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(Paper No. 42)

- * 2255 ROAD PROJECTS IN THE TAMWORTH ELECTORATE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to road projects in the Tamworth electorate:

- (1) Could you provide updated delivery timeframes for the following projects, including an anticipated start of construction and completion:
 - (a) Goonoo Goonoo Road?
 - (b) Port Stephen Cutting?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
 - (a) The project is moving towards NSW Treasury Gateway 2 approval to allow the project to progress in earnest. Once this is received, a Project Proposal Request will be submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure to confirm funding. Pending that approval, Transport for NSW aims to begin construction in December 2024 with a scheduled completion date of early 2027.
 - (b) Similarly, a Project Proposal request for the Port Stephens Cutting project is with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure for consideration, following the investment of \$5 million by the NSW Government for this project. I am advised Tamworth Regional Council is using this State funding for preliminary investigations. Designs are underway and works will begin once the designs are completed and Commonwealth funding is confirmed.
- * 2256 MANILLA VIADUCT AND RAIL BRIDGE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What compliance measures does the Government now hold to ensure the Manilla Viaduct and Rail Bridge is protected as an asset listed on the State Heritage Register?
- (2) Does the New South Wales Heritage listing allow for modifications of the structure to allow alternate use?
- (3) Would placing a walkway on top of the Manilla Viaduct and Rail Bridge be deemed appropriate under the New South Wales Heritage Adaptive Reuse policy?
- (4) Has Transport for NSW been contacted regarding the viaduct and their additional responsibilities to protect the asset under the New South Wales Heritage Act?

Answer—

- (1) All items listed on the State Heritage Register are protected by the provisions of the Heritage Act 1977 (the Heritage Act).
- (2) Under the Heritage Act, an application for approval is required for works or activities that may impact a State Heritage Register listed item. Certain activities and works with little to no impact on the item's heritage significance may be exempt from approval.
- (3) Applications for approval, including for public access and engagement, are considered on merit under the Heritage Act.

- (4) Heritage NSW has provided information to Transport for NSW concerning management of items on the State Heritage Register.

* 2257 MANILLA VIADUCT AND RAIL BRIDGE - HERITAGE ASSET ACTION PLAN—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Manilla Viaduct and Rail Bridge:

- (1) Was the Heritage Asset Action Plan (HAAP) for the Manilla viaduct placed on hold?
- (a) If so, why?
- (2) Does this affect the ongoing maintenance of the structure?
- (3) Will the Manilla Viaduct and Rail Bridge still be included in the Regional Rail Heritage strategy?
- (4) Has Transport for NSW allocated additional funding to the preservation of the viaduct since the viaduct was listed on the NSW Heritage Register?
- (5) Has Transport for NSW been in contact with the Heritage team in the NSW Department of Planning and Environment?
- (6) How many of the following interactions have occurred with Heritage since the viaduct was listed on the NSW Heritage register:
- (a) meetings
- (b) emails
- (c) phone calls
- (7) What additional measures have been considered to ensure the safety and preservation of the viaduct?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Heritage Asset Action Plan was put on hold in September 2023 because it was not deemed critical to the finalisation of the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy.
- (2) No, placing the Heritage Asset Action Plan on hold does not impact maintenance on the Manilla viaduct or any other heritage-listed asset.
- (3) Yes, all heritage listed assets on the Country Regional Network are being assessed as part of the Regional Rail Heritage Strategy. This includes Manilla viaduct. The Regional Rail Heritage Strategy will set priorities for conservation, including across the timber underbridge asset class and will enable resources to be used most effectively.
- (4) No, additional funding has been allocated.
- (5-6) Transport for NSW met with Heritage NSW in November 2023, to discuss bridges on the regional rail network and to seek advice on how best to navigate heritage requirements to address safety.
- (7) Transport for NSW continues to work with Country Regional Network service provider, UGL Regional Linx, to determine if any additional measures are required to maintain safety at Manilla viaduct in both the short and longer term. Additional fencing, catch nets, the use of a shipping containers to facilitate safe pedestrian access and protection of pylons from vehicle strike are all measures that are being considered. As the viaduct is now listed on the State Heritage Register, any measures implemented will need to comply with all relevant heritage requirements.

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* 2258 COURT COSTS IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) What criteria or policy, if any, exists to determine whether the Department of Families and Communities appeals against costs in the Children's Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no set policy for making decisions as to when an appeal will be brought as each matter is dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

* 2259 LIVERPOOL HIGH SCHOOL MERGER—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are there any plans to merge Liverpool Girls High School and Liverpool Boys High School?

Answer—

The NSW Government is building a new comprehensive public high school for Liverpool, which will bring Liverpool Girls and Boys High Schools together into one school.

This follows consultation with the local school communities, which was undertaken in 2022, and demonstrated support for co-education.

* 2260 PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS BY GENDER—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What percentage of primary school teachers (both permanent and casual) are male?
- (2) What percentage of primary school teachers (both permanent and casual) are female?
- (3) By gender, how many primary school teachers left the workforce in 2023?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is committed to attracting and retaining more hard-working and committed teachers in NSW schools. It is why the Government has delivered NSW teachers the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation. It will take teachers in NSW from being the worst paid in the country to among the highest.

It is disappointing that the Member for Holsworthy has not publicly supported this government's historic and fair wages deal for teachers in her electorate.

- (1) The percentage of primary school teachers that are male is 14 per cent.
- (2) The percentage of primary school teachers that are female is 86 per cent.
- (3) By gender, primary school teachers who left the workforce in 2023 are: Female - 86.5%; Male 13.5%

* 2261 POLICIES FOR OUT OF AREA STUDENT TRANSFERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the Department of Education's policy regarding appealing a transfer request for out of area students?

Answer—

Information regarding school enrolments, including non-local enrolments, is publicly available on the department's website.

* 2262 REDESIGNATION OF STAFF REGARDING RANDWICK GIRLS AND BOYS HIGH SCHOOL MERGER—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many staff members have resigned from Randwick Girls High School since the announced merger with Randwick Boys High School?
- (2) How many staff members have resigned from Randwick Boys High School since the announced merger with Randwick Girls High School?

Answer—

There have been two resignations during this period, with both staff members taking up other opportunities. One of these teachers continues to teach at the school on a casual basis.

* 2263 HOMES NSW ASBESTOS POLICY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING—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—

- (1) What is Homes NSW's asbestos policy for public housing?

Answer—

Homes NSW tenants, staff and contractors, including agencies engaged for tenancy management, have a responsibility to report and take steps to resolve potential asbestos hazards in Homes NSW owned residential properties as soon as they become aware of them.

Homes NSW considers that any disturbance to asbestos in its residential properties is a potential health risk. Disturbance includes natural (weathering) mechanical, flood or fire actions.

Homes NSW will investigate reports of property damage to materials that may contain asbestos, manage its actions in working with asbestos and take all reasonable, timely and practical actions to protect the health of all parties involved.

Further details of Homes NSW's Asbestos Policy are available at:

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/manage-asbestos-policy>

* 2264 UNIVERSAL SERVICE OBLIGATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Given the widespread use of the Mobile Network as a form of communication, does the Government plan to include it under the Universal Service Obligation (USO) and Universal Service Guarantee (USG) regulations to ensure everyone has access to mobiles, landlines or payphones regardless of where they live?

Answer—

I am advised the Universal Service Guarantee and Universal Service Obligation are regulated by the Commonwealth Government under the portfolio of the Minister for Communications, the Hon Michelle Rowland MP. The NSW Government is engaging with the Commonwealth's current consultation on the Universal Service Obligation, including highlighting the need for equitable pricing and access for all NSW residents.

* 2265 TRAUMA INFORMED CARE IMPLEMENTATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Given that ambulance officers have no prior knowledge of a patient's history before attending an emergency event/crisis, can the Minister advise how they can implement trauma informed care?

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- (2) If ambulance officers and emergency service providers have applied trauma informed care to a patient, is there a follow up requirement for NSW Health to discuss this with the patient?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Ambulance paramedics are trained to assess patients and deliver a broad range of interventions and high-quality out of hospital care. Paramedics are required to conduct a comprehensive assessment on all patients.

Trauma informed care is taught to NSW Ambulance paramedics as part of their Mental Health Induction. Trauma-informed care takes a 'universal precautions' approach, providing care in a way that reflects that every person - clients and staff - may have experienced trauma. In line with this approach, it is not necessary for a health worker to have previous knowledge of a patient's history to provide trauma-informed care. Further information is publicly available at www.health.nsw.gov.au/patients/trauma/Publications/itic-framework.pdf

- * 2266 SANTOS OPERATIONS IN THE PILLIGA REGION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether any public roads in the Pilliga region are restricted due to Santos Operations?

- (a) If so, can the Minister provide a list of restricted roads?

Answer—

I am advised

There are no State Public Roads in the Pilliga region that are restricted due to Santos Operations. For more information, refer to the Narrabri Shire Council website for local public roads information <https://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/Home>

- * 2267 YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT 1997 - CAPPED OFFENCES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) As the Minister appointed to the Young Offenders Act 1997, can you advise if the Government is considering amending the legislation to include 'capped offences' for youth?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice, including Youth Justice NSW, and the NSW Police Force have undertaken a targeted review of the Young Offenders Act 1997 (the Act).

The review considered relevant recommendations made by the NSW Legislative Assembly Law and Safety Committee Inquiry into the adequacy of youth diversionary programs in NSW, including increasing the number of cautions and expanding the scope of offences that fall under the Act.

The review is currently being considered by government.

- * 2268 SCHOOL FULL TIME EMPLOYED POSITIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Of the 214.6 extra FTE positions across 182 school funded across regional, rural and remote parts of New South Wales, how many were allocated to the following schools in the Cootamundra electorate:

- (a) Bland Shire:

- (i) Barmedman Public School?

- (ii) Naradhan Public School?
 - (iii) St Mary's War Memorial School?
 - (iv) Tallimba Public School?
 - (v) Ungarie Central School?
 - (vi) Weethalle Public School?
 - (vii) West Wyalong High School?
 - (viii) West Wyalong Public School?
 - (ix) Wyalong Public School?
- (b) Coolamon Shire:
- (i) Ardlethan Central School?
 - (ii) Coolamon Central School?
 - (iii) Ganmain Public School?
 - (iv) Marrar Public School?
 - (v) Matong Public School?
 - (vi) St Brendan's Primary School?
 - (vii) St Michael's Primary School?
- (c) Cowra Shire:
- (i) Cowra Public School?
 - (ii) Gooloogong Public School?
 - (iii) Holmwood Public School?
 - (iv) Mulyan Public School?
 - (v) Woodstock Public School?
- (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Region:
- (i) Bongongo Public School?
 - (ii) Gundagai High School?
 - (iii) Gundagai Public School?
 - (iv) Gundagai South Public School?
 - (v) Nangus Public School?
 - (vi) St Patrick's Primary School?
 - (vii) Cootamundra High School?
 - (viii) Cootamundra Public School?
 - (ix) EA Southee Public School?
 - (x) Elouera Special School?
 - (xi) Scared Heart Central School?
 - (xii) Stockinbingal Public School?
 - (xiii) Wallendbeen Public School?

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- (e) Hilltops Region:
- (i) Murrumburrah High School?
 - (ii) Jugiong Public School?
 - (iii) Murrumburrah Public School?
 - (iv) Trinity Catholic Primary School?
 - (v) Wombat Public School?
 - (vi) Cowra High School?
 - (vii) Holman Place School?
 - (viii) St Raphael's Catholic School?
 - (ix) Hennessy Catholic College?
 - (x) New Madinah College?
 - (xi) Young High School?
 - (xii) Bribbaree Public School?
 - (xiii) Koorawatha Public School?
 - (xiv) Maimuru Public School?
 - (xv) Monteagle Public School?
 - (xvi) St Mary's Primary School?
 - (xvii) Young North Public School?
 - (xviii) Young Public School?
 - (xix) Boorowa Central School?
 - (xx) St Joseph's Primary School?
- (f) Junee Shire:
- (i) Eurongilly Public School?
 - (ii) Illabo Public School?
 - (iii) Junee High School?
 - (iv) Junee North Public School?
 - (v) Junee Public School?
 - (vi) St Joseph's Primary School?
- (g) Narrandera Shire:
- (i) Barellan Central School?
 - (ii) Binya Public School?
 - (iii) Narrandera East Infants School?
 - (iv) Narrandera High School?
 - (v) Narrandera Public School?
 - (vi) St Joseph's Primary School?
- (h) Temora Shire:

- (i) Aria Park Central School?
- (ii) St Anne's Central School?
- (iii) Temora High School?
- (iv) Temora Public School?
- (v) Temora West Public School?
- (i) Weddin Shire:
 - (i) Caragabal Public School?
 - (ii) Greenethorpe Public School?
 - (iii) Grenfell Public School?
 - (iv) Henry Lawson High School?
 - (v) Quandialla Public School?
 - (vi) St Joseph's Primary School?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government has delivered NSW teachers the most significant uplift in teachers' salaries in a generation. It will take teachers in NSW from being the worst paid in the country to among the highest.

This comes after the former Liberal National Government suppressed the wages of teachers for 12 years.

It is disappointing the Member for Cootamunda has not publicly supported this government's historic and fair wages deal for NSW teachers.

Staffing is managed according to the needs of each school.

- * 2269 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION FOLLOW UP—Ms Steph Cooke 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 question asked of the Premier on 10 October 2023 in relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program to which a response received from the Premier on 7 September 2023:

- (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?

Answer—

All LSCA Projects are assessed and administered in accordance with the NSW Grants Administration Guide and the LSCA Program Guidelines. The LSCA Program Guidelines are publicly available on the NSW Grant and Funding website ([Local Small Commitments Allocation - Home Page | NSW Government](#)).

Community organisations and local councils were nominated by Members of Parliament or candidates prior to the 2023 election to receive grants to fund small projects, events, programs and charitable donations within their electorate.

In some electorates a number of community projects were specified, with the remaining portion of the allocated \$400,000 nominated for playground and park upgrade projects to be delivered by local councils. In October 2023, these councils were advised in writing and have been working with the relevant Member of Parliament to identify the priority projects for playground and park upgrades in their electorate.

