen Shire?
  - (b) Nambucca Valley?

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- (c) Kempsey Shire?
- (d) Port Macquarie-Hastings?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not hold information on waiting lists for non-government day care services.

The Department is investigating the collection of preschool access information from government-funded community and mobile preschools on children aged 3 and above.

- \* 1658 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to Aboriginal Land Claims

- (1) How many active claims are there within the Oxley electorate?
- (2) Over which sites do these claims relate?
- (3) What percentage of claims are successful?
- (4) What is the average time taken for a claim to be determined?

Answer—

As of 31 August 2023, there were 38,518 Aboriginal land claims awaiting determination. Under section 36 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), Aboriginal land claims can only be granted over claimable Crown Land that is not lawfully used or occupied.

For information on the particulars of land claims in a given electorate, and further questions on the Aboriginal land claims process, inquiries should be referred to the Minister for Crown Lands for a response.

- \* 1659 AIR-CODNITIONING IN CLASSROOMS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to air-conditioning in schools in the Oxley electorate:

- (1) Separately for each public primary school in the Oxley electorate, how many classrooms are without air conditioning at that school?
- (2) Separately for each public high school in the Oxley electorate, how many classrooms are without air conditioning at that school?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools. School principals will continue to be able nominate projects for additional air conditioning.

The department has delivered air-conditioning projects at 41 public schools in Oxley.

- \* 1660 NSW BLUES CRICKET TEAM SPONSORSHIP—The Hon. Adam Marshall 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) When was the decision made to sponsor the NSW Blues?
- (2) Can you advise regarding the decision-making process for this sponsorship?

- (3) Did the NSW Blues approach you or the Government directly for sponsorship, or did you or the Government approach Cricket NSW?
- (4) How much is the sponsorship worth?
- (5) What is the duration of the sponsorship?
- (6) Can you advise regarding the conditions and benefits as part of the sponsorship deal?
- (7) Is the sponsorship funding new money allocated in the 2023/24 Budget or existing funding taken from another program?

Answer—

This season's partnership with Cricket NSW comes at no financial cost and provides an unrivalled opportunity to promote amazing regional NSW as a world class destination for investment, travel, and lifestyle.

- \* 1661 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to approved projects under round 6 of the Fixing Country Roads program:

- (1) When will the funding deeds, signed and lodged by successful local councils under round 6 of the Fixing Country Roads program be released by New South Wales Treasury?
- (2) When will the approved funding be provided to these councils?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the deeds were signed and executed on 24 October 2023, and the relevant local councils have been informed by Infrastructure NSW.
- (2) Funding will be made available to councils on a reimbursement basis, with councils sending invoices to Infrastructure NSW, who will review, then send to Treasury for payment.

- \* 1662 SAVINGS FINDER—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many residents of the Tweed Electorate made an appointment with Service NSW to use Savings Finder to help find relevant rebates and vouchers in the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the following Savings Finder appointments were conducted at the Tweed Heads Service NSW Service Centre:
  - (a) 113 (1 July 2023 to 17 October 2023)
  - (b) 105 (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)
  - (c) 190 (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022)

- \* 1663 TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many residents of the Tweed Electorate have received support under the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme (TTSS) in the following years:

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- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2022-23?
- (c) 2021-22?

Answer—

I am advised

- (a) - 28
- (b) - 90
- (c) - 85

\* 1664 BOAT DRIVING LICENCES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Regarding general boat driving licences:

- (1) How many licenses were issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?
- (2) How many licence holders from within the Tweed Electorate received a 50 per cent discount on the licence fee in the following years:
  - (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
  - (a) As at 18 October 2023, 6,025 current General Boat Driving Licences were on issue.
  - (b) For 2022-23, 6,050 current General Boat Driving Licences were on issue.
  - (c) For 2021-22, 6,052 current General Boat Driving Licences were on issue.
- (2)
  - (a) As at 18 October 2023, there were 1,155 General Boat Licence holders within the Tweed Electorate who received a 50 per cent discount.
  - (b) For 2022-23, there were 1,203 General Boat Licence holders within the Tweed Electorate who received a 50 per cent discount.
  - (c) For 2021-22, there were 1,324 General Boat Licence holders within the Tweed Electorate who received a 50 per cent discount.

\* 1665 POLICE NUMBERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to officer employment in the Nepean Police Area Command.
  - (a) What is the number of police officers needed to have the Nepean Police Area Command operating at full strength?

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- (b) How many police officers are there in total across the Nepean Police Area Command currently?
- (c) For all stations within the Nepean Police Area Command, how many officers are stationed at each station as of October 2023?
- (d) For all stations within the Nepean Police Area Command, how many vacant positions are there at each station as of October 2023?
- (e) For all stations within the Nepean Police Area Command, how many officers have resigned or retired in the past year as of October 2023?
- (2) In relation to officer employment in the Liverpool Police Area Command.
- (a) What is the number of police officers needed to have the Liverpool Police Area Command operating at full strength?
- (b) How many police officers are there in total across the Liverpool Police Area Command currently?
- (c) For all stations within the Liverpool Police Area Command, how many officers are stationed at each station as of October 2023?
- (d) For all stations within the Liverpool Police Area Command, how many vacant positions are there at each station as of October 2023?
- (e) For all stations within the Liverpool Police Area Command, how many officers have resigned or retired in the past year as of October 2023?
- (3) In relation to officer employment in the Mount Druitt Police Area Command.
- (a) What is the number of police officers needed to have the Mount Druitt Police Area Command operating at full strength?
- (b) How many police officers are there in total across the Mount Druitt Police Area Command currently?
- (c) For all stations within the Mount Druitt Police Area Command, how many officers are stationed at each station as of October 2023?
- (d) For all stations within the Mount Druitt Police Area Command, how many vacant positions are there at each station as of October 2023?
- (e) For all stations within the Mount Druitt Police Area Command, how many officers have resigned or retired in the past year as of October 2023?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a - d) The NSW Police Force's (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report for each Police Area Command and Police District. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.
- (e) 9
- (2)
- (a - d) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report for each Police Area Command and Police District.
- Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.
- (e) 5

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(3)

(a - d) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) publishes information about NSWPF numbers in each annual report for each Police Area Command and Police District.

Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

(e) 5

\* 1666 OBERON WIND FARM—The Hon. Paul Toole 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) In relation to proposed wind farm in Oberon.

(a) Up until 1 October 2023, how much has Forestry Corporation spent in relation to investigating the Oberon Wind Farm proposal in state forest?

(b) How many staff are allocated to the project within Forestry Corporation?

Answer—

(1) Forestry Corporation is carrying out a market process to issue permits to allow proponents to investigate renewable projects in several locations in the softwood plantation estate including Oberon.

(a) Costs associated with the market process are not recorded by location.

(b) The market process involves several locations in the softwood plantation estate including Oberon and staff involved are not allocated to any specific location.

\* 1667 CONCESSIONAL DRIVER LICENCE RENEWAL SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) In relation to the Concessional Driver Licence Renewal scheme.

(a) How many individuals in the Bathurst Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:

(i) 2020?

(ii) 2021?

(iii) 2022?

(iv) 2023?

(b) How many individuals in the Lithgow Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:

(i) 2020?

(ii) 2021?

(iii) 2022?

(iv) 2023?

(c) How many individuals in the Blayney Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:

(i) 2020?

(ii) 2021?

- (iii) 2022?
- (iv) 2023?
- (d) How many individuals in the Oberon Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
  - (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?
- (e) How many individuals in the Mid-Western Local Government Area used this scheme in the following years:
  - (i) 2020?
  - (ii) 2021?
  - (iii) 2022?
  - (iv) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- \* 1668 KENMORE HOSPITAL HERITAGE ORDER—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?

Answer—

- (1 - 2) On 14 November 2023, Heritage NSW issued an Order under section 120 of the Heritage Act 1977 to the owners of the property, directing works to meet the minimum standards of maintenance and repair required under the Act. The owners have nine months to comply with the schedule of works.

On 12 October 2023, Heritage NSW met with the owner and Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Mayor and senior council staff onsite. Pleasingly, significant work has been undertaken to repair the roof of one of the most exceptional buildings, renovations of two caretaker cottages on Taralga Road have started, and there is improved garden, grounds, and internal building spaces, and maintenance overall.

The Government is committed to ensuring the dilapidated condition of the property is rectified, and that steps are actioned to reduce risk of vandalism.

I have instructed Heritage NSW to maintain regular site visits to monitor progress of work.

Longer term activation of the site must be addressed by the owner in consultation with Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Heritage NSW, and required planning approvals.



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\* 1669 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What measures is the Government implementing to support the increased cost of running a small business?
- (2) What rebates are available for small businesses to help with their electricity, utilities and insurance costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to backing small businesses. The Service NSW Business Bureau was launched on 25 October 2023 by the Minister for Small Business and the Minister for Customer Service. The Service NSW Business Bureau will help businesses navigate government, boost growth opportunities and tackle unproductive red tape.

The Service NSW Business Bureau connects businesses with free, personalised support to understand and access government programs to grow their business, alongside digital tools to manage transactions and licences. This includes a major upgrade to the Service NSW Business

Bureau App, which supports business with:

- tracking and saving licences associated to their business and employees in one place
- booking expert advisors based on their unique business needs
- viewing voucher payment summaries, transaction reports and bank details.

The NSW Government's commitment to support small businesses extends through the Charter for Small Business. The Charter is currently in development, including through consultation with small business peak bodies.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget announced an energy bill relief for small businesses. Energy bill relief is being provided to small businesses consuming less than 100MWh of electricity annually. Retail customers can receive payments from their energy providers. From October 2023, on-supplied customers can apply for relief through the Service NSW website. This support aims to alleviate the financial burden of energy costs. Eligible small businesses will receive a payment of up to \$650 towards their energy bills.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget also allocated funding to provide a one third toll rebate for heavy vehicles using the M5 and M5 tunnels, over two years.

Certain small businesses are exempted from general insurance duties. An insurance duty exemption is provided to small businesses for:

- Commercial vehicle insurance
- Commercial aviation insurance
- Occupational indemnity insurance
- Product and public liability insurance.

\* 1670 OXLEY HIGHWAY UPGRADE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What progress has been made on plans to upgrade the Oxley Highway between the Pacific Highway and Gordon Street, Port Macquarie since the Government was elected in March 2023?
- (2) How much funding has the Government committed for the ongoing planning of this upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

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Transport for NSW is continuing with planning for the upgrade of the Oxley Highway/Pacific Highway interchange. This also includes future upgrades to Wrights and Lakes Road intersections with the Oxley Highway. The work to date includes traffic modelling and strategic concept designs for both intersections and some additional network connections. This planning work is being undertaken in collaboration with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council as well as the Department of Health due to the Health and Education Precinct in Port Macquarie.

Previously \$2 million was allocated to the Oxley Highway/Pacific Highway Interchange at Port Macquarie (part of a \$20 million commitment to the interchange). Funding for any upgrades to the Lakes and Wrights Road intersections would be part of future decisions informed by the finalisation of options, community consultation and funding availability.

\* 1671 REGIONAL CITIES AND BUS SERVICES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Regarding the 16 Regional Cities Services Improvement Program, when will the Plan be implemented in the Port Macquarie-Hastings area?
- (2) How many additional bus services do you intend to add to the Port Macquarie-Hastings network?
- (3) Will additional bus services be allocated to the new residential communities including Thrumster, Crestwood and Rainbow Beach Estate?

Answer—

I am advised

A service plan for Port Macquarie was developed as part of the 16 Regional Cities Services Improvement Program. Only service planning for Port Macquarie was funded under the 16 Cities program and implementation of the bus plan will be subject to a future funding submission to Government for consideration.

Further information about the 16 Regional Cities Services Improvement Program can be found at <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/16-regional-cities-services-improvement-program>

\* 1672 INVESTIGATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 440H OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993—  
Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In relation to the conduct of Investigation by the Office of Local Government pursuant to section 440H of the Local Government Act 1993:
  - (a) Are those accused of breaching the New South Wales Local Government Model Code of Conduct or a respective Council's Code of Conduct to be provided procedural fairness and natural justice from the outset of the accused being notified of an investigation pursuant to section 440H of the Local Government Act (the Act)?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (b) Are investigations pursuant to section 440H of the Act conducted in accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW?
    - (i) If not, what are the procedures they are conducted under and can a step-by-step outline please be provided?
  - (c) When an accused is notified of an investigation pursuant to section 440H of the Act are they properly informed of the allegations against them from the outset, with particulars, specificity, any evidence against them and enough information so they can properly identify any allegations against them and properly meet any case against them in accordance with procedural fairness and natural justice requirements?
    - (i) If not, why not?

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- (d) Under what provision/s of the Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW or the Local Government Act or Regulation may the Office of Local Government notify a Council or its officers that a Councillor is subject to an investigation of section 440H of the Act?
- (e) What appeal rights does a Councillor have in relation to any conduct of an investigation pursuant to section 440H of the Act?
- (f) What is the Office of Local Government's Budget to defend actions taken against it in the Courts regarding section 440H of the Act?
- (g) In view of Members of Parliament being afforded reimbursement for investigations and proceedings before a Court or Independent Commission Against Corruption are Councillors reimbursed for legal representation? If not, why not?
- (h) How many investigations are currently being conducted by the Office of Local Government pursuant to section 440H of the Act?
  - (i) Are there any time imperatives for the conduct of an investigation pursuant to section 440H of the Act? If there is not, why not?
- (i) In relation to (h) above, how many investigations pursuant to section 440H have not been concluded within:
  - (i) Three months?
  - (ii) Six months?
  - (iii) Nine months?
  - (iv) 12 months?

Answer—

I have voiced my concerns publicly about the Model Code of Conduct inherited by the Minns Government from the former Liberal-National Government. The volume of complaints being generated which don't result in any findings, while at the same time costing ratepayers across the state millions in external investigations, are strong indicators of a broken system.

The Model Code of Conduct needs a fundamental rewrite, this is work I intend to undertake as a matter of priority.

In relation to the questions raised, I am advised:

Misconduct Investigations under section 440H are not dependent on a complaint under the Code of Conduct or the Procedures for the Administration of the Procedures for the Model Code of Conduct.

The structure of the investigation process under section 440H of the Local Government Act, 1993 and the precedent approach developed by the Office of Local Government is designed to ensure procedural fairness is provided to the subject of an investigation throughout the process.

To protect the investigative work of the OLG and other integrity agencies, it is not appropriate to provide information on investigations that are underway.

\* 1673 DHARUG SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROPOSAL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Could you please provide an update on Muru Mittigar's proposal for a Dharug Social Enterprise at a vacant site at Beaumont Hills?

Answer—

I am advised:

This site is reserved for the public purpose of environmental conservation and is home to the threatened Cumberland Plain Land Snail and Cumberland Plain Woodland. Muru Mittigar's proposal would not be suitable for the site as it could impact these threatened species and vegetation.

The Department of Planning and Environment is working with the Hills Shire Council to transfer the site to Council for long-term conservation.

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\* 1674 AMBULANCE TRANSPORT DATA—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 patients were transported from via ambulance service to a hospital in following financial years from an address in each of the following postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2099, 2100;
  - (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'm advised:

Information about NSW Ambulance performance, including response and turnaround time, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\* 1675 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—

- (1) In relation to accidents that occurred on 1 October 2023 and 9 October 2023 on Mona Vale Road West (between the Baha'i Temple and Kimbriki Tip), what is the Premier's response to those accidents?
- (2) Does the Premier have current plans to visit Mona Vale Road in the Pittwater electorate to consider the need for an upgrade of Mona Vale Road West (Baha'i Temple to Kimbriki Tip)?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, will the Premier visit Mona Vale Road in the Pittwater electorate to consider the need for an upgrade of Mona Vale Road West (Baha'i Temple to Kimbriki Tip)?

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Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to improving safety on our roads across NSW.

I am advised:

Lifesaving initiatives in the 2026 Road Safety Action Plan and NSW Government road safety commitments are delivered through the Community Road Safety Fund, which ensures every dollar generated from road safety camera-detected offences goes back into delivery of road safety initiatives.

The NSW Government undertook a comprehensive and independent Strategic Infrastructure Review of the State's capital program. This Review focussed on the successful delivery of the current infrastructure pipeline and considered projects and programs in the forward capital program to ensure maximum benefits to the state and balance fiscal, service delivery, and market capacity pressures.

I am also advised that the Minister for Roads will be directly liaising with the Member.

\* 1676 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS—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—

- (1) In relation to accidents that occurred on 1 October 2023 and 9 October 2023 on Mona Vale Road West (between the Baha'i Temple and Kimbriki Tip), what is the Minister's response to those accidents?
- (2) Does the Minister have current plans to visit Mona Vale Road in the Pittwater electorate to consider the need for an upgrade of Mona Vale Road West (Baha'i Temple to Kimbriki Tip)?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, will the Minister visit Mona Vale Road in the Pittwater electorate to consider the need for an upgrade of Mona Vale Road West (Baha'i Temple to Kimbriki Tip)?

Answer—

I am advised

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\* 1677 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—

- (1) Please advise the following details in respect of each of the five projects which were to be assessed or have been assessed for funding through the Local Small Commitment Allocation program, which were nominated as election commitments for the electorate of Pittwater prior to the March 2023 election (as referenced at page 2 of the Local Small Commitment Allocation Program Guideline, dated 31 July 2023, published by the Premier's Department):
  - (a) Exact details as to what each of the five the projects nominated were,
  - (b) The exact amount nominated for funding for each of the abovementioned projects,
  - (c) The date on which the project was nominated.

Answer—

I am advised:

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The assessment and approvals of LSCA projects will continue on a rolling basis. Successful organisations and the local MP in the electorates where the projects are to be delivered will be advised in writing by the Premier's Department. The details of successful grants will be made publicly available on the NSW Grants and Funding website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/lsc>).

\* 1678 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Please advise the following details in respect of each of the five projects which were to be assessed or have been assessed for funding through the Local Small Commitment Allocation program, which were nominated as election commitments for the electorate of Pittwater prior to the March 2023 election (as referenced at page 2 of the Local Small Commitment Allocation Program Guideline, dated 31 July 2023, published by the Premier's Department):
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  - (b) The exact amount nominated for funding for each of the abovementioned projects,
  - (c) The date on which the project was nominated.

