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(Paper No. 42)

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—

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(Paper No. 43)

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

In the 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 postcodes and in New South Wales can you please provide the answers by postcode and then New South Wales as a whole?

- (1) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike users:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (2) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for failure to wear a helmet:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (3) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (4) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (5) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or bike users for using motor assistance at speeds exceeding the regulated 25km/h:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (6) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for exceeding a speed limit:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?
- (7) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for negligent riding:
  - (a) Between 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (b) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date for which the latest data is available)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force is unable to determine if an infringement was issued to a rider of an e-bike, pushbike, or any other type of non-motorised vehicle as the COPS database does not record this vehicle type in any extractable field.
- (2) The number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bikes users for failure to wear a helmet is displayed in the table below:

Failure to wear a helmet (Data specific to Law Part Code 82631 - Bicycle helmets)		
Postcode	1 July 2022-30 June 2023	1 July 2023-2 March 2024
2101	6	11
2102	3	5
2103	1	4
2104	2	0
2105	0	0
2106	2	1
2107	2	11
2108	1	0
2084	0	0
2097	3	7
All of NSW	6,464	5,384

- (3) The number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bikes users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath is displayed in the table below:

Riding on a footpath (users aged 16 and over) (Data specific to Law Part Code 92732 - Riding (bicycle) on a footpath or shared path)		
Postcode	1 July 2022-30 June 2023	1 July 2023-2 March 2024
2101	0	2
2102	0	0
2103	0	2
2104	1	1
2105	0	0
2106	0	1
2107	0	3
2108	0	0
2084	0	0
2097	0	0
All of NSW	2,143	1,492

- (4) The number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bikes users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for is displayed in the table below:

Carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for (Data specific to Law Part Code 82573 - Carrying people on a bicycle)		
Postcode	1 July 2022-30 June 2023	1 July 2023-2 March 2024

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2101	0	0
2102	0	0
2103	0	0
2104	0	0
2105	0	0
2106	0	0
2107	0	0
2108	0	0
2084	0	0
2097	0	0
All of NSW	5	7

- (5) No specific offence exists for exceeding the 25km/h speed limit for bicycles and e-bikes using motor assistance.
- (6) Number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bikes users for exceeding a speed limit is displayed in the table below:

Exceeding a speed limit (Data specific to Law Part Code 87145 - Obeying the speed limit (bicycle rider exceed speed limit))		
Postcode	1 July 2022-30 June 2023	1 July 2023-2 March 2024
2101	0	0
2102	0	0
2103	0	0
2104	0	0
2105	0	0
2106	0	0
2107	0	0
2108	0	0
2084	0	0
2097	0	0
All of NSW	5	5

- (7) Number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bikes users for negligent riding is displayed in the table below:

Negligent riding (Data specific to Law part Code 83416 - NSW rule: riding a bicycle negligently, furiously or recklessly)		
Postcode	1 July 2022-30 June 2023	1 July 2023-2 March 2024
2101	0	0
2102	0	0
2103	0	0
2104	0	0
2105	0	0
2106	0	0
2107	0	0

2108	0	0
2084	0	0
2097	0	0
All of NSW	74	60

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

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided to Northern Beaches Council to expand the cycle way network, in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2022/23?
  - (b) 2021/22?
  - (c) 2020/21?
  - (d) 2019/20?
  - (e) 2018/19?
- (2) Can the Minister please advise the details of any current funding opportunities for local councils to expand their cycle way network?
  - (a) Can the Minister please advise the details of any plans to support the expansion of the Sydney cycle way network.
  - (b) Can the Minister please advise what projects within Northern Beaches Council's 'Northern Beaches Bike Plan' has the Government committed to funding?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Funding provided to Northern Beaches Council for active transport facilities under the Get NSW Active program is outlined below. All funded projects relate to shared user paths.
  - (a) 2022/23      \$501,000
  - (b) 2021/22      \$0
  - (c) 2020/21      \$1,034,213
  - (d) 2019/20      \$589,150
  - (e) 2018/19      \$158,865.
- (2) Transport for NSW funds and delivers walking and cycling infrastructure through different programs, projects and opportunities. These include active transport links as components of major transport projects and active transport specific projects.

Transport for NSW's 'Providing for Walking and Cycling in Transport Projects Policy' requires that every project funded by Transport for NSW must include provision for walking and cycling within the core scope of the project.

In addition, Transport for NSW supports improvements in local walking and cycling infrastructure through the Get NSW Active program, which provides local councils with funding for projects that create safe, easy and enjoyable walking and cycling trips.

For the 2024/25 Get NSW Active program, \$60 million in total grant funding will be available to local councils to deliver projects that enable more people to walk or bike ride. Of the \$60 million

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funding, \$10 million is for projects that enable walking or bike riding to school, with the remaining funding for broader active transport projects.

The NSW Government has also committed an additional \$60 million in funding for walking and cycling projects across NSW over the next four years as part of the 2023/24 NSW Budget.

- (a) The Strategic Cycleway Corridor Program provides the framework for establishing safe and convenient cross-city cycleway connections to better connect centres, precincts, and recreation hubs, and progressively expand bike networks.

The Program supports a priority move in the Active Transport Strategy to deliver more than 100 kilometres of new strategic cycleways by 2028. The long-term vision is to deliver more than 1,000 kilometres of new cycleways and support infrastructure across the six cities in NSW.

Over 85 cycleway corridors have been identified across Greater Sydney - in Eastern Harbour City, Central River City and Western Parkland City, extending more than 850 kilometres through key centres and major points of interest. Transport for NSW is currently reviewing the connections that make up each of the corridors to help determine priorities and to progress the planning and development of these priorities in a coordinated way.

- (b) Specific details about initiatives within the Northern Beaches Bike Plan and their status should be referred to the Northern Beaches Council.

\* 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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise when the outcome of the tender for the supply of vape detectors in New South Wales Public Schools, which closed on 26 May 2023, will be made available?

Answer—

Market testing regarding vape detectors were conducted by the Department of Education in 2023, which found that installing detectors would not be cost-effective.

\* 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—

Could the Minister please advise exact number of driver licence suspensions issued to residents who have their address recorded with TfNSW in the following postcodes and periods:

- (1) 2101:
- (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)?
- (2) 2102:
- (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) 2103:
- (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)?
- (4) 2104:
- (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)?
- (5) 2105:
- (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)?
- (6) 2106:
- (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)?
- (7) 2107:
- (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?



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- (e) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (f) 1 July 2023 – present (or the date the latest data is available)?
- (8) 2108:
- (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)?
- (9) 2084:
- (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)?
- (10) 2097:
- (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) The exact number of licence suspension notices which have been issued in New South Wales, for each of the following periods or similar period for which data is held or recorded, by reason of a licence holder having failed to complete a medical assessment or other assessment as referenced at clause 65(1)(a) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017:
- (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)?
- (4) Do notices issued to licence holders regarding a suspension of their licence pursuant to clause 65(1)(a) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 only provide the licence holder notice from the date of the letter, such that their licence is suspended from 7 days of the date of the letter?

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- (a) Does the Government have plans to address that mail, such as notices like above, is not delivered daily to all residents of New South Wales?
- (b) Have notices issued pursuant to clause 65(1)(a) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 been received by some recipients shortly before, on, or after the date of the suspension taking effect or afterwards?
- (c) Have instances taken place where a licence holder has been issued with a notice pursuant to 65(1)(a) of the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 only for the notice of suspension to be withdrawn or the licence to be reinstated?
- (i) How many notices of suspension referred to above were withdrawn or otherwise reversed in each of the following periods?
- 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019?
  - 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020?
  - 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?
  - 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - 1 July 2023 – present (or the date the latest data is available)?
- (d) Having regard to the answers above, does the Government have plans to increase the notice period referenced from 7 days to at least 14 days or more?