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- * 2270 REGIONAL ABORIGINAL WATER COMMITTEES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the response received on 17 October 2023 in relation to the Regional Aboriginal Water Committees:

- (1) In relation to the DPE Water's Aboriginal Water Program team planning to commence Regional Aboriginal Water Committees in late October 2023, could you please advise where and when these meetings will take place?
- (2) Will the Minister please provide a timeline as to when the assessment criteria will be established?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Three initial on boarding meetings for the Regional Aboriginal Water Committees were held in Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Ballina in November 2023, December 2023 and February 2024 respectively. Each of the 12 Aboriginal Water Committees have now commenced meeting separately in their own regions. As of the end of February 2024, meetings will have been held in Condobolin, Nowra, the Hunter Valley and Dubbo.
- (2) Assessment criteria will be developed with the Committees once the Terms of Reference are finalised, commencing after April 2024.

- * 2271 START STRONG CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to 2022-2023 Start Strong Capital Works Program to improve access to preschool by creating additional preschool places in areas of need and demand across the state, applications for Round 3 closed on 14 May 2023:

- (1) When will these applicants be notified of the outcome of their application?

Answer—

All applicants were notified of the outcomes on 15 February 2024.

- * 2272 POLICE VACANCIES IN THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to Police vacancies in the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) How many positions are currently vacant within the NSW Police Force across the Stations in the Cootamundra electorate?
 - (a) Barellan Police Station?
 - (b) Barmedman Police Station?
 - (c) Narrandera Police Station?
 - (d) Tallimba Police Station?
 - (e) Ungarie Police Station?
 - (f) West Wyalong Police Station?
 - (g) Canowindra Police Station?
 - (h) Cowra Police Station?
 - (i) Gooloogong Police Station?

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- (j) Woodstock Police Station?
 - (k) Boorowa Police Station?
 - (l) Caragabal Police Station?
 - (m) Greenethorpe Police Station?
 - (n) Grenfell Police Station?
 - (o) Harden Police Station?
 - (p) Jugiong Police Station?
 - (q) Young Police Station?
 - (r) Ardlethan Police Station?
 - (s) Aria Park Police Station?
 - (t) Coolamon Police Station?
 - (u) Cootamundra Police Station?
 - (v) Ganmain Police Station?
 - (w) Gundagai Police Station?
 - (x) Junee Police Station?
 - (y) Koorawatha Police Station?
 - (z) Stockinbingal Police Station?
 - (aa) Temora Police Station?
 - (bb) Wallendbeen Police Station?
- (2) Of these vacancies, how long have they been vacant?
- (3) How many positions are currently vacant due to sick leave or workers compensation within the NSW Police Force across the Stations in the Cootamundra electorate per the stations listed above?
- (4) What systems are in place to fill these positions to ensure the NSW Police Force has the resources and capabilities required to tackle crime, law and order?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Police Officers are generally allocated to Police Area Commands (PACs), Police Districts (PDs) or Specialist Commands, not to individual police stations. The Cootamundra electorate is serviced by Chifley PD, Murrumbidgee PD, Riverina PD and The Hume PD.

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each PAC and 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.

- (3) Positions substantively occupied by an employee on sick leave or workers compensation are not considered a vacancy.
- (4) All police positions attached to PACs and PDs are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

On 31 October 2023, the NSW Government announced that from March 2024, Student Police Officers will be engaged as paid temporary employees whilst studying at the Police Academy in

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Goulburn. This is a significant development for the NSW Police Force to provide a greater incentive for individuals to choose a policing career and to enable its workforce to remain competitive in the current labour market.

* 2273 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) for Roseville, Lindfield, Killara and Gordon railway stations:
- (a) How and why were these locations selected?
 - (b) What consultation and feedback has taken place with each community?
 - (c) What consultation and feedback is planned to take place with each community?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Stations included as part of the Transport Oriented Development Program were identified as having enabling infrastructure capacity to support additional housing growth. This was informed by planning, infrastructure and spatial data, along with expert advice and feasibility analysis.
 - (b) The Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure have been briefing mayors and councillors of affected councils. Departmental staff have also held briefings with staff of these councils.
 - (c) Councils have been invited to make a submission on behalf of their communities.

* 2274 ERYLDENE HISTORIC HOUSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to Eryldene Historic House and Garden located at 17 McIntosh Street Gordon, within 400 metres of Gordon Railway Station:
- (a) Will Eryldene Historic House and Garden be exempt from the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy?
 - (b) Will the properties that sit and directly surround Eryldene Historic House and Garden be exempt from the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (TOD SEPP) will not make changes to heritage listings or heritage conservation areas as outlined in council Local Environmental Plans (LEPs). As a heritage item listed on the NSW State Heritage Register, the TOD SEPP will not apply to the Eryldene Historic House and Garden.

Any development applications under the TOD SEPP will go through a merit based assessment with the local council, who are well placed to assess applications for the impact of development in heritage conservation areas. Where applications involve the removal of a non-contributory building to the heritage value of the area, new development would be required to improve and enhance the heritage values.

* 2275 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY 400M AND 800M ZONES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy for Roseville, Lindfield, Killara and Gordon railway stations, does the 400 metre and 800 metre zones include:

- (1) Bushfire Prone Land?
- (2) Bushfire Prone Land buffer?
 - (a) If yes to 1) or 2), are these lands exempt?

Answer—

I am advised

The proposed Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (TOD SEPP) will only apply within 400 metres of 31 station locations including Roseville, Lindfield, Killara and Gordon stations.

Zoning information of these locations is publicly available on the NSW Planning Portal, through its spatial viewer at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer

The proposed TOD SEPP makes no change to how development on bushfire prone land is considered and assessed. .

- * 2276 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING—Mr Matt Cross 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 the proposed Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy, and the low-and mid-rise housing State Environmental Planning Policy, what impact will this have in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area on the:
 - (a) Tree canopy?
 - (b) Ecological communities:
 - (i) 7 endangered ecological communities?
 - (ii) 2 critically endangered ecological communities?

Answer—

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

- * 2277 PROPERTIES IN KU-RING-GAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Matt Cross 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 properties in Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area are:
 - (a) On the State Heritage Register?
 - (b) On the National Heritage List?
 - (c) In Heritage Conservation Areas?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) There are 26 items on the State Heritage Register within the boundary of the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area.
 - (b) There is 1 item on the National Heritage List within the boundary of the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area.
 - (c) There are 46 local heritage conservation areas within the boundary of the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area. Local heritage conservation areas are administered by local government

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and Ku-ring-gai Council would be best placed to provide data on the number of properties in these heritage conservation areas.

* 2278 DEFECTS FOUND BY BUILDING COMMISSION—Mr Matt Cross 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) How many Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area residential apartment buildings has Building Commission NSW / NSW Fair Trading / Office of the Building Commissioner found to have defects in the following financial years:
- (a) 2020/2021?
 - (b) 2021/2022?
 - (c) 2022/2023?
 - (d) 2023/2024?

Answer—

I am advised that orders issued by Building Commission NSW under the Residential Apartments Building (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Act 2020 and the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 are published on the NSW Fair Trading website.

* 2279 SEWER LEAKS IN KU-RING-GAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—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—

- (1) How many Sydney Water sewer leaks have taken place in Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area in the following financial years:
- (a) 2019-20?
 - (b) 2020-21?
 - (c) 2021-22?
 - (d) 2022-23?
 - (e) 2023-24?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of reportable overflows to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area for financial years 2019-20 to 2023-24, are:

Financial Year	EPA Reportable Overflows
2019-2020	61
2020-2021	51
2021-2022	28
2022-2023	19
2023-2024	30*

*As of 31 January 2024

* 2280 MEETING WITH MEMBERS TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does the Minister have plans to meet locally with Members, including myself, that are impacted by the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policies, to discuss Planning and Public Spaces?

Answer—

I am advised:

I have already met with and briefed several Members of Parliament on this matter. The Member is welcome to contact my office to arrange a similar briefing.

* 2281 DAVIDSON RESIDENTS BEING CONTACTED BY PROPERTY DEVELOPERS—Mr Matt Cross 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 Davidson electorate residents being contacted by property developers due to State Environmental Planning Policy changes announced in December 2023:

- (1) How can residents be better informed of their consumer rights by NSW Fair Trading?
- (2) What is the best website, email and phone number to seek advice by NSW Fair Trading?
- (3) Is there a factsheet that outlines consumer rights in relation to property?
 - (a) If so, what is the URL?
- (4) Is it possible for NSW Fair Trading to visit and/or have a mobile engagement team visit the Davidson electorate to meet with concerned residents?

Answer—

I am advised that information about unsolicited agreements can be found on the NSW Fair Trading website at <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/buying-products-and-services/guarantees,-contracts-and-warranties/unsolicited-consumer-agreements>.

NSW Fair Trading's contact information can be found at <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/contact-us>.

* 2282 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise in each of the four Central Coast electorates, Terrigal, Gosford, Wyong and The Entrance:
 - (a) How many families were eligible to claim the 2023 Back-to-School Vouchers?
 - (b) how many families claimed their Back-to-School Vouchers?
 - (c) How many families were eligible to claim the 2023 After-School-Vouchers?
 - (d) How many families claimed their After-School-Vouchers?

Answer—

Refer to answer provided in LC QON 1504.

* 2283 WORKING REGIONS FUND—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Treasurer provide information on the scope of the Government's \$250m Working Regions Fund and what the use of the fund is for?

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- (2) Can the Treasurer advise when applications will open for the Regional Development Trust and who will be eligible to apply?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has established the \$250 million Working Regions Fund as a reservation within Restart NSW.

As announced in the 2023-24 Budget, the fund will invest in infrastructure to support and benefit regional NSW, such as roads and housing, biosecurity measures to protect industries and ecosystems, and regional jobs and businesses.

- (2) Information on the Regional Development Trust, including expected timings is publicly available. Further questions on this matter are best directed to the Minister for Regional NSW.

- * 2284 INDEPENDENT TOLL REVIEW RELEASE—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) When will the report of the 2023 Independent Toll Review be released?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to LC220, the final report of the Independent Toll Review will be publicly released in 2024, before the NSW Government considers its recommendations.

- * 2285 WOMEN AND SHELTERS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges 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 Castle Hill Electorate:
- (a) How many shelters for women and children escaping violence are available in the Castle Hill Electorate?
 - (b) How many women may stay at any given time in such shelters?
 - (c) How many women and children in total have sought refuge in women's shelters in the Castle Hill Electorate in the following years:
 - (i) 2021?
 - (ii) 2022?
 - (iii) 2023?
 - (d) Could you advise whether there are any shelters currently under construction in the Castle Hill Electorate?
 - (i) If there are shelters under construction please advise the suburb of such shelter, and the estimated date of completion of the construction.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) There is one women's refuge operating within the Castle Hill electorate.
- (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)

- (i) In 2020/21, 75 women and children experiencing domestic and family violence received crisis accommodation from the specialist homelessness services (SHS) agency.
- (ii) In 2021/22, 71 women and children experiencing domestic and family violence received crisis accommodation from the SHS agency.
- (iii) In 2022/23, 62 women and children experiencing domestic and family violence received crisis accommodation from the SHS agency.
- (d) There are no additional shelters currently under construction in the Castle Hill electorate.

* 2286 CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS AND NEW HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the number of students enrolled for the 2024 school year at the Castle Hill High School?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to build a new High School within the Castle Hill Electorate?

Answer—

Information about school enrolment numbers is available publicly on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website.

The Department of Education is continuing to monitor population trends statewide so that enrolment needs can be met.

* 2287 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many Back-to School vouchers (of any value) have been issued to residents of the following electorates in the inclusive period 12 December 2022 to 30 June 2023:
 - (a) Castle Hill Electorate?
 - (b) Kellyville Electorate?
 - (c) Hawkesbury Electorate?
 - (d) Riverstone Electorate?
 - (e) Parramatta Electorate?
 - (f) Blacktown Electorate?
 - (g) Winston Hills Electorate?
- (2) What was the total value of Back-to-School Vouchers issued to residents of the following electorates in the inclusive period 12 December 2022 to 30 June 2023:
 - (a) Castle Hill Electorate?
 - (b) Kellyville Electorate?
 - (c) Hawkesbury Electorate?
 - (d) Riverstone Electorate?
 - (e) Parramatta Electorate?
 - (f) Blacktown Electorate?
 - (g) Winston Hills Electorate?

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Answer—

I am advised data for the Back to School vouchers, a one-year program which was funded in 2022-23, is not available by electorate; the following data is available for postcodes that fall within the Castle Hill, Kellyville, Hawkesbury, Riverstone, Parramatta, Blacktown and Winston Hills Electorates.

Refer to Attachment A which can be viewed at Questions and Answers Tracking on the Parliament's website.

* 2288 ACCIDENTS AT INTERSECTION OF SHOWGROUND ROAD AND VICTORIA ROAD, CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many accidents have occurred on Showground Road, Castle Hill at the intersection of Victoria Road in each of the following years:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

Between 2020 and 2023, on the intersection of Showground Road and Victoria Road, Castle Hill, there were four crashes reported.

* 2289 ACCIDENTS AT INTERSECTION OF SHOWGROUND ROAD AND GILBERT ROAD, CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many accidents have occurred on Showground Road, Castle Hill at the intersection of Gilbert Road in each of the following years:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 2020 and 2023, on the intersection of Showground Road and Gilbert Road, Castle Hill, there was only one crash reported in 2022 resulting in no casualties.

* 2290 ACCIDENTS AT INTERSECTION OF SHOWGROUND ROAD AND GREEN ROAD, CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many accidents have occurred on Showground Road, Castle Hill at the intersection of Green Road in each of the following years:
- (a) 2020?

- (b) 2021?
- (c) 2022?
- (d) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 2020 and 2023, on the intersection of Showground Road and Green Road, Castle Hill, there were four crashes reported.

* 2291 MODIFYING THE M52 ROUTE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Is the Government planning to modify or cancel any bus services in order to restore the M52?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will work alongside the Bus Taskforce to identify opportunities to introduce election commitments regarding bus services, including the commitment to reinstate the M52 service.

* 2292 BRAILLE TEACHERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many braille teachers are required in New South Wales to meet demand for students with visual impairments?
 - (a) How many braille teachers does New South Wales currently employ?
 - (b) What steps are being taken to ensure there are a sustainable number of braille teachers in New South Wales on an ongoing basis?