Answer—

I am advised:

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\* 1679 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Please advise the following details in respect of each of the five projects which were to be assessed or have been assessed for funding through the Local Small Commitment Allocation program, which were nominated as election commitments for the electorate of Pittwater prior to the March 2023 election (as referenced at page 2 of the Local Small Commitment Allocation Program Guideline, dated 31 July 2023, published by the Premier's Department):
- (a) Exact details as to what each of the five the projects nominated were,
  - (b) The exact amount nominated for funding for each of the abovementioned projects,
  - (c) The date on which the project was nominated.

Answer—

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\* 1680 TRAILERS AND CARAVAN DATA—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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of:

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- Trailers,
  - Caravans,
- (a) Registered to an owner who has recorded their business or postal address in any of the following postcodes (2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097, 2085, 2086, 2099, 2100):
- (b) As at each of the following dates, please provide a breakdown by type of trailer and caravan (separately), for each post code above, for each year.
- (i) 30 June 2023?
  - (ii) 30 June 2022?
  - (iii) 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised

The table below provides details for Registered Trailer Types for 2021 -2023 (as at the end of June 2023) across these postcodes. Please note: Privacy policy does not permit postcode level summary data to be released publicly due to identification risks.

Trailer/Caravan	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023
<b>Caravan Total</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>2,551</b>
<b>Trailer Types Total</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>13,229</b>
Agricultural Plant Trailer	1	-	-
Air Compressor Trailer	13	12	13
Animal Carrier Trailer	257	254	253
Barrier Stall/ Totalisator Trailer	1	-	-
Boat Trailer	4,905	4,981	4,921
Bolster Trailer	-	1	-
Box Trailer	6,898	6,773	6,669
Bulk Carrier Trailer	16	17	18
Concrete Mixer Trailer	1	1	<b>1</b>
Dolly Trailer	6	4	4
Earthwork Plant Trailer	3	4	7
Electrical Plant Trailer	5	15	17
Honey Extracting Plant Trailer	1	1	1
Industrial Plant Trailer	78	76	76
Low Loader Trailer	11	11	11
Motor Vehicle Carrier Trailer	528	537	553
Pantechnicon Trailer	13	19	21
Plant Trailer	82	88	87

* Refrigerated Van Trailer	2	1	1
Roadwork Plant Carrier Trailer	1	1	-
Roadwork Plant Trailer	2	2	2
Semi Trailer	15	17	19
Table Top With Fittings Trailer	89	86	92
Table Top Without Fittings Trailer	74	67	70
Tanker Trailer	4	5	6
Tipper Trailer	197	222	221
Van Trailer	164	172	166
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,726</b>	<b>15,828</b>	<b>15,780</b>

- \* 1681 NORTHERN BEACHES HOUSING TARGET—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Does the Government have plans to increase the 20-year (to 2036) housing target for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The housing targets are still under development. I have asked the Greater Cities Commission to ensure that the targets align with:

- NSW's commitment under the National Housing Accord to deliver its share of the 1.2 million homes needed over the next five years
- the NSW Government's election commitment to rebalance Sydney's population growth and housing around existing and planned infrastructure and deliver higher density development around key transport hubs.

Housing completions in the Northern Beaches LGA, under the North District Plan, did not meet the 2016 to 2021 housing target.

- \* 1682 DEE WHY 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) Has the Government announced a new Ambulance station in Dee Why?

- (a) If yes, could the Minister please advise how much is planned to be invested on the new ambulance station in 2023-24 and 2024-25?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In the 2023-24 State Budget, the NSW Government committed \$488.8 million over 4 years for the NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program.

This investment will provide local paramedics with modern, fit-for-purpose infrastructure to better meet the emergency medical care needs of communities across NSW. Several new stations, including at Dee Why, will be delivered under this program. Early planning activities for the new station are underway.



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- \* 1683 GEORGES RIVER KOALA NATIONAL PARK—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 \$22.1 million committed in the 2023-24 Budget to establish the new Georges River Koala National Park:

- (1) Will any of this funding go towards improving koala crossings along Heathcote Road?
- (2) If not, why?

Answer—

The NSW Government committed \$48.2 million in the 2023-24 State Budget to deliver a Georges River Koala National Park. This includes the \$22.1 million in capital expenditure quoted by Mrs Ayyad. Further, the NSW Government committed \$26.7 million in the 2023-24 State Budget to deliver three koala friendly crossings in southwest Sydney.

- (1) No.
- (2) Works to improve koala crossings along Heathcote Road have already received funding:
  - More than \$1.7 million has been provided under the NSW Koala Strategy to deliver a koala underpass and koala exclusion fencing at Deadmans Creek on Heathcote Road.
  - Transport for NSW has also completed an underpass and fencing works as part of the Heathcote Road Bridge upgrade.

- \* 1684 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE WAITING TIMES—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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 to come to trial at Liverpool 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 Liverpool 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 Liverpool Court House where the defendant is in custody?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) As of 30 September 2023, the average waiting time for hearing of all defended matters at Liverpool Local Court is 33 weeks. This includes both Defended Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders and defended criminal matters where the defendant is not in custody.
- (3) The average waiting time for defended criminal matters where the defendant is in custody is approximately 18 weeks. Note that the 'average waiting time' refers to the period of time between the date when a matter is listed for hearing and the date of the hearing.

- \* 1685 HIGHWAY INTERSECTION UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to the M5 Motorway, Moorebank Avenue to Hume Highway Intersection Upgrade:

- (1) Has the project's cost over four years increased from \$223 million in in 2022-23 State Budget to \$268.9 million in the 2023-24 State Budget?
  - (a) If yes, are you able to provide reasons for this cost increase?
- (2) When is construction expected to start?

- (3) When is the project expected to be completed?
- (4) Is the project still partially funded by the Commonwealth, and if so, is the split 50-50?

Answer—

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

- \* 1686 FIRE ANT RESPONSE STRATEGY—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 the NSW Biosecurity (Invasive Ant Carriers) Control Order 2023 took effect in August in response to the fire ant threat, what preparedness plans are in place, and what funding is available for dealing with this biosecurity threat in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC.

- \* 1687 SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES WITH SEASONAL POPULATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister advise how the Government is ensuring that communities with variable seasonal populations are not under resourced in peak tourist periods due to the challenges of gathering accurate census data?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Census provides a snapshot of populations every five years, including where there are large temporary populations on Census night. Along with the Census, information on temporary populations can be sourced through surveys such as the national visitor survey and the survey of tourist accommodation. Other data sources include data from mobile phones, utilities, remote sensing and wifi usage.

- \* 1688 BREAK AND ENTERS IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many break and enters have been reported per annum across the Oatley Electorate in;
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
  - (f) 2023?
- (2) Of these reports how many have resulted in a successful prosecution?
- (3) How many of these break and enters occurred in;
  - (a) Beverly Hills?
  - (b) Blakehurst?
  - (c) Connells Point?

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- (d) Hurstville?
  - (e) Hurstville Grove?
  - (f) Kyle Bay?
  - (g) Lugarno?
  - (h) Mortdale?
  - (i) Narwee?
  - (j) Oatley?
  - (k) Peakhurst?
  - (l) Peakhurst Heights?
  - (m) Penshurst?
  - (n) Riverwood?
  - (o) South Hurstville?
- (4) What actions are being taken to reduce break and enters?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 361  
(b) 328  
(c) 244  
(d) 242  
(e) 231  
(f) 156

Note: It is not possible to extract data using electoral districts as a geographic boundary. The suburbs specified in question 3 have been used as a geographic boundary to provide this data. Data effective as at 13 October 2023.

- (2) 2018 – 65  
2019 – 67  
2020 – 45  
2021 – 92  
2022 – 39  
2023 – 17

Note: Data includes any offence/s linked to the break and enter incident. Successful prosecution includes offences with a court result of conviction proved, non-conviction proved or without conviction proved. Data effective as at 13 October 2023.

- (3) (a) 2018 – 33  
2019 – 38  
2020 – 24  
2021 – 16  
2022 – 16

- 2023 – 10
- (b) 2018 – 19
  - 2019 – 8
  - 2020 – 11
  - 2021 – 6
  - 2022 – 14
  - 2023 – 8
- (c) 2018 – 5
  - 2019 – 1
  - 2020 – 4
  - 2021 – 1
  - 2022 – 6
  - 2023 – 6
- (d) 2018 – 102
  - 2019 – 71
  - 2020 – 50
  - 2021 – 77
  - 2022 – 50
  - 2023 – 44
- (e) 2018 – 8
  - 2019 – 5
  - 2020 – 2
  - 2021 – 2
  - 2022 – 3
  - 2023 – 0
- (f) 2018 – 1
  - 2019 – 3
  - 2020 – 2
  - 2021 – 3
  - 2022 – 3
  - 2023 – 1
- (g) 2018 – 13
  - 2019 – 6
  - 2020 – 4
  - 2021 – 7
  - 2022 – 6

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- 2023 – 7
- (h) 2018 – 34  
2019 – 23  
2020 – 27  
2021 – 14  
2022 – 15  
2023 – 7
- (i) 2018 – 17  
2019 – 23  
2020 – 16  
2021 – 13  
2022 – 17  
2023 – 13
- (j) 2018 – 17  
2019 – 17  
2020 – 13  
2021 – 13  
2022 – 8  
2023 – 9
- (k) 2018 – 28  
2019 – 36  
2020 – 25  
2021 – 12  
2022 – 21  
2023 – 11
- (l) 2018 – 2  
2019 – 3  
2020 – 0  
2021 – 0  
2022 – 1  
2023 – 0
- (m) 2018 – 25  
2019 – 24  
2020 – 15  
2021 – 37  
2022 – 15

	2023 – 16
(n)	2018 – 49
	2019 – 66
	2020 – 44
	2021 – 37
	2022 – 54
	2023 – 24
(o)	2018 – 8
	2019 – 4
	2020 – 7
	2021 – 4
	2022 – 2
	2023 – 0

Note: Data effective as at 13 October 2023.

- (4) St George Police Area Command (PAC) Crime Prevention Unit, Proactive Crime Team and High Visibility Policing Unit are dedicated to the disruption, prevention and response to incidents of break and enter. The Command continues to engage in prevention-focused taskings, investigative strategies, victim follow up, and the targeting of known offenders and areas with a high frequency of break and enter offences. The St George PAC continues to engage with the community regarding safety messaging and assist repeat victims to improve security measures.

\* 1689 CO-EDUCATION IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Following the Government's announcement regarding future co-educational schools at the current Georges River Campus Penshurst Girls campus and Georges River Campus Hurstville Boys campus:

- (1) Did the Government conduct further consultation with the community following the former Government's consultation in September and October 2022?
- When did this occur?
  - What were the notification periods?
  - What were the results of this consultation?
- (2) Who made the decision to select Georges River Campus Penshurst Girls campus and Georges River Campus Hurstville Boys campus' as the schools that would transition to co-education models?
- When was this decision made?
- (3) What necessary upgrades are required to ensure the campuses are fit for purpose.
- When will these upgrades take place?
  - Will these upgrades impact on students during the school terms?
- (4) Will this change to co-educational schools also see an increase in staffing numbers to support our growing community?

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Answer—

An extensive community consultation about future educational offerings for Georges River College was conducted in August and September 2022. The NSW Government made the decision to transition the Georges River College Penshurst Girls and Georges River College Hurstville Boys campuses to co-education after reviewing the findings of the consultation. The consultation found strong support for co-education, particularly among future parents.

- (1) The department is undertaking an assessment of the existing facilities at both campuses. These works will be carried out and completed during 2024, in consultation with the respective principals. These works will not interrupt the learning of students at the sites.

The Georges River College campuses will be staffed in line with the department's staffing agreement procedures. Current 2023 staffing entitlements for the campuses will be maintained until 2026 to support the college during the transition.

\* 1690 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many domestic violence related assaults have been reported per annum across the Oatley Electorate in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
  - (f) 2023?
- (2) Of these reports, how many have led to the prosecution of the perpetrator?
- (3) How many of these domestic violence related assaults occurred in:
  - (a) Beverly Hills?
  - (b) Blakehurst?
  - (c) Connells Point?
  - (d) Hurstville?
  - (e) Hurstville Grove?
  - (f) Kyle Bay?
  - (g) Lugarno?
  - (h) Mortdale
  - (i) Narwee?
  - (j) Oatley?
  - (k) Peakhurst?
  - (l) Peakhurst Heights?
  - (m) Penshurst?
  - (n) Riverwood?
  - (o) South Hurstville?

(4) What actions are being taken to reduce domestic violence related assaults?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 378
- (b) 417
- (c) 410
- (d) 385
- (e) 398
- (f) 301

Note: It is not possible to extract data using electoral districts as a geographic boundary. The suburbs specified in question 3 have been used as a geographic boundary to provide this data. The above data includes a count of “Assault” incidents with an Associated Factor of “Domestic Violence-related”. Data effective as at 13 October 2023.

- (2) 2018 – 287
- 2019 – 359
- 2020 – 326
- 2021 – 338
- 2022 – 345
- 2023 – 245

Note: The above data includes a count of offences as at 13 October 2023. The data includes any offence/s linked to the Assault incident. The offence/s may not necessarily be Assault-related.

- (3)
  - (a) 2018 – 43
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  - 2023 – 5
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- 2022 – 1  
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2023 – 17

Note: The above data includes a count of incidents as at 13 October 2023.

- (4) The NSW Police Force is committed to a wide range of strategies to address domestic violence across New South Wales.

In addition to local and state-wide operations such as Operation Amarok, an intelligence-based policing strategy targeting high risk domestic violence offenders, the St George Police Area Command uses a suite of strategies to protect the community and to hold perpetrators to account.

This includes the engagement of the Central Metropolitan Region High Risk Domestic Violence Team to target high-risk domestic violence offenders, regular Apprehended Domestic Violence Order compliance checks, and extensive reviews of all incidents to initiate criminal proceedings where sufficient evidence exists. Continued engagement with repeat victims and referral of victims at risk of serious harm to Safety Action Meetings provides a holistic approach to victim protection and support.

Victims are also supported through the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service and Police Station Co-Location pilot, which embeds specialist support workers within police stations to improve the experience of victims who report to police and streamline their access to safety and support. Repeat offenders are also referred to appropriate services. St George PAC continues to engage with the community, including through social media, to increase domestic violence awareness and safety messaging.

- \* 1691 POLICE STAFFING IN RIVERWOOD—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) As of the date the most recent data that is available, how many police officers (FTE) are allocated to Riverwood Police Station?
- (2) Is Riverwood Police Station manned 24/7?
- (3) Is the local community able to report and attend Riverwood Police Station 24/7?
- (4) What specialist units are located at Riverwood Police Station?
- (5) Does Riverwood Station have a dedicated Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO)?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding officer numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its Annual Report. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) St George Traffic and Highway Patrol and St George High Visibility Policing Unit.
- (5) The St George Police Area Command has six (6) Domestic Violence Officers (DVOs) located at Kogarah Police Station, who are managed centrally but can be deployed across the Command to meet community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

- \* 1692 POLICE STAFFING NUMBERS IN ST GEORGE REGION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) As of the date the most recent data is available, how many police officers (FTE) are allocated to the St George Area Command?
  - (a) Of these how many full-time equivalent are allocated to Riverwood Police Station?

- (b) Of these how many full-time equivalent are allocated to St George (Kogarah) Police Station?
- (c) Of these how many full-time equivalent are allocated to Hurstville Police Station?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District (PD) in its annual report.

Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

- \* 1693 REDEVELOPMENT OF POLICE STATIONS IN ST GEORGE REGION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Does the Government have any plans to redevelop and/or expand the Police Stations located at Hurstville, Kogarah & Riverwood, which are part of the Central Metro Region?.

Answer—

There are no current plans to redevelop and/or expand Hurstville, Kogarah and Riverwood Police Stations.

- \* 1694 ST GEORGE TAFE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What courses are offered at TAFE NSW - St George?
- (2) What are the number of places offered in each course at TAFE NSW - St George?
- (3) How many students are enrolled at TAFE NSW - St George?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Course information is available, by location, at [www.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.tafensw.edu.au).
- (2) TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report).
- (3) TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: [www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report](http://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report).

- \* 1695 ST GEORGE TAFE PRIVATISATION OR SALE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Is any part of TAFE NSW - St George considered for consolidation, sale or privatisation?

Answer—

TAFE NSW has no proposals in place for the consolidation, sale or privatisation of TAFE NSW - St George.

- \* 1696 SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Have you made representations to the Commonwealth Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs regarding support for temporary visa holders, asylum seekers and refugees:
  - (a) If yes, what was the Commonwealth Government's response?
  - (b) Has the Government made further representations on this matter since June?
    - (i) If so, how frequently?