Answer—

- (1) 2101:
- (a) 1401
  - (b) 1214
  - (c) 1050
  - (d) 1330
  - (e) 1570
  - (f) 908 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (2) 2102:
- (a) 422
  - (b) 369
  - (c) 285
  - (d) 404
  - (e) 516
  - (f) 250 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (3) 2103:
- (a) 679
  - (b) 585
  - (c) 484
  - (d) 702

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- (e) 766
- (f) 433 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (4) 2104:
  - (a) 232
  - (b) 223
  - (c) 208
  - (d) 227
  - (e) 291
  - (f) 149 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (5) 2105:
  - (a) 159
  - (b) 150
  - (c) 132
  - (d) 153
  - (e) 197
  - (f) 118 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (6) 2106:
  - (a) 737
  - (b) 642
  - (c) 497
  - (d) 670
  - (e) 732
  - (f) 363 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (7) 2107:
  - (a) 1112
  - (b) 910
  - (c) 750
  - (d) 1052
  - (e) 1220
  - (f) 696 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (8) 2108:
  - (a) 157
  - (b) 119
  - (c) 94
  - (d) 139
  - (e) 177

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- (f) 113 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (9) 2084:
- (a) 252
- (b) 177
- (c) 176
- (d) 239
- (e) 263
- (f) 144 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (10) 2097:
- (a) 1024
- (b) 828
- (c) 596
- (d) 834
- (e) 1078
- (f) 590 (as at 13 February 2024)
- (3) (a) 46,206
- (b) 48,249
- (c) 64,565
- (d) 67,879
- (e) 63,936
- (f) 37,525
- (4) Clause 156 of the Road Transport (General Regulation) sets out the rules relating to service of a notice. The rules provide that Transport for NSW (Transport) can suspend the licence for four working days after the notice was posted. In practice, Transport provides three additional days to allow for weekends and public holidays (seven days in total).
- (a) The Australia Post delivery standards are a matter for the Commonwealth Government. As stated in the previous question however, Transport does provide three additional days to allow for weekends and public holidays.
- (b) The date that a letter recipient receives mail is not data that Transport captures.
- (c) Transport frequently lifts suspensions in relation to:
- failure to submit tests (e.g. where the customer requests an extension of time to arrange a medical appointment to complete the test}, and
  - where the test has been failed (e.g. but the customer provides a subsequent pass result)
- (i) 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019? 4,705\*
- 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020? 4,923\*
- 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021? 4,026\*
- 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022? 3,477\*
- 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023? 3,537\*

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1 July 2023 - present? 2,223\*

\*Inclusive for suspensions lifted for genuine reasons (such as the driver complied with a lawful request or passed a test) and suspensions withdrawn due to an error if any. All instances of suspension receive a reminder notice before a suspension notice is generated.

- (d) As stated above, the date on which a person is taken to have been given or served with a notice under the Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 is, if the notice is sent by mail, the fourth working day after the notice was posted.

Transport's current practice is to allow for seven days in total to cater for weekends and public holidays. The seven-day period is considered an adequate timeframe, particularly where there is a road safety risk as the person has failed or refused to submit to a test or medical examination or has failed such a test or examination.

While there are no plans at this time to increase the notice period, Transport will continue to monitor any issues that arise with the service of notices sent by post when considering if any future changes are required.

\* 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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the status of the nomination to the Centre for Road Safety for a speed camera to be installed on Powderworks Road, North Narrabeen (east of Bolwarra Road), being a nomination which was made by Northern Beaches Council in about February 2022?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise his response to the above mentioned nomination, and when the Council will be informed of that response?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW confirms receipt of a speed enforcement nomination from Northern Beaches Council for Powderworks Road, Eleanora Heights. The information provided, together with crash data and other road safety information, is being used to help prioritise future locations for speed cameras in NSW.

While Transport for NSW greatly appreciates every submission, due to a high volume of nominations, Transport for NSW does not respond to individual nominations for automated speed enforcement. If more information is required, the nominator will be contacted using the details provided.

Further information on speed enforcement nominations and camera sites is available on Transport for NSW website: [Speeding | Transport for NSW](#)

\* 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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact number of visits to the Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre for the following time periods:
- (a) 1 January – 30 June 2022?
- (b) 1 July – 31 December 2022?
- (c) 1 January – 30 June 2023?
- (d) 1 July – 31 December 2023?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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Urgent care centres help people access non-emergency care in the community, reducing presentations to our emergency departments, freeing up EDs for emergencies.

The Mona Vale Hospital Urgent Care Centre treats minor injuries and illnesses including minor fractures, infections and rashes, mild asthma or chest infections, minor burns or scalds, minor cuts needing stitches or glue, minor sports injuries, including sprains or strains, wound review, sore throat or sore eye, bites or stings, migraine, skin infections.

Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre has had more than 10,000 presentations at each 6-month period since January 2022.

- \* 2356 STUDENT ENROLMENTS IN FRESHWATER—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In respect of the Freshwater Senior Campus of Northern Beaches Secondary College (Freshwater), could the Minister please advise the number of students who enrolled to attend Freshwater commencing in year 11 at Freshwater in the year specified who previously attended each listed school?

(1) Barrenjoey High School:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?

(2) Pittwater High School:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?

(3) Narrabeen Sports High:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?

(4) NBSC Cromer Campus:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?

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- (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (5) The Forest High School:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (6) Davidson High School:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (7) Killarney Heights High School:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (8) NBSC Manly Campus:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (9) NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?

- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?
- (10) NBSC Balgowlah Bous Campus:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (11) Other public schools, can you please specify each school and the relevant number:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (12) All private schools:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (13) Other (home school or newly commencing school in New South Wales):
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?

Answer—

Students enrolling in Year 11 in Northern Beaches Secondary College, Freshwater Senior Campus come from a number of schools, including Barrenjoey High School, Pittwater High School, Narrabeen Sports High School, Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus, Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus, Northern Beaches Secondary College Balgowlah Boys Campus, The Forest High School, Davidson High School and Killarney Heights High School, as well as from non-government schools.



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\* 2357 LIVERPOOL POLICE STATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) How many police officers stationed at Liverpool Police Station (as of 8 February 2024)?
- (2) How many police officers are on leave at Liverpool Police Station (as of 8 February 2024)?
- (3) The number of vacancies for police officer positions at Liverpool Police Station (as of 8 February 2024)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Police Officers are generally allocated to Police Area Commands (PACs), Police Districts (PDs) or Specialist Commands, not to individual police stations.

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each PAC and PD in its annual report.

All police positions attached to PACs or 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 changing crime patterns and emerging issues. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements

\* 2358 MOSQUITO MANAGEMENT POLICY - TRANSPORT CORRIDORS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have a mosquito management policy for transport corridors?
  - (a) If yes, where can it be accessed?

Answer—

I am advised

Mosquito Management is a public health matter and Transport for NSW relies on the advice of the NSW Health. There is no Transport-wide mosquito management policy.

For information on mosquito borne diseases, please refer to the NSW Health website - <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/mosquito-borne/Pages/default.aspx>

\* 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—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Who is responsible for the maintenance of greenery along the M5 corridor?
- (2) Who is responsible for the maintenance of drainage reservoirs along the M5 corridor?
- (3) When was the last time the drainage reservoir along the M5 corridor at Freda Place, Hammondville was drained or maintained?
- (4) Does Transurban have a mosquito management plan for the M5 corridor?
  - (a) If so, how is this enforced?

Answer—

I am advised

Interlink Roads Pty Ltd is responsible for maintaining greenery and drainage reservoirs along the M5 South-West Motorway, which runs from the M7 at Prestons to King Georges Road at Beverly Hills. Interlink Roads carries out general vegetation and litter maintenance at this location approximately every three months, the last completed 15 December 2023 and next scheduled April 2024.