Answer—

- (1) NSW has 67 students who access braille resources to engage in learning. Each are supported by an Itinerant Support Teacher Vision.
 - (a) The SAP establishment report as at 16 February 2024, has 94 teachers with approval to teach Braille (BLE). Of these 94 teachers, 74 are currently appointed to permanent vision positions in schools. 11 are in permanent non-vision positions and 9 are non-permanent teachers.
 - (b) The Department of Education provides teachers with the opportunity to apply for Inclusive Practice in Education Scholarships. This professional development opportunity is open to existing qualified teachers, enabling them to study inclusive or special education including in the area of blind and low vision whilst remaining in their current position.

Teachers who complete a recognised post graduate Masters or Graduate Diploma for teaching students who are blind or have low vision may also seek recognition of professional learning and competency to teach Braille. Currently the NextSense Institute supports teachers to access online courses in United English Braille (UEB).

* 2293 FAITH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Which faiths and organisations are represented on the NSW Faith Advisory Council, and how were these invitations decided?

Answer—

Information on appointments to the NSW Faith Affairs Council is available on my media release. Please see the link below

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[NSW Faith Affairs Council starts work - Multicultural NSW](#)

* 2294 COLONOSCOPY WAITLIST—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many people are currently on the waitlist for a colonoscopy in New South Wales?
- (2) How does this compare to the two years before COVID-19?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Wait lists for colonoscopy procedures in NSW public hospitals are locally managed in each local health district or specialty health network.

The Agency for Clinical Innovation's NSW Clinical Practice Guide - NSW colonoscopy categorisation provides guidance to districts and networks regarding the prioritisation of patients.

* 2295 HOMESCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What policies are provided by the Government to support children with profound disabilities that require home schooling?
 - (a) Are there plans to introduce new policies or expand existing policies?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Education Act 1990 provides for home schooling as an education option for NSW parents.

Parents of children registered for home schooling prepare an educational program based on NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses.

- Advice and programming support for children with disability can be found in each syllabus and on the NESA website.

The NESA website provides information about:

- (1) accessing the curriculum;
- (2) making adjustments to learning plans to suit individual children;
- (3) ways of providing opportunities for children with disability to demonstrate what they can do and what they have achieved; and
- (4) guides and resources, support materials, and illustrations of practice.

NESA is currently developing a range of materials to assist home schooling parents develop their educational program in line with new syllabuses released under the NSW Curriculum Reform.

Home schooling requirements and support will continue to be monitored by NESA.

* 2296 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR 14 SCHOOLS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Beyond the \$767.1 million in the NSW 2023-24 Budget to support the planning and delivery of 14 new schools, what (if any) other funding sources are required to ensure finalisation of each of these 14 schools?
 - (a) If none, can each of the 14 schools announced still be delivered within the \$767.1m allocated in the NSW 2023-24 Budget?

Answer—

After the previous Liberal and National government failed to deliver new and upgraded schools for fast-growing communities, the 2023-24 NSW Budget allocated a record \$8.8 billion to address this critical infrastructure backlog.

* 2297 DOUBLE DEMERITS DATES POLICY—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) How does the government determine which dates double demerits take effect?
- (2) Are there any plans to lift double demerits from non-public holidays or amend the double demerit policy in any way?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Double demerits apply on and around public holidays in NSW to reduce the risk of trauma associated with holiday travel.

Double demerit periods apply over holiday periods and long weekends, including:

- Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
- Australia Day, Easter, Anzac Day, King's Birthday and Labour Day

The dates on which double demerits apply are prescribed by section 71 of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 (the Regulation). This section sets out how double demerit periods are calculated by reference to public holidays listed in the Public Holidays Act 2010 (NSW).

In accordance with the Regulation, the days included in a double demerit period can vary from year-to-year for many public holidays, in accordance with the day of the week on which the public holiday falls. The date of the Easter public holidays, and the corresponding double demerit period, also vary from year to year.

Transport for NSW publishes upcoming double demerits periods on its website and runs road safety enforcement campaigns before and during double demerits periods to increase community awareness.

- (2) There are no current plans to amend the double demerit periods.

* 2298 TOLL CAP FOR CAR SHARE VEHICLES—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 toll users that drive car share or rental vehicles eligible for the Government's \$60 toll cap?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

Information on eligibility for toll relief can be found here:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/claim-the-toll-relief-cap>

* 2299 CLEANING TRAIN SEATS COMPARISON—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How frequently are the seats on T9 Northern Line trains cleaned, and what cleaning processes are used?

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(2) How does this compare to the Metro North West line?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) All trains in the Sydney Trains fleet are cleaned each day. Transit Cleaners clean and collect rubbish during the day while trains are in service and all trains are cleaned while in fleet maintenance and train stabling facilities each evening. Every train goes through a deep cleaning cycle every 90 days.
- (2) Cleaning of Metro trains and stations occurs daily with staff rostered 24/7 to maintain fleet presentation. On top of routine cleans, litter picking and spot mopping occurs throughout the day to respond as quickly as possible to cleanliness issues as they occur. In addition, various deep cleaning activities are scheduled throughout the year. Operator Metro Trains Sydney also manage removal of graffiti where required.

* 2300 LEASES ON GOVERNMENT OFFICE SPACE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) As of 6 February 2024, how many commercial properties does the Government currently rent for the purposes of housing government departments and offices?
- (2) What was the total value of rent paid for commercial leases meeting the above description in:
 - (a) The 2022-23 financial year?
 - (b) The 2021-22 financial year?
 - (c) The 2020-21 financial year?
 - (d) The 2019-20 financial year?
 - (e) The 2018-19 financial year?
- (3) How do the above figures compare with the budget for maintaining such leases in the 2023-24 financial year?
- (4) Of the commercial properties leased by the Government for government departments and offices:
 - (a) What is the general occupancy rate in terms of the number of Full Time Equivalent staff who work from these spaces?
 - (b) How many, if any, are currently vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are currently 537 commercial properties which Property and Development (PDNSW) lease on behalf of government departments and agencies.
Confirming that this is commercial, retail and industrial property leased by PDNSW on behalf of NSW Government departments and agencies only and not all government leases.
- (2) Commercial lease rent paid during the financial year is:
 - (a) \$614.9 million.
 - (b) \$578.9 million.
 - (c) \$576.9 million.
 - (d) \$566.3 million.
 - (e) \$524.3 million.

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- (3) The budget for commercial lease rent in the 2023-24 financial year is consistent to the 2022-23 payments.
- (4)
- (a) Occupancy rate calculated based on full time equivalent (FTE) staff allocated to specific sites is not able to be tracked by PDNSW as they do not have access to this level of detail in the personnel data. Personnel are managed by each individual government department and agency.
- PDNSW does track total personnel at each office leased by PDNSW on behalf of departments and agencies. This measure currently sits at 11.5 m2/FTE.
- (b) There is only one vacant leased commercial property currently within the PDNSW portfolio.

* 2301 RETIREMENT LIVING IN THE NEWTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Does the Government have any specific initiatives or programs currently underway to address the housing needs of seniors in Newtown?
- (a) Are there specific strategies in place to address the unique housing needs of marginalised or vulnerable senior populations in Newtown, such as those with mobility needs, or experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity?
- (2) Are there any existing partnerships or collaborations between the Government and private organisations aimed at increasing the availability of affordable and accessible seniors housing in Newtown?
- (3) Has the Government conducted any assessments or studies to evaluate the current supply and demand for seniors housing in Newtown, and if so, what were the key findings and recommendations?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Housing.

* 2302 MANAGEMENT OF TRANSPORT FOR NSW ENDORSED APPS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What level of involvement does the Government have in the ongoing management and funding of apps that have emerged from Innovation Challenges held by Transport for NSW?
- (2) How does Transport for NSW collaborate with app developers and data providers to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of information presented in endorsed apps, particularly concerning service schedules, fare information, and real-time transit updates?
- (3) What measures are currently in place, or are being considered, to enhance the usability and functionality of the TripView and TripView Lite apps?
- (4) How can members of the public provide feedback to the Transport for NSW Open Data and Innovation team on endorsed apps?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Apps that are endorsed via Open Data Innovation Challenges are wholly under the management and responsibility of the third-party developer. Some apps are endorsed at the end of a Transport for NSW Innovation Challenge which means the developer receives direct updates and pre-release testing rights on new data to enable the app to meet standards set for endorsement. Transport for

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NSW does not provide ongoing funding for endorsed apps however do continually engage with developers to provide feedback on their app for them to make improvements.

- (2) Transport for NSW's Open Data & Innovation team collaborates with and supports endorsed apps to ensure data is kept as accurate as possible. This includes regular communications regarding major service changes and planned/unplanned data outages.

Developers of endorsed Open Data apps are given access to new data feeds for testing and feedback prior to wider release to minimise any issues when data is published. Endorsed app developers also have a direct line of communication to the Open Data & Innovation team who will triage data issues and customer feedback and raise support tickets with the relevant Transport for NSW team on their behalf.

- (3) The TripView app is wholly owned and developed by a third party who controls and manages all development in the apps including usability and functionality. Transport for NSW works collaboratively with the TripView developer to provide advice on how to best utilise data feeds to for clear customer messaging.
- (4) The public can provide feedback to the Transport for NSW Open Data and Innovation team on endorsed apps via the transportnsw.info feedback form ([Apps feedback | transportnsw.info](#)).

- * 2303 MARKHAM STREET ARMIDALE—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the level rail crossing at Markham Street in Armidale:

- (1) Do you have any plans to upgrade this rail level crossing by installing boom gates?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to invest in the installation of boom gates at busy and dangerous intersections?
- (3) How many incidents have occurred at this intersection from 2013 - 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW and Federal Governments will fund a major upgrade at Markham Street Armidale level crossing through the combined NSW Level Crossing Improvement Program (LCIP) and Australian Government's Regional Level Crossing Upgrade Fund (RLCUF) between 2023-24 and 2026-27. The level crossing will be upgraded from flashing lights to new high-intensity LED lights, bells and retro-reflective boom gates, with new signage and line marking for both the rail and roadway.
- (2) From 2023-24 to 2026-27, the NSW and Federal Governments will fund major upgrades at 23 priority level crossings in regional NSW through the combined LCIP and RLCUF. The upgrades will include the installation of high-intensity LED lights, bells and retro-reflective boom gates, with new signage and line marking for both the rail and roadway.
- (3) Data obtained from the National Level Crossing Portal on 13 February 2024 suggests that there were no collisions between trains and road vehicles at Markham Street Armidale level crossing from July 2014 to December 2023. Information on incidents that occurred prior to July 2014 are not available on the National Level Crossing Portal.

- * 2304 OLD ARMIDALE TEACHERS' COLLEGE BUILDING—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding the installation of an access lift in the Old Armidale Teachers' College building:

- (1) Does the Department of Education have any plans to proceed with the installation of an access lift in the Old Armidale Teachers' College?
- (2) How much will the project cost?

- (3) Has the Friends of the Old Teachers' College offered funds to the project?
- (4) If yes, will this offer be taken up by the Department?
- (5) Is the Department still planning to install the lift in the rear western corner of the building?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a question for the Minister for Education and Early Learning

* 2305 MOTOR VEHICLE TAX AND LOW EMISSIONS VEHICLES CONCESSION—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to motor vehicle tax and the low emissions concession:

- (1) Can you explain which vehicles constitute as 'low emission' and are eligible for a discount on motor vehicle tax?
- (2) Does a MG HS PHEV (plugin hybrid) qualify as a 'low emissions vehicle'?
- (3) Have constituents in my electorate been charged the full motor vehicle tax rate, without a discount, on this vehicle?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Under the Motor Vehicle Taxation Act 1988 section 3, a 'lower taxed motor vehicle means a motor vehicle not exceeding 2,500 kilograms in weight that... is designated by Transport for NSW as a kind of energy efficient motor vehicle in a list that is maintained for the purposes of this definition by Transport for NSW and is made publicly available on its website or in some other manner that Transport for NSW considers appropriate'.

The eligible vehicles are published at [Lower taxed vehicles | NSW Government](#).

- (2) The MG HS PHEV is listed on the website.
- (3) Transport for NSW has identified 11 MG HS PHEV vehicles across the State that have been registered and have not received the low emission motor vehicle tax concession. Transport for NSW contacted affected customers and arranged refunds accordingly.

* 2306 HEALTH SERVICES IN LAKE MACQUARIE—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What current public health services are available and performed within the Lake Macquarie electorate?
- (2) How many emergency department presentations to the Wyong Hospital Emergency Department were there, by triage category, by residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?
- (3) How many emergency department presentations to the John Hunter Hospital Emergency Department were there, by triage category, by residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?
- (4) How many emergency department presentations to the Belmont Hospital Emergency Department were there, by triage category, by residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?
- (5) How many occasions of dialysis treatment did residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 receive in NSW Health facilities, in the period 1 July to 31 December 2023?

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- (6) How many elective surgeries were performed in NSW Health facilities on residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?
- (7) How many, elective surgeries were contracted to New South Wales Private Hospitals, for residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284, in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?
- (8) How many occasions of chemotherapy treatment did residents living in the postcodes 2264, 2265, 2267, 2283 and 2284 receive in NSW Health facilities in the six months from 1 July to 31 December 2023?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

Information about presentations by treatment type and postcode is not reported centrally. To provide the data at the level of detail requested would be an inappropriate diversion of resources away from core health functions.

Services are provided by local health districts to meet patient demand. Information about services provided in each District, individual hospitals' performance, and elective surgeries performed in NSW – including how many surgeries were performed by private hospitals – is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

2307 REVENUE COLLECTED BY FIXED SPED CAMERAS IN TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

* 2308 FIRE ANT COMPLIANCE SITE INSPECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest 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—

How many fire ant compliance site inspections have been conducted by New South Wales authorities to date?

Answer—

766 fire ant compliance site inspections have been undertaken, since fire ants were discovered in NSW.

* 2309 ON-GOING INCURSIONS OF FIRE ANTS—Mr Geoff Provest 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—

In relation to the on-going incursions of fire ants into New South Wales:

- (1) Have any breaches of the New South Wales Biosecurity Act 2015 occurred?
- (a) If yes, where and when did these breaches occur?
- (2) Have any breaches resulted in enforcement action because an office was established?
- (a) If so, what was the nature of the enforcement action?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Specific details cannot be disclosed at this time as they are subject to open and ongoing investigations.
- (2) Yes.

- (a) The resulting enforcement actions were Individual Biosecurity Directions (IBD).