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- (c) Should there continue to be an absence of Commonwealth support, is the State Government planning to re-introduce funding to fill this gap?
- (2) Since the expiration of Multicultural NSW's Emergency Relief Support Grant funding:
  - (a) Have you met with the 15 Non- Government Organisations who were previously receiving funding under the program?
  - (b) Has the Government considered introducing alternative funding opportunities for these Non-Government Organisations?
  - (c) Should there continue to be an absence of Commonwealth support, is the Government planning to re-introduce funding to fill this gap?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, I made representation to the Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs before the end of Multicultural NSW's Emergency Relief Support (ERS) Grant funding term, requesting that the Commonwealth Government provide urgent funding to specialist non-government organisations (NGOs) to support vulnerable temporary visa holders and people seeking asylum. Recognising that the Commonwealth Government is responsible for providing assistance to people seeking asylum through the Department of Home Affairs and the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) program - and that the NSW Government funding was only intended to provide emergency relief during COVID-19 when these cohorts were excluded from Commonwealth Government support payments - I also made representation to the Commonwealth Government to review SRSS funding and eligibility.
  - (a) The Commonwealth Government has advised that NGOs seeking funding should contact Minister Giles' office directly.
  - (b) The NSW Government has raised these matters with the Commonwealth Government through the Senior Officials Settlement Outcomes Group (SOSOG), which is the appropriate mechanism through which to raise these concerns.
  - (c) The NSW Government is not planning to re-introduce funding to fill gaps. Support for people seeking asylum is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) With respect to the ERS providers:
  - (a) I met with a number of ERS providers earlier this year. Further, my agency Multicultural NSW which administered the grant, engages regularly with these NGOs, many of whom are also members of the Joint Partnership Working Group (JPWG) which is chaired by Professor Peter Shergold AC, NSW Coordinator General for Settlement.
  - (b) The NSW Government, via Multicultural NSW, invests in initiatives that foster community harmony, celebrate cultural diversity and build socially cohesive communities. These grant programs empower communities across NSW to deliver:
    - (i) Festivals and events that build social cohesion and community harmony
    - (ii) Grassroots community projects that will have a lasting community impact
    - (iii) Community-driven emergency relief activities

As advised at (1), our government is currently not planning to re-introduce funding to till Commonwealth Government funding gaps for people seeking asylum and vulnerable temporary visa holders, however, is committed to continuing to advocate to the Commonwealth Government to increase their support. Support for people seeking asylum is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

\* 1697 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to workers compensation:

- (1) In what period of time can a former employee make their first claim after leaving employment?
- (2) Can a former employee claim from a former employer that was not their immediate past employer?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 specifies the time in which a worker is to make a claim for compensation.
- (2) The legislation specifies the time limits a worker is to notify an employer of an injury or make a claim for compensation. In some circumstances, this may mean that a worker gives notice to an employer or their insurer after they have commenced employment with another employer.

- \* 1698 **BUSINESSES PAYING WORKERS COMPENSATION**—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to businesses paying workers compensation:

- (1) At what premium rate/amount/threshold can a business choose an authorised provider?

Answer—

I am advised:

Employers with an Average Performance Premium (APP) or Group Average Performance Premium (GAPP) of more than \$500 000 are eligible to choose their Claims Service Provider. A critical component of the Claims Model is to offer more employers a choice of Claims Service Provider.

- \* 1699 **QATAR AIRWAYS PROPOSAL**—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 Qatar Airways request for additional flights to Australia, including Sydney:

- (1) Can the Minister advise of the Government's policy in relation to the Qatar Airways proposal?
- (2) Did you have any discussions with Commonwealth Government ministers?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised this is a matter for the Federal Government.
- (2) See answer above.

- \* 1700 **LIGHTING UP THE OPERA HOUSE FOR ISRAEL**—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 lighting of the Opera House on 9 October 2023 for Israel:

- (1) What was the total cost to light it up?

Answer—

- (1) \$10,000 + GST

- \* 1701 **TRANSPORT TIMETABLES**—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise of the Government's policy in relation to Transport for NSW having overall responsibility for the Standard Working Timetable (SWTT) for the delivery of transport services by public transport agencies?

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(2) Is Sydney Light Rail included as an Agency under the Transport Administration Act 1988 in relation to the SWTT?

(a) If not, why not?

(3) Will you consider adding Sydney Light Rail to integrated transport timetabling?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's overall responsibility is legislated through the Transport Administration Act 1988.

Transport for NSW has responsibility for determining the Standard Working Timetable for the delivery of transport services by public transport agencies for all modes of transport in the metropolitan rail area.

In so determining the Standard Working Timetable, Transport for NSW must provide the following specifications:

- frequency of services; daily service periods (that is, the times of first and last services)
- size and carrying capacity of the trains, buses and ferries to be used to provide services
- movement of trains, buses and ferries when not in service, and
- access and non-operational times for maintenance and other operational purposes.

Sydney Light Rail is not an Agency under the Transport Administration Act 1988. However, Transport for NSW is an Agency under the Act and, in accordance with Section 104O (2), has the power to “operate light rail systems, or facilitate their operation by others”. Transport for NSW has contracted Altrac Light Rail Partnership to operate and maintain the Sydney Light Rail. In doing so, Transport for NSW has specified key aspects of the services delivery in line with the requirements of the Standard Working Timetable.

\* 1702 COASTAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION WORKS—Mr Adam Crouch 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 intend on placing a moratorium on seawalls and revetments walls identified as coastal protection works under the Coastal Management Act 2016?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government does not intend to place a moratorium on coastal protection works under the Coastal Management Act, 2016.

\* 1703 LAND TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT LAND—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Can the Minister advise the status of negotiations between Central Coast Council and the Government in relation to the transfer of Government owned land for Council's proposed revetment wall?

(2) Does the Government intend on halting the transfer of Government land to Central Coast Council for the proposed revetment wall?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) Negotiations between the Central Coast Council and the Government are ongoing.

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The lots are currently in the care, control and management of Central Coast Council as gazetted in 1990.

\* 1704 GAMBLING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Tanya Davies 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) What are the top forms of gambling in New South Wales?
- (2) Can the Minister please provide a detailed breakdown of all forms of gambling in New South Wales

Answer—

- (1) Based on the 2019 NSW Gambling Survey, the most common gambling activity was lotteries, with 37 per cent of the NSW adult population participating in this kind of gambling in the previous 12 months.
- (2) The NSW Gambling Survey 2019 found that 53 per cent of the NSW adult population participated in some form of gambling activity. A breakdown of participation in each form of gambling activity is available on page 11 of the NSW Gambling Survey: [nsw-gambling-survey-2019-report-final-amended-mar-2020.ashx](https://www.gambling.nsw.gov.au/2019-report-final-amended-mar-2020.ashx)

\* 1705 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What measures is the Government implementing to support the increased cost of running and operating a small business?
- (2) What rebates are available for small businesses to help with their electricity, utilities and insurance costs?
- (3) Are there plans to cut red tape for small businesses? If so, could you please outline this further.

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to backing small businesses. The Service NSW Business Bureau was launched on 25 October 2023 by the Minister for Small Business and the Minister for Customer Service. The Service NSW Business Bureau will help businesses navigate government, boost growth opportunities and tackle unproductive red tape.

The Service NSW Business Bureau connects businesses with free, personalised support to understand and access government programs to grow their business, alongside digital tools to manage transactions and licences. This includes a major upgrade to the Service NSW Business Bureau App, which supports business with:

- tracking and saving licences associated to their business and employees in one place
- booking expert advisors based on their unique business needs
- viewing voucher payment summaries, transaction reports and bank details.

The NSW Government's commitment to support small businesses extends through the Charter for Small Business. The Charter is currently in development, including through consultation with small business peak bodies.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget announced an energy bill relief for small businesses. Energy bill relief is being provided to small businesses consuming less than 100MWh of electricity annually. Retail customers can receive payments from their energy providers. From October 2023, on-supplied customers can apply for relief through the Service NSW website. This support aims to alleviate the financial burden of energy costs. Eligible small businesses will receive a payment of up to \$650 towards their energy bills.



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The 2023-24 NSW Budget also allocated funding to provide a one third toll rebate for heavy vehicles using the M5 and M5 tunnels, over two years.

Certain small businesses are exempted from general insurance duties. An insurance duty exemption is provided to small businesses for:

- Commercial vehicle insurance
- Commercial aviation insurance
- Occupational indemnity insurance
- Product and Public liability insurance.

\* 1706 SERVICE NSW LOCATIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Is the Government looking to open a Service NSW Service Centre in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that Service NSW regularly monitors its network to identify potential service centre locations based on factors such as estimated population growth by region, and the distance to and utilisation of the nearest Service NSW service centres.

The following Service NSW service centres provide face-to-face services to residents of the Drummoyne electorate (distances calculated from Drummoyne Post Office):

- Service NSW Burwood - 7km
- Service NSW Marrickville - 8km
- Service NSW Haymarket -6.7km
- Service NSW Wynyard -6.9km

Service NSW continues to expand the digital options available for customers as an alternative channel to complete their transactions via the Service NSW website or the Service NSW app.

Customers are also encouraged to utilise the Service NSW contact centre on 13 77 88 for phone assistance.

\* 1707 SERVICE NSW SAVINGS FINDER—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How many people have made an appointment with Burwood Service NSW to use the Savings Finder to help find relevant rebates and vouchers to help with cost of living in the following years:

- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2022-23?
- (c) 2021-22?

Answer—

(1) I am advised the following Savings Finder appointments were conducted at Burwood Service Centre:

- (a) 143 (1 July 2023 to 19 October 2023)
- (b) 195 (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)
- (c) 596 (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022)

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\* 1708 COST OF LIVING FOR SELF-FUNDED RETIREES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What cost of living assistance and rebates are available to assist self-funded retirees?
- (2) Is the Government planning to increase rebates for self-funded retirees?

Answer—

The Savings Finder Tool can be used to help find personalised savings. It is available on the Service NSW app and website at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder)

\* 1709 LAND TAX FOR SELF-FUNDED RETIREES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to increase the land tax threshold for self-funded retirees?
- (2) As part of the 2023-24 Budget, is the Government planning to increase land tax on properties owned by self-funded retirees?

Answer—

(1) The land tax thresholds for each land tax year are determined by the NSW Valuer General under the Land Tax Management Act 1956.

(2) The 2023-24 Budget papers can be found at:

[2023-24 NSW Budget Papers](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/2023-24/budget-papers)

<https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/2023-24/budget-papers>

\* 1710 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many schools in the Drummoyne electorate do not have air conditioning in all of their classrooms?
- (2) If there are schools without air conditioning, which schools are they, and when can those schools expect to be fully air conditioned?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The Department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools. School Principals will continue to be able nominate projects for additional air conditioning.

In Drummoyne, air-conditioning upgrades have been delivered at Abbotsford Public School, Concord Public School, Drummoyne Public School, Mortlake Public School, Strathfield North Public School, Victoria Avenue Public School, Russell Lea Public School, Lucas Gardens School and Concord High School.

\* 1711 BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

Will there be a community consultation pop up as part of the Bus Industry Taskforce at a location in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

The Bus Industry Taskforce is running a statewide program of community and stakeholder forums to facilitate maximum participation up until March 2024. Details for these community forums can be found on the NSW Government Have Your Say website, where anyone can register to attend a session.

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In addition, members of the community can provide feedback by completing a survey or uploading a submission at any time via <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bus-industry-taskforce>

\* 1712 BRIDJI BUS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can you advise whether the Government has plans to reinstate a previous procedure that allowed the Bridj Bus to be booked over the phone?
- (2) Can you advise whether the Government has plans to reinstate a previous procedure that allowed commuters to pay for their Bridj Bus fare by using their Opal Card or Credit Card on the bus?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transit Systems accepts bookings over the phone for the Bridj On Demand bus.
- (2) The Bridj On Demand bus stopped accepting Opal cards for fare payment in 2021. Currently there are no plans to reinstate the option for passengers to pay with an Opal card. Passengers are able to pay via credit card and Opal Connect online which provides travel credits.

\* 1713 SYDNEY METRO WEST REVIEW—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) The Minister previously advised the House that the review into the Sydney Metro West would be reported to Government in October, has the Government received the report on the review?
- (2) If not, when will the Government receive the report?
- (3) When will the Government announce its decision on the future of the Sydney Metro West project?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government will make announcements about the future of the Sydney Metro West project in due course.

\* 1714 ISOBUTYL NITRITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many arrests have Police made for possession of isobutyl (amyl) nitrite each year over the past five years?
- (2) How many charges have been taken to court over this period?
- (3) How many of these charges were withdrawn?
- (4) What is Police policy for addressing possession of isobutyl nitrite as a prescribed restricted product?
- (5) What changes are planned for Police policy in response to possession of isobutyl nitrite?

Answer—

- (1-3) Data not held.
- (4-5) The use of Isobutyl (Amyl) Nitrite in NSW is governed under the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 for which the Minister for Health is responsible. The NSW Police Force does not have a specific policy regarding the possession of isobutyl nitrite.

\* 1715 DOCKED SHARE BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of share bike schemes that require bicycles to be docked to recharge?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to encouraging docked bike share schemes?

- (3) What plans does the Government have to introduce or facilitate docked share bikes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is closely monitoring developments in shared bicycles, scooters and other micromobility devices. Transport for NSW will continue to investigate opportunities to enable sharing services, and to ensure legislation responds both to risks and to emerging opportunities as technologies and business models evolve.

Docked bicycle schemes have high hurdles to entry, including the space and investment required for docking infrastructure. Docked share bikes may reduce inappropriate or obstructive parking in busy locations.

However, there are also other options for how the NSW Government can work with councils to reduce parking and amenity impacts. This includes the use of council powers under the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (PSUP Act).

- \* 1716 NON-RESIDENT TEACHERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are non-resident teachers being required to leave New South Wales schools to complete fruit picking in order to fulfil visa requirements?
  - (a) If yes, what assessment has been made by the Government in relation to these requirements?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to ensure that classrooms and schools are not impacted by these requirements?
- (3) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that non-resident teachers in New South Wales are not required to leave classrooms in order to fulfil these visa requirements?
- (4) What further action is needed to ensure non-resident teachers can continue working as teachers without breaks for remote farm work?

Answer—

The Department of Education has no visibility of requirements for visa holders who are teachers being required to undertake fruit picking.

The Department of Education provides advice to schools regarding teachers on temporary visas by identifying relevant visa options. Feedback has been provided by the department through the NSW Skilled Migration Steering Committee and the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan.

The priority of the Minns Government is to grow the teacher workforce through delivering competitive salaries to attract and retain teachers, lifting the status of the profession, and investing in teacher supply initiatives such as the expansion of the Grow Your Own program and supporting quality Initial Teacher Education programs.

- \* 1717 SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADES IN 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 representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

Noting the New South Wales Budget commits funding in the amount of \$279,000.00 for the Castle Hill Electorate for 'New Works - Social Housing Upgrade' please advise:

- (1) What are the details of the New Works to which the funding relates?
- (2) What is the time frame as to when the New Works will be commenced and completed?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Housing agencies develop upgrade programs based on Property Condition Surveys and prioritise properties of most need. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works undertaken throughout 2023/24.

- \* 1718 SYDNEY METRO CHATSWOOD DIVE SITE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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

- (1) What is the status of the Expression of Interest process for a masterplan for the site?
- (2) Will the Government conduct a formal tender process?
- (3) Is a new Primary School intended to be the primary occupant of the site?
  - (a) If so, has part of the site been set aside for this purpose?
- (4) What consultation will be conducted with the community on the future of the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Expressions of Interest process commenced in December 2022 and concluded in February 2023.
  - (2) Yes. The next phase is a Request for Detailed Proposals stage with shortlisted respondents which will commence shortly.
  - (3) Yes.
    - (a) The configuration of the various uses proposed for the site is for the incoming developer to propose and will be subject to planning approval.
  - (4) Any future development will be subject to planning approvals and will include broad community and stakeholder consultation as part of this process.
- \* 1719 NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCALHEALTH DISTRICT CLINICAL SERVICES 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 Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD):

- (1) What is the status of the NSLHD Clinical Services Plan for 2023-2028?
- (2) When will the plan be released?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Northern Sydney Local Health District's Clinical Services Plan 2024-2029 is being developed. It will be publicly released in early 2024.

- \* 1720 COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES PROCESS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to Complying Development Certificates (CDCs), is the Government planning any reforms to the CDC process that:

- (1) allows for greater consultation with neighbouring properties?

- (2) allows for a streamlined objection and dispute mechanism?
- (3) better protects items with heritage value?

Answer—

I am advised:

While no reforms to the CDC process are currently planned. The Department of Planning and Environment considers all feedback from the public, industry and councils and has an ongoing review program to ensure the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 functions as intended.

- \* 1721 NEW SOUTH WALES RENTAL 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—

In relation to the New South Wales Rental Commissioner:

- (1) What is the role, responsibilities, and powers of the Commissioner?
- (2) What role, if any, does the Commissioner have in relation to the rental law consultation paper and rental reform generally?

Answer—

Please refer to Hansard for previous statements I have made to the NSW Parliament about the role of the Rental Commissioner and consultation on the Government's rental reform agenda.

- \* 1722 REFORM LAWS IN RELATION TO DEMOLITION—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—

Does the Government plan to reform laws to prevent a demolition under a Complying Development Certificate from proceeding when a local heritage listing is in process?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is developing the state's first Heritage Strategy, which will include an examination of the interaction between state planning laws and policies and the Heritage Act 1977.

- \* 1723 HERBERT STREET PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the Herbert Street Precinct Development at Royal North Shore Hospital

- (1) What is the current status of the development?
- (2) When will a revised concept plan be released for community consultation?
  - (a) Will this plan include a school?
  - (b) Will this plan include any housing or accommodation facilities?
- (3) Will hospital land be utilised for purposes other than that related to health?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is investigating revitalisation opportunities at the Herbert Street Precinct (the Precinct).

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- (2) Further updates on the Precinct are expected in early-2024. When a revised concept has been developed, the NSW Government will undertake further community engagement and consultation. A range of uses are being investigated. Further information will be available once these investigations are complete.
- (3) The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the Royal North Shore Hospital remains a world class health precinct, and that realisation of opportunities at the Precinct does not come at the expense of future clinical service delivery.

\* 1724 LOWER NORTH SHORE NEW AMBULANCE STATION—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 proposed new ambulance station on the Lower North Shore:

- (1) Is the Government purchasing a site currently occupied by the Police Citizens Youth Club at North Sydney for the purpose of housing that new ambulance station?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government has purchased the site from Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW, on Falcon Street, North Sydney to deliver a new purpose-built ambulance station for communities across North Sydney and Cremorne.

The new North Sydney Ambulance Station will support local paramedics to provide the best emergency medical care now and into the future.

\* 1725 REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE TO CANCELLED BEACHES LINK 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—

In relation to the road network review announced as an alternative to the cancelled Beaches link project:

- (1) Will the findings of the review be released publicly?
- (2) Will there be any opportunities for the public to make a submission to the review?
- (3) Will any additional resources be committed to deliver the review's recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised

Prior to the 2023 Election, the NSW Government committed to the cancellation of the Beaches Link project. The NSW Government has since confirmed the decision to cancel the Beaches Link project. As part of this cancellation, Transport for NSW is carrying out a road network review.