WestConnex Motorways is responsible for the maintenance of the M5 East Motorway, from east of King Georges Road to General Holmes Drive in Mascot.

Interlink Roads reported that the drainage reservoir along the M5 South-West Motorway was last maintained on 16 February 2024. Although there were no insect issues identified throughout the maintenance programs Interlink Roads will assess if any treatments could be applied to the area.

Transurban have contacted your office with an offer to discuss this matter.

\* 2360 REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Regional Transport Strategy:

(1) Would the Minister please provide an update on the Regional Transport Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is committed to developing Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans. The Plans will expand on the previous work of the former Regional Transport Plans and Integrated Transport Plans to better reflect the needs of regional communities and will include detailed evaluations of the communities' transport needs now and into the future.

They will include actions and initiatives that are costed to enable funding decisions to be made based on priorities. This will enable actions and initiatives to be investigated immediately after the final release of each plan.

The intention of the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans is to streamline the planning process and provide regional stakeholders and their communities with a greater level of assurance around the short to medium-term transport priorities.

Transport for NSW will deliver a Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans for each of the nine Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) regions:

- Central Coast
- Central West & Orana
- Hunter
- South East & Tablelands
- Far West
- Illawarra-Shoalhaven
- New England North West
- North Coast
- Riverina-Murray

Leveraging the positive work already undertaken to develop Draft Regional Transport Plans for the Hunter and South East and Tablelands regions, the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans will be prioritised

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for these two regions first, with plans for the remaining seven regions to be developed during this term of Government.

- \* 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—

With respect to the Regional Growth Fund round table events:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of dates and locations these round tables are being held?
- (2) Would the Minister please provide further details on the outcome of these round table events?

Answer—

- (1) Neither the Department nor the Minister are hosting events called the "Regional Growth Fund roundtables".
- (2) See above answer.

- \* 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—

With respect to psychologists to support the communities of the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) How many patients in the Cootamundra electorate are on a wait list to see a psychologist?
- (2) How many psychologists are based across the Cootamundra electorate?
  - (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Region?
  - (e) Hilltops Region?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Weddin Shire?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health services are not provided based on electorate.

NSW Health does have data broken down by LHD and can be provided on request. Note this data only relates to NSW Health employees.

- \* 2363 SYDNEY'S FERRY FUTURE POLICY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the 'Sydney's Ferry Future' document the current policy of the Government and of Transport for NSW?
  - (a) If not, what is the current policy adopted for the strategic vision of ferry services in Sydney Metro and is it publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's Future Transport Strategy (2022), which replaced Sydney's Ferry Future (2013), sets the strategic direction for the existing and future transport system in NSW. The Strategy includes key ferry routes and interchanges, as well as fleet evolution targets towards net zero emissions.

\* 2364 PRE-ELECTION WHARF PROMISES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will the Government be proceeding with the pre-election promise to reopen Balmain West and provide two more wharves at Annandale and Pyrmont?
  - (a) If so, what is the timeframe?
  - (b) If so, will these stops be added to the F3 route?
  - (c) Will services within the Drummoyne electorate be no worse off?
    - (i) What steps is the Government taking to ensure this?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) Elliott Street wharf was closed in approximately 2012. Transport for NSW is currently investigating requirements and delivery timeframes and is working with Transdev Sydney Ferries on service plan options to incorporate Elliott Street wharf into the ferry network.  
  
Transport for NSW is investigating both short and long-term options for Rozelle Bay/Annandale and Pirrama Park in Pyrmont.
  - (b) Initial plans are that Elliott Street wharf will not be added to the F3 stopping pattern.
  - (c) and (i) There are no plans to remove any services from Drummoyne, with the F3 route having been permanently uplifted from 29 January 2024. Information is publicly available at:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/ferry-and-light-rail-service-boost>.

\* 2365 FLEET CAPACITY FOR F3 ROUTE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What are your immediate plans to increase the fleet capacity for the F3?
  - (a) Will all new vessels be fit for purpose and have an increased capacity?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) For information about additional F3 services, I refer you to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/ferry-and-light-rail-service-boost>.
  - (a) For information about the new vessels, I refer you to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/new-parramatta-river-ferries>.

\* 2366 DECOMMISSIONING OF THE RIVER CATS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Is the Government planning on decommissioning the RiverCats which have a 230-person capacity?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Can the RiverCats be refurbished?

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- (3) What is the actual capacity, as opposed to Government regulated capacity, of the newer ferries?

Answer—

- (1) The RiverCats have reached the end of their economic life of 30 years. The age and design means that the vessels are not reliable, costly to maintain, have higher emissions and higher running costs relative to the River Class. They do not comply with Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport requirements with the original design and cabin arrangement not supporting accessibility groups and the level of amenity does not meet expectations of customers.
- (2) The cost of refurbishing the RiverCats exceeds the cost of procuring new vessels and will only extend the life of these vessels for an additional 10 years. Additionally, fuel and maintenance costs would be considerably higher if Transport for NSW were to refurbish and continue service on the RiverCat vessels.
- (3) The actual capacity of the New Parramatta River Class vessel is 200 passengers.

\* 2367 FERRY WHARVES SIGNAGE AND PA SYSTEM—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have plans to implement a better communications plan to warn passengers waiting at wharves that ferries have reached capacity?
- (a) Can the PA loudspeaker system installed on newer wharves be used for this purpose?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have plans to use the PA loudspeaker system to deter people that are fishing on wharves where it is banned, such as Cabarita?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to audit all ferry wharves to ensure signage relating to fishing is present, visible and in strategic locations?
- (4) Can signage encouraging and educating fishers to take their rubbish with them be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transdev Sydney Ferries, as the Operator of the Sydney Ferries network, has a PA system that allows announcements to be made to all wharves on the network. Announcements can be made to individual wharves or groups of wharves. The PA system is primarily used for operational announcements including delays, cancellations and when vessels are full.
- (2) Transdev Sydney Ferries also use the PA system as a deterrent for anti-social activities as required and this includes fishing.

Transdev Sydney Ferries advises that if its staff are having issues on a wharf with those fishing, it will often communicate: that fishing is illegal on the wharf; that police have been called; encourage those fishing to depart the wharf.

- (3) Transport for NSW Maritime keeps a record of all fishing related signage, which includes wharf location, sign content and location of the sign on the wharf.

The location of the signage is strategically placed to allow for readability and visibility. The location of fishing signs is discussed with the Fishing Stakeholder Committee (comprising of key stakeholders including Transport for NSW, NSW Police (Marine Area Command), Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) and Transdev Sydney Ferries).

Due to operational requirements and other priorities, an updated audit will be undertaken during the Winter months, the off-peak boating season.

- (4) New wharf signage was installed prior to Christmas 2023 to 10 problematic fishing wharves, including Balmain East, Balmain Thames, Birchgrove, Drummoyne, Chiswick, Abbotsford, Kissing Point, Woolwich, Cremorne Point and Neutral Bay, listing several fishing wharf rules,

including a requirement to remove fishing hooks and line, remains or bait, and to wash down the area of the wharf they have used after fishing and prior to leaving. The rules were approved and endorsed by the Fishing Stakeholder members.

Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) also ran a "Keep it Clean, Keep it Fishing" campaign over the school holiday period via Facebook. The key messaging encouraged fishers to take their rubbish with them and included the following points: do not use commuter seating for tackle; respect other users and ferry staff; take rubbish with you even if it is not yours.

A poster will be rolled out to all wharves in the coming months following approval from members of the Fishing Stakeholders.

\* 2368 F3 PARRAMATTA SERVICES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Are there any plans to add more express services to highly patronised wharves on the F3?
  - (a) How will this occur?
  - (b) Is there consideration for future services to begin at Cabarita Wharf, rather than Sydney Olympic Park and Parramatta?