* 2310 GOVERNMENT SPEND 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—

Regarding the suggested redirection of QON #1995 and the response to QON #1410 stating that emergency accommodation expenditure of the previous Government was within the portfolio of the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) Are you able to provide the total Government spend on emergency accommodation prior to 2023?
- (a) If yes, what is the breakdown in expenditure per financial year from 2020/21 to March 2023?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

As per my response to Question on Notice #1410, emergency accommodation expenditure under the current government sits within my portfolio of responsibilities as the Minister for Housing. Emergency accommodation has been managed by Homes NSW within the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) since March 2023. Under the previous government, it was under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Emergency Services and was managed by Resilience NSW (which has since dissolved).

During 2022, DCJ spent \$1,022,864 on emergency accommodation, however this figure is not indicative of the true expenditure total as Resilience NSW also made payments for forms of accommodation.

DCJ liaised directly with the NSW Reconstruction Authority on historical expenditure data that was managed by Resilience NSW. I am informed that, due to legacy systems issues, the data is not attainable. While accurate data for 2020/21 expenditure is not accessible, financial reports to do with Resilience NSW are available in the dissolved agency's annual report which can be found at <https://www.opengov.nsw.gov.au/>

The legacy system is a reference to a database that was used to manage payments. At some point, the system moved to a different system. I'd be happy to brief the Member further on this matter if he has any further questions.

* 2311 NEW SOUTH WALES VALUER GENERAL REFORMS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) In February 2023, a \$20 million investment was announced by the previous Government to upgrade the Valuer General's system to allow property owners access to data analytics to better understand how the valuations of their land were determined.
- (a) Has this investment been continued under the new Government?
- (b) What will the outputs from this investment be and when will they be delivered?
- (2) How is the New South Wales Valuer General making the land valuation system fairer and more transparent, particularly for people who disagree with land valuations for their properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) Yes
- (b) The investment will deliver a modernised and refreshed NSW land valuation platform, known as Val IQ. With end user experience, spatial integration and automation at heart, Val

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IQ will generate significant benefits to all property owners. Once delivered, property owners will have more timely, accurate and transparent access to valuation information and services that are delivered by the Valuer General or the agency set up to support their office, Valuation NSW (VNSW).

Val IQ will be delivered in 3 stages, through to December 2025.

- (2) The Valuer General is implementing a strategy to educate the community on the valuation system including how land is valued. The strategy includes:
- an overhaul of the Valuer General website and available public information
 - reforms to the valuation objection process to deliver more timely and appropriate responses to property owners in NSW
 - utilisation of targeted digital public education communication campaigns across a variety of mediums coinciding with the delivery of annual land values, with real time objection volume analysis a key determinant factor in digital campaign location, and
 - reviewing customer service resourcing to: better disseminate valuation information, and respond in a more timely manner.

In addition, and once delivered, Val IQ will also make it easier for property owners to lodge objections, access their property and valuation information and interact with VNS customer service staff.

* 2312 USE OF 1080 IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Michael Regan 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 work is being done by the Government to investigate humane methods other than 1080 poison, which are also as effective, to control feral invasive species in our state?

Answer—

- (1) While there are clear advantages of 1080 as a pest animal control technique in Australia, there has also been extensive research over many decades to find additional toxins and alternative methods to reduce the impacts of pest animals, including non-lethal techniques.

Some of the alternative methods that have been investigated (and in some cases developed into operational techniques) include: immunocontraception, hormone-based fertility control, virus-based biocontrol (rabbits), PAPP (para-aminopropiophenone) toxin, sodium nitrite toxin, exclusion fencing, guard animals (to protect small livestock against foxes and wild dogs), and more efficient and humane approaches to aerial shooting and trapping.

In some cases, a viable control technique was not delivered. In other cases (e.g. guard animals), the technique is only suitable for small properties and when combined with other control techniques. Some of the alternative techniques that are used commonly such as aerial shooting and exclusion fencing, are very expensive and not readily available to all landholders.

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) continues to collaborate within NSW, nationally and internationally to improve the efficacy, efficiency, humaneness and safety of existing pest animal control approaches; and, to investigate new control approaches. For example, DPI is currently collaborating with the National Wild Dog Management Coordinator on further investigation of the potential application of guard animals to help protect livestock against wild dog attack.

* 2313 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON FOREST WAY—Mr Michael Regan 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 the investigation being undertaken by Transport for NSW into ways to improve pedestrian safety and amenity on Forest Way:
 - (a) What is the scope of this investigation?
 - (b) What will the outputs from this investigation be?
 - (c) When will the investigation be complete?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW investigated the potential to install speed cameras along Forest Way, between Wearden Road and Bowman Avenue to reduce instances of vehicles exceeding the 70km/h speed limit in this area?
- (3) Can the Minister advise when the funding decisions are expected to be made in the relevant State and Federal road safety programs determining if and when pedestrian fencing and high friction asphalt upgrades will be delivered on Forest Way?
- (4) What would be the approximate cost of a pedestrian overpass bridge across Forest Way based on similar projects in other locations?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Investigations are underway for Forest Way, between Adams Street and Wearden Road, to identify and assess the feasibility of short, medium and long-term options to improve safety, which include:
 - Pedestrian fencing in the vicinity of Glen Street and Wearden Road
 - Forest Way School Zone review for Wakehurst Public School
 - Traffic light investigations at Glen Street and Wearden Road
 - Pedestrian overpass in the vicinity of Bambara Oval.

Investigations for pedestrian fencing are expected to be completed by mid-2024, at which time a funding nomination will be submitted that would be subject to a business case approval. Each project nomination in NSW competes with other nominations on a 12-month basis for limited available funding. The priorities are determined on strict criteria and on a state-wide priority basis.

A review of the current school zone is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of March 2024. Traffic light investigations are underway to determine if any changes can be made to provide additional safety for pedestrians.

Investigations for a pedestrian overpass have been completed. The current policy for assessing a site for any pedestrian facility, including pedestrian bridges, requires that consideration be given to vehicular and pedestrian traffic, road conditions, future demand, and the accident history of the site. The site is then prioritised for funding on a state-wide basis.

Construction of pedestrian bridges can be complex and involve additional factors, including land acquisition and environmental impacts, surrounding infrastructure, community impacts and the design and funding approvals. Based on this, the site is unlikely to be eligible for road safety funding at this time. Further investigations may be undertaken subject to future funding. All investigations are expected to be completed by mid-2024.

- (2) Transport for NSW has not investigated for a fixed speed camera at this location.

The intersection of Forest Way and Glen Street. Belrose was considered for a red-light speed camera during the 2023-24 financial year. It was not one of the ten new red-light speed camera locations

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chosen due to its ranking of approximately 1,750 out of 4,000 eligible intersections based on the selection criteria.

Forest Way, Belrose is approved for mobile speed camera enforcement, however, the road environment, most notably the presence of clearways, no stopping restrictions and a footpath precludes mobile speed camera enforcement being undertaken safely on this road.

- (3) Funding decisions are generally made annually towards the end of a program round when project applications are invited, reviewed and approved. This project application, submitted by Northern Beaches Council, proposing pedestrian fencing, high-friction asphalt upgrades and other pedestrian safety improvements was reviewed in September 2023 by Transport for NSW, as part of the Australian Government Black Spot Program 2023-24 and was returned to Council seeking further supporting information. Transport for NSW is currently seeking funding to progress the pedestrian fencing works.
- (4) There have not been investigations to estimate the cost of a pedestrian bridge for this location. The cost would depend on the design, constructability, public utility impacts, any land acquisition required and whether it requires lifts and/or ramps.

* 2314 ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting the Minister's response to LA QON 2163:

- (1) How many proposals prepared by Schools Infrastructure to meet the current requirements for an upgrade to Orange Grove Public School has the Government considered?
- (2) Of these, how many have failed to progress on account of a projected funding shortfall?

Answer—

Project plans for this project have been updated following community feedback.

Updates to the plans for this upgrade have largely related to the need to respond to detailed feedback from community members about heritage, playspace and the school learning environment.

The Department of Education has advised that it will soon be consulting with the community on revised plans.

Updates for the community will continue to be made available through the school community and on the School Infrastructure NSW website as this project progresses.

* 2315 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Noting the Minister's previous responses to LA QON 1414 and LA QON 2046:

- (1) What are the projected student enrolment numbers for each of the following schools for the years 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028:
 - (a) Annandale North Public School?
 - (b) Annandale Public School?
 - (c) Balmain Public School?
 - (d) Birchgrove Public School?
 - (e) Forest Lodge Public School?
 - (f) Fort Street Public School?
 - (g) Glebe Public School?

- (h) Inner Sydney High School?
- (i) Kegworth Public School?
- (j) Leichhardt Public School?
- (k) Nicholson Street Public School?
- (l) Orange Grove Public School?
- (m) Rozelle Public School?
- (n) Sydney Secondary College Balmain?
- (o) Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay?
- (p) Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt?
- (q) Ultimo Public School?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided in LA QON 1414.

* 2316 BEACHWATCH TEST SITES—Ms Kellie Sloane 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 Beachwatch sites are in the electorate of Vacluse?
 - (a) If not collected by electorate, can you please confirm by Local Government Area (Woollahra and Waverley Council)?
- (2) How many Beachwatch tests were conducted in the electorate of Vacluse in the 2023 calendar year?
 - (a) If not collected by electorate, can you please confirm by Local Government Area (Woollahra and Waverley Council)?
- (3) How many Beachwatch tests were conducted from October 1st 2023 – January 31st 2024?
- (4) How much is the cost of a single Beachwatch test?
- (5) What will be the estimated cost for all Local Government Area's to undertake Beachwatch test's in New South Wales?
- (6) What steps has the Government taken to ensure that there is sufficient costing support for Councils regarding the current testing frequency?

Answer—

- (1) Beachwatch sites are not counted by electorate.
 - (a) Waverley Council: 3 swim sites - Bondi Beach, Tamarama Beach, Bronte Beach.
 Woollahra Council: 6 Sydney Harbour sites - Nielsen Park, Watsons Bay, Camp Cove, Parsley Bay, Rose Bay Beach, Murray Rose Pool.
- (2) Beachwatch tests are not recorded by electorate.
 - (a) Number of samples collected by the NSW Beachwatch Program in 2023:
 - Waverley Council -180 samples collected for 3 sites (60 samples at each site).
 - Woollahra Municipal Council - 234 samples collected for 6 sites (39 samples at each site).

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- (3) Number of samples collected and reported by the NSW Beachwatch Program from 1 October 2023 - 31 January 2024:
- Over 4,100 samples collected by the Beachwatch Program and our Partners.
 - (o) Beachwatch collected 2,011 samples in Sydney region.
 - (o) Beachwatch collected total of 186 samples for Woollahra Municipal Council and Waverley Council - these samples were collected weekly through summer period.
- (4) The analytical cost to test for Enterococci in water samples at NATA-accredited commercial laboratories can vary and generally ranges between \$17-\$40 per sample. This cost is determined by laboratory.
- There are additional operational costs associated with the collection of a water sample and processing before it is submitted to the laboratory.
- (5) Each Sydney coastal council has been provided an initial estimate of the cost sharing options. Cost savings for individual councils could be achieved by partnering with adjoining councils or by making changes to monitored sites and sampling frequency. Beachwatch is in ongoing discussions with 14 Sydney councils.
- (6) The NSW Government will continue to maintain existing Beachwatch assets such as the real-time reporting platform, website and water quality forecast model, and support partners with technical advice and reporting services including annual State of the Beaches reporting. This provides a cost saving for local councils and a significant benefit for Beachwatch Partnership Program members.

* 2317 STRIKEFORCE SWEETENHAM—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many fulltime staff are allocated to Strikeforce Sweetenham?
- (2) Has the Minister met with Strikeforce Sweetenham?
- (a) If not, does the Minister have a meeting scheduled?
 - (b) If not, has the Minister been briefed on the work of Strikeforce Sweetenham?
- (3) From October 1, 2023 to January 31st 2024 how many motor vehicle thefts have occurred in the Eastern Suburbs?
- (4) From October 1, 2023, to January 31st 2024 how many break and enters dwelling have occurred in the Eastern Suburbs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 67
- (2) The Minister is regularly briefed by senior New South Wales Police Force officers on the work of Strikeforce Sweetenham.
- (3) 69
- (4) 74

Note: data provided in response to questions 3 and 4 is:

- current to 8 February 2024.
- based on events reported between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2024.
- based on incidents under the responsibility of the Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command.
- not specific to persons of interest related to Strike Force Sweetenham.

* 2318 POLICE IN THE EASTERN SUBURBS—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many fulltime police officers are currently allocated to the Eastern Suburbs area Police Command?
- (2) Are there any current surplus police vacancies in the Eastern Suburbs area Police Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its Annual Report.
- (2) Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All police positions, attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts, are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the command. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

* 2319 GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES SOLD IN THE WOOLLAHRA ELECTORATE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many Government properties have been sold in the Woollahra Local Government Area and the Waverley Local Government Area in the following years:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) January to April 2023?
 - (d) May to December 2023?
 - (e) 2024?
 - (f) What is the total value of these sales for each year listed in (1)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a question for the Minister for Lands and Property.

* 2320 ROAD CRASHES AT NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many road crashes have there been at the intersection of New South Head Road, Bellevue Road and Kiaora Road since January 2023?
 - (a) If data is not compiled at that level, how many reported road crash incidents have there been on New South Head Road since January 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been two non-casualty tow-away crashes at the intersection since January 2023.

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* 2321 EBIKE FINES—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many penalty notices have been handed out surrounding eBike usage since January 2023?
- (2) How many fines have been handed out surrounding eBike usage since January 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 2322 RESURFACING ROADS IN VAUCLUSE—Ms Kellie Sloane 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 money has the Government allocated to resurfacing roads in the Vaucluse electorate?
- (2) Since April 1, 2023, how many potholes have been fixed in the Woollahra Local Government Area?
- (3) Since April 1, 2023, how many potholes have been fixed in the Waverley Local Government Area?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to complete a major resurfacing of Bondi Road?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (5) Does the Government have plans to complete a major resurfacing of Old South Head Road?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (6) Does the Government have plans to complete a major resurfacing of New South Head Road?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The budget allocation for resurfacing roads in the Vaucluse Electorate for financial year 2025 is \$1.275 million.
- (2) Since 01 April 2023, ConnectSydney, on behalf of Transport for New South Wales has completed repairs to 57 potholes within the Woollahra Local Government Area.
- (3) Since 01 April 2023, ConnectSydney, on behalf of Transport for New South Wales has completed repairs to 10 potholes within the Waverley Local Government Area.
- (4) A section of Bondi Road (Oxford Street to Bennett Street) is planned for resurfacing in financial year 2025 subject to prioritisation and funding availability.
- (5) Two sections of Old South Head Road are identified for resurfacing as follows:
 - Stanley Street to Isabel Avenue - Identified for completion in the 2024 financial year subject to weather and any network access restrictions.
 - Burge Street to Young Street -planned for completion in the financial year 2024 subject to Transport for NSW approval of three year works program.
- (6) At this stage, Transport for New South Wales do not have any plans to resurface New South Head Road.