The purpose of the review is to assess if any road network improvements are required in northern Sydney, and other impacted areas due to the project's cancellation. Specifically, it aims to:

- Identify future road network options to improve network performance at critical locations along key surface road corridors with Beaches Link cancelled.
- Review, develop and assess options to improve the movement of people and goods and improve access for public transport and active transport along the key corridors.

As part of the review Transport for NSW will engage with key stakeholders such as Councils, however public submissions will not be invited.

The results of the review, including improvement options identified, will be presented to Government for consideration.

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Transport for NSW has established a dedicated team to investigate and provide advice to Government about any improvement options identified.

\* 1726 ST LEONARDS HOUSING GROWTH—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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) What community consultation has or will be conducted on any rezoning?
- (4) Is the proposal consistent with the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan?
  - (a) If not, will the plan be updated to reflect any material changes?
- (5) Can the Minister advise whether an increase in population is expected in St Leonards?
  - (a) If yes, will there be a corresponding increase in local infrastructure and essential services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan (Plan) identifies recommended planning controls for rezoning and uplift in height and floor space ratios for certain land to the north and south of the Pacific Highway near St Leonards Station.
- (2) North Sydney, Lane Cove and Willoughby councils progress rezonings through planning proposals that amend their Local Environmental Plans. Seven sites have been rezoned and four are underway in St Leonards.
- (3) Public exhibition is required for each planning proposal in line with the Department of Planning and Environment's Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline.
- (4) The Department assesses each planning proposal's consistency with the Plan. A proposal may be inconsistent if it can be demonstrated that the provisions are of minor significance and the proposal achieves the vision, objectives and actions of the Plan.

The Plan also allows specific sites to accommodate additional density where public benefits will be delivered that are of exceptional value. These proposals still need to be consistent with the vision, objectives and actions of the Plan.

- (5) The St Leonards and Crows Nest Plan, which was finalised on 29 August 2020 and guides future development and infrastructure decisions in the area to 2036, provides for 6,683 new dwellings in the plan area. The Plan is supported by a schedule of infrastructure priorities for funding within the area.

\* 1727 PAYROLL TAX—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How much revenue and what percentage of overall payroll tax revenue comes from regional New South Wales in the following years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?
- (2) How many business in regional New South Wales have a payroll tax liability?



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- (3) How many NorthernTablelands business pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:
- (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?

Answer—

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

\* 1728 GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) What was the total government procurement expenditure and actual number of contracts awarded to, from 1 April 2023 to present;
- (a) Non-employing businesses?
  - (b) Micro and small businesses?
  - (c) Medium businesses?
  - (d) Large businesses?
- (2) What was the total government procurement expenditure and actual number of contracts awarded to, from 1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023;
- (a) Non-employing businesses?
  - (b) Micro and small businesses?
  - (c) Medium businesses?
  - (d) Large businesses?
- (3) What was the total government procurement expenditure and actual number of contracts awarded to, from 1 April 2023 to present:
- (a) Regional businesses?
  - (b) Metropolitan area businesses?
- (4) What was the total government procurement expenditure and actual number of contracts awarded to, from 1 April 2022 to 1 April 2023:
- (a) Regional businesses?
  - (b) Metropolitan area businesses?

Answer—

NSW Government agencies must publicly disclose awarded contracts greater than \$150,000 in the contracts register on the eTenders website.

\* 1729 BUS ROUTE CANCELLATIONS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Since 1 July 2023 by week commencing on Monday, what has been the number of U-Go Mobility school bus routes not operated due to delay, unplanned cancellation, or other failure, by contract area?

Answer—

I am advised

There are 236 dedicated school routes operated by U-Go Mobility with a total of 1,180 dedicated school services each week during the school terms. Delivery of these commenced in line with the start of the school term on 17 July 2023.

Eighteen (18) of these dedicated school routes (a bus route operating between one or more schools and a suburb within the operating area, conveying only school students to and from school) were temporarily transferred and operated by Transit Systems between 17 August 2023 and 5 October 2023 to allow U-Go Mobility performance to stabilise and ensure reliability. These 18 dedicated school routes were returned to and operated by U-Go Mobility from 8 October 2023.

Thirteen (13) dedicated school services on those school bus routes were not operated by U-Go Mobility since 17 July 2023.

<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Dedicated School Services cancelled</b>
17 July 2023	5
24 July 2023	2
31 July 2023	Nil
7 August 2023	3
14 August 2023	2
21 August 2023	Nil
28 August 2023	1
4 September 2023	Nil
11 September 2023	Nil
18 September 2023	Nil
25 September 2023	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
2 October 2023	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
9 October 2023	Nil
16 October 2023	Nil
23 October 2023	Nil
30 October 2023	Nil
6 November 2023	Nil

U-Go Mobility are working closely with TfNSW to ensure all dedicated school services are delivered in accordance with the required service level so that there are no negative impacts to students who travel on services provided by U-Go Mobility.

\* 1730 TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION BUDGET—Ms Eleni Petinos 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 in the Miranda Electorate have accessed temporary emergency accommodation for each calendar month for the last 12 months?

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- (2) Of those accessing temporary emergency accommodation who are from the Miranda Electorate, how many of those were placed in temporary accommodation within the Sutherland Shire?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of people in Miranda Electorate who have accessed temporary accommodation in the last 12 months is a total of 198 people.

Temporary accommodation is often motels, hotels and shelters - meaning locations across Sydney can be limited. We try to offer people temporary accommodation as close as possible to their community. We are actively working on how to bring more supported temporary accommodation online across Sydney and NSW.

- \* 1731 STAMP DUTY IN MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

What was the total revenue raised by Stamp Duty in New South Wales and by electorate in each of the financial years from 2018-19 to 2022-23?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the 2018-19 Budget Papers, 2019-20 Budget Papers, 2020-21 Budget Papers, 2021-22 Budget Papers, and 2022-23 Budget Papers.

- \* 1732 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the current school maintenance backlog in the Miranda electorate, by;
- (a) Number of maintenance jobs outstanding?
- (b) Total monetary value?
- (2) Please provide relevant details for each outstanding maintenance job by school?
- (3) When is the maintenance backlog in the Miranda electorate due to be cleared?

Answer—

The NSW Labor Government inherited an unfunded \$1.2 billion school maintenance bill left by the former Liberal-Nationals Government. Moving forward, maintenance work will continue to be prioritised on a needs-basis through an annual statewide review of schools' maintenance needs. This is in addition to any urgent maintenance which may be required.

- \* 1733 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many Active Kids vouchers (of any value) have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2022-23?
- (c) 2021-22?
- (d) 2020-21?
- (e) 2019-20?
- (f) 2018-19?

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Answer—

- (1) I am advised the following vouchers were issued to residents of postcodes contained within the Tweed electorate:
- (a) 5,661 (1 July 2023 to 16 October 2023)
  - (b) 17,370
  - (c) 15,537
  - (d) 17,090
  - (e) 15,470
  - (f) 9,241

\* 1734 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many Creative Kids vouchers (of any value) have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?
  - (d) 2020-21?
  - (e) 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I am advised the following vouchers were issued to residents of postcodes contained within the Tweed electorate:
- (a) 407 (1 July to 15 October 2023)
  - (b) 6,682
  - (c) 5,865
  - (d) 5,559
  - (e) 2,699

\* 1735 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many First Lap vouchers (of any value) have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23?
  - (c) 2021-22?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the following vouchers were issued to residents of postcodes contained within the Tweed electorate:
- (a) 592 (1 July to 16 October 2023)

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- (b) 1,437  
(c) 2,052

\* 1736 GARDENS OF STONE NATIONAL PARK—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) In relation to Gardens of Stone National Park.
- (a) Can you provide an update on the \$50 million eco-adventure tourism project in the conservation area?
- (b) When is construction expected to commence on the project?
- (c) When is construction expected to be completed on the project in full?
- (d) Please list the various stages planned as part of the rollout and timeframe specific to each part of the project.

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) The NSW Government is continuing its commitment to one of the largest investments in NSW national parks, including the spectacular Wollemi Great Walk. Significant economic benefits and increased visitation from this nearly \$50 million investment is expected to support the regional Lithgow economy and its diversification.
- Although the Lost City Adventure Experience proposal will not proceed, the lease notice of intent will be readvertised for proposed low impact visitor accommodation and multi-day guided walking experiences. Construction has commenced on the first stages of the project in Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area, including significant roading upgrades and new walking tracks.
- (b) Following completion of cultural and environmental assessment processes, construction on the new camping grounds, lookouts, family walking and cycling paths, overnight bushwalks and mountain biking tracks will commence in 2024.
- (c) The completion of the full range of construction works across the project is scheduled for June 2026.
- (d) The stages planned as part of the roll-out of the new visitor infrastructure program in Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area are listed in the table below.

Project Stage	Completion Timeframe
Lost City canyon walk	October 2024
Drive-in camping Grounds	November 2024
Dual use walking and cycling pathway	December 2024
Road network upgrades	March 2025
Mountain bike trails	September 2025
Day-use areas, picnic facilities, short walks and lookouts	June 2025
Wollemi Great Walk	June 2026

\* 1737 WOMEN AND CHILDREN SHELTERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) In relation to women and children shelters located in the Bathurst Electorate.
- (a) How many shelters for women and children escaping violence are available in the Bathurst Electorate? Please list how many for each of the following locations;
- (i) Bathurst Local Government Area?
  - (ii) Lithgow Local Government Area?
  - (iii) Blayney Local Government Area?
  - (iv) Oberon Local Government Area?
  - (v) Mid Western Local Government Area?
- (b) How many women and children can stay at any given time at each of these locations?
- (c) How many women and children in total have sought refuge at these locations for the following years;
- (i) 2021?
  - (ii) 2022?
  - (iii) 2023 (to present day)?
- (d) Could you please list any shelters currently or soon to be under construction in the Bathurst Electorate including a progress update and estimated completion time?
- (e) What support services are available for women and children who seek refuge at these shelters to assist in overcoming trauma and re-joining society?
- (f) What steps are taken to ensure the safety of residents at these shelters and to protect their identity and whereabouts?
- (g) How many new shelters for women and children escaping violence are underway or in the planning phase in the Bathurst Electorate?
- Please list how many for each of the following locations;
- (i) Bathurst Local Government Area?
  - (ii) Lithgow Local Government Area?
  - (iii) Blayney Local Government Area?
  - (iv) Oberon Local Government Area?
  - (v) Mid Western Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) There are four women's refuges operating within the Bathurst electorate, which are available to provide support to women in the Bathurst, Lithgow, Blayney, Oberon, and Mid-Western Local Government Areas (LGAs).
- (b) The number of women and children that can stay at a refuge varies depending on the configuration of families and age of children residing at the refuge.
- (c) The AIHW provides information on people assisted by specialist homelessness services (SHS). This information is publicly available at:

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[Homelessness services Data - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare \(aihw.gov.au\)](https://www.aihw.gov.au)

- (d) Through the Core and Cluster program, a new shelter was established in Kelso and has been operational since June 2023. An additional shelter is in the process of being established in Lithgow and is anticipated to open next year.
- (e) Women's refuges provide accommodation and support for women experiencing homelessness, as a result of domestic and family violence. Holistic support services are provided, including practical assistance, connecting clients with other services, and supporting them to achieve their goals.
- (f) A range of measures are used at women's refuges to ensure the safety of clients and to protect their identity and whereabouts. This includes for example:
- risk assessments and safety planning,
  - use of physical safety measures such as CCTV cameras, motion sensors, and alarms,
  - keeping the specific location of women's shelters confidential,
  - applying the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act) to inform processes for collecting, using, disclosing, and providing access to personal information.
- (g) Refer to answer d.

\* 1738 LITHGOW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL—The Hon. Paul Toole 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) In relation to the Lithgow Mountain Bike Trail funded by round two of the Government's Regional Tourism Activation Fund.
- (a) Can you provide an update on the project's progress?
- (b) How much will this project cost?
- (c) Can you provide a map of the trail?
- (d) When is construction expected to commence on the project?
- (e) When is construction expected to be completed on the project?

Answer—

- (1) Information relating to the Lithgow Mountain Bike Trail and other grant recipients of the Regional Tourism Activation Fund can be found on the website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/regional-growth-fund/regional-tourism-activation-fund>.

\* 1739 REGIONAL RAIL TRAIN UPGRADES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the new hybrid trains on the South Coast Line (the Regional Rail Fleet):

- (1) When will the new trains be operating?
- (2) Has the delivery of new trains been delayed?
- (a) If so, why?
- (3) What upgrades to existing stations are taking place?
- (4) Is the Government planning to upgrade Bomaderry Station?
- (a) If yes, what will that upgrade include and when will community consultation take place?

- (5) When will the Endeavour Class be phased out on the South Coast Line?
- (6) Will the procurement of new hybrid trains lead to additional seats and services?
- (7) What additional infrastructure will be constructed to support the operation of the new hybrid trains?
- (8) What has the Government budgeted this financial year and the out years for the procurement and delivery of new trains and associated infrastructure on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Production of the new 29-train fleet is underway, with nine trains currently on the production line. A timeline for the fleet delivery will be confirmed once the testing and assurance phase of the manufacturing is complete.
- (2) A project of this scale has many moving parts, which has meant changes to timelines to ensure that Transport for NSW get the design and construction right. The COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions interfered with the project's schedule and impacted the train design and manufacturing, and as a result, the project has experienced delays.

It has been critical to consult with stakeholders and passengers during the design process so that the best possible train, and services, can be delivered for our passengers. Finalising the train design to deliver this outcome has taken longer than planned as a result.

Transport for NSW is continuing to work closely with our project partners on the delivery of the new Regional Rail fleet so that the trains can be ready for passengers as soon as possible.

- (3) To accommodate the new Regional Rail fleet, some existing rail infrastructure will need to be modified at various locations across the rail network. Work may include:
  - Modifications to infrastructure within the rail corridor, including platforms, train stopping markers and lighting.
  - Modifications to stabling yards, including provisions for power, water, decanting, cleaning and refuelling.
- (4-5) Following the implementation of Recommendation 12 in the Final Report of the Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review, Sydney Trains will operate Intercity services on the South Coast. To deliver this outcome Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains and NSW Train Link are currently reviewing the proposed fleet operations, and planning and investigations are currently underway to determine the final scope of work for the rail infrastructure upgrades.
- (6) The new Regional Rail fleet will be built in accordance with the latest standards including improved accessibility with wider doors, priority seating and accessible toilets. The configuration of the new regional intercity trains will have a comparable capacity to existing services.

The new fleet will operate in close alignment to the current service plan. Further opportunities for growth in services and patronage is a function of the fleet size and availability. More detailed service planning will be carried out before the deployment of the new fleet.
- (7) In addition to the rail infrastructure upgrades, a new purpose-built maintenance centre, named Mindyarra, is being constructed in Dubbo to service and maintain the new fleet. The Mindyarra Maintenance Centre will boost business and job opportunities in regional NSW during its construction and operation.
- (8) The 2023-24 NSW Budget allocated \$151.4 million in capital expenditure to continue delivery of the new Regional Rail fleet and for construction the maintenance facility in Dubbo.

The NSW Government allocated \$1.4 billion as capital expenditure for the Regional Rail project over the next four years to 2026/2027.



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\* 1740 REPRIORITISATION OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS AND REGIONAL GROWTH FUND—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to the Government's reprioritisation of unallocated funds from grant programs:

- (1) What is the total amount of unallocated funds to be reprioritised?
- (2) How much of the Regional Growth fund has been redirected to fund other Government priorities and election commitments?
- (3) What projects, other than the \$3 million allocated to fund the election commitment to upgrade police facilities at Helensburgh, will the Regional Growth Fund (or redirection of it) fund?
- (4) Can the Treasurer advise who is administrating this redirection?
- (5) Can the Treasurer advise how much of the redirection was allocated to the Kiama electorate?
- (6) Can the Minister advise how much of the redirection is allocated to grants?
- (7) Will the Minister meet with me to discuss eligible projects in my electorate?

Answer—

- (1-3) The budget papers include detailed information on budgeted expenses, revenue, and capital expenditure. This includes detailed financial statements for individual agencies as well as for government as a whole.

The budget papers also outline the financial impact of measures in the budget on individual portfolios as well as for government as a whole.

- (4) The administration of redirected expenditure is project specific. This generally falls under line departments and relevant portfolio ministers.
- (5) The reprioritisations in the Budget are being directed to priority investments to support essential services, providing further cost living relief, and to support ongoing disaster support, among other priorities.

I am advised some of these initiatives are still subject to finalising governance arrangements. It is not possible to provide a breakdown by category, project, or expenditure by electorate.

- (6) See response to question 5.
- (7) The member is welcome to request a meeting under the normal process for ministerial engagements.

\* 1741 JERVIS BAY ROAD INTERCHANGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Jervis Bay Road Interchange Project which has been awarded to SRG Global Civil

- (1) Have the costs of this project gone beyond its original budgeted cost?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Are more properties being acquired than was originally forecast?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (3) How many more properties will need to be acquired that haven't been already acquired given the new scope of the project?
- (4) How many properties are subject to compulsory acquisition?
- (5) Of those properties subject to compulsory acquisition, how many properties are currently subject to court proceedings?

- (6) Of those properties subject to court proceedings, how many were or are subject to an application for hardship by the property owner?
- (7) What percentage of Australian steel will be used on this project?
- (8) Does the Government have employment targets around local procurement, trainees, apprentices, women in non-traditional roles and Aboriginal people as part of contract with the contractor?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) On 11 October 2023, it was announced that SRG Global Civil has been awarded a \$164 million contract to construct the Jervis Bay Road Interchange project.
- (2) No.
- (3) No additional properties need to be acquired.
- (4) Three properties (two privately owned properties and one Crown Lands parcel) were acquired via the compulsory acquisition process under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- (5) Two parcels of land which were compulsorily acquired are subject to ongoing NSW Land and Environment Court proceedings.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) The percentage of Australian steel to be used in the Jervis Bay Interchange project will be determined in consultation with SRG Global Civil. An Australian Industry Participation Plan will be developed and implemented in order to provide full, fair and reasonable opportunities to Australian entities through all tiers of the supply chain.
- (8) A Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation Management Plan will be implemented in accordance with the NSW Government Procurement Guideline PBO 2020-03: Skills, training and diversity in construction, including specific project targets for learning workers, women in trade roles, youth employment and apprenticeships. In addition, an Indigenous Participation Plan will be implemented for the project.