Answer—

I am advised

During the summer school holiday period, there were an additional 96 weekly services operating between Sydney Olympic Park and Circular Quay (14 services were introduced each weekday and an additional 26 services each weekend)

From 29 January 2024, Transport for NSW made the weekend uplift of 26 additional services between Sydney Olympic Park and Circular Quay permanent and also permanently uplifted an additional 7 off-peak services each weekday. Drummoyne Wharf has also been added in to the 16:48 service from Sydney Olympic Park, departing Drummoyne Wharf at 17:14 each weekday. There are no plans at this stage to add express services.

There are currently no plans for future services to commence at Cabarita Wharf rather than Sydney Olympic Park or Parramatta.

\* 2369 RELIABILITY MEASURES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How does the Government measure performance indicators for reliability? Please explain how this measure relates to the commuter?
  - (a) How do you measure the performance indicator of on time running?
  - (b) How do you accurately measure the number of commuters left stranded on wharves due to vessels reaching capacity and bypassing wharves or cancelled services?
  - (c) Are passengers who are unable to board vessels due to capacity being reached or cancelled vessels, counted in the patronage data?
  - (d) How does Transport for NSW record and count passengers who are left stranded at wharves?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
  - (a) Greater Sydney Bus on time running is calculated as a percentage of trips that leave the First Transit Stop no more than 1 minute 59 seconds early and no more than 5 minutes 59 seconds late compared to the timetable.

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Sydney Ferries measures on time running using a weighted On Time Running performance metric, calculations include the:

- Percentage of trips that depart the first wharf no earlier than the timetabled departure time and no more than 4 minutes 59 seconds late compared to the timetable.
- Percentage of trips that depart the mid-point wharf no earlier than the timetabled departure time and no more than 4 minutes 59 seconds late compared to the timetable.
- Percentage of trips that arrive at the nominated wharf close to the end of the trip no more than 4 minutes 59 seconds late compared to the timetable.

Sydney Light Rail measures service performance using the following metrics:

- Journey Time: the percentage of services that complete a trip within the maximum journey time plus 4 minutes tolerance, measured along the full length of the route. Journey Time is measured against a target of 97%.
  - Availability: the percentage of services delivered against the timetable with a target of 99.5%.
  - Headway: the percentage of services that achieve the required Headway frequency within a 2 minute tolerance with a target of 90%.
- (b) Transdev Sydney Ferries, the Operator of the Sydney Ferry network, provide high level indicative numbers of the number of trips and passengers that have been left behind on key ferry routes as part of their monthly reporting.
- (c) Transport for NSW utilises Opal data for official patronage. Customers who wait for the next service will be counted in the patronage data, if customers are unable to board a ferry, then subsequently tap off the same wharf, these customers will not be counted in patronage figures.
- (d) Transport for NSW does not have any other method to determine passengers unable to board a ferry due to being at capacity.

\* 2370 FERRY PASSENGERS LEFT BEHIND—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the number of instances and also the number of passengers left behind due to ferries reaching capacity or cancelled services on each of the ferry routes? (latest figures over a one year period) 31 November 2022- 1 December 2023?
- (a) What are the patronage figures for all routes (same one year period)?
- (b) What is the number of instances and also the number of passengers left behind for each wharf on the F3 Parramatta River Service (same one year period) due to vessels reaching capacity or cancelled services?
- (c) What are the patronage figures for all wharves on the F3 Parramatta River service, (same one year period)?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

- (a) The monthly trips (includes weekday, weekend, and public holidays) patronage figures for Ferry routes during the period 1 December 2022 - 30 November 2023 were:

Total monthly ticketed Ferry patronage (includes weekday, weekend & public holidays)

+ Please see Attachment A for the accompanying table on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

- (b) Transdev Sydney Ferries do not report on passengers left behind at each wharf, only at a route level.

The number of instances where passengers were left behind during the period 1 December 2022 - 30 November 2023 due to vessels reaching capacity or cancelled services is:

+ Please see Attachment A for the accompanying table on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

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The number of passengers left behind during the period 1 December 2022 - 30 November 2023 due to vessels reaching capacity or cancelled services is:

+ Please see Attachment A for the accompanying table on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

- (c) The average daily (includes weekday, weekend, and public holidays) boardings for all wharves on the F3 Parramatta River route during the period 1 December 2022 - 30 November 2023 were:

+ Please see Attachment A for the accompanying table on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

\* Parramatta wharf was closed from 2nd February 2023 to 27th April 2023 due to works on the Gasworks bridge and this is indicated in the data table above for February, March and April 2023 available as 'NA - Not Available'.

\*\* Balmain East Wharf is masked for less than 20 boardings by adhering to safety concerns to commuters travelling on services with low patronage

\*\*\*Boardings are reported as a daily average rather than total monthly patronage.

\* 2371 FLEET EXPANSION FOR F3 SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the Government's long-term plan for fleet expansion on the F3 service?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has made the weekend uplift of 26 additional services between Sydney Olympic Park and Circular Quay permanent from 29 January 2024. As well as permanently uplifted an additional 7 off-peak services each weekday.

Transport for NSW is investing in 7 new Parramatta River Class ferries.

\* 2372 F10 FERRY PIRRAMA PARK—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What risks or barriers make use of the Pirrama Park wharf for public ferries difficult given other vessels regularly use it and it previously operated as a stop for the F10 ferry?
- (2) What barriers prevent reinstatement of a temporary ferry service to stop at Pirrama Park on the F10 route?
- (3) What work has been done on the Pirrama Park wharf to ensure it can be used by public ferries?
- (4) What work is needed to link this stop with the Opal system and when will this be done?
- (5) What action has been taken to procure an additional ferry to operate on the F10 route in order to allow additional services?



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- (6) Does the Government plan to hold the Pyrmont ferry forum promised by Transport for NSW officers last year?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?
- (7) Does the Government have plans to use one of the newly acquired Hobart-built Parramatta Class vessels to provide a ferry service to Pirrama Park Pyrmont?
- (8) Does the Government have plans to provide a ferry service to Pirrama Park Pyrmont as promised during the election campaign?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

Transdev Sydney Ferries have undertaken a risk assessment on the use of Pirrama Park wharf with the current MiniCat vessel.

Transport for NSW is investigating both short term and long-term options for Rozelle Bay/Annandale and Pirrama Park in Pyrmont.

Longer term requirements include wharf replacement for three wharves being Blackwattle Bay, Rozelle Bay and Pirrama Park as these existing wharves are to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (DSAPT) and any new wharves would include Opal, CCTV as well as safety and passenger information systems.

Transport for NSW is also investigating longer term service plan options including additional electric vessels and electrification infrastructure, as well as other developments in the area including the New Sydney Fish Markets.

There are no plans to utilise a Parramatta River Ferry for the F10 route. These vessels are being built to replace 7 RiverCat vessels which have reached their end of economic life and operate along the Parramatta River.

Transport for NSW met with members of the Pyrmont Public Transport Forum on 28 February.

\* 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—

- (1) Is there serious traffic congestion at peak travel times on roads around King Street Wharf precinct including Shelley, Erskine and Sussex streets?
- (2) What are the trends in traffic levels in this precinct since COVID restrictions ended?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of traffic congestion in this precinct?
- (4) What changes to traffic signal operations have been considered?
- (5) What changes to traffic movement in Wheat Road have been considered?
- (6) What consultation on solutions has been carried out with affected residents and businesses?
- (7) What action does the Government plan to address ongoing traffic congestion in this precinct?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Roads at the King Street Wharf Precinct typically experience strong demands during peak periods.