* 2323 TEACHER NUMBERS IN VAUCLUSE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many fulltime teachers are in the electorate of Vacluse?
- (2) Are there any current surplus teaching vacancies in the electorate of Vacluse?
- (3) How many high school students (years 7 – 12) are there in the electorate of Vacluse?
 - (a) If data is not compiled at this level, how many high school students are there in the Woollahra Local Government Area and Waverley Local Government Area?
- (4) How many year 12 students are there in the electorate of Vacluse?
 - (a) If data is not compiled at this level, how many high school students are there in the Woollahra Local Government Area and Waverley Local Government Area?
- (5) How many Early Learning Centres are there in the electorate of Vacluse?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government has delivered NSW teachers the most significant uplift in teachers' salaries in a generation. It will take teachers in NSW from being the worst paid in the country to among the highest.

It is disappointing the Member for Vacluse has not publicly supported this government's historic and fair wages deal for teachers in her electorate, and said in response to 2023/24 State Budget, the Government had made the wrong choice.

As at December 2023, there was a total teaching entitlement of 278 FTE at NSW public schools in the Vacluse state electorate.

As at February 2024, there was a total of 9 vacant teaching positions at NSW public schools in the Vacluse state electorate.

Public school student enrolment numbers are publicly available on the CESE website. There are 43 Early Childhood Education and Care services in the electorate of Vacluse.

* 2324 FERRY SERVICES IN VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many ferry services were there to Watsons Bay on a daily basis in 2023?
- (2) How many ferry services are there to Watsons Bay on a daily basis in 2024?
- (3) What scheduling changes have been made in the 12 months to 5 February 2024?
- (4) How many ferry services are there to Rose Bay on a daily basis in 2024?
- (5) How many ferry services are there to Double Bay on a daily basis in 2024?
- (6) Are there any plans to introduce ferry services between Double Bay, Rose Bay and Watsons Bay?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) In 2023, there were a total of 14 scheduled inbound services and 13 scheduled outbound services on the F9 Watson Bay ferry service that operate to Watson Bay on a weekday, and a total of 29 scheduled inbound services and 29 scheduled outbound services on a weekend day.
- (2) In 2024, there are a total of 14 scheduled inbound services and 13 scheduled outbound services on the F9 Watson Bay ferry service that operate from Watson Bay on a weekday, and a total of 29 scheduled inbound services and 29 scheduled outbound services on a weekend day.
- (3) There have been no scheduling changes to the regular ferry services on the F7 Double Bay or the F9 Watson Bay ferry services in the past 12 months. During the busy summer school holiday period,

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additional services are added to the F9 Watson Bay service to cater for the increased demand during this time.

- (4) In 2024, there are a total of 40 scheduled inbound services and 39 scheduled outbound services on the F9 Watson Bay ferry service that operate from Rose Bay on a weekday, and a total of 29 scheduled inbound services and 29 scheduled outbound services on a weekend day.
- (5) In 2024, there are a total of 20 scheduled inbound services and 20 scheduled outbound services on the F7 Double Bay ferry service that operate from Double Bay Monday to Thursday, and 22 scheduled inbound services and 22 scheduled outbound services on Friday. There are a total of 15 scheduled inbound services and 15 scheduled outbound services on the F7 Double Bay ferry service that operate from Double Bay on a Saturday, and 13 scheduled inbound services and 13 scheduled outbound services on a Sunday.
- (6) There are no current plans to introduce additional services on the F7 Double Bay or the F9 Watson Bay ferry services.

* 2325 CLIFFTOP WALKWAY AT HUNGRY POINT RESERVE CRONULLA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What is the current timetable for construction of a clifftop walkway at Hungry Point Reserve Cronulla?
- (2) How will the design of this walkway differ from that previously exhibited by the former Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This question should be referred to Sutherland Shire Council which is designing and project managing delivery of the walkway.
- (2) The revised design will see the walkway terminate at the southern point of the reserve before the vehicular access road to the water. This revised design has been negotiated and agreed between Marine Rescue NSW and Sutherland Shire Council.

* 2326 REMUNERATION PAID TO ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HUNGRY POINT RESERVE LAND MANAGER—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What remuneration or fees have been paid to Mr Simon Spicer as Administrator of the Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager?
- (2) At what ongoing rate are remuneration or fees payable to Mr Simon Spicer as Administrator of the Hungry Point Reserve Land Manager?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 9 February 2024, Mr Simon Spicer has received remuneration of \$8,295.91.
- (2) The ongoing rate is up to \$1,750 per month

* 2327 LAND AT 116 GYMEA BAY ROAD, GYMEA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Regarding the land situated at 116 GyMEA Bay Road GyMEA, has the “assessment of the options for the temporary use of the land is being undertaken” referred to in your answer to Question 432” now been completed?

- (a) If yes, what were the conclusions of that assessment?
- (b) If no, when will the assessment be completed?
- (2) When does Transport for NSW expect to provide to Sutherland Shire Council the “schedule of the options and outline of requirements in relation to the temporary use of the land” referred to in your answer to Question 432?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
- (a) The assessment of options along with the ability for Sutherland Shire Council to use the site as a temporary public car park is ongoing.
- (b) Transport for NSW expects to be able to complete the assessments and the engagement with Sutherland Shire Council by the end of Q2 2024.
- (2) Transport for NSW has ongoing engagement with Sutherland Shire Council and is working through the options and ability for Sutherland Shire Council to use the land as a temporary public car park.

* 2328 TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—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, as at the date for which the most recent data are available (and specifying what that date is), how many teachers (Full Time Equivalent) are employed in that school?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is committed to tackling the chronic teacher shortages it inherited from the former Liberal National Government.

That is why the Government has delivered the most significant increase to teachers wages in a generation which has taken NSW teachers from being the worst paid in the country to among the highest.

It is disappointing the Member for Cronulla has repeatedly attacked this decision to deliver a significant and fair increase to the wages of teachers in his electorate.

There are 573 FTE teachers employed at NSW public schools in the Cronulla electorate.

* 2329 IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS IN CARRINGBAH—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) In light of your answer to Question 2230, what if any consideration is being given to measures to improve road safety at and around the intersections of Kingsway, Port Hacking Road South, Macleay Street and President Avenue Caringbah?

Answer—

I am advised

There are currently no planned works around the intersections of Kingsway, Port Hacking Road South, Macleay Street and President Avenue Caringbah.

Reported traffic accidents at this intersection has decreased each year since 2019-23. Between 2019-23, there were 13 crashes in total at the intersections of Kingsway, President Avenue, MacKay Street and Port Hacking Road at Caringbah.

Reported traffic accidents during this period includes:

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- 2019-20 - 5 crashes (resulting in 2 serious injuries and 2 minor injuries)
- 2020-21 - 3 crashes (resulting in 3 moderate injuries)
- 2021-22 - 3 crashes (resulting in 2 moderate injuries)
- 2021-22 - 3 crashes (resulting in 2 moderate injuries)
- 2022-23 - 2 crashes (resulting in 1 injury)
- 2023-24 (year to date) - 1 crash (0 injuries).

(Note: 2023 calendar year data is preliminary and incomplete. Therefore, data provided for financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24 may be underreported for injury and towaway crashes)

Transport for NSW has undertaken safety improvements at this intersection since 2019, including:

- Upgrade and new line marking on Kingsway approaching Mackay Street, eastbound direction.
- The lane configuration on Kingsway was enhanced to improve the ability of motorists to navigate through the intersection due to its unique geometry.
- New road arrows on Port Hacking Road entering Kingsway.
- Adjustments to traffic lights to improve pedestrian safety, with the green walk signal extended for the crossings across Port Hacking Road, Kingsway and Mackay Street.
- Red arrow signals were installed to better protect pedestrians while they cross the intersection.

In late 2018, Transport for NSW installed an additional right turn lane on Kingsway turning into Port Hacking Road under the NSW Government Pinch Point Program.

* 2330 PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITH SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL—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) In light of your answer to Question 637, what steps is the Government undertaking for “potential property acquisition and engagement with Sutherland Shire Council” regarding the Taren Point Road and Parraweena Road intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW completed a concept design for the upgrade of the Taren Point Road and Parraweena Road intersection with proposed utility relocation and minor property acquisition. Property acquisition and engagement with impacted stakeholders would ordinarily occur after a project has progressed to an investment decision.

* 2331 RETURN AND EARN COLLECTION 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) Are any changes to Return and Earn collection sites (including operating hours) proposed for the Sutherland Shire?
- (a) If so, what, when and where?

Answer—

- (1) There are no changes planned for Return and Earn collection points in the Sutherland Shire at this time.

* 2332 CLOSED WATERS TO SPEARFISHING IN PORT HACKING—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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—

The Department of Primary Industries website (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/closures/spearfishing-closures>) describes as “closed waters” to spearfishing “The whole of the waters of Port Hacking and its tributaries west of a line drawn from the eastern extremity of Glashier Point to the northern extremity of Port Hacking Point”, but the accompanying map instead depicts the “closed waters” as being west of a different line, from somewhere between Glashier Point and Bass and Flinders Point, to Port Hacking Point.

- (1) Which is correct and by what statutory instrument or other legal basis?
- (2) What steps (including online and in situ) will the Government take to remove the confusion?

Answer—

- (1) Schedule 4 of the Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2019 prescribes the waters in which spearfishing is prohibited in NSW. The Schedule lists the following waters at Port Hacking as closed to spearfishing: The whole of the waters of Port Hacking and its tributaries west of a line drawn from the eastern extremity of Glaisher Point to the northern extremity of Port Hacking Point.

The highlighted area in the map on the DPI webpage correctly outlines the spearfishing closure, noting Glaisher Point is located adjacent to the north eastern point of Oak Park ocean pool at South Cronulla. It is noted that some mapping software websites incorrectly label Glaisher Point as Windy Point (about 400m north of Glaisher Point) while other websites, including the online Sutherland Shire Council maps, show the correct location of Glaisher Point.

- (2) While the highlighted area outlining the spearfishing closure in the map on the DPI webpage is correct, additional text has been added to highlight the location of Glaisher Point as being adjacent to the north eastern point of Oak Park ocean pool.

* 2333 CROWN LAND IN NORTHMEAD—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 Crown Land situated at 36 Francis Street and 65 Kleins Road Northmead, 2152, can the Minister please advise the following:

- (1) What remediation works have been undertaken on this property to date?
- (2) What is the intended timeframe for full restoration of the land?
- (3) Are there any concerns regarding environmental damage to this property?
 - (a) If so, what are the concerns?
- (4) Is the Minister in communication with the City of Parramatta Council or constituents directly, relating to the progress of remediation works at this property?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Remediation works to date include:
 - Contamination investigation including a Hazardous Buildings Materials Survey Report, Detailed Site Investigation Report and Preliminary Remediation Action Plan.

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- Make safe works and general maintenance of the property, including securing of access points and segregating potential hazards.
 - General site clean-up, the removal of asbestos, removal of any potential hazardous materials (drums and gas tanks), removal of all plant, equipment and disused vehicles.
 - Demolition of asbestos clad workshop and other structures such as office, safe and awnings.
 - Installation of erosion controls.
 - Obtaining development consent for the demolition of the residence.
- (2) Full restoration will be subject to development consent from Parramatta City Council, engagement of contractors and funding availability and is planned to be completed in FY 2024-25.
- (3) No.
- (a) N/A
- (4) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Crown Lands (Department) is in communication with the City of Parramatta Council as the planning consent authority for the demolition works undertaken to date and the proposed additional remediation works.

The Department has answered enquiries from nearby residents as they have arisen. Liaison with Council and residents will continue with respect to demolition of the dwelling house and will be undertaken by Soil Conservation Service during the works.

- * 2334 PRESENTATIONS TO GLOUCESTER SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many presentations were made to Gloucester Soldiers' Memorial Hospital by residents from postcode 2423 during the period 2012 to 2022?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Each local health district manages the services provided at each hospital, including those in emergency departments, to ensure the health needs of the local population are met appropriately.

Information about presentations and postcodes is not reported centrally. To provide this data would be an inappropriate diversion of resources away from core health functions.

Services are provided by local health districts to meet patient demand. Information about services provided in each District, individual hospitals' performance, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

- * 2335 PRESENTATIONS TO MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many presentations were made to Maitland Hospital by residents from postcode 2423 during the period 2012 to 2022?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Each local health district manages the services provided at each hospital, including those in emergency departments, to ensure the health needs of the local population are met appropriately.

Information about presentations and postcodes is not reported centrally. To provide this data would be an inappropriate diversion of resources away from core health functions.

Services are provided by local health districts to meet patient demand. Information about services provided in each District, individual hospitals' performance, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

- * 2336 PRESENTATIONS MADE TO JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many presentations were made to John Hunter Hospital by residents from postcode 2423 during the period 2012 to 2022?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Each local health district manages the services provided at each hospital, including those in emergency departments, to ensure the health needs of the local population are met appropriately.

Information about presentations and postcodes is not reported centrally. To provide this data would be an inappropriate diversion of resources away from core health functions.