\* 1742 ADOPTION METRICS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) How many children were adopted from residential care each year for the last four years?
- (2) How many children were approved for adoption by the New South Wales Supreme Court each year for the last four years?
- (3) Of those adoptions, how many were contested?
- (4) Of those adoptions, how many children were First Nations children?
- (5) How many children are in residential care in New South Wales?
- (6) How many children are in residential care in the Kiama Electorate?
- (7) Of the children in residential care, how many have National Disability Insurance Scheme packages?
- (8) What is the Government doing to better identify children with disabilities in residential care and connect them with National Disability Insurance Scheme supports?
- (9) Is the Government reviewing its policy approach on children in residential care and connecting those children with disability supports?

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- (10) Of the children in residential care, how many have leaving care plans?  
 (11) What is the full-time equivalent of the Adoption Taskforce each year for the last four years?  
 (12) What is the Government doing to promote adoption in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No children exited to adoption from a residential care placement.  
 (2) The number of children adopted in the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2023 is:

Financial Year	Total Children Adopted from Care
2019/20	162[1]
2020/21	91[2]
2021/22	89[3]
2022/23	60[3]

[1] Note that this figure is what appears in the publicly available DCJ Annual Report 2019-20, but also includes 2 children and young people whose adoptions were finalised after age 18

[2] Note that this figure is what appears in the publicly available DCJ Annual Report 2020-21. It also does not include 2 children and young people whose adoptions were finalised after age 18

[3] This does not include 2 children and young people whose adoptions were finalised after age 18

- (3 - 4) Data regarding contested adoptions is not able to be extracted or verified by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).
- (5) There were 864 children and young people in residential care at 30 June 2023.
- (6) DCJ data is not collected by electorate. Likewise, residential care placements do not align with electoral boundaries. As you are aware, a child or young person from Kiama may be placed in a residential placement outside those boundaries, and vice versa.
- (7) The proportion of children with a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) package for all children in out-of-home care (OOHC) is around 24 per cent. This information is not available broken down for children in residential care, however, a higher portion of children in residential care (44 per cent) are recorded as having a disability, compared to all children in OOHC (17 per cent). Therefore, it is likely that the number of children in residential care with an NDIS package is much higher than 24 per cent and closer to 44 per cent.
- (8) Under new Permanency Support Program contracts, which commenced on 1 October 2023, all service providers, including those delivering Permanency Support Program residential care models, must:
- ensure a young person eligible for the NDIS has an appropriate plan, and that the supports in that plan are utilised fully,
  - actively monitor NDIS plans to identify when the level of disability support may not be meeting the child or young person's needs to help avoid a breakdown of placement,
  - support access to mainstream supports including, Health and Education,

- function as the child’s representative for the purposes of the NDIS including, undertaking pre-planning, planning, monitoring and review processes which are described in the Operational Guidelines of the National Disability Insurance Agency,
- facilitate active participation by the child or young person and their carer in all discussions and decisions relating to the NDIS
- ensure the child or young person and carer are involved at all stages of the NDIS planning lifecycle,
- for care leavers, ensure the young person’s disability support is targeting this transition, and make sure the young person’s goals and aspirations in their NDIS plan focus on transitioning to independence and life beyond eighteen.

Additionally in Intensive Therapeutic Care:

- the therapeutic specialist’s role functions include maximising access to, and use of NDIS-funded disability individual supports including, engagement in leaving care planning,
- the child’s care team should regularly review the child’s NDIS plan and utilisation of NDIS plans.

DCJ matches NDIS participant data provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) with OOHC data to identify children in care who are NDIS participants. This includes children being supported by foster carers and those living in a residential care placement. DCJ has a dedicated team who support caseworkers to engage with the NDIS on behalf of children in care and work with foster carers, OOHC service providers and NDIS support coordinators to complete the access and planning processes and implement the child’s plan. DCJ currently has a strong focus on ensuring that the NDIS plans for children in care are fully utilised to meet their disability support needs, maintain placement stability, and support children to transition to a more permanent and family-based placement wherever possible.

- (9) See response provided to question 8.
- (10) Of the 441 children and young people required to have a leaving care plan, 338 (77 per cent) children have a leaving care plan at 30 June 2023.
- (11) The Adoption Taskforce ceased under the former government in June 2020.
- (12) The Government is committed to increasing the number of children in permanent, safe, stable homes in NSW through early intervention and prevention, family preservation, restoration, kinship care, guardianship, and open adoption. When a child enters OOHC, restoration is the priority.

Promoting permanency for children in OOHC by the Government is ongoing, leveraging key public awareness-raising events such as Foster Kinship Care Week and National Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month. Promoting permanency raises awareness of the importance of permanency for children and educate audiences about all legal permanency outcomes including, restoration, kinship, foster care, guardianship, and open adoption. This also encourages audiences to consider fostering to contribute to supporting permanency goals for children and consider where they can adopt or become guardians when that is the best outcome for the child.

The NSW Government also commissions Adopt Change through the My Forever Family program to deliver promotions and training as part of its role in recruiting foster carers across NSW.

\* 1743 TRIPOLI WAY POST ELECTION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What new funding will the Government provide to Shellharbour City Council for the Tripoli Way Bypass project over this term of Parliament and can the Treasurer break down the contributions for this project each year for the next three years?

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Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

\* 1744 NSW AMBULANCE INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is the Government planning to proceed with the proposed Ambulance Station at Warilla?
- (2) How many new stations are planned in addition to the 54 new and upgraded stations as part of the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) Program?
- (3) Is the Minister considering a new station to service Albion Park?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The proposed Ambulance Station at Warilla remains part of the NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program that the NSW Government is delivering.
- (2) The NSW Government continues to deliver the \$232 million Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration (RAIR) Program.
- (3) NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand on a regular basis for changes in community needs.

\* 1745 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of speeding fine revenue by fixed speed camera in the Kiama electorate monthly for the last two years?
- (2) Can the Minister compare this to mobile speed detection revenue?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

\* 1746 BUILD-TO-RENT HOUSING PLAN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the \$60.0 million for Landcom to deliver around 100 build-to-rent homes on the South Coast and Northern Rivers, targeting 20 per cent affordable rental housing (Budget Paper 3, 1-8):

- (1) How much of the funding will be allocated to the South Coast and the Northern Rivers?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how the \$60 million will be spent?
- (3) How is your Department engaging agencies to identify surplus land that could be used for build to rent programs?
- (4) What metrics are considered when evaluating sites?
- (5) Once land is identified by a department that may be suitable for a build to rent program, how will that property be accounted for as part of any transfer?
- (6) Have any sites in the Kiama, Shoalhaven or Shellharbour been identified as viable for build-to-rent projects?
  - (a) If so, can the Minister please identify these sites?
- (7) Will the Minister consult with local communities prior to any land being transferred for a build to rent initiative?

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- (8) What additional services will be provided to support people in these new housing developments?
- (9) More generally on built-to-rent housing, how many applications or expressions of interest since coming to Government has your department received for build-to-rent projects:
- (a) For New South Wales?
- (b) For the Kiama Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au)
- (2) This information is publicly available at [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au)
- (3) The Department of Planning and Environment is not delivering Build to Rent. This is the responsibility of Landcom.
- (4) Acquisition of sites by Landcom is being considered based on the below parameters:
- Planning controls
  - Site constraints
  - Feasibility (land, construction, and operation)
  - Any other site-specific considerations which may be relevant.
- (5) This is dependent on Landcom and/or local government and the status of land in question.
- (6) Yes
- (a) To not prejudice ongoing discussions, details of these sites can not yet be disclosed.
- (7) If any consultation is required as part of the transfer process, this will be undertaken by the relevant agency.
- (8) Landcom will provide the necessary infrastructure to support any Build to Rent projects in line with relevant planning controls and legislative requirements.
- (9) (a) In the period between 5 April and 20 October 2023, the Department:
- issued Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for 13 build-to-rent projects
  - received State Significant Development applications for four build-to-rent projects
  - received one request for SEARs for a build-to-rent project which is currently under consideration had preliminary discussions with potential applicants about build-to-rent projects on a further seven sites.
- (b) Nil

\* 1747 OFFSHORE WIND FARMS AND ALTERNATIVES—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—

With respect to the proposed wind farm in the Pacific Ocean off the Illawarra:

- (1) What is the Government's current position on the proposal?
- (2) Will the Government consider onshore wind farms as an alternative?
- (a) If not, why not?

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- (3) In relation to (2) has the Government inquired with the Commonwealth Government on this option?
- (4) Noting the Ministerial Disclosure Summary, can the Minister clarify which, if any, of the disclosed meetings listed were in relation to the above proposal?
- (5) Has the Minister or representatives attended any of the consultation sessions in the Illawarra region hosted by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water?
- (6) Can the Minister advise on the Government's position regarding the privatisation of the ocean?
- (7) Is the Minister planning to conduct a wind comparison and cost analysis for on versus offshore wind production in the Illawarra region?
- (8) Is the Minister planning to conduct an independent environmental impact and assessment?
- (9) What analysis has been undertaken with respect to the impact of off-shore wind farms on migratory species?
- (10) What cost-benefit analysis has been undertaken on off-shore wind farms?

Answer—

- (1) Offshore wind presents a potential opportunity for NSW's clean energy future. The Commonwealth Government is leading the establishment of two areas off the coast of NSW for feasibility studies for offshore wind projects. The NSW Government will continue to work with the Commonwealth Government as it progresses.
- (2) The NSW Government is actively supporting onshore renewables, through the delivery of the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.
- (3) The NSW Government works closely with the Commonwealth Government on renewable energy policy.
- (4) The Minister has met with the Professional Fishers Association, Seafood Industry Australia and HunterNet in relation to offshore wind.
- (5) Departmental representatives attended one of the consultation sessions hosted by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.
- (6) No.
- (7) CSIRO's GenCost 2022-23 report provides a levelized cost of electricity analysis for onshore and offshore wind production.
- (8) Offshore wind projects and associated transmission infrastructure will be subject to Commonwealth and NSW assessment and approval processes.
- (9) The Government has been conducting research for several NSW species that could be impacted by offshore wind developments.
- (10) This question should be directed to the Australian Government.

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\* 1748 PLEASURE POINT TRAFFIC STUDIES—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 you advise whether any traffic studies have been performed at the Pleasure Point Road and Heathcote Road intersection at Pleasure Point?
- (2) If so, did any study or modelling consider future development within the suburb of Pleasure Point?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2023-24 Budget allocated \$31.9 million to continue the investigation into the duplication of the Heathcote Road corridor. As part of this investigation, it is expected that existing intersection arrangements will be investigated, including the intersection of Pleasure Point Road and Heathcote Road.

As part of traffic studies and modelling, Transport for NSW will consider the current and future needs of the intersection.

\* 1749 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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) Sutherland Shire Local Government Area?
  - (b) Liverpool Local Government Area?
- (2) In relation to each active Aboriginal Land Claim in Sutherland Shire and Liverpool Local Government Areas, please identify the location of each claim?
- (3) What is the average time taken to determine Aboriginal Land Claims?

Answer—

As of 31 August 2023, there were 38,518 Aboriginal land claims awaiting determination. Under section 36 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), Aboriginal land claims can only be granted over claimable Crown Land that is not lawfully used or occupied.

For information on the particulars of land claims in a given electorate, and further questions on the Aboriginal land claims process, inquiries should be referred to the Minister for Crown Lands for a response.

\* 1750 TONNAGE LIMITS—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) Are you able to advise how tonnage limits on roads are enforced?
- (2) What is the maximum penalty for exceeding a tonnage limit on a road?
- (3) Is there a process for appeal for infringements relating to the offence of exceeding a road tonnage limit?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Information relating to the enforcement of tonnage limits on roads can be found here: <https://www.nhvr.gov.au/road-access/mass-dimension-and-loading>.
- (2) The maximum penalty for disobeying a Load Limit or No Truck Sign can be found in the NSW Road Rules 2014.
- (3) The process for appeal for infringements can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/legal-and-justice/fines-and-penalties>

\* 1751 BARIATRIC AMBULANCES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many bariatric ambulances are in operation in New South Wales?



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- (2) Where are they located?
- (3) What is the wait time for a bariatric ambulance in Broken Hill?
- (4) Is the Minister planning to expand the bariatric ambulance fleet?
  - (a) If so, when will this occur?
- (5) Will these bariatric ambulances be available to regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Ambulance fleet has standard ambulances that are used by all paramedics, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ambulances and ten light and two heavy multi-purpose bariatric ambulance vehicles.

All standard ambulances, ICU ambulances and light multi-purpose bariatric ambulance vehicles (MPV light) are equipped with specialised lifting equipment to treat and transport patients to 318kg. The heavy multi-purpose bariatric ambulance vehicles (MPV heavy) have a lifting and transporting capacity for patients up to 500kg.

Additionally, the ICU ambulances and MPV light ambulances are designed to accommodate ambulance stretchers with sides that fold in and out ('stretcher wings') to provide optimal comfort for patients during transportation.

Standard ambulances and ICU ambulances are located across NSW. Specifically, the ten MPV light ambulances are allocated to Goulburn, Taree, Lismore, Kogarah, Liverpool, Hamilton, Tamworth South, Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo ambulance stations. The two MPV heavy ambulances are allocated to Bankstown and Blacktown stations.

NSW Ambulance is expanding the bariatric ambulance fleet with stretcher ratings of 450kg. These additional vehicles will be allocated based on service needs across NSW.

Information about ambulance response times is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au).

\* 1752 **READING LEVEL STANDARDS**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is there an expectation that students reach a standard level of reading before the end of each school year?
- (2) Are New South Wales reading level standards available on the school or New South Wales Education Department websites?
  - (a) If not, will the Minister consider making these standards available?

Answer—

Expectations for students' reading outcomes are set by the NSW English Kindergarten - Year 10 syllabus, available on the NSW Education Standards Authority website.

Information about reading expectations are available on the Department of Education's website. Teachers are supported through professional learning, resources and assessments to support student progress in reading throughout their schooling.

\* 1753 **KAMILAROI HIGHWAY BARRIERS**—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In reference to the Minister's response to Question 1049 (22 August 2023) regarding the Kamilaroi highway median barriers: Transport NSW requires at least 3 years of crash data before verification can be made on the effectiveness of the barriers in reducing accidents. Can the Minister confirm that data will be correlated at the end of the 3-year period?

- (2) If so, if there is no reduction in accidents recorded for the period, will the Minister consider removing the barriers?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes, the data will be correlated at the end of the 3-year period.

Flexible safety barriers were installed to reduce the severity and occurrence of cross centreline crashes.

Consistent research evidence indicates that wire rope barriers can significantly reduce the risk of death and serious injury in crashes because they dissipate the energy of a crash away from people in cars. The rope deflects and contains the vehicle from hitting other objects, such as trees and other vehicles.

If there was no reduction in crashes, it does not necessarily mean that the barriers have not been effective. Crash type and severity will be assessed in order to make an informed decision about removing this safety feature.

- \* 1754 LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—

What is the Government doing to minimise the risk of lithium battery fires?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Emergency Services.

- \* 1755 OUT OF HOURS SCHOOL CARE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) How many Government public schools in the Cootamundra electorate offer OHSC?  
(a) Please provide a list of these schools.
- (2) What programs or initiatives does the Government have in place to ensure OHSC services are available in all regional communities?

Answer—

This information is available publicly.

The Department of Education advises that it works in collaboration with schools, parents and service providers to create tailored before and after school care solutions that meet community needs. Where viable, the department will progress to tender for a provider to operate on a school site.

- \* 1756 PROTECTION FOR FARMLAND 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 invest \$5.5 million to provide more protection for farmland, ensure food security and more prosperous agricultural industry:

- (1) How will this \$5.5 million be allocated across regional New South Wales?  
(2) What farming industries will be included through this investment?  
(3) Will this investment be an annual investment or spread out over a number of years? If so, how many?

Answer—

- (1) The \$5.5 million commitment is to appoint and support an Agriculture Commissioner, supported by the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

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- (2) The Agriculture Commissioner's role is to provide advice to the Minister on issues relating to the agriculture portfolio.
- (3) The \$5.5 million commitment is over four years

\* 1757 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Government planning to continue the Regional Job Creation Fund?
- (2) If not, can the Minister advise how the Government is supporting existing businesses in regional New South Wales to grow, innovate and increase productivity?

Answer—

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

\* 1758 REGIONAL TRUST FUND—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 \$350 million over four years for strategic investment in regional and rural communities under the Regional Development Trust Fund:

- (1) When in 2023, will the initial investment round in regional pilot programs commence?
- (2) Who will be eligible to apply for this program?
- (3) How will public consultation with regional communities be undertaken?

Answer—

- (1) An initial Regional Development Trust Fund investment round will commence in the coming months.
- (2) A range of stakeholders will be eligible to partner with the NSW Government in investing the Regional Development Trust Fund.
- (3) Consultation on the review of the Regional Development Act 2004 will commence with the release of an Issues Paper in November 2023 and a series of roundtables scheduled for November and December.

\* 1759 RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES 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 an additional \$804 million in Renewable Energy Zones:

- (1) How does the Government plan to consult and engage with the following nine Local Government Areas in the Cootamundra electorate about Renewable Energy Zones;
  - (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
  - (e) Hilltops Council?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?

- (h) Temora Shire?
- (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) How does the Government plan to consult the local communities that make up the nine Local Government Areas in the Cootamundra electorate about Renewable Energy Zones?
- (3) Are there currently any host regions located throughout the Cootamundra electorate as part of the South West which makes up one of the five Renewable Energy Zones?

Answer—

The Member should direct her question to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC.

- \* 1760 SOCIAL HOUSING 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 build more social housing in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many of these houses will be built in the following Local Government Areas across the Cootamundra electorate;
  - (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
  - (e) Hilltops Council?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) When will these homes be ready for applicants to take up residency?

Answer—

The Member should direct her question to the Minister for Housing, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC.