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- (2) Network demands in this precinct have increased post-covid with more people returning to office-based work. There have also been considerable construction activities with new buildings and the Metro station in the adjacent Barangaroo precinct that has influenced this. A similar trend of construction movements will occur in the precinct with the adjacent Cockle Bay Wharf renewal.
  - (3) Considerable studies of the area were undertaken with Barangaroo, CBD and South East Light Rail, and Sydney Metro City and Southwest.
  - (4) Traffic light operations are reviewed regularly for optimisation to best cater for the demands of the network and SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) and have integrated systems to support more reliable bus movements. The maximum length of time for one cycle of traffic lights to be completed was reduced a few years ago from 110 seconds to 90 seconds which has resulted in customers not needing to wait as long for their movement through an intersection to become available. The automatic activation of pedestrian crossings at traffic lights was further expanded a few years ago to operate seven days a week with longer hours of operation.
  - (5) Wheat Road will continue to provide a servicing and delivery function to Cockle Bay Wharf as well as facilitate pick up and drop off movements with the W Hotel and future redevelopment of Cockle Bay Wharf. It will be a traffic calmed environment with a similar configuration of lanes and movement.
  - (6) Consultation with affected residents and businesses forms part of normal environmental planning requirements with development and project proposals. The extent of consultation that occurs depends on the nature and scale of a particular solution being planned.
  - (7) The Sydney Metro City and Southwest and Sydney Metro West projects will help service the King Street Wharf and Barangaroo precincts. More Trains More Services rail improvements, bus service improvements and the provision of the Barangaroo Wharf and ferry services together with Wynyard Walk, Wynyard Station upgrade, CBD and South East Light Rail and more cycleway network options in the city all will provide customers with additional travel choices that will shift travel modes and address traffic congestion in the precinct ongoing. Redevelopment of the Cockle Bay Wharf precinct will also result in land bridge connections from the CBD to Darling Harbour that will provide additional options to access the King Street Wharf precinct more easily.

\* 2374 LATE NIGHT INNER WEST LIGHT RAIL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What review of demand for Inner West light rail services has the Government carried out since June 2023?
- (2) What are the trends in passenger numbers, and for passengers using the Fish Market, John Street Square and Pyrmont Bay stops?
- (3) What are the trends in usage for earlier and later services on the Inner West light rail line, particularly Friday and Saturday nights and special events such as New Year's Eve, Lunar New Year, VIVID and Mardi Gras?
- (4) Does the Government have plans to use newly acquired light rail vehicles to extend service hours on this route?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW continues to monitor patronage and customer feedback to ensure improvements can be made where customers need them most.

Since June 2023, Transport for NSW has reviewed passenger requirements and demand for light rail service levels with its private light rail operator, Transdev Sydney. This is evidenced in the following service uplifts:

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- On 19 June 2023, interpeak and some weekend service levels were increased, providing more than 100 additional services per week.
  - On 29 January 2024, the weekday peak service uplift was implemented from eight-minute frequency to six-minute frequency, and a 10-minute frequency (from 15-minute frequency) between 7pm and 9pm on Fridays, providing more than 200 additional services per week.
- (2) Pre-COVID patronage on the Inner West Light Rail was generally over 10 million passenger trips per annum. Patronage was impacted by COVID and the cracking in the CAF Urbas Light Rail Vehicles which saw the entire CAF Urbas fleet grounded.

Patronage has been steadily increasing since the resumption of services in February 2022, with annual patronage growing 53% to 6.8 million in 2023 compared to 4.5 million in 2022. Patronage on the Inner West Light Rail in January 2024 was around 77% of the pre-COVID patronage in January 2020.

The Fish Market, John Street Square and Pyrmont Bay stops have experienced similar trends as above in passenger usage. Patronage for these stops in January 2024 was around 79% of the pre-COVID patronage in January 2020.

- (3) Patronage on earlier services (prior to 7am) and later services (after 7pm) on Friday and Saturday nights and special events were impacted by COVID in 2020 and 2021, and the cracking in the CAF Urbas Light Rail Vehicles in late 2021 and early 2022. Early morning and late night patronage has been steadily increasing since the resumption of service in February 2022.

Weekday patronage drops off after 7pm with demand halving by the 8pm-9pm period and continuing to decline during the evening.

Weekend patronage starts declining after 6pm, with a drop in patronage of around 40% from the 5pm-6pm period to the 8pm-9pm period. Patronage plateaus with slightly higher levels in the evenings than for the weekdays and declines after 11pm.

The average daily patronage for Fridays only, which have services for an additional hour, shows patronage levels from 11pm to midnight on Friday are slightly more than half of the previous hour.

- (4) On 6 December 2023, the four vehicles were put into revenue service and are now part of the base Inner West Light Rail fleet, delivering the service uplift to six-minute frequency in peaks from 29 January 2024.

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

- (1) What liaison does the government carry out with food delivery companies to ensure they provide riders information about the road rules and have safety equipment?
- (2) What other action does the government take to ensure that food delivery bike riders understand the road rules and are using appropriate safety equipment?
- (3) Does the government plan education specific to food delivery riders to address concerns about breaches of the road rules and ensure they have appropriate safety equipment?

Answer—

The NSW Government committed to expanding rights and protections for gig workers at the election. Safety of gig workers is a regulatory priority for SafeWork NSW.

I am advised:

Part 4.11 of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 requires food delivery platforms to provide riders with personal protective equipment (PPE), unless they have received it from another food delivery platform, and induction training before they are able to commence making deliveries for that platform.

This training must include a module on road safety and the selection, fit, use and wearing of PPE. The maximum penalty for noncompliance with this requirement is \$37,950 (345 Penalty Units).

SafeWork NSW is not responsible for enforcing compliance with the NSW Road Rules.

In its role as the WHS regulator, SafeWork NSW conducts compliance activities to monitor the WHS Regulation requirements by riders and platforms. There were five proactive compliance programs in 2023, with inspectors in the field in delivery hotspots around Sydney.

The NSW Government has developed new guidance material for the gig economy, as well as updated guidance for the food delivery sector. This guidance material is being finalised and is expected to be published in first quarter of 2024.

The Government will have more to say on the expansion of rights and safeguards for gig workers.

\* 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—

- (1) Noting the current owner has listed the Metro/Minerva Theatre in Kings Cross for sale, what consideration has the Government given to purchasing the building to reactivate it as a theatre including protecting its art deco heritage?
- (2) What other plans does the Government have to encourage use of this building as a theatre?

Answer—

- (1) The Government has no current plans to purchase the Metro-Minerva Theatre building. The Government remains supportive of the potential redevelopment of the Metro-Minerva Theatre as a performance venue and understands there has been private interest in this opportunity.
- (2) Investment from the private sector will be critical to addressing the theatre infrastructure needs of Sydney. The Government will continue to encourage and support private investment to deliver cultural assets in New South Wales.

\* 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—

The Minister on 7 February 2024 during question time informed the House, “We are trying to turn a very big ship around. At schools like Castle Hill, there were 19 demountables”:

- (1) With respect to such answer was the Minister referring to Castle Hill Public School or Castle Hill High or some other school?
  - (a) Can you please specify the school which was referred to by the Minister?

Answer—

The reference related to Castle Hill Public School which, after years of neglect under the previous government, is being upgraded to deliver new and upgraded facilities.

As part of this upgrade, demountables will be removed.

As at Term 1, 2024, 24 demountables are located at Castle Hill Public School, including a number which have been required to support the school during the construction works which are now underway.

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

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

- (1) Does the Government have plans to provide new funding to provide the new local community infrastructure and services required to support the density uplift proposed?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. The Government has committed \$520 million in Housing and Productivity Contribution funds for infrastructure across the accelerated Transport Oriented Development (TOD) precincts.

The Housing and Productivity Contribution will also apply to new dwellings built within the additional 31 locations identified in the TOD State Environmental Planning Policy.

I note, for the record, that the Liberal Nationals Opposition voted not to support the Government's infrastructure contribution reforms when the legislation was put to the Parliament in 2023.