Services are provided by local health districts to meet patient demand. Information about services provided in each District, individual hospitals' performance, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

- * 2337 INMATES ACROSS NEW SOUTH WALES—The Hon. Paul Toole 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 inmates across New South Wales:

- (1) How many inmates are there currently in New South Wales as of February 2024?
- (2) How many inmates were there in New South Wales as of February 2023?
- (3) How many inmates were there in New South Wales as of February 2022?
- (4) How many inmates were there in New South Wales as of February 2021?
- (5) How many inmates were there in New South Wales as of February 2020?
- (6) Specifically, could you provide the number of inmates at Kirkconnell Correction Centre in February for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024?
- (7) Specifically, could you provide the number of inmates at Shooters Hill Correctional Centre Oberon in February for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024?
- (8) Specifically, could you provide the number of inmates at Bathurst Correctional Centre in February for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024?
- (9) Specifically, could you provide the number of inmates at Lithgow Correctional Centre in February for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) produces a quarterly report series examining trends in the number of adults and juveniles in prison in New South Wales.

- * 2338 BATHURST HEALTH SERVICE SAVING MONEY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to Bathurst Health Service:

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- (1) Have the management / staff been told that they have to save \$2 million dollars between now and the 30 June 2024?
 - (a) If so, how will these savings be made?
- (2) How many full time equivalent vacant positions are there currently at the Bathurst Health Service?
- (3) Is part of the saving measures related to not filling jobs or recruitments being delayed?
- (4) What is the sentiment of staff moral and how it is tested?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Bathurst Health Service's budget increased by \$6.35 million from 2022-23 to 2023-24.

As part of the annual budget process, strategies are developed in consultation with management and staff to ensure high quality services continue to be provided to the community within budget.

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to meet operational service needs. Frontline positions are advertised as vacancies arise. All currently vacant frontline physician roles are filled with locums or agency staff while recruitment is underway.

Bathurst Health Service has regular forums in place to support communication and engagement with staff. The annual People Matter Employee Survey provides an opportunity to gauge staff morale. The 2023 survey demonstrated increases in wellbeing, job purpose and enrichment, teamwork, and collaboration.

* 2339 HOSPITAL CARPARK BATHURST—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 Bathurst Health Service upgrade:
 - (a) Have discussions been held with Bathurst Regional Council in relation to options around future carparking?
 - (b) What are those options?
 - (c) Has the Adventure Park Playground area been discussed as a future option for more carparking?
 - (d) Who were those discussions between?
 - (i) Can you please list those involved?
 - (e) When will the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment Carparking Study be completed?
 - (f) Will the results be made available to the public?
 - (g) Who conducted the study and what were the terms of reference for the study?
 - (h) How many fleet vehicles does the Bathurst Health Service currently have?
 - (i) Where are the fleet vehicles parked?
 - (j) Who has access to the secure carparking at the Bathurst Health Service?
 - (k) How many secure carparking spaces are there?
 - (l) Are any of these designated?
 - (i) If so, please list how many and who for?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Planning for the \$200 million Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment is continuing. This process includes consultation with a range of stakeholders, including Bathurst Regional Council, Transport NSW, and Bathurst Health Service staff.

The number of parking spaces required and the location of staff, visitor, patient drop-off and longer stay parking spaces will be determined through the statutory planning process. This is expected to be complete in 2024.

Car parking at Bathurst Hospital includes on-campus parking, supported by street parking. Bathurst Hospital currently has 41 fleet vehicles which use the car park accessed through Commonwealth Street. The hospital campus has an undercover car park with 88 spaces, including 53 for staff and 35 for public access.

- * 2340 COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS REGARDING CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—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—

In relation to community consultations with EnergyCo in the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone:

- (1) Can you please outline EnergyCo's process of arranging community consultation meetings?
 - (a) Does/did this process include offering vouchers to participants?
 - (i) If so, what is the value of the voucher?
- (2) How many vouchers have been distributed?
- (3) How many vouchers have been redeemed?
- (4) Is the voucher system in place to incentivise community attendance?

Answer—

- (1) EnergyCo's approach to the current series of community consultation meetings is outlined in the Questions and Answers document available at [Community and Employment Benefit Program online briefing | EnergyCo \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
 - (a) No -see (1) (a) (i) below
 - (i) Originally, community members who were to participate in community workshops were to receive a \$100 GiftPay voucher following each 2-hourworkshop. These workshops were redesigned based on feedback and expanded to allow more community members to participate. As the new workshop model (community drop-in sessions) will be less time and participation-intensive for attendees, with much greater flexibility on where, when and for how long participants need to attend, financial compensation has not been offered or paid.
- (2) None
- (3) None
- (4) No voucher system is currently in place.

- * 2341 VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT PILOT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Violence Reduction Unit pilot in New South Wales:

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the pilot of the Violence Reduction Units (VRU) in New South Wales?
- (2) In Penrith, how many young people have been engaged by the VRU?

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- (3) In Wagga Wagga, how many young people have been engaged by the VRU?
- (4) Can you please list all the Government agencies that have been engaged to take part in the VRU pilot?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Youth Justice NSW is facilitating the co-design of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) in Penrith and Wagga Wagga. Implementation of the VRU models is expected to begin in mid-2024.
- Government agencies from the Department of Communities and Justice and the Department of Education, including the Children's Court of NSW, NSW Police Force and NSW Health have been engaged to take part in the VRU.

- * 2342 POLICE-LED YOUTH ACTION MEETINGS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Police-led Youth Action Meetings in New South Wales:

- (1) Can the Minister please provide an update on the Police-led Youth Action Meetings (YAMs)?
- (2) How many young people have been involved in these meetings?
- (3) How many police officers have been involved in these meetings?
- (4) What other government agencies are involved in these meetings?
- (5) What community groups are involved in these meetings?
- (6) How many meetings have taken place?
- (7) Can the Minister please list the locations (town/city) of these meetings?
- (8) What have been the outcomes of these meetings?
- (9) When is the next meeting due to be held?
- (10) Can the Minister differentiate which of these groups / meetings were previously taking place and which are new groups formed as of March 2023?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Police and Counter-Terrorism.

- * 2343 ICAC DELAYS IN PROSECUTION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What action has the Government taken to address the delays in commencing prosecutions following recommendations by the ICAC to prosecute?
- (2) Has the delay period been reduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

In 2019/20, the former NSW Government committed \$2.7 million to establish a new Public Sector Prosecutions unit within the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), focused on expediting prosecutions arising from ICAC investigations.

The ICAC must seek the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) about whether any prosecution should be commenced in respect of investigations by the ICAC. The DPP determines

whether any criminal charges are to be laid and, if so, conducts the prosecution. The progress of matters is generally within the hands of the DPP.

The DPP is an independent statutory office holder exercising her prosecutorial functions independently of Government and is not subject to the direction or control of the Attorney General.

In May 2023, the ODPP and ICAC endorsed a new Memorandum of Understanding, streamlining the process of referrals to the ODPP from the ICAC.

(2)

The ICAC publishes information relating to prosecution briefs with the ODPP and outcomes which can be accessed at <https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/>.

As 19 November 2019, ODPP advice as to whether any prosecution should be commenced was pending in respect of 26 persons of interest. As of 25 January 2024, ODPP advice is pending in respect of 2 persons of interest. This represents a significant reduction in matters awaiting advice from the DPP.

* 2344 MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING PROGRAM—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Does the Government have any plans to establish a Motorcycle Rider Training Centre in Port Macquarie to accommodate the growing demand in Port Macquarie?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

In June and July 2023, new rider training agreements were executed with three rider training providers to deliver rider training across 20 locations, providing coverage for 90 per cent of the NSW population.

More information on the new rider training providers is available on the NSW Government eTendering website, Provision of Motorcycle Licence Training and Testing Scheme (MLTTS) CW2557521.

Where a customer lives determines the path taken, to obtain a motorcycle learner's licence or upgrade to a motorcycle P1 licence.

If the person lives in:

- a declared area, i.e., where rider training is available, then, it is mandatory to complete the relevant rider training course/test.
- an undeclared area, i.e., where there are no rider training providers, then, they have the option of:
- undertaking the required testing by Service NSW, or,
- completing the relevant rider training course/test.

Rider training is available at Taree, about 80km away from Port Macquarie, which is considered a reasonable distance for the purpose of Port Macquarie being a declared area.

Most NSW city and regional postcodes are in declared areas. More information about rider training is available at [Getting your rider licence | NSW Government](#).

Transport for NSW is committed to keeping customers informed of any change to rider training locations via the NSW Government website: [Rider training centre locations | NSW Government](#).

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* 2345 PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AREA IN PORT MACQUARIE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to fund a dedicated paediatric emergency area in the Port Macquarie Base Hospital to meet the demand of a growing local population?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government continues to work with the NSW Ministry of Health and Mid North Coast Local Health District to determine Port Macquarie Base Hospital emergency department funding.

* 2346 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Does Section 92 of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 (NCAT Act) require the Attorney General to undertake the reviews of the NCAT Act to determine whether the policy objectives of the NCAT Act remain appropriate?

(a) If so, is the Attorney General in some way responsible for NCAT?

- (2) Does the process of employing members includes a convening a committee with nominee or nominees of the Attorney General?

(a) If so, is the Attorney General in some way responsible for NCAT and for the members they select for employment?

- (3) Does the committee report to the President whose duty under the NCAT Act is to provide advice concerning appointments to the Attorney General?

(a) If so, is the Attorney General in some way responsible for NCAT for the members they select for employment?

- (4) Throughout the employment process, is there communication between the President and the Attorney General about members?

(a) If so, does this channel remain open enough for serious concerns about a member to be raised by the Minister and the urgency for a review be requested?

- (6) Can, apart from the President, members be removed from office by the Governor for incapacity, incompetence, or misbehaviour?

(a) If so, can the Attorney General assist in raising matters of alleged incompetence with the Governor?

- (6) Does the Government have any jurisdiction over NCAT?

(a) If not, then who does?

- (7) To what extent is NCAT responsible for the reimbursement of expenses incurred during appeals required due to incorrect determinations by a Member?

- (8) What is the process for NCAT to deal matters of alleged misconduct?

(a) What is the timeframe for this process?

(b) Can this process occur outside of the review at the end of a member's five-year term?

- (9) What measures are in place to address members with allegations of incapacity against them?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Section 92(1) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 provides that:

- the Minister is to review the Act to determine whether the policy objectives remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.
- The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 5 years commencing on the establishment day.
- A report on the outcome of the review is to be tabled in each House of Parliament within 12 months after the end of the period of 5 years.

The Report of the Statutory Review of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 was tabled in Parliament on 23 December 2021.

- (a) The Attorney General has administrative responsibility for the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013, which establishes the Civil and Administrative Tribunal of NSW (NCAT) as an independent statutory tribunal.
- (2) NCAT members are not employees, they are statutory appointees. Under Section 10(3) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 a non-presidential member appointed as a term member is to be appointed by the Minister by written instrument. The process of appointing new members by the Attorney General currently involves widespread advertising, seeking expressions of interest in appointment and the convening of an appointment committee (including a nominee or nominees of the Attorney General) which assesses applications, interviews candidates, and conducts reference checks.
 - (a) Under Section 20(1)(e) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013, the President provides advice to the Minister about the appointment, re-appointment and removal of members.
 - (3) Yes.
 - (a) See response to question (2)(a).
 - (4) Yes, noting that members are appointed, not employed.
 - (a) See response to question (2)(a).
 - (5) Under Schedule 2, Clause 7(2) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013 the Governor may remove a member (other than the President) from office for incapacity, incompetence or misbehaviour.
 - (a) The Attorney General may provide advice to the Governor noting that under section 20(1)(e) of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013, the President provides advice to the Minister about the appointment, re-appointment and removal of members.
 - (6) See response to question (1)(a).
 - (a) Depending on the matter, NCAT decisions can be appealed to NCAT's internal appeal panel or to the NSW District Court, Supreme Court and Land and Environment Court. The Supreme Court can also conduct judicial review of certain NCAT decisions.
 - (7) NCAT does not reimburse expenses. Under Schedule 2, Clause 4 of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013, a member has, in the exercise of functions performed as a member, the same protection and immunities as a Judge of the Supreme Court.
 - (8) If an NCAT member does not comply with the NCAT Member Code of Conduct, the President may direct the member to specified action to rectify the conduct or determine that further work is not

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allocated to the member, until the breach is rectified. In cases of serious breach, the President may refer it to the Attorney General or recommend that the member not be reappointed at the expiration of their term.

- (a) There is no specified timeframe for this process. Complaints regarding alleged misconduct are referred to the responsible Division Head and, if substantiated, may form part of a performance review or a referral to the President.
 - (b) The performance of a member no longer appointed to NCAT is unable to be reviewed by the relevant Division Head or the President.
- (9) Under Schedule 2, Clause 7(2) the Governor may remove a member (other than the President) from office for incapacity, incompetence or misbehaviour.

* 2347 **ILLICIT DRUGS AND HEALTH RISKS**—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Do all presently illicit drugs carry severe health risks, regardless of whether they have been ‘spiked’ or ‘laced’ with other substances?
 - (a) If so, does the Government plan to oppose the introduction of pill testing in New South Wales?
- (2) Does long-term marijuana usage result in severe psychotic illnesses, mood disorders, neurocognitive impairments (including measurable drops in IQ) and associated cardiovascular & respiratory diseases?
 - (a) Is marijuana usage highly addictive?
 - (a) If so, does the Government have plans to legalise marijuana in New South Wales?
- (3) Has the Government considered data from countries that have decriminalised drugs such as Portugal?
 - (a) If so, is there evidence of increased harm and increasing support for re-criminalising drugs?
 - (b) If so, does the Government have plans to continue opposing the decriminalisation of drugs in New South Wales?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government has committed to a Drug Summit in its current term. The Summit will consider the latest national and international evidence and will hear from a range of voices including medical experts, police, drug user organisations and families, to build consensus on the way NSW addresses drug related harms.

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2348 **PENALTIES TO E-BIKE USERS**—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

2349 **NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL FUNDING FOR CYCLE WAY NETWORK**—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

2350 VAPE DETECTORS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

* 2351 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Could the Minister please advise if she has received the correspondence sent on 5 January 2024 on the subject ‘West Head Lookout Upgrade –What a Disappointment’?

(a) If so, when will the Minister respond?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) On 6 February 2024, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Director Greater Sydney, responded to the correspondence on behalf of the Minister, via the email address provided.

* 2352 POLICE CALLOUTS TO SCHOOLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of police callouts to each of the following schools:

(a) Barrenjoey High School?

(b) Pittwater High School?

(c) Narrabeen Sports High School?

(d) Northern Beaches Christian School?

(e) Mater Maria Catholic College, Warriewood?

(f) Oxford Falls Grammar School, Oxford Falls?

(g) Sydney Japanese International School, Terrey Hills?