- \* 1761 STAMP DUTY EXEMPTION FOR PENSIONERS AND RETIREES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to support pensioners and retirees when purchasing a home?
- (2) What plans does the Government have for pensioners and retirees to apply for a one-off stamp duty exemption?

Answer—

- (1-2) The Government recognises the increasing challenges faced by everyone across New South Wales, including pensioners and retirees and we are committed to helping improve housing affordability and supply.

While there is no single solution, the Government has committed to a range of policies to increase housing supply and improve affordability, such as:

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- Rebalancing growth across Greater Sydney to leverage existing infrastructure capacity and deliver more homes in convenient, high amenity locations.
- Implementing developer charge reforms to secure funding for the timely delivery of housing-enabling infrastructure
- Incentives for social and affordable housing such as floor space and height bonuses for developments.

Tax settings are considered as part of the Budget process.

- \* 1762 SYDNEY WATER PIPELINE CORRIDOR—Mr Matt Cross 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 the Sydney Water pipeline corridor from Beacon Hill to St Ives:

- (1) What is the current status of the project?
- (2) Has any there been any public access limitations while work is underway?
- (3) When is the project scheduled to be completed?
- (4) Is the project on budget?
  - (a) If not, how much is it overbudget?

Answer—

I am advised:

Northern Beaches Council has proposed an Active Transport Corridor from Beacon Hill to St Ives.

This is not a Sydney Water project.

- \* 1763 OFFICIAL WEBSITES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) As Premier, do you have an official website?
  - (a) If so, what is the URL?
- (2) Does the Cabinet have an official website?
  - (a) If so, what is the URL
- (3) Do Ministers have official websites?
  - (a) If so, what are their URLs?
- (4) If yes to questions 1, 2 or 3:
  - (a) Will you consider adding a section for members of the public to lodge applications for accessing Government information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the official website of the Premier is <https://www.premier.nsw.gov.au/>.

The URL for The Cabinet Office's website is: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/the-cabinet-office>.

The URL for the official website for Ministers is: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers>.

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Access applications can be made by meeting the requirements under section 41 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act).

- \* 1764 DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

When is the drug summit scheduled to be held?

Answer—

The NSW Government has committed to hold a drug summit in its first term.

- \* 1765 POTHOLE REPAIR FUNDING—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—

With regard to Government funding for pothole repairs:

- (1) Has Ku-ring-gai Council received \$5 million for pothole repairs?
- (2) Has Northern Beaches Council received \$8 million for pothole repairs?
  - (a) If so, in what budget year(s)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Ku-ring-gai Council received \$5,172,367 in funding under the Regional and Local Roads Program in 2023-24.
- (2) Northern Beaches Council received \$9,129,774 in funding under the Regional and Local Roads Program in 2023-24.

- \* 1766 LAND TAX CONCESSIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Can the Minister advise on the Government's position on my proposal to alter land tax concessions for landlords who offer long term leases of three years or longer?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Treasurer.

- \* 1767 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—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 provide funding during the current term of parliament of the construction of a Performing Arts Centre in any of the following electorates:
  - (a) Castle Hill?
  - (b) Kellyville?
  - (c) Winston Hills?
  - (d) Riverstone?
- (2) If the answer to question (1) is in the affirmative what plans exist?

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Answer—

- (1) The Government does not currently have plans to provide funding towards the construction of Performing Arts Centres in any of the electorates identified.
- (2) Not applicable.

\* 1768 KNIFE CRIMES IN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many incidents of knife crimes have been reported within the Castle Hill Electorate in each of the following calendar years:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023 (up to 17 October 2023)?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) 52
  - (b) 42
  - (c) 29
  - (d) 22

"Knife" refers to any object or weapon recorded as a "Sharp Instrument". This is necessary given how knives are recorded in the NSW Police Force Database.

Data relates to the suburbs of Annangrove, Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Dural, Glenhaven, Glenorie, Kenthurst, Middle Dural and West Pennant Hills, and align with the geographic boundary of the Castle Hill electorate as defined by the NSW Electoral Commission. Data refers to incidents where a knife is either involved as an object (either illegally possessed or as an implement) or as a weapon.

\* 1769 BREAK AND ENTERS IN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many incidents of Break Enter and Steal offences pursuant to section 112 of the Crimes Act 1900 reported within the Castle Hill Electorate in each of the following calendar years:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023 (up to 17 October 2023)?
- (2) How many unsolved incidents of Break Enter and Steal offences pursuant to section 112 of the Crimes Act 1900 reported within the Castle Hill Electorate in each of the following calendar years:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023 (up to 17 October 2023)?

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Answer—

- (1) (a) 233
- (b) 145
- (c) 187
- (d) 160
- (2) (a) 219
- (b) 125
- (c) 148
- (d) 125

\*Data relates to the suburbs of Annangrove, Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Dural, Glenhaven, Glenorie, Kenthurst, Middle Dural and West Pennant Hills, and align with the geographic boundary as defined by the NSW Electoral Commission.

\*\*Data provided in (2a) to (2d) reflects the count of incidents without legal action. Unsolved incident is not a status recorded by the NSW Police Force.

\* 1770 BREAK AND ENTERS IN OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many break and enters have been reported per annum across the Oxley Electorate in:
  - (a) 2018?
  - (b) 2019?
  - (c) 2020?
  - (d) 2021?
  - (e) 2022?
  - (f) 2023?
- (2) Of these reports how many have resulted in a successful prosecution?
- (3) What actions are being taken to reduce break and enters in the Oxley electorate?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 1,008
- (b) 642
- (c) 5151
- (d) 615
- (e) 597
- (f) 490

Note: It is not possible to extract data using electoral districts as a geographic boundary. As such, the geographic boundary has been determined using suburbs and postcodes of the Oxley electorate, as defined by the NSW Electoral Commission. Data current as at 18 October 2023.

- (2) 2018 - 95
- 2019- 73
- 2020- 45



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2021 - 59

2022 - 36

2023 - 11

Note: Data includes any offence/s linked to the break and enter incident. Successful prosecution includes offences with a court result of 'conviction proved', 'non-conviction proved' or 'without conviction proved'. Data current as at 18 October 2023.

- (3) The NSW Police Force has engaged investigative strategies, prevention-focused taskings and youth engagement, crime prevention and diversion strategies across the Police Districts to disrupt, prevent and respond to incidents of break and enter.

'Operation Regional Mongoose' is focused on youth-related property crime across the regions, targeting individuals committing aggravated break and enter, stolen motor vehicle offences and vehicle pursuits. This has been supported by the NSW Police Force's Aviation Command, Dog Unit, Region Enforcement Squad, Youth Command and other specialist areas.

- \* 1771 PAYROLL TAX—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many businesses in Oxley pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:

- (a) 2022/23?  
(b) 2021/22?  
(c) 2020/21?

Answer—

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

- \* 1772 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW STATION 221—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) In relation to Fire & Rescue NSW Station 221 (Bellingen)
- (a) When will the out-of-action truck be repaired?  
(b) Will the station receive more resources ahead of the upcoming fire season?  
(c) What are the average wait times for station rescues?

Answer—

- (1) In relation to the Bellingen Fire and Rescue NSW station, I am advised:
- (a) The out of service truck requires a new engine. A Service Exchange Vehicle of identical make and model has been provided in the interim.  
(b) The Bellingen Fire station is appropriately resourced for the area.  
(c) Fire and Rescue NSW is not the primary rescue response agency for the area and hence this metric is an incomplete representation of rescue response times in the area.

- \* 1773 GREATER SYDNEY DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN—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—

Specifically, on what page(s) of the Greater Sydney Drought Response Plan can the community find details about drought preparedness and the Government's plans to mitigate the risks of water shortages this summer?

Answer—

I am advised:

Pages 7 onwards of the Greater Sydney Drought Response Plan.

- \* 1774 EASTWOOD CULTURAL CENTRE—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 fund and build a cultural centre in Eastwood?

(a) If so, what is the total cost of this project?

(b) When will it be built?

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 New South Wales regardless of political allegiance; whether or not a Labor candidate won the seat.

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

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

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/lsc-home>

- \* 1775 HIGH DENSITY HOUSING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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—

I am advised:

There is currently no residential development proposal concerning the North Ryde Common or the Macquarie Mental Health Hospital.

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Development on an land including government owned land is subject to planning approvals and includes broad community and stakeholder consultation as appropriate.

\* 1776 VICTORIA ROAD WIDENING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the funding committed in the 2023/24 Budget for the widening of Victoria Road is sufficient to conclude the planning component of this project?
  - (a) If not, what is the total estimated quantum of funds required?
  - (b) When does the Government expect to have completed the planning component of works?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister of Roads

\* 1777 SOCIAL HOUSING UPGRADE—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—

Specifically, which project(s) in my electorate of Ryde are receiving funding from the \$1,201,000 allocated in the 2023/24 Budget under New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation, Major Works ‘Social Housing - Upgrade’?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Land and Housing Corporation develops upgrade programs based on Property Condition Surveys and prioritise properties of most need. As properties are assessed, additional upgrades are planned and works undertaken.

\* 1778 SOCIAL HOUSING NEW SUPPLY—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) Specifically, how much of the \$2,615,000 allocated in the 2023/24 Budget under New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation, Major Works, ‘Social Housing - New Supply’, is being spent in my electorate of Ryde?
- (2) Of that amount, what project(s) has it been allocated towards?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of 2023-24 Budget, \$2.615 million has been allocated towards the Midtown project at Macquarie Park. The project will deliver around 3,300 new homes leading to an uplift in social housing and affordable dwellings, social infrastructure, and targeted social programs for tenants.

\* 1779 SYDNEY WATER WORKS—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) Specifically, how much of the \$10,191,000 allocated in the 2023/24 Budget under Sydney Water Corporation, Total, Minor Works, is being spent in my electorate of Ryde?

- (2) Of that amount, what project(s) has it been allocated towards?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water can confirm that the \$10.191 M budget allocation for 2023/24, are to go towards operational upgrades at the West Ryde operational facility, in addition to concept planning and studies relating to a new laboratory facility.

- \* 1780 TAFE PROJECTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Specifically, how much of the \$3,971,000 allocated in the 2023/23 Budget under TAFE Commission, Major Works, Works in Progress, Institute of Applied Technology Pilot Program, is being spent in my electorate of Ryde?

- (2) Of that amount, what project(s) has it been allocated towards?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW has planned for \$471,809 to be spent in FY2023/24 at Meadowbank.

- (2) The Institute of Applied Technology Pilot Program.

- \* 1781 SOCIAL HOUSING ACCELERATOR AGREEMENT—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) Specifically, how much of the \$21,000 allocated in the 2023/24 Budget under New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation, Major Works, ‘Social Housing Accelerator Agreement - New Supply’, is being spent in my electorate of Ryde?

- (2) Of that amount, what project(s) has it been allocated towards?

Answer—

I am advised:

Social Housing Accelerator Fund upgrades are being primarily used to restore uninhabitable social housing properties bringing much needed social housing back online. This is so important after 12 years of neglect from the former government. Specific projects in the Ryde electorate are still being finalised.

- \* 1782 MUSIC FESTIVALS AND EVENTS IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE—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—

- (1) Is the Government providing any funding for music events or festivals to be held between October 2023 and June 2025 in the Sutherland Shire?

- (2) If so, which events or festivals?

Answer—

I am advised that the Government, through Create NSW and Destination NSW, is providing support for the Sydney Festival which will present activities in the Sutherland Shire in 2024.

Event owners are encouraged to contact Destination NSW regarding major event investment and Sound NSW regarding future funding programs to support the development of music events or festivals in the Sutherland Shire.

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Other music event and festival organisers may be eligible for support through the Government's Arts and Cultural Funding Program, delivered by Create NSW. Round 2 of the 2023-24 Arts and Cultural Funding Program is scheduled to open early 2024, for activities taking place in 2024-2025.

Event and venue owners in the Sutherland Shire are also encouraged to engage with the Office of the 24-Hour Commissioner to explore future opportunities through the 24-Hour Economy Legislation (Vibrancy Reforms) Amendment Bill 2023, which is currently before the Parliament and aims to make it easier for all entertainment stakeholders to deliver live performances.

The Government is developing a new Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Policy that will outline future investment opportunities in creative activities, including music events and festivals. It is anticipated that this Policy will be released in December 2023.

\* 1783 TAFE NSW UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

What upgrades or maintenance are scheduled for TAFE NSW Loftus, TAFE NSW Gympie and TAFE NSW St George?

Answer—

There are no upgrades planned for TAFE NSW Loftus Campus this financial year.

Heating Ventilation and Cooling replacement and upgrades, estimated at \$350,000 are planned for teaching areas at TAFE NSW Gympie Campus.

TAFE NSW St George Campus has the following planned works:

- \$400,000 for electrical reticulation upgrades, including replacement of old main switch boards.
- \$350,000 for repair and uplift of existing windows at end-of-life.

\* 1784 PET FRIENDLY CARRIAGES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Does the Government have plans to introduce 'pet-friendly carriages' on train services on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra line?

(2) If so:

- (a) On which services?
- (b) On which carriages?
- (c) By which date?
- (d) Will it be a trial or permanent?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains does not allow pets on trains, except for trained assistance animals and police/security dogs. I am currently seeking advice regarding the current policies that limit the conveyance of pets on public transport in NSW.

\* 1785 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Cronulla electorate:

- (1) How many students have had a short suspension in 2023?
- (2) What is the number of short suspensions in 2023?

- (3) How many students have had a long suspension in 2023?
- (4) What is the number of long suspensions in 2023?

Answer—

The introduction of the former Liberal National Government's unworkable Student Behaviour policy in Term 4, 2022 meant short and long suspensions were no longer a suspension type. Data accuracy for this period was impacted by the transition between suspension definitions.

The former Liberal National Government's behaviour strategy left teachers and principals powerless to maintain safe and respectful classrooms. That is why the Minns Labor Government is introducing a new policy that will empower teachers and principals to support safe and respectful classrooms.

\* 1786 CROOKWELL PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what further developments have been made towards the Crookwell pedestrian improvements to be made on Goulburn Road?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a detailed timeline and process for these improvements?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW continues to work with Upper Lachlan Shire Council to progress opportunities to improve pedestrian safety on Goulburn Road, Crookwell.

After the Country Mayors General Meeting in May, I instructed Transport for NSW to meet again with Council to ensure strong collaboration on this issue. They are working closely with Council to deliver these important safety improvements.

Transport for NSW and Upper Lachlan Shire Council carried out community consultation in late 2022 on proposed solutions to improve safety. This included the implementation of a High Pedestrian Activity Area, following a speed zone review which would provide a lower speed zone, and other traffic calming treatments such as improvements to the existing pedestrian crossing and town gateway safety treatments.

Transport for NSW is in the final stages of development for the safety improvements at the existing pedestrian crossing and town gateway treatments. The implementation of the speed zone will be timed to align with the installation of the safety improvements. After discussion with Upper Lachlan Council, Transport for NSW has committed to project manage this work.

Implementation work is expected to begin in early 2024.

\* 1787 RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).
  - (a) How many renewable energy projects (specific to wind, solar and hydro) have been approved in New South Wales since 2019?
  - (b) How many of these have been approved outside of a REZ?
  - (c) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system across New South Wales?
  - (d) How many renewable projects are currently proposed in the planning system outside of REZ?
  - (e) Please list all renewable projects in the Goulburn electorate

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- (f) Please list all renewable projects proposed in the Bathurst Electorate and status of each project

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
- (a) Forty-five projects.
  - (b) Nine projects.
  - (c) One hundred and two projects.
  - (d) Forty-six projects.
  - (e - f) All major projects are accessible online. Search for information by title, case ID, address, LGA and description via the Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>.

\* 1788 AMENDING PLANNING PROPOSALS PROCESS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to making and amending planning proposals, is there a limited number of amendments a proponent can make per proposal?
- (2) If not, can the Minister advise the reasons for this process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No, however amendments to a planning proposal can only be made by the relevant Planning Authority.
- (2) This is prescribed in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Local Environmental Plan Making Guidelines, which are available on the Department of Planning and Environment website.

\* 1789 ACOUSTIC MEASUREMENTS FOR RAIL NOISE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Do acoustic measurements for rail noise (with respect to monitoring noise levels for Environmental Protection Licences) take into account pitch, as well as decibel level?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no nominated noise levels or specific frequency (pitch) requirements within the Sydney Trains environment protection licence. Typically, acoustic measurements of rail noise are carried out so that assessment of overall noise levels can be carried out.

Assessment of rail noise frequency content is generally undertaken in areas where specific frequency dependant noise characteristics occur, such as wheel squeal associated with curves or tonal noise due to rail roughness.

\* 1790 LAND VALUE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What avenues are available for people to challenge incorrect land value assessments from previous financial years?
- (2) For people who have overpaid their land tax or council rates on incorrect land value assessments from previous financial years, what avenues are available for the refunding of this money?

Answer—

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

\* 1791 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT MATTERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In relation to the Local Government Act:
  - (a) In the last three years, how many orders have been issued to Councillors pursuant to section 440(H)(3) of the Local Government Act?
  - (b) Is the Office of Local Government required to accord with common law requirements when issuing orders pursuant to section 440(H)(3) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act? If not, why not?
  - (c) In relation to seeking documents pursuant to section 440 (H) (3) (a) and (b), does the Office of Local Government comply with the common law precedent of Attorney General (NSW) v Chidgey (2008) NSWCCA 65?
  - (d) Regarding case precedent in Jones V State of Queensland (Queensland Police Service) (2019) QIRC 104, it has been held that a Court will not permit parties (issuing a Notice to Produce or Subpoena) to embark on a “*fishing expedition*” in the hope of locating a document to assist their case and that there must be a basis beyond “*seeing whether [documents] may assist a case*”. Have all Orders issued by the Office of Local Government in the last three years accorded with that case precedent?
    - (i) If not, why not?
  - (e) Does the Office of Local Government have the power, and is it reasonable, for it to order a Councillor to produce written records when they were not a Councillor?
  - (f) If a Councillor is not properly informed of any allegation/s against them by the Office of Local Government, how can they seek that an Order pursuant to section 440(H) 3A(b) be set aside and claim privilege on the grounds of privilege against self-incrimination when they do not know what they are actually accused of?
  - (g) In relation to the operation of section 440(H) clauses 3(A)(a), (b) and (c), does each respective clause have to be met before an Order is withdrawn or can only one of the respective clauses (a) or (b) or (c) be relied upon?
  - (h) What appeal rights does a Councillor have in relation to a decision of the Departmental Chief Executive Officer not to set aside an Order pursuant to section 440(H)(3) of the Local Government Act?
  - (i) How many Orders by the Office of Local Government pursuant to section 440(H)(3) of the Local Government Act have been subject to challenge in a Court or Tribunal since the operation of that section of the Act and what are the respective case citations?