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

- (1) What new parks and open space is the Government planning within the Willoughby electorate to accommodate future population growth?
- (2) Does the Government remain committed to delivering the three open space projects identified in the St Leonards and Crows Nest Green Plan?
- (a) If yes, what is the status of these projects?

Answer—

- (1) Through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program, up to \$4.75 million in grant funding was provided to Willoughby City Council for the Artarmon Town Centre upgrade along Hampden Road. Council expects to complete the project in mid 2024.
- (2) In June 2023, the NSW Government introduced the Housing and Productivity Contribution to support the delivery of infrastructure. This is a simpler and fairer system that will generate up to \$700 million per year once fully implemented.

Provisions were included in the legislation so that infrastructure identified in a previous SIC or publicly exhibited draft SIC would be given consideration when making recommendations for infrastructure projects to be funded from the Housing and Productivity Fund. This includes the infrastructure projects contained in the St Leonards/Crows Nest SIC determination.

I note the Opposition, including the Member, voted not to support the Housing and Productivity Contribution reforms.

\* 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—

In relation to the Warringah Freeway Upgrade:

- (1) How much land at Cammeray previously required for the Beaches Link project is now available to be returned to the community as open space?
- (2) When will the community be updated as to the future of this space?
- (3) When will the Western Harbour Tunnel Upgrade Place, Design and Landscape Plan be released?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is looking at opportunities to optimise the current design to allow for future network improvements and deliver improved outcomes that provides overall value for the people of New South Wales.

Following completion of the Western Harbour Tunnel, estimated in 2028, the parcels of land located at Cammeray Golf Course required for Beaches Link would be returned to Crown Land, and North Sydney Council as the Crown Land Manager.

Transport will investigate opportunities to deliver public open space on the land no longer required for Beaches Link. Options will be developed in consultation with Crown Land, North Sydney Council, and the community.

The Western Harbour Tunnel Place, Design and Landscape Plan is planned to be released in 2024, program permitting, and will be prepared in consultation with relevant councils, the community, affected landowners and businesses.

\* 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—

(1) Are road upgrades planned in the Willoughby electorate to support the Government's announced planning policies and associated population increase?

(a) If so, which roads and what works are planned?

Answer—

I am advised

On 7 December 2023, the Premier and Minister for Planning and Public Spaces announced the Government's plan for addressing the housing crisis in New South Wales. This includes new proposed planning controls that will support more housing in well located areas, nearby to transport hubs and town centres.

Crows Nest, which is adjacent to the Willoughby electorate, has been identified as a "Tier One Accelerated Precinct" in the Transport Oriented Development Program. The Government has allocated \$520 million to the Tier One Accelerated Precincts for community infrastructure, such as critical road upgrades, active transport links and good quality public open spaces. Transport for NSW is currently working with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to determine the transport improvements that will be delivered under this program.

\* 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—

In relation to the Royal North Shore Hospital Master Plan 2023-2063:

(1) Is the proposal in the master plan to utilise hospital land for residential purposes consistent with the safeguarding of the ability to expand clinical and health services in the future?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Royal North Shore Hospital Campus Master Plan 2023 does not propose any NSW Health land be used for residential purposes.

The master plan ensures clinical services provided on the Royal North shore Hospital campus can double over the next 40 years.

\* 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—

(1) Has the Government reinstated fully paid parking at Royal North Shore Hospital for the hospital's workforce?

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- (a) If so, why has that support been withdrawn and has there been any consideration of retaining any transport assistance for the hospital workforce?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government is committed to our essential health workers and is investing more than ever before in our health workforce.

In June 2023, the Government announced the fair pay policy which provided a wage offer increase of 4.5% (including a 4% pay rise and a 0.5% increase for superannuation) for public sector employees. In July 2023, new Health Awards were made delivering healthcare workers the largest increase in over a decade.

There has been significant investment in new car parking facilities to ensure patients, their families, visitors, and hospital staff all have adequate parking to support access to health services for local communities.

Temporary relief from parking charges for staff at NSW public hospitals was introduced to ease the burden for hospital staff during the COVID-19 response.

In line with this temporary measure and as hospital activity for patients, their families, and visitors has now returned to pre-Covid levels, staff parking fees at metropolitan sites have reinstated consistent with arrangements before the temporary initiative.

- \* 2388 BUSES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to buses in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) How many bus drivers short of a full complement are the Willoughby and North Sydney bus depots as of each month within the prior 12 months?
- (2) What percentage of services were either cancelled or late on bus route 120 in each month within the prior 12 months?
- (3) When does the Government expect driver recruitment to return to normal conditions?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The number of drivers short of full establishment across both operators, by month are:

	Busways North West (Willoughby depot)			Keolis Downer Northern Beaches (North Sydney depot)		
	Driver s short	Drivers short(%)	Full establishe m t	Driver s short	Drivers short(%)	Full establishe m t
February 2023	37	13.5%	276	0	0%	127
March 2023	32	11.5%	276	+5	-4%	127
April 2023	29	10.5%	276	+7	-6%	127
May 2023	37	13.5%	276	+9	-7%	127
June 2023	40	14.5%	276	+7	-6%	127
July 2023	46	16.5%	276	+6	-5%	127
August2023	46	16.5%	276	+7	-6%	127
September 2023	43	15.5%	276	+4	-3%	127
October 2023	40	14.5%	276	+4	-3%	127

November 2023	51	18.5%	276	+4	-3%	127
December 2023	51	18.5%	276	0	0%	127
January 2024	48	17.5%	276	1	1%	127

- (2) The percentage of services that were either cancelled or late on bus route 120 in each month within the prior 12 months are:

	Route 120	
	Services cancelled (%)	Services late (%)
February 2023	0.2%	6.2%
March 2023	0.2%	5.2%
April 2023	0.6%	3.5%
May 2023	1.6%	4.1%
June 2023	1.6%	3.9%
July 2023	1.7%	3.3%
August 2023	1.4%	5.3%
September 2023	1.4%	3.4%
October 2023	2.4%	6.7%
November 2023	4.2%	6.1%
December 2023	1.3%	4.7%
January 2024	1.4%	3.5%

Note: The services cancelled in the above table do not include the 3 services per day (out of 122 services per day) that have been temporarily reduced due to bus driver shortage. A service is considered late if it departs 6 minutes or more after the scheduled departure time.

- (3) Bus operators providing services in the Willoughby electorate are continuing to actively promote employment vacancies through several recruitment streams and activities, focussing on continually expanding the reach of recruitment campaigns and accessing a larger pool of candidates to fill vacant positions.

\* 2389 DISPOSAL OF LAND HOLDINGS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has TAHE or Transport for NSW disposed of any land holdings or offered any land for sale within the Willoughby electorate within the previous 12 months?
- (a) If yes, can you please specify the relevant locations?

Answer—

I am advised

The Transport Asset Holding Entity disposed of Lot 1 O'Brien St Chatswood NSW 2067. The sale settled in July 2023.

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to appeal to the Commonwealth Government for additional public school funding as part of the National School Reform Agreement?



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- (a) Specifically, does the Government have plans to recommend abolishing the so-called "20% cap" on the Commonwealth's share of total public school funding?
  - (b) Does the Government have plans to recommend replacing the cap with a 25% minimum contribution?
  - (c) Does the Government have plans to recommend amending the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2023 to require the Education Minister to ensure that "every school-aged child in Australia has access to a fully funded government school"?
- (2) Given the Department of Education has written to public school principals encouraging them not to ask parents to bear costs of school supplies, what steps are being taken to ensure that those costs are not being passed on to public school teachers?
- (a) Does the Government have plans to reinstate the \$150 back-to-school Vouchers?
  - (b) Does the Government have plans to reinstate the \$100 Active Kids Vouchers, and extend them to cover all public school students?
  - (c) Does the Government have plans to reinstate the \$100 First Lap Learn To Swim Voucher?