(h) German International school, Terrey Hills?

(2) For the following periods or the calendar year, whichever records are maintained can the Minister please provide the number of callouts by school:

(a) 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019?

(b) 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020?

(c) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?

(d) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?

(e) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?

(f) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date the latest data is available)?

(3) In providing the number of callouts above, could you please provide the nature of the call-outs?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) 61

(b) 64

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- (c) 97
- (d) 8
- (e) 24
- (f) 23
- (g) 1
- (h) 8

(2-3) Please see attachment A in Questions and Answers Tracking on the Parliament website.

- 2353 DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSIONS—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—
- 2354 SPEED CAMERA INSTALLATIONS IN NORTHERN BEACHES—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—
- 2355 MONA VALE URGENT CARE CENTRE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2356 STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN FRESHWATER—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2357 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2358 MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT POLICY - TRANSPORT CORRIDORS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2359 MAINTENANCE ALONG THE M5—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—
- 2360 REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2361 REGIONAL GROWTH FUND ROUND TABLES—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—
- 2362 WAITLISTS TO SEE PSYCHOLOGISTS IN COOTAMUNDRA—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—
- 2363 SYDNEY'S FERRY FUTURE POLICY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2364 PRE-ELECTION WHARF PROMISES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2365 FLEET CAPACITY FOR F3 ROUTE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2366 DECOMMISSIONING OF THE RIVER CATS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2367 FERRY WHARVES SIGNAGE AND PA SYSTEM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2368 F3 PARRAMATTA SERVICES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2369 RELIABILITY MEASURES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2370 FERRY PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2371 FLEET EXPANSION FOR F3 SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2372 F10 FERRY PIRRAMA PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2373 KING STREET WHARF PRECINCT TRAFFIC—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 2374 LATE NIGHT INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- * 2375 EPA ENVIRONMENT SAFETY CHECKS - PILLIGA FOREST—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—

Following recent catastrophic bushfires in the Pilliga State Forest and Pilliga State Conservation Area:

- (1) What concerns have been raised that coal seam gas infrastructure in the Pilliga State Forest could create fire risks from methane leaks?
- (2) What independent audit has the NSW Environment Protection Authority conducted on the infrastructure and how often do these audits occur?
- (3) What audits on coal seam gas infrastructure are planned by the NSW Environment Protection Authority in response to the fires, given infrastructure may have been damaged?
- (4) What public information is available on safety checks and audits of coal seam gas infrastructure in the Pilliga State Forest?
- (5) What action does the Government plan to take to increase safety checks and audits of coal seam gas infrastructure to reduce fires risks in the Pilliga State Forest and Pilliga State Conservation Area?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is aware of the community's concerns about coal seam gas infrastructure in the Pilliga State Forest and potential fire risks from methane gas.
- (2) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is an independent regulatory government body and the lead regulator for all gas activities in NSW. The EPA conducts regular and ongoing independent audits on all coal seam gas infrastructure in NSW. The audits are captured in the EPA Onshore Gas Inspection Program, which includes a Leak Detection and Repair (LOAR) program conducted each financial year.
- (3) The EPA has conducted onsite inspections including as part of the LOAR program and can confirm no damage to gas infrastructure occurred due to the Pilliga State Forest fires. All power lines, water and gas pipelines and communications lines in the Bibblewindi to Leewood corridor are underground and were not exposed to the bushfire.

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- (4) Information on safety checks and audits of coal seam gas infrastructure in the Pilliga State Forest is available on the NSW Planning Portal website at [Narrabri Gas | Planning Portal - Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/planning-housing-and-infrastructure). Furthermore, an independent environmental audit conducted by a suitably qualified independent contractor must be completed within one year of the project's commencement with results made publicly available.
- (5) In addition to the EPA's current independent audits, the EPA completed a "post-fire" LOAR program in response to the fires at Pilliga State Forest for each well that has not been plugged and abandoned. The Forestry Corporation of NSW granted the EPA restricted access to Pilliga State Forest on Tuesday 30 January 2024, the EPA has since assessed the infrastructure and conducted inspections on all 26 operational gas wells.

* 2376 JURY DUTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What assessment has been made of the impact of jury duty on small business operators, including sole traders?
- (2) What consideration has been given to fair compensation for citizens when they perform jury duty;
 - (a) Does the Government intend to increase fees to cover the loss of income for those doing jury duty?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to review the jury duty selection and compensation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Jury Act 1977 allows jurors to seek excusal from jury duty due to undue hardship or serious inconvenience to the person, the person's family, or the public. Jurors can submit supporting documentation from their employer, who may be a small business operator, outlining the impact an employee's absence would have on the workplace. Such requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) A juror is entitled to be paid for their service as a juror. Payment allows for attendance, travel, and refreshments. All payments made to jurors in NSW are mandated by legislation, namely Schedule 1 of the Jury Regulation 2022 (NSW). Additionally, while it is acknowledged that serving on a jury is an interruption and possibly an inconvenience to a juror's financial circumstance, the allowance paid to jurors is not intended to substitute an individual's income, rather to acknowledge the individual's contribution to their civic duty.
 - (a) Under s 111 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth), employers are required to pay employees who are completing jury service a make-up payment for the first 10 days of jury service. A make-up payment is the difference between a juror's allowance that is provided by the Government, and the amount the juror usually receives as wages or salary. As the average length of trial in NSW is approximately 8 days, most jurors should not experience significant financial disadvantage while completing their civic duty.
- (3) At present, jury service allowances in NSW are more generous in comparison to allowances paid by other jurisdictions and the Government continues to monitor the rate of remuneration paid to jurors in NSW. Last year the NSW Government introduced the Jury Amendment Bill 2023 seeking to amend the Jury Act 1977 to improve the operation and management of juries in NSW. Two of the proposed amendments in the Bill seek to:
 - clarify what constitutes "good cause" for the purpose of seeking an exemption or excusal from jury service, to include any circumstance that could affect a person's ability to perform the functions of a juror and can extend to temporary disabilities of other physical or mental conditions, and
 - ensure that part-time employees have the same protections as full-time employees and are not prejudiced by their employer when they attend jury service.

2377 FOOD DELIVERY DRIVERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

2378 METRO/MINERVA THEATRE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

* 2379 SYDNEY HARBOUR HERITAGE—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—

What consideration will be given to:

- (1) Assessing the heritage values of Sydney Harbour?
- (2) Assessing the tourism benefits of heritage listing Sydney Harbour?
- (3) Working with the community to submit an application with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to list Sydney Harbour on Australia's Commonwealth Heritage List?

Answer—

- (1) In 2018, the Heritage Council of NSW commissioned a study on the heritage values of Sydney Harbour. Authored by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, this study resulted in the nomination of 10 landscapes around Sydney Harbour.

In 2023, one of those nominations, Badangi (Berry Island and Wollstonecraft Foreshore reserves), was listed on the State Heritage Register.

- (2) Some of the most popular tourism destinations in NSW are on Sydney Harbour and their heritage values are recognised through listing on the State Heritage Register. These places include the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, and Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain. Listing information can be found on the State Heritage Inventory on the Heritage NSW website.
- (3) Heritage NSW is not aware of any nominations to list Sydney Harbour on either the Commonwealth Heritage List or National Heritage List. The Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is responsible for these heritage lists and would be best placed to support the community in nominating Sydney Harbour for the Commonwealth Heritage List or National Heritage List.

2380 DEMOUNTABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

2381 NEW FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

2382 ACCOMMODATING POPULATION GROWTH IN WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

* 2383 HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS—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—

In relation to the Government's changes to the planning system:

- (1) How will the heritage within heritage conservation areas be respected and continue to be protected?

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Answer—

Please refer to an answer from the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC to a Question Without Notice from the Hon Damien Tudehope on Thursday 8 February -

[Legislative Council Hansard - 08 February 2024 - Proof \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Further questions on this matter should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

- 2384 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—
- 2385 ROAD UPGRADES TO ACCOMMODATE POPULATION INCREASE IN WILLOUGHBY—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—
- 2386 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2387 FULLY PAID PARKING AT 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—
- 2388 BUSES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2389 DISPOSAL OF LAND HOLDINGS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2390 FUNDING UNDER NATIONAL SCHOOL REFORM AGREEMENT—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2391 BRUNSWICK HEADS DEVELOPMENT—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2392 FIRE ANTS—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith 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—
- 2393 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Premier—
- 2394 MANNING HOSPITAL—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2395 SOCIAL HOUSING IN REGIONAL NSW—Mrs Tanya Thompson 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—
- 2396 OLD BAR AMBULANCE STATION—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2397 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

2398 BATHURST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—The Hon. Paul Toole 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—

* 2399 ABERCROMBIE CAVES—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—

In relation to Abercrombie Caves:

- (1) As of February 2024, how long has Abercrombie Caves been closed to the public?
- (2) When the caves are open, how many visitors visit Abercrombie Caves annually?
- (3) In dollars, what does this visitation inject into the local economy annually?
- (4) What damage was caused by the recent flooding event?
- (5) Is there any other damage caused by other factors?
- (6) What works are currently underway to reopen the caves to the public?
- (7) Please outline the scope of works and timeline for completion.
- (8) What is the budget or anticipated cost to reopen the caves?

Answer—

- (1) Abercrombie caves has been closed since 29 January 2022 due to flood damage. A second major flood event on 3 November 2022 caused further damage to infrastructure and recently completed repair works.
- (2) Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Abercrombie caves had an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 visitors per annum.
- (3) Based on pre-COVID visitation figures, day and overnight visitation to the site is estimated to inject approximately \$895,000 into the local economy annually.
- (4) Damage from the two floods impacted the Archway cave precinct, which is the main visitor attraction to the site and incorporates a self-guided tour. Damaged infrastructure included:
 - damage to internal and external pedestrian bridges
 - electrical system (lights and movement sensors, cables, entrance hardware including token box, gate latch)
 - internal and external fences and hand railings
 - internal and external paths
 - silt and vegetation debris deposition throughout the cave systems
 - directional/interpretative signs
 - entrance wall (stone and concrete security wall)
 - concrete steps.

Other damage included:

- plant and equipment (trailer washed away)
- erosion of walking tracks
- damage to outdoor furniture

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- damage to mains power cables at Grove Creek Crossing and exposure of cables in other locations, including telecommunications
- fallen trees in and along the creek throughout the visitor precinct.
- external light fixtures
- significant mass erosion of creek banks
- timber stairways
- entrance road cutting erosion and surface destabilisation
- undermining and destabilisation of the causeway across the creek accessing the campground.

The access road to the site that is managed by Bathurst Regional Council was also closed for an extended period due to landslips and rockfalls.

- (5) There is damage to the northern end of the caves walking track (fences, railings, concrete steps, track surface and signs) from rock fall and associated geotechnical works.
- (6) Works are underway to repair all the damage and these works are in various stages of completion.
- (7) Damage has been assessed and investigations, including geotechnical, are underway. The next steps are:
- engineer designs
 - environmental assessment
 - reinstate access track to the caves
 - repairs to all affected pathways and stairways
 - replacement of fences and barriers
 - replacement of interior swing bridge
 - repairs to exterior swing bridge
 - reinstallation of mains power to the caves
 - repair/replace external light fittings
 - replace light posts, signs and furniture
 - replacement of the causeway.

Timeline for the completion of works and re-opening the site is the end of December 2024.

- (8) The estimated costs for the repair works is \$1.5 million depending on final engineering details.

2400 NOWRA BYPASS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

- * 2401 EMPLOYMENT LANDS IN THE ILLAWARA-SHOALHAVEN—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 Employment Lands in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region and the response to the Inquiry into the Integrity of the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme, Portfolio Committee No.7 - Planning and Environment (February 2023) and the Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Integrity of the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Report no. 16 (November 2022, p 82):

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- (1) Is the Minister considering excluding zoned Employment Lands from the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?
 - (2) If not, why not?
 - (3) Does the Government have plans to ensure that land zone for employment isn't inhibited by biodiversity offsets and if so how?
 - (4) What is the Government doing to promote employment lands in regional areas?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) The scope and application of the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme may be considered in the development and implementation of the upcoming Government response to the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 five-year review.
- (3) The Government is investigating ways to ensure biodiversity is considered early in the planning process, to promote avoiding and minimising biodiversity impacts and improve developer certainty. The Department is also improving the supply of biodiversity credits needed to offset development. These matters are being considered during development of the Government's response to the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 five-year review.
- (4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP.