Answer—

The Office of Local Government complies with all relevant laws, including common law precedents, in the application of the Local Government Act 1993.



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It is not appropriate for me to answer hypotheticals or provide legal advice in relation to the functioning of the Act.

The Office of Local Government does not retain statistics about the number of orders issued.

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- 1792 FIXED SPEED CAMERAS IN SCHOOL ZONES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1793 AVALON AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1794 PITTWATER RAOD AND WAKEHURST PARKWAY INTERSECTION—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—
- 1795 KEORIDE ON DEMAND TRANSPORT SERVICES ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1796 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—
- 1797 SERVICE NSW WARRIEWOOD FULL TIME STAFF—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1798 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1799 FULL TIME TEACHERS IN PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1800 FULL TIME POLICE IN THE NORTHERN BEACHES POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1801 PAYROLL TAX THRESHOLDS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1802 HOUSING AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1803 EDUCATION FUTURE FUND—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1804 WILD DOG FENCE EXTENSION PROJECT—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—

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\* 1805 PERPETUAL LEASEHOLDERS HOSTING WIND TURBINES—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) Do perpetuity leaseholders who host wind farms on their agricultural land receive ongoing rent from developers, at various rates depending on the conditions of individual agreements?
- (2) If so, can the Minister advise why Crown Lands have the authority to deduct between 40-50% of the annual rent back from the Leaseholder?

Answer—

The Hon. Member should direct his question to the Minister for the Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon. Paul Scully MP.

1806 PATIENT TRANSFERS FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1807 PERMANENT NURSES AND MIDWIVES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1808 DOWNSIZING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

1809 PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SPENDING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1810 NEW SOUTH WALES HEALTHY EATING AND ACTIVATING LIVING STRATEGY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1811 STATE RECORDS ACT OBLIGATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

1812 INTERCITY FLEET PASSENGER SERVICE TRAINS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

1813 HIGH DENSITY HOUSING WITHIN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

1814 CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

1815 PARKING NEAR METRO RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport—

1816 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS IN OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

\* 1817 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND—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—

For each local government area in the Oxley Electorate, can you please provide;

- (1) The total number of projects approved through the Stronger Country Communities Fund?
- (2) The total value of the projects approved through the Stronger Country Communities Fund?

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

Answer—

The information for all SCCF Grants are available on the SCCF Website: [Stronger Country Communities Fund | NSW Government](#)

- 1818 VETERANS ORGANISATION FUNDING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 1819 COVID-19 FINES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 1820 COVID-19 FINES POLICE RESPONSE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1821 STATE FUNERALS AND MEMORIALS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Premier—
- 1822 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1823 SCHOOL BUS SEATBELTS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- \* 1824 ENERGY SAVINGS SCHEME—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—
- (1) How many households and businesses within the Goulburn electorate have taken up the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme since the changes introduced on 14 April 2023?
  - (2) What is the exact number of households and what is the exact number businesses within the Goulburn electorate which have upgraded the following under this program:
    - (a) Hot Water Units?
    - (b) Airconditioning?
    - (c) Pool Pumps?
    - (d) Household lighting?
  - (3) How many Accredited Service Providers regarding each of these programs currently operate across New South Wales?
  - (4) How many Accredited Service Providers regarding each of these programs currently operate in the Goulburn electorate?
  - (5) What current measures has or will the Government take to increase awareness surrounding the availability of the program for consumers?
  - (6) What current measures has or will the Government take to increase awareness surrounding the availability of the program for business?

Answer—

- (1) 427 households and businesses within the Goulburn electorate have taken up the New South Wales Energy Savings Scheme since the changes were introduced on 14 April 2023.

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- (2) Number of households and businesses within the Goulburn electorate who have upgraded the following under this program (since 14 April 2023) are:
- (a) Hot Water Units - 50 households and 42 businesses
  - (b) Airconditioning - four households and zero businesses
  - (c) Pool Pumps - zero
  - (d) Household lighting - eight
- (3) Accredited Service Providers (ACPs) for each of these programs who currently operate across New South Wales are:
- (a) Hot Water Units - 47
  - (b) Airconditioning - 37
  - (c) Pool Pumps - 11
  - (d) Household lighting - 45
- (4) ACPs are not accredited for a particular region. However, based on implementation data for Goulburn, the number of ACPs who have serviced Goulburn for each of the programs are:
- (a) Hot Water Units - 11
  - (b) Airconditioning - one
  - (c) Pool Pumps - zero
  - (d) Household lighting – four

ACPs who have expressed interest in servicing particular regions are listed on the NSW Government Climate and Energy Action website, [www.energy.nsw.gov.au](http://www.energy.nsw.gov.au). These are as below for the South-East and Tablelands region in which Goulburn electorate falls:

- (a) Hot Water Units - six
  - (b) Airconditioning - eight
  - (c) Pool Pumps - zero
  - (d) Household lighting – three
- (5) The Government is currently working on developing initiatives to help promote activity across NSW, outside of metropolitan areas. Through the Safeguard Acceleration Program, the Government is investigating ways to provide targeted stimulus to the market to encourage activity in underserved regions.
- (6) To promote Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) activity across all regions of NSW, the Safeguard Acceleration Program is also developing engagement and communication tools to raise awareness of the ESS across all consumer groups, i.e. households and businesses.

1825 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1826 MARULAN HIGHWAY WORKS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

1827 PORT MACQUARIE FERRY SERVICES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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1828 PACIFIC HIGHWAY AND OXLEY HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE PROJECT—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

1829 PAUSE ON SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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1830 LIVERPOOL TAFE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

1831 WOODBROOK ROAD RAIL UNDERPASS UPGRADE—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—

1832 GREATER SYDNEY BUS CONTRACT 3—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

1833 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP GRANTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—

1834 LOCAL DECISION MAKING AND ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE BODIES—Mr Roy Butler 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—

1835 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION IN TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

1836 MENINGOCOCCAL B—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

1837 POLICING PEOPLE WHO HAVE PSYCHOSOCIAL DISABILITIES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

1838 MOTOR VEHICLE EXHAUST—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—

\* 1839 NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many non-government schools are the NSW Education Department currently investigating for allegedly operating for profit under s83C of the Education Act?
- (2) What is the expected timeframe for these investigations?
  - (a) What is the average time for completing these investigations,
  - (b) What is the longest time taken to complete an investigation,
  - (c) To what extent do these timeframes comply with the Government's model litigant policy?
- (3) What are the criteria for determining a non-government school is Non-Compliant or making a For-Profit Declaration?
- (4) How many complaints has the Government received about these investigations over the past 10 years and what is the outcome of these complaints?

- (5) How many schools have sought review of these declarations at NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal over the past 10 years and what is the outcome of these cases?
- (6) How many schools have appealed these declarations through the Supreme Court over the past 10 years and what is the outcome of these cases?
- (7) Has the Government reviewed this investigation process? If so, what changes have been made?
- (8) What plans does the Government have to update policy and procedures for non-government schools alleged to be operating for profit?

Answer—

Five non-government schools are currently under investigation, as at 16 November 2023. Investigations are required to be completed as soon as is reasonably practicable under s83H of the Education Act 1990 (NSW) ('the Act'). It is anticipated that these current investigations will be completed within eight months, allowing for timeframe extensions already requested by schools subject to investigation.

The timeframe for investigations can vary depending upon the number of allegations or schools involved, the complexity of the investigation and schools' requests for extensions of time.

The Government's Model Litigant Policy for Civil Litigation and Guiding Principles for Civil Claims for Child Abuse applies to civil claims and civil litigation involving the State and its agencies.

Sections 83C, 83D, 83E, 83F and 83I of the Act outline the circumstances in which a school operates for profit or is a non-compliant school.

Four complaints about investigations process have been received over the past 10 years, with this feedback used to improve Department of Education processes and the experience of non-government schools which are the subject of compliance action.

16 schools have sought a review through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) in the last 10 years. The decision in eight of these were upheld, and the remaining eight are presently before the NCAT, pending determination. No declarations have been appealed to the Supreme Court in the past 10 years.

The NSW Government has appointed Mr Thomas Alegounarias to conduct a review of section 83C and its associated sections.

The department is also developing an outcomes-focused and risk-based regulatory framework for Part 7 Division 3 of the Act, and reviewed Minister's Not For Profit Guidelines, in consultation with non-government schools and key stakeholders. Exposure drafts of these documents are available for public consultation until 24 November 2023.

- 1840 CROWN LAND WITHIN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1841 RENT PAYABLE IN RESPECT TO 102 MURRAY FARM ROAD CARLINGFORD—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1842 SAVINGS FINDER 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—
- 1843 LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES—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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- 1844 WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE 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—
- 1845 NEW SOUTH WALES BUILDING COMMISSION—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—
- 1846 CHATSWOOD FIRE STATION HERITAGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1847 SECRET RENT BIDDING—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—
- 1848 TRAIN AND BUS TIMETABLE REVIEW—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1849 PORTABLE RENTAL BOND SCHEME—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—
- 1850 SAFETY OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 1851 SWIMMING POOL AND SPA TECHNICIAN LICENSING—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—
- 1852 PERMANENT NURSE ALLOCATION—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 1853 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUNDING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1854 EDGEWARE ROAD AND ALICE STREET, ENMORE INTERSECTION TRAFFIC LIGHT—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 1855 DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND ASSISTANCE—The Hon. Adam Marshall 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—
- 1856 GRAND PARADE CORRIDOR BETWEEN KYEEMAGH AND SANS SOUCI—Ms Eleni Petinos 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—
- 1857 SURPLUS GOVERNMENT LAND IN MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1858 STUDENT TOILET FACILITIES IN THE MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 1859 PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WORKING FROM HOME—Ms Eleni Petinos 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—
- 1860 BUS DRIVERS SERVICING REGION 10—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1861 BUS SERVICES IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1862 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1863 SCHOOL EXECUTIVE POSITIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1864 CROWN LANDS IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 1865 COMMUTER PARKING AT SUTHERLAND SHIRE RAILWAY STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1866 CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1867 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 1868 AMBULANCE STATIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 1869 HOUSING AUSTRALIA FUTURE FUND—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—
- 1870 TRANSPORT DRIVERS AND STAFF ON CALL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1871 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 1872 DISABILITY TARGETS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 1873 NEW SOUTH WALES CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION REBATES AND INITIATIVES—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—
- 1874 GRANT MONEY RETURNS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 1875 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—



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- 1876 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—
- 1877 CROSSBENCH BRIEFINGS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 1878 CAMDEN HAVEN—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 1879 T1 WAVERTON WOLLSTONECRAFT RAIL LUBRICANT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1880 MOSMAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1881 NORTH SYDNEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1882 LANE COVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA HOUSING TARGETS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1883 SOUTH MOSMAN WHARF ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1884 CONGESTION RELIEF IN NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson 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—
- 1885 BUS SERVICES IN THE NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 1886 NORTH SYDNEY PCYC ACQUISITION FOR AMBULANCE STATION—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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(Paper No. 35)

- 1887 FALSE SMS NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT STUDENT ABSENCES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many complaints have been received by parents since the start of Term 1, 2023, about false SMS notifications about student absences at:
    - (a) Lurnea High School?
    - (b) Moorebank High School?
    - (c) Holsworthy High School?
    - (d) Menai High School?
  - (2) How are these complaints managed by the Department of Education?
  - (3) What protocols are in place to mitigate the chances of a false notification being sent to a parent about a student's absence?

1888 INDEPENDENT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to Independent Legal Representatives (ILRs) engaged by the Department of Communities and Justice:

- (1) How many ILRs are currently engaged by the Department?
- (2) On what employment basis are ILRs engaged with the Department?
- (3) In what ways are the ILRs performance reviewed by the Department?
- (4) How many complaints have the Department received against ILRs in the following years:
  - (a) 2015?
  - (b) 2016?
  - (c) 2017?
  - (d) 2018?
  - (e) 2019?
  - (f) 2020?
  - (g) 2021?
  - (h) 2022?

1889 HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE REPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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 Holsworthy electorate report for the 2023-2024 State Budget Restart New South Wales projects:

- (1) Under the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund - Growing Local Economies program, can the Minister advise how the Gap Road Economic Precinct Southern Approach project relates to the electorate of Holsworthy?
- (2) Is the Gateway to the South, Alford's Point widening project included in the Holsworthy Electorate report for the 2023-2024 State Budget?
  - (a) If not, can the Minister advise the reasons for not including the project?

1890 CARP CONTROL WITH HERPESVIRUS—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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government supports the use of herpesvirus (Cyprinid herpesvirus- 3 or CyHV-3) in the Darling Basin River?
  - (a) If so, what is the timeframe for release?

1891 WEED MANAGEMENT FUNDING—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—

Regarding the Department of Primary Industries investigation into the current process of delivery and allocation of Weed Management Funding to Local Government Areas.

- (1) Is the investigation underway?

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- (a) If so, when will it be finalised?
- (b) When will the funding be distributed?
- (c) If not, when will it begin?

1892 RURAL PROPERTIES AND METER MEASURING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding the response to Question on Notice 1048 Rural Properties Meter Measuring (asked on 22 August 2023):

- (1) Does the Government have plans to conduct a review of the New South Wales Energy Rebates?
  - (a) If so, can the Minister advise when the review of the New South Wales Energy Rebates will take place?
  - (b) Will the review incorporate the potential inclusion for multiple households on one rural property powered by the same meter if they can provide a proof of payment?

1893 ONLINE PAYMENT DISRUPTIONS TO BUSINESSES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to the recent outage of many online payment platforms including square readers which saw many businesses financially impacted:

- (1) What is the Government doing to minimise the risk of these disruptions to businesses?

1894 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 response received on 27 September 2023 in relation to the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS):

- (1) In relation to the two public awareness campaigns which have been held since October 2022, will the Minister provide further information as to where and when these campaigns were held?
- (2) Will the Minister provide information as to when further public awareness campaigns will be held throughout the Cootamundra electorate?

1895 JUNE MULTIPURPOSE SPORT FACILITY—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 Junee Multipurpose Service facility:

- (1) Could you please advise how many people are currently on a wait list for long-term stay?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to expand the Junee Multipurpose Service facility?
- (3) Could you please advise what is the Government doing to support the people who are on wait lists for long term stay at the Junee Multipurpose Service facility?

1896 NSW LANDCARE—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 funding for NSW Landcare:

- (1) How will the Government honour its election commitment to increase NSW Landcare's funding to \$59 million over four years, in the 2023 State Budget?

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- (2) What does the NSW Landcare enabling program involve?
- (a) Noting the first phase of the program will activate \$33 million in funding to employ up to 83 full-time equivalent local and regional Landcare coordinators and support staff across New South Wales, will the Minister advise where these 83 positions will be placed?
- (b) Should this still be under assessment, when will this be announced?
- 1897 COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI FLOOD PREPARATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- With respect to the Muttama Creek located at Cootamundra, within the Local Government Area of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the Cootamundra Floodplain Risk Management Study:
- (1) How will the Government provide support to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to ensure preparedness for future flood events?
- 1898 NATURAL DISASTER FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 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?
- 1899 WATER SHORTAGES RELATING TO EL NINO—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 El Niño announcement made by the Bureau of Meteorology on 19 September 2023:
- (1) Will the Government consider a subsidy for rainwater tanks for home owners of regional New South Wales where a rain water tank is not already present?
- (2) What is the Government doing to guarantee water security for communities in regional New South Wales already struggling with water shortages just two months after the El Niño announcement?
- 1900 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE SOUTH WESTERN REGION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- With respect to the NSW Rural Fire Service South Western region:
- (1) How many NSW Rural Fire Service members are currently part of the South Western region, both paid and volunteer staff?
- (2) Of these members how many are with the following areas
- (a) Junee Shire?
- (b) Temora Shire?
- (c) Coolamon Shire?

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- (d) Bland Shire?
- (e) Narrandera Shire?
- (3) What plans does the Government have in place to provide a fit for purpose Fire Control Centre to support the areas of Junee, Temora, Coolamon, Bland and Narrandera?
- 1901 COOTAMUNDRA POLICE FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- With respect to the response received on 18 October 2023 in relation to adequate funding for police resources across the Cootamundra electorate:
- (1) In relation to planned preventative maintenance and reactive maintenance for Police Stations across the Cootamundra electorate, will you please provide further details as to which Police Stations in the Cootamundra electorate are currently listed to undergo preventative and reactive maintenance?
- (2) What is the timeframe for these works to be completed?
- 1902 DATA SHARING BETWEEN POLICE AND TRANSPORT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) When road and pedestrian accidents are reported to the NSW Police, are they also shared with Transport for NSW for data purposes?
- 1903 ILLEGAL TREE REMOVAL IN KU-RING-GAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) In relation to illegal tree removal in Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area, how many fines have been issued, broken down by fine amounts and financial year since 2017/18 to 2022/23?
- 1904 PITTWATER TRAINING RESTAURANT AT NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- In relation to the Pittwater Training Restaurant at Northern Beaches TAFE:
- (1) Was the restaurant closed to the public?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) If the answer to (1) is yes, will the Government consider reopening the restaurant to the public?
- 1905 HAZARD REDUCTION AT EAST GORDON—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Are there any plans for hazard reduction in east Gordon?
- 1906 EMPLOYER PERFORMANCE PREMIUMS ELIGIBILITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- In relation to the eligibility rate for Employers with an Average Performance Premium or Group Average Performance Premium:
- (1) Why is the eligibility rate at \$500,000 and above?
- (2) Are there any risks associated with lowering the eligibility rate?
- (a) If so, what are the risks?
- (3) Will the Government consider lowering the eligibility rate?