Answer—

The NSW Government has called for the Commonwealth to increase its contribution to 25 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard for government schools. This request was made through joint letter from NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory to the Commonwealth, expressing shared views on education funding

The Minns Government will continue to appeal for the Commonwealth to fund the full additional five per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard.

The Australian Education Act 2013 (Cth) is administered by the Commonwealth Government.

Schools are provided with sufficient funding to support the teaching and learning needs of students. In 2024, this includes \$1.1 billion in equity funding to overcome the impacts of disadvantage on student educational outcomes. The purchase of teaching resources can be managed by the school within their budget.

The NSW Back to School Voucher program ended on the 30 June 2023 as scheduled by the former government.

- \* 2391 BRUNSWICK HEADS DEVELOPMENT—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding potential environmental damage as a result of a planning approval for a 131-lot residential subdivision at Brunswick Heads green-lit in May 2023, and that a contemporary biodiversity assessment may not have been required:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to review this application?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to ensure information regarding environmentally sensitive land in New South Wales is publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The May 2023 subdivision application for Wallum Estate, approved by the independent Northern Region Planning Panel, met all NSW biodiversity conservation requirements. This approval is not the subject of a review.
- (2) Where an environmental planning instrument identifies land as environmentally sensitive land then that land may be mapped as part of State policy mapping or council's local environmental plan. Maps can be viewed on the NSW planning portal.

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Land identified and mapped as Biodiversity Values under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017 is managed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

\* 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—

- (1) What steps are being taken to contain the outbreak of red-imported fire ants in Wardell, New South Wales?
- (2) Given the increased risk posed by the flood reconstruction process in the Northern Rivers, will the Department of Primary Industries be inspecting construction sites established since the 2022 floods for red-imported fire ants?

Answer—

- (1) The outbreak of red-imported fire ants at Wardell in NSW is subject to an eradication strategy involving the following steps:
  - (a) Immediate destruction of the nests on the infested premises (completed)
  - (b) Surveillance over 100% of the land area in the surrounding 500 m (completed, with no further nests found)
  - (c) Treatment over 100% of the land area in the surrounding 500 m (completed)
  - (d) Surveillance of the high risk sites within the 5 km flight risk zone (completed, with no further nests found)
  - (e) Strategic treatment of the Land area in the surrounding 5 km flight risk zone (ongoing, currently obtaining owner/occupier consent to conduct aerial treatment)
  - (f) Tracing to establish the likely source of the infestation (ongoing)
  - (g) Investigations into non-compliance with laws relating to the movement of fire ant carriers (ongoing)
  - (h) Public information to raise awareness of the need to check for fire ant nests and contact NSW DPI if anything suspect is found (ongoing)
  - (i) Subsequent treatments of strategic land area within the 5 km flight risk zone as required (planned)
- (2) NSW DPI worked with the Reconstruction Authority (within the Incident Management Team for the biosecurity emergency) and inspected and cleared 11 "pod villages" in total including the infested site. These villages were all constructed as temporary accommodation after the 2022 floods. All were found negative for fire ants.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority attended daily Incident Management Team meetings and are aware of the risks associated with other sites they manage through the possible movement of fire ants in fire ant carrier materials.

\* 2393 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM—Adjunct Professor Tamara Smith to ask the Premier—

- (1) Has the Government asked the Commonwealth Government to contribute towards the remaining \$700m of the Resilient Homes Program?
  - (a) If no, since the budget has been announced, has the Government made a formal request to the Commonwealth Government for more funding for the Resilient Homes Program?
  - (b) If yes, when was this request made?

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- (c) Can the Minister advise if and why it has taken over 8 months for the Government to ask for the program to be fully funded given that the Commonwealth Government has offered support?
- (d) Has the Commonwealth Government responded to this issue?
- (2) Are there plans to announce \$1.5 billion of funding for the Resilient Homes Program be announced?
  - (a) If the Commonwealth Government refuses to commit any additional money, will the Resilient Homes Program be fully funded by the New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The questions have been previously answered by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces. The response (Questions 13 and 14) is publicly listed at the following link: [Link to be inserted].

The NSW Government remains in close engagement with the Commonwealth on all aspects of disaster recovery, especially when it comes to the ongoing recovery for the Northern Rivers.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Emergency Services, as Ministers responsible for the Reconstruction Authority, maintain an ongoing dialogue with their Commonwealth counterpart, updating the Commonwealth on the recovery effort in the Northern Rivers region.

The Commonwealth is aware the New South Wales Government allocated \$150 million in spending in the 2023-24 Budget for ongoing recovery efforts in the Northern Rivers and Central West.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Manning Hospital:

- (1) Can the Minister advise when the Clinical Services Plan for the Stage Two Redevelopment will be made available?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when the Stage Two Redevelopment will be completed?
- (3) Can the Minister advise if there are any further plans for future redevelopment of the Manning Hospital under the current Labor Government?
- (4) Can the Minister advise if there have been considerations made for cardiac services and/or a hybrid theatre within the Clinical Services Plan as part of the Stage Two Redevelopment of the Manning Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government remains committed to the Stage 2 Redevelopment of Manning Base Hospital. The project construction timeline will be confirmed once planning has been finalised and a contractor has been appointed. Stakeholders and the community will be updated as project planning progresses.

In 2018 the District commissioned an external review of cardiac services at Manning. The review identified the safest and most appropriate pathway for cardiac patients is to transfer to either John Hunter Hospital or Port Macquarie Base Hospital, depending on the care level required. The current service model is the safest and most appropriate model for cardiology services in the Manning region.

- \* 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—

With respect to the Government's budget commitment to build more social housing in regional New South Wales:

- (1) How many of these houses will be constructed throughout the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (2) When will these homes be ready for applicants to take up residency?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW is also exploring opportunities to deliver additional social housing across NSW as part of its portfolio strategy and through the Housing Australia Future Fund.

As the Member would appreciate these home building programs take a substantial amount of time to build and develop. This is off the back of 12 years of underinvestment in our social housing system in NSW,

We are also investigating and trialling high quality modular housing as a fast way to build homes across our regions.

- \* 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—

In relation to the Old Bar Ambulance Station:

- (1) When will the Old Bar Ambulance Station be open and fully operational?
- (2) How many paramedics will be stationed at or primarily based at Old Bar Ambulance Station?
- (3) What is the exact number of ambulances operating out of the Old Bar Ambulance Station?

Answer—

I'm advised:

On 22 December 2023, operations started at the new Old Bar Ambulance Station.

NSW Ambulance varies resourcing profiles and ambulance numbers to meet operational need. In line with this, services are subject to change when identified through service planning or operational requirements.

- \* 2397 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Great Western Highway:

- (1) From 1 August 2023 to 31 January 2024, how many times was the Great Western Highway between Glenbrook and Bathurst :
  - (a) Fully closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
  - (b) Westbound lanes closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
  - (c) Eastbound lanes closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
  - (b) What plans does the Government have in place to upgrade the highway to prevent further closures blocking travellers between Sydney and the Central West?

Answer—

I am advised

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(1)

(a-c) From 1 August 2023 to 31 January 2024, the Great Western Highway has been closed due to an accident, weather or other incident:

- 12 times in both directions (full closure)
- 2 times in the westbound direction (full westbound closure only)
- 5 times in the eastbound direction (full eastbound closure only)

Please note the statistics provided exclude planned roadwork closures.

(d) The NSW Government is committed to conducting a whole of corridor assessment of the best options for improving connectivity between Sydney and the Central West.

Transport for NSW is carrying out further corridor analysis to provide a corridor plan linking Sydney to the Central Western, this work has been undertaken at the request of Infrastructure Australia and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication and the Arts.

Until such time as a comprehensive review of the corridor has been undertaken, the nature of the most appropriate upgrade is unknown.

The service contract being delivered by Ventia on behalf of Transport is focused on road maintenance rather than new construction or capital enhancement projects.