- 2402 CHILDREN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENCES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 2403 SUPPORT FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2404 RENTAL COMMISSIONER—Mr Gareth Ward 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—
- 2405 SPEED CAMERA REVENUE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 2406 OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 2407 CLOSURE OF DAVID BERRY HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2408 SMALL BUSINESS REPORTS NSW—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 2409 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2410 OFFSHORE DRILLING AND MINING—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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- 2411 E-BIKE COMPLIANCE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2412 STATUS OF WHARF MAINTENANCE IN NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2413 BUS SERVICES ACROSS THE NORTH SHORE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2414 HERBERT STREET PRECINCT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2415 BERRY'S BAY PROJECT—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—
- 2416 NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2417 NEW SCHOOL IN ST LEONARDS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 2418 FAIR TRADING COMPLAINT HANDLING—Mr Rory Amon 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—
- 2419 NSW POLICE OFFICERS AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2007—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2420 NOISE CAMERA TRIAL AT BAYSIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2421 REMEDIAL DRAINAGE AND FLOOD WORK ON MONA VALE ROAD (WEST)—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—
- 2422 WILDLIFE SAFETY MEASURES ON MONA VALE ROAD WEST—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—
- 2423 INDIVIDUAL PASSENGER TRIP DATA IN PITTWATER ELECTORATE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2424 SCHEDULED SERVICES CANCELLED—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2425 MAINTAINENCE OF BUSES OPERATED BY KEOLIS DOWNER—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2426 SYDNEY WATER EXPANSION PLANS—Mr Rory Amon 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—
- 2427 BUS SERVICE BETWEEN LIVERPOOL AND SUTHERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2428 RATES OF 'TAPPING ON'—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2429 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE RATES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2430 CHANGES TO PAID WORK FOR CERTIFICATE III EARLY EDUCATION STUDENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2431 PLACE-BASED INTERVENTION INITIATIVES FOR YOUTH OFFENDERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2432 DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWAL DELAYS IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2433 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2434 INTERSECTION OF ARCHBOLD AND TRYON ROADS IN LINDFIELD—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—
- 2435 BUS SERVICES IN REGION 14—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2436 SPEED CAMERAS AND RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN THE 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—
- 2437 STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2438 DISPOSAL OF LAND—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2439 RETURN OF BUS ROUTE 272—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2440 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—
- 2441 DELIVERY OF PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS IN CHATSWOOD AND ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 2442 2023/24 TUNNEL AIR QUALITY REVIEW—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—
- 2443 BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2444 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2445 MINISTRY OF HEALTH BUILDING—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2446 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2447 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 2448 FIRE STATION STANDARDS ASSESSMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2449 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW CAPACITY TO ADDRESS INCREASED DENSITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2450 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2451 SOLAR PANEL INFRASTRUCTRE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2452 NORTH RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2453 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS - WINBOURNE STREET, BRUSH ROAD AND FARNELL STREET—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2454 URGENT REPAIRS ON DENISTONE TO CITY TRAIN SERVICE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2455 BUILDING GRANTS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR NON-GOVERNMENT PRESCHOOLS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2456 FIRES CAUSED BY LITHIUM ION BATTERIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2457 GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON EVENTS AT THE INTERANATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 2458 BERT EVANS APPRNTICESHIP SCHOLARSHIP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 2459 FERTILITY TREATMENT REBATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 2460 REAL-TIME TAGGED SHARK LISTENING STATIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2461 ROAD TUNNEL AIR QUALITY FINDINGS—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—
- 2462 MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE WHEN OVERTAKING BICYCLES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2463 RETURNING PUBLIC FERRY SERVICE TO ELLIOTT STREET WHARF—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2464 GARIE ROAD REOPENING DATE—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—
- 2465 CONSULTATION ON WHARVES AT KURNELL AND LA PEROUSE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2466 LILLI PILLI PUBLIC SCHOOL LOWER SITE UPGRADES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2467 ALTERING GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2468 PERCENTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY SUBURB—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2469 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING APPROVAL TIMES—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2470 TOONGABBIE BRIDGE—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 2471 PROPOSED WIND FARM IN OBERON—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—
- 2472 PROPOSED WIND FARM IN OBERON—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—
- 2473 YOUTH CRIME IN THE WESTERN REGION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2474 HYDROTHERAPY POOLS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2475 OVERPAID LAND TAX AND COUNCIL RATES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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2476 STRIKE FORCE MEALING AND OPERATION SHELTER—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

2477 INMATE ACCESS TO EDUCATION—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

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2478 EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN LIVERPOOL AND BANKSTOWN IN 2025—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government is investigating the possibility of implementing an express train service between Liverpool and Bankstown in 2025?

2479 PROPOSED UPGRADE TO HEATHCOTE ROAD BETWEEN THE M5 AND MOOREBANK—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the proposed Heathcote Road upgrade between the M5 Motorway and Junction Road, Moorebank?

2480 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATIONS IN GSBC10—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many bus service cancellations have occurred within GSBC10 since u-Go Mobility implemented the full timetable?

2481 REINVENTING PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding a \$12,000 subsidy that the Government recently introduced for healthcare students enrolled in nursing, paramedicine, psychology and pharmacy:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many of these subsidies have been awarded to nurses?
 - (a) Of those, how many students have chosen to practice in regional New South Wales following the completion of their degree?
- (2) Will greater consideration for the subsidies be awarded to those wishing to practice in regional and rural areas of New South Wales?
- (3) What systems does the Government have in place to ensure graduates reside in regional and rural areas?
 - (a) Is there a specified time-period for which they must practice in regional and rural New South Wales?
- (4) Has consideration been given into re-inventing preliminary training school for nurses?
 - (a) If not, why?

2482 RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY SPECIAL DISASTER FLOOD GRANTS—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) Can the Minister advise why applications for RAA Special Disaster Flood Grants available to primary producers who experienced floods occurring between August – September 2023 are taking over 7 months to process and approve?

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- (2) Considering that primary producers who receive approval for the \$75,000 funding have until 8 May 2024 to submit invoice claims for subcontracted works with payment finalisation, what action is the Government taking to address the shortage of subcontractors available for agricultural works in regional New South Wales?
- (a) Does the Government plan to investigate an option for an extension to the May 2024 deadline, taking into consideration the delay in the processing of applications and the shortage of subcontractors?
- 2483 MANDATORY EID TAGGING FOR SHEEP AND GOATS—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—
- Given that the NSW Rural Assistance Authority offers rebates/subsidy for primary producers to supplement the cost of purchasing and installing the eID tagging systems:
- (1) Can the Minister advise what investigation process was undertaken to establish the Government funding component offered to Primary producers for eID software and scanning equipment?
- (a) How many primary producers will effectively benefit from the funding/subsidy?
- (2) Does the eID system effectively aid the Government in improving traceability practices for more efficient management of disease outbreaks, food safety issues and market access?
- (3) Can the Minister advise what ongoing subsidies will be provided to primary producers to ensure the cost for implementing this system isn't detrimental to their business?
- (a) Will these subsidies be reviewed?
- 2484 ACTIVE KIDS PROVIDERS - COOTAMUNDRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- To the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government
- With respect to Active Kids Voucher program:
- (1) Would the Minister please advise how providers and participants access this program if they:
- (a) do not have internet access due to the location?
- (b) do not have a smart phone?
- (2) Would the Minister please provide a list of all Active Kids providers across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) Would the Minister please provide a list of providers across the Cootamundra electorate who are still awaiting approval?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what is the timeframe for these providers to be approved?
- (5) Would the Minister please advise since Active Kids program started, how many providers across the Cootamundra electorate are no longer approved providers?
- 2485 BOOROWA CENTRAL SCHOOL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- With respect to the 100 new public preschools being delivered by the Government over the next three years:
- (1) Would the Minister please advise the details of when this new preschool for the little learners in Boorowa will be operational?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise will this new facility offer before and after school care?

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- (3) Will the Minister please advise how many places will this new preschool offer to the community?
 - (4) Can the Minister please advise if the staff in this new preschool will be provided with the same wages as the community run preschool that is already in Boorowa?
 - (5) Will the Minister please advise how many staff will be employed at this new preschool?
 - (6) Will the Minister please advise as it is already difficult to find teaching staff, how will the Government find suitable teachers for this new preschool?
- 2486 FIREFIGHTER CANCER LAWS—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 current Firefighter Cancer Laws,
- (1) How many firefighters have developed cancer because of their exposure to toxins?
 - (2) How is the Government providing support to our firefighters who are getting medical treatment for cancer, which they have developed because of their work?
- 2487 COMMUNITY CABINET MEETINGS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- With respect to Community Cabinet meetings, of which I understand the first will take place in Sydney's south-west in East Hills on Friday 15 March 2024:
- (1) Would the Premier please advise where else will you engage with the communities across New South Wales as part of these Community Cabinet meetings to ensure you hear firsthand the key local priorities and issues which concern our communities?
 - (2) Premier, relating to the media release of 28 February 2024, could you please advise when and where you will meet face-to-face with the communities who are part of the Cootamundra electorate?
- 2488 MUTTAMA CREEK - COOTAMUNDRA FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY—Ms Steph Cooke 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 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?
 - (2) What assistance is:
 - (a) being provided to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council with respect to Muttama Creek?
 - (b) available to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council with respect to Muttama Creek?
- 2489 UPGRADES AT LITHGOW AND GOULBURN GREYHOUND TRACKS—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- Have you approved allocation of Government funding for upgrades at Lithgow and Goulburn greyhound tracks?
- 2490 REHOMING NUMBERS OF GREYHOUNDS—Mr Philip Donato 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—

Regarding Greyhound Racing NSW's (GRNSW) 2023 Annual Report which boasts record rehoming numbers, I am advised GRNSW's Greyhound Adoption Program is propped up by many hundreds of desexed greyhounds which are still with breeders:

- (1) Are desexed greyhounds remaining with their breeders and being counted as being rehomed greyhounds in the GRNSW's Greyhound Adoption Program?
 - (a) If so, why is this the case and how is it affecting rehoming statistics?
- (2) Can you confirm whether GRNSW executives are incentivised for meeting Key Performance Indicators, i.e. rehoming of greyhounds?

2491 UPGRADE OF TAREE GREYHOUND TRACK—Mr Philip Donato 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) Have you approved and/or allocated government funding for the upgrade of the Taree Greyhound track?
- (2) Has a Development Application been approved by Council for any new structures at the site?
 - (a) If not, can you provide details on how this would affect the project?
- (3) Can you provide an update on the upgrade of the Taree Greyhound Track?

2492 GOVERNANCE REVIEW AT GREYHOUND RACING NSW—Mr Philip Donato 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—

Regarding a 2023 review of governance at Greyhound Racing NSW undertaken by a third party:

- (1) Have serious claims of bullying, poor procurement procedures and governance been fielded leading to a new inquiry that is underway?
 - (a) If yes, can you please provide details of this inquiry?
- (2) Have you been briefed on any new reports of serious allegations?
 - (a) If so, can you provide the status of the investigations?

2493 TAREE GREYHOUND TRACK PROJECT ACID SULPHATE ISSUE—Mr Philip Donato 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—

I am advised a tender received by Greyhound Racing NSW for the Taree Greyhound Track project, which is being built on a former garbage disposal site, included warnings about contaminated soil:

- (1) Can you confirm if the Environment Protection Authority has oversight of the Acid Sulphate issue?
 - (a) If so, has rectification of the site been undertaken?

2494 BREAK AND ENTER RELATED OFFENCES IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the number of break and enter related crimes that have taken place in the Oxley electorate during the following years:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?

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- (2) Can the minister provide information regarding how many of those related crimes were committed by perpetrators under the age of 18 years?
- 2495 2024 SENIORS CARD DISCOUNT DIRECTORY—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 the 2024 Seniors Card Discount Directory:
- (1) Why can this only be accessed online?
 - (2) For seniors who do not have access to technology, how will they access this?
 - (3) Does the Government have plans to provide the directory in hardcopy format as has been available previously?
- 2496 FIRST HOME BUYERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) Under the First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme, how many first home buyers by postcode within the Tweed Electorate have:
 - (a) Purchased a property valued up to \$800,000 and paid no stamp duty?
 - (b) Purchases a property valued at 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?
- 2497 TEACHER VACANCIES IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Regarding teacher vacancies at schools within the Tweed Electorate:
 - (a) How many vacancies were there at the start of Term 1 2024 compared to the same time last year?
- 2498 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Regarding the Early Childhood Education and Care Scholarships program, how many of the 2328 applicants were from the Tweed Electorate in both categories of early childhood educators looking to upskill, and those looking to enter the Early Childhood Education and Care sector?
- 2499 ANNANDALE FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- Noting the Minister's response to LA QONs 1284 and 1285:
- (1) What progress has been made on extending the F-10 ferry service to Rozelle Bay, Annandale?
 - (2) When does the Government expect the service will be ready for expansion to Rozelle Bay, Annandale?
- 2500 TOLL BURDEN—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—

Noting the Interim Report of the Independent Toll Review which found that toll road users will pay \$195 billion in toll costs over 37 years until 2060:

- (1) What proportion of this \$195 billion in toll costs does the government expect will be covered by road users directly?
- (2) What proportion of this \$195 billion in toll costs does the government expect will be subsidised under the existing \$60 weekly toll cap scheme?

2501 REGION 6 BUS CONTRACTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Bus Industry Taskforce met with inner west residents at a forum on 29 February 2024:

- (1) What key themes are emerging from passenger feedback to the Bus Industry Taskforce regarding bus services in the inner west?
- (2) What plans does the Government have, if any, to end the privatisation of region 6 bus services on or before the conclusion of the relevant contracts in June 2026?

2502 ARGYLL ESTATE PROJECT—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) For each instance, from March 2023 to the most recent date available, with regards to the Argyll Estate project, can you please provide details on:
 - (a) The date of community consultation?
 - (b) The type of stakeholder consulted (eg, council, resident etc)?

2503 SCHOOL CAPACITY IN COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each School in the Coffs Harbour Electorate, what is the capacity of the school, and the current enrolments?

2504 TEACHER VACANCIES IN COFFS HARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public school in the Coffs Harbour Electorate, as at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many teaching vacancies are there?

2505 NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Are there any plans for any new public schools in the Coffs Harbour Electorate?

2506 TOUCH FOOTBALL NATIONAL YOUTH CUP—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—

Is the Government sponsoring the Touch Football National Youth Cup (NYC) for the next three years?

2507 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 220—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 220 (“Will the Government fund the establishment of a Marine Rescue NSW training facility at Hungry Point Cronulla?”)?

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- 2508 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 223—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 223 (regarding Gannons Road to Cronulla segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link)?
- 2509 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 224—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 224 (regarding Oak Road to Sylvania Road segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link)?
- 2510 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 225—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 225 (regarding Sylvania Road to Jackson Avenue segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link)?
- 2511 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 229—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 229 (“Will the Government consent to the establishment of a Marine Rescue NSW training facility at Hungry Point Cronulla?”)?
- 2512 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 230—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 230 (regarding new ambulance station in Sutherland)?
- 2513 CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN - BATHURST HEALTH SERVICE—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 the clinical services plan for Bathurst Health Service:
 - (a) When was the plan developed?
 - (b) Who was involved in developing the plan?
 - (i) Can you please list all organisations or committee members?
 - (c) Who was consulted as part of this plan’s development?
 - (d) When will the plan be reviewed?
- 2514 BATHURST BULLET PATRONS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- In relation to the Bathurst Bullet Service:
- (1) For the following calendar years, how many people used the Bathurst Bullet service:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (2) For the following calendar years, how many people used the second Bathurst Bullet service:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?

- (d) 2023?
- (3) How many seats are there currently on each of these services?
 - (4) How many accessible or wheelchair spaces are there on each of these services?
 - (5) How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff members are employed to run this particular service as drivers and where are they based?
 - (6) How many FTE staff members are employed to run this particular service for maintenance purposes and where are they based?
 - (7) How many FTE staff members are employed to run this particular service for cleaning purposes and where are they based?
- 2515 ULMURRA FERRY OPERATION—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) Could the Minister please confirm if the Government has plans to discontinue or close the Ulmarra Ferry service on the Clarence River, which services the districts of Ulmarra and Southgate?