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1907 FRONTLINE TRANSPORT FOR NSW STAFF—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—  
In relation to frontline staff at Transport for NSW:

- (1) Do they receive complimentary travel on the transport network?
  - (a) If so, does this include trains, metros, buses, ferries and light rail?

1908 REPLACEMENT BUS SERVICES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—  
In relation to replacement buses when track work takes place:

- (1) The Transport for NSW website states, "You may not need to tap on or tap off from a replacement bus service, however you must still carry a valid ticket. Please have your Opal card, contactless payment card, or Opal single trip ticket before boarding. Fines apply if you travel without a valid ticket." Do passengers need to tap on and off at a station before and after boarding a replacement bus?
- (2) Are replacement buses, including their efficiency and effectiveness, being considered by the Bus Industry Taskforce?

1909 LINDFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—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 Lindfield Public School Zone:

- (1) Are there flashing lights on Strickland Ave in Lindfield
  - (a) If not, will Transport for NSW consider installing flashing lights on Strickland Ave to ensure safety at Lindfield Public School?

1910 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS (GIPA) ACT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—  
In relation to the Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA Act), has the Premier and the Premier's Office:

- (1) Received a decision of a GIPA Act application before the applicant by the Premier's Department and/or The Cabinet Office?

1911 ACOVA BUS SERVICE - ROUTE 66A REVIEW—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise when the next review of Bus Services for the Central Coast will be undertaken?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether community safety concerns regarding the 66A Avoca Bus Route, raised through my previous 1 representations and submission by the Avoca Beach Community Association to the Bus Industry Taskforce, will be considered as part of any review?

1912 WORKING REGIONS FUND—Mr Adam Crouch 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) Can the Minister provide information on the scope of the Government's \$250m Working Regions Fund and what the use of the fund is for?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when applications will open for the Working Regions Fund and who will be eligible to apply?

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1913 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST—Mr Adam Crouch 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) Can the Minister provide information on the scope of the Government's \$350m Regional Development Trust and what the use of the fund is for?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when applications will open for the Regional Development Trust and who will be eligible to apply?

1914 EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES REGULATION—Mrs Tanya Davies 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—

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to regulate emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain, to both encourage innovation and protect the public interest?

1915 WESTERN SYDNEY—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How does the Minister define the role and responsibilities of the Minister for Western Sydney, especially considering the unique challenges and opportunities in the region?
- (2) What are the key priorities the Minister has set for Western Sydney, and how do these align with the broader goals of the Government?
- (3) Can the Minister outline her long-term vision for Western Sydney, particularly in terms of economic development, community engagement, and infrastructure?
- (4) What is the Minister's response to the recent decision by the Commonwealth Government to withdraw funding for the M7-M12 interchange and the Mulgoa Road upgrade stage 2?

1916 WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Regarding the development and integration of freight transport infrastructure for the Western Sydney International Airport:
  - (a) Does the Government currently have plans or proposals for establishing a dedicated freight rail line to connect with the Western Sydney International Airport?
  - (b) In the absence of current plans, is the exploration of a freight rail line connection under consideration for future transport infrastructure strategies, particularly in light of the airport's role in boosting regional and international trade?

1917 CENTRAL BARANGAROO APPROVED CONCEPT PLAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What concerns have been raised with Government about inconsistent interpretations of the approved concept plan for Central Barangaroo including different heights referred to by different parties?
- (2) What action has been taken to investigate and clarify the approved concept plan?
- (3) Has advice been sought from the Government Architect?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) Who will receive or has received the advice?
    - (ii) Will the advice be made public and if so, when and how?
  - (b) If advice has not been sought from the Government Architect, why not?

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- 1918 ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL POSTERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) What action has the Government taken on the review of the Graffiti Control Act that began in 2015?
  - (2) What was the outcome from this review?
  - (3) When does the Government expect this review to result in reform proposals?
  - (4) What reforms does the Government propose to address illegal commercial bill posting?
  - (5) When does the Government expect to consult on reform proposals?
  - (6) When does the Government expect updated legislation to be in operation?
- 1919 SHARE BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What complaints has the Government received about problems with share bikes blocking public access and littering footpaths and other public space?
  - (2) What assessment has the Government made of the need for regulation of share bike schemes?
  - (3) What consideration has the Government given to options for regulation?
  - (4) What plans does the Government have to better regulate share bike schemes?
- 1920 ELECTRIC BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of programs in other jurisdictions like the UK Cycling loan scheme to encourage the uptake of electric bikes?
  - (2) What consideration has the Government given to financial help through subsidies or loans for people to buy electric bikes?
  - (3) What programs does the Government provide under the Net Zero Cities Action Plan to support electric bikes?
  - (4) What programs does the Government provide to educate and train riders or electric bikes about road rules and safe riding, including new riders?
  - (5) What further plans does the Government have to support the uptake of electric bikes since the September 2022 response to LA Q8398?
- 1921 DALWOOD SPILSTEAD SERVICE—Mr James Griffin to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What are the Government's plans in regard to funding the Dalwood Spilstead Service based at Seaforth beyond June 2024?
    - (a) If funding is not reinstated beyond 2024, where will the impacted children be treated instead?
- 1922 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- In relation to Aboriginal Land Claims:
- (1) How many active Aboriginal Land Claims are there within:
    - (a) The Castle Hill Electorate
    - (b) The Hawkesbury Electorate
    - (c) The Kellyville Electorate
    - (d) The Blacktown Electorate
    - (e) The Winston Hills Electorate



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- (2) In relation to each active Aboriginal Claim in with the Castle Hill, Hawkesbury, Kellyville, Blacktown and Winston Hills electorates can you please identify the location of each claim?
- (3) What is the average time taken to determine Aboriginal Land Claims?
- 1923 NEW SOUTH WALES CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) On the basis of the most recent information available to the Government, what is the average time taken to complete matters in the following divisions of the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal:
- (a) Administrate and Equal Opportunity Division
  - (b) Consumer and Commercial Division
  - (c) Guardianship Division
  - (d) Occupational Division
- (2) On the basis of the most recent information available to the Government, what is the average time taken to complete home building disputes commenced within the Consumer and Commercial Division of the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to provide additional resources to the New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal to improve time standards for the completion of proceedings?
- (a) If so what are those plans.
- 1924 THE HILLS AREA COMMAND POLICE RESOURCES—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Can the Minister advise what is the authorised number of FTE Police Officers allocated to The Hills Police Area Command?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what is the methodology used to calculate the authorised number of FTE Police Officers to be allocated to The Hills Police Area Command?
- (3) Is the allocation of FTE Police Officers allocated to The Hills Police Area Command based on population?
- (a) If so, what was the date of the last determination which was made to determine the number of FTE Police Officers allocated to the Command?
- (4) Can the Minister advise what is the actual number of police allocated to The Hills Police Area Command?
- 1925 AIR CONDITIONING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE CASTLE HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many schools in the Castle Hill electorate do not have air conditioning in all their classrooms?
- (2) If there are schools without air conditioning, which schools are they, and when can those schools expect to be fully air conditioned?
- 1926 MAINTENANCE AT THE CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Specifically with respect to Castle Hill High School what is the current maintenance backlog for the school?
- (a) What is the number of maintenance jobs outstanding?

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- (b) What is the total monetary value of the maintenance jobs?
- (2) Can you please provide a description of each outstanding maintenance job?
- (3) Can you please advise when it is expected the maintenance work will be completed?
- 1927 COURT WAITING TIME—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) As at the most recent data for which data is available, what is the current waiting time for a Defended Domestic Violence Order to come to trial at each of the following courts?”
- (a) Parramatta Local Court?
- (b) Blacktown Local Court?
- (c) Burwood Local Court?
- (d) Hornsby Local Court?
- (e) The Downing Centre Local Court?
- (2) As at the most recent data for which data is available, with respect to matters where the defendant is committed for sentence, what is period between the date of the first court attendance and the date of the order for committal for sentence in each of the following courts:
- (a) Parramatta Local Court?
- (b) Blacktown Local Court?
- (c) Burwood Local Court?
- (d) Hornsby Local Court?
- (e) The Downing Centre Local Court?
- 1928 SERVICE NSW SPECIALISTS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) How many residents of the Oxley Electorate have made an appointment with Service NSW to discuss their Savings Finder Report with a specialist in the following years:
- (a) 2021?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) YTD 2023?
- 1929 SERVICE NSW STAFF—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Could the Minister advise for each Service NSW centre in the Oxley Electorate:
- (a) How many full-time staff on average were employed the years:
- (i) 2023?
- (ii) 2022?
- (iii) 2021?
- (iv) 2020?
- (v) 2019?
- (b) How many casual staff were employed for the years:
- (i) 2023?

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- (ii) 2022?
- (iii) 2021?
- (iv) 2020?
- (v) 2019?

1930 LANDCARE FUNDING—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—

- (1) How much funding for Landcare was spent in the electorate of Oxley in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2023-24 Financial Year to date?
  - (b) 2022-23 Financial Year?
  - (c) 2021-22 Financial Year?
  - (d) 2020-21 Financial Year?
  - (e) 2019-20 Financial Year?

1931 MACQUARIE HOSPITAL IN NORTH RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Does the Government have any plans to upgrade, maintain or invest in Macquarie Hospital in North Ryde, to improve facilities for patients and staff?

1932 VICTORIA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS RYDE—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—

What plans does the Government have to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on Victoria Road, within the boundary of the Ryde electorate?

1933 ENERGY DRINKS IMPACTS ON HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Broken down by age category, how many people have presented to NSW Health facilities within the past five years with health issues that can be traced to consumption of energy drink products?
- (2) Does NSW Health possess data or evidence that demonstrates the effects of energy drink products on school-aged children?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to reduce the incidents of harm associated with consumption of energy drinks?

1934 JURY EXEMPTIONS FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General—

Does the Government have any plans to exempt NSW school teachers from jury duty to assist with workload management?

- (a) If not, what is the reason?

1935 NORTH RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government have any plans to upgrade North Ryde Public School?

- (a) If so, what consultation will be held with the school to best determine their needs?

- (b) If so, when will these works commence?

1936 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL MAINTENANCE POLICY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) As part of the ongoing school maintenance policy of the Department of Education, how are projects prioritised and chosen within a given school?
- (2) How are individual schools consulted and engaged prior to the selection of a given maintenance project on their grounds?

1937 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS AT ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL—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) Are there 40km/h school zone signs at either the front or back of Ermington Public School on Winbourne Street and Brush Road, respectively?
  - (a) If not, are there any plans to install flashing school zone signs at this school?
  - (b) If there are no plans, what is the process to initiate the installation of such signage?

1938 WEST RYDE MULTI-SPORT FACILITY ACCESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Upon completion of the West Ryde Multi-Sport Facility, are there any plans to allow Ermington Public School to access the new indoor facility?
  - (a) If not, what other free options are available to Ermington Public School to access for major indoor events?

1939 TRANSPORT RELATED TRAVEL INEQUITIES FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to reduce inequities among schools that are not located close to sporting facilities?
  - (a) If so, for students who require chartered transport, do these plans ensure equal access for students with no added costs?

1940 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

In relation to payroll tax revenue in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How much revenue and what percentage of overall payroll tax revenue comes from regional New South Wales in the following years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?
- (2) How many businesses in regional New South Wales have a payroll tax liability?
- (3) How many Northern Tablelands business pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?

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(c) 2020/21?

1941 START STRONG CAPITAL WORKS GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

When will the Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program open another round of funding to allow not-for-profit organisations to undertake much needed capital works projects to deliver additional preschool places?

1942 CASUARINA NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY NEW GYM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Regarding the relocation of the NSW Firearms Registry from Murwillumbah to Casuarina:

(a) How much has been spent to-date on the installation of the gym at the new Casuarina location, including the cost of gym equipment?

(b) What is the total budget for the installation of the gym, including the cost of gym equipment?

1943 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION—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—

(1) Following on from your answer to Question on Notice #1410 regarding the total Government spend on Emergency Accommodation (excluding the construction and ongoing operation of the pod villages) in the Tweed Electorate, what is the Government's expenditure on Emergency Accommodation in the Tweed Electorate in the following timeframes:

(a) March 2023 - 30 June 2023?

(b) 1 July 2023 to date?

1944 REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION FROM FISHING GEAR—Ms Kobi Shetty 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—

In the March 2020 discussion paper titled, Cleaning up our Act: Redirecting the future of Plastic in NSW, priority direction 7 outlined the prospect of using extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes to fund litter collection and end-of-life plastic management for items including recreational and commercial fishing gear in New South Wales:

(1) Has the Government formally consulted with industry and other stakeholders on the implementation of an EPR scheme for commercial and recreational fishing?

(a) If yes, what was the outcome of the consultation, and will a report be made publicly available?

(2) Does the Government currently have plans to introduce an EPR scheme for fishing gear in New South Wales?

(a) If yes, what timeline is the government working to for the introduction of this scheme?

(3) Was reducing the impact of plastic pollution from fishing gear included in any of the recommendations in the NSW Plastics: Next Steps green paper by the EPA?

(a) If not, what was the reason for this omission?

1945 BEACH SUITABILITY GRADES FOR GYMEA BAY BATHS AND GUNNAMATTA BAY BATHS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for

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Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In regard to the Beach Suitability Grades for Gymea Bay Baths and Gunnamatta Bay Baths as listed in the latest State of the Beaches Report:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to improve the water quality at Gymea Bay Baths and Gunnamatta Bay Baths?

1946 SMALL BUSINESSES IN WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to small business in the Winston Hills Electorate

- (1) How many small businesses operate in the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) What measures are being taken by the current Government to support these small businesses in the Winston Hills Electorate?

1947 MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to maintenance of Government owned schools in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) What is the current total value of the maintenance required across 2023 for Department of Education Schools in the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) What is the projected total value of the maintenance required across 2024 for the Department of Education Schools in the Winston Hills Electorate?
- (3) Are there currently any mechanisms in place for Department of Education School Principals to give their input into the school maintenance needs at their schools?

1948 FULL-TIME EMPLOYED TEACHERS IN WINSTON HILLS ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to full-time employed teachers in the Winston Hills Electorate:

- (1) Separately for each Department of Education School in the Winston Hills Electorate, how many full-time teachers are employed at each school?

1949 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS—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) In relation to renewable energy project applications in NSW and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).
  - (a) How many renewable energy projects (specific to wind, solar and hydro) have been approved in New South Wales since 2021?
  - (b) Under the REZ, how many solar, wind and hydro projects have been approved in each of the REZ –
    - (i) Central-West Orana REZ?
    - (ii) South-West REZ?
    - (iii) New England REZ?
    - (iv) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?

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- (v) Illawarra REZ?
- (c) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system across New South Wales?
- (d) How many renewable projects are currently proposed in the planning system for each of the REZ –
- (i) Central-West Orana REZ?
- (ii) South-West REZ?
- (iii) New England REZ?
- (iv) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
- (v) Illawarra REZ?
- (e) Does the Government have plans to give community consultation greater emphasis to recognise community views and that a “social license” has not been guaranteed with certain proposals?
- (f) Can the Minister please list all renewable projects proposed in the Bathurst Electorate and status of each project.
- 1950 OBERON WIND FARM—The Hon. Paul Toole 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) In relation to the proposed wind farm in Oberon:
- (a) Can the Minister please advise which proponents are being considered for the issuing of permits?
- (b) How many permits will be issued to proponents?
- (c) Can the Minister please identify where the several locations in the softwood plantation estate in Oberon are located?
- 1951 BERRIMA NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- In relation to Berrima Noise Abatement Program (NAP):
- (1) Can the Minister provide details of the outcome of the noise emission assessments conducted by Transport for NSW at M31 Berrima?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of the number of Noise Abatement Program Applications received and the number conducted?
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of the sites selected and those sites that were deemed as non-designated to conduct the assessments?
- (4) Can the Minister provide details of the proposed noise mitigation measures and timeline?
- (5) When will the Minister provide a copy of the NAP to residents?
- 1952 GOULBURN TAFE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- In relation to the courses at Goulburn TAFE:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm if the number of apprenticeship courses offered at Goulburn TAFE have increased?

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- (2) Can the Minister provide details of the apprenticeship courses offered for each trade discipline and the number of enrolments for each course?
- (3) Can the Minister provide details of any plans to develop a Manufacturing Centre of Excellence within the Goulburn region to support manufacturing and extractive industries?
- 1953 KENMORE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL—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—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm:
- (a) The number of Orders issued under Section 120 of the Heritage Act 1977 to the owner of the site?
- (b) What is the cumulative timeframe that has been afforded to the owner to undertake works within these orders?
- (c) Has the Heritage Council at any time made modifications to the Orders?
- (d) Have any of the Orders required immediate compliance?
- (e) Has the owner ever submitted a written representation to the Heritage Council as to why an Order should not be given or made an appeal to the Court regarding an Order?
- (2) If no progress has been made by Heritage NSW regarding the state of the buildings, can the Minister provide details on why no progress has been made?
- (3) Has the Heritage Council advanced to pursue section 113 of the Heritage Act 1977 over the site?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Can the Minister advise if the owner fails to comply with the designated timeframe within the Order will the Heritage Council pursue to resume or appropriate the land?
- 1954 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—
- (1) Could you please outline what community consultation has already taken place under the last Government with regards to the Rouse Hill Hospital?
- (2) What reasons exist for the Government announcing yet another round of community consultations?
- (3) Have the previous community consultations been discarded?
- (a) If so, why?
- (4) How long is this consultation expected to take?
- (5) Without the consultation how much sooner would the hospital be completed?
- (6) Could you please confirm the location of the hospital will be on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill?
- 1955 CANCELLED SCHOOL PROGRAMS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (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?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the funding cancellation will impact on jobs?



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- (3) Could you please provide the data/evidence that was used to justify the programs' cancellations – including whether the programs were underperforming?

1956 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL REVIEWS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What review processes are available for NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal members?
- (2) In what way are public complaints utilised in performance reviews of NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal members?