\* 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—

(1) In relation to Bathurst Correctional Centre:

- (a) How many full-time equivalent staff members are employed at Bathurst Correctional Centre including any current vacancies?
- (b) With the closure of a wing at Bathurst Correctional Centre, how many full-time equivalent positions will this effect?
- (c) Will the full-time equivalent numbers be maintained in Bathurst or will positions be moved to a different correctional centre in New South Wales?
- (d) How many support services will be affected by this closure?
- (e) Where are the officers employed by Shooters Hill Correctional Centre Oberon currently working?
- (f) When will the Shooters Hill Correctional Centre Oberon reopen?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There are 314 full-time equivalent positions at Bathurst Correctional Centre.
- (2) There are no job losses associated with the temporary consolidation of beds at Bathurst Correctional Centre.
- (3) Please refer to the answer to question (2).
- (4) There are no anticipated changes to support services.
- (5) There is no Correctional Centre by the name of Shooters Hill Correctional Centre in NSW.
- (6) Please refer to the answer to question (5).

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

With respect to the Nowra bypass and transport improvements and your response to my Question Without Notice tabled 30 November 2023:

(1) Does the Premier still plan to deliver the Nowra Bypass?

Answer—

The question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads for a response.

\* 2402 CHILDREN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL OFFENCES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to children in your care charged with criminal offences in the last twelve months, can the Minister provide using deidentified data:

- (1) The number of children charged with criminal offences.
- (2) Of those children charged, how many were released on bail?
- (3) For every month for the last twelve months, a breakdown of children charged with offences who were in an ACA, residential care or foster care?
- (4) For every month for the last twelve months, a breakdown of Aboriginal children charged with an offence who were in the care of an aboriginal controlled organisation.
- (5) For every month for the last twelve months, a breakdown of Aboriginal children charged with an offence.
- (6) For every month for the last twelve months, a breakdown of children with disabilities charged with an offence.
- (7) Of the children charged, how many had previously been suspended or expelled from school?
- (8) Of the children charged, how many had previously been in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program?
- (9) Of those children charged who were previously suspended from school, how many were receiving a support service to address behavioural issues or some other additional support?
- (10) What capacity does ChildStorey have to record information on children charged with criminal offences including those released on bail?
- (11) Is there a protocol to advise the Minister when a child in your care is charged with a criminal offence?
- (12) Is a Deputy Secretary advised when a child in the care of the Minister is charged with a criminal offence? If so, which Deputy Secretary?
- (13) What programs are available to the Minister and the Department for a child that is charged with an offence but is subsequently released on bail?
- (14) What support is offered to foster carers if a child is charged with an offence?
- (15) What policies, practices and procedures are in place when a child in residential care is released on bail?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In June 2022 there were approximately 15,009 children and young people in out-of-home care. Of these 15,009 children and young people, 479 (or approximately 3 percent) received a police caution, youth justice conference referral or had a criminal court appearance in the preceding 12 months.

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- (2) Information on the care status of children released on bail is not held by BOCSAR. Data from BOCSAR shows that, in general, for young people charged with a criminal offence whose first court appearance was between July 2021 and June 2022, 44 per cent were granted conditional bail, and a further 42 per cent had their bail dispensed with.
- (3) The data BOCSAR holds on young people in out-of-home care who are charged with an offence does not detail whether the young person was in an ACA, residential care or foster care.
- (4) The data BOCSAR holds on young people in out-of-home care who are charged with an offence does not detail whether the young person was in the care of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation.
- (5) In June 2022 there were approximately 6,566 Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care. Of these children and young people, 243 (or approximately 3.7 per cent) received a police caution, youth justice conference referral or had a criminal court appearance in the preceding 12 months. This data is not readily available by month.
- (6) Research by BOCSAR shows that young people with disability comprised 7.7 per cent of all young people with at least one police caution, youth justice conference or court appearance before the age of 18. The report is available at

<https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Publications/CJB/2022-Report-Offending-by-young-people-withdisability-CJ B254.pdf>

BOCSAR does not hold disability information for children and young people in out-of-home care who are charged with a criminal offence.

- (7-10) I am advised that his information is held in individual case management files and is not available to be extracted on a statewide basis.
- (11) DCJ has an established critical incident escalation pathway outlining the types of incidents that require the Minister for Families and Communities, DCJ Secretary and Deputy Secretary Child Protection, Permanency and Youth Justice to be advised. There have been no changes to this policy under the current government.
- (12) The Deputy Secretary CPPYJ receives the same advice as the Minister for Families and Communities regarding allegations of serious crime by children and young people in care.
- (13) This question should be directed to the Minister for Youth Justice.
- (14) As the Member is aware, all children and young people in statutory out-of-home care in NSW have an allocated caseworker. Foster carers have ongoing support from their DCJ or agency caseworker, including when a child in care is charged with an offence. After hours support is also available through the DCJ Child Protection Helpline. Support and assistance can be provided in relation, but not limited to: police interviews, obtaining legal advice, the court process, and any support required to ensure placement stability.
- (15) As the Member is aware, residential care is delivered by non-government sector partners, apart from the small DCJ Sherwood Program with around 16 placements.

Non-government providers delivering residential OOHHC services are required to have their own policies and procedures in place to meet NSW OOHHC accreditation requirements. This ensures compliance with the NSW Child Safe Standards for Permanent Care and relevant regulations.

For children case managed by DCJ, the policy for children who are in custody, requires the caseworker to speak with the youth centre caseworker, to:

- plan joint visits with the centre's caseworker, the child's carer or other clinicians
- better understand the child's needs to determine whether additional visits are necessary
- develop a plan for access to and coordination of services to support their release (when it occurs).

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The Youth Justice Bail Policy and Bail Procedure outline Youth Justice responsibilities related to children in residential care who have been released on bail.

\* 2403 SUPPORT FOR NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Department of Education supporting autistic and neurodivergent students:

- (1) How many students are currently identified as neurodivergent and or diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
- (2) Of these, how many have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)?
- (3) With respect to (1) and (2), where can this data be found?
- (4) How many ASD classes are currently being delivered and which schools are operating them?
  - (a) In the State; and
  - (b) In the Kiama, Shoalhaven, Shellharbour, and Wollongong Electorates (Illawarra-Shoalhaven region);
- (5) With respect to (4), how many are delivered by Satellite Programs?
- (6) Since becoming Minister, how many Teachers has the Government recruited with Special Education Training?
- (7) With respect to (6), how many positions are required to meet current demands?
- (8) Can the Minister provide an update on the recruitment of 250 additional school counsellors to support students with mental health needs and disabilities as outlined in the NSW Budget Overview (p 19)?
- (9) Does the Minister have plans to hold a Round Table to discuss the above and a strategy to improve education for autistic and neurodivergent students?
- (10) If not, why not? If so, when?

Answer—

NSW public schools support all students with disability, regardless of whether they have a formal diagnosis and this includes students with autism and/or neurodivergence.

Under the Disability Standards for Education (2005), schools have obligations to ensure all students with disability can access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. This includes students with autism or who are neurodivergent, according to their needs. Schools must ensure that students are supported by implementing a personalised approach to learning and support in consultation with the student, their parents/carer, and other stakeholders as appropriate. This personalised approach is available to all students with disability and records of this planning is documented and held by each individual school.

Personalised learning and support planning and adjustments made to support students are managed by individual schools. This includes any IEP implemented by the school.

The Department of Education publishes data on current support classes operating in NSW public schools at <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/specialist-support-classes-by-school-and-support-needs-type>

List of Schools for Specific Purpose and their subtype is available at <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-public-schools-master-dataset>

The department has a range of engagement mechanisms with external bodies including disability peaks, advocates and community members including a Disability Strategy Reference Group. These engagements provide invaluable advice on education initiatives and policies impacting students with disability.



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The NSW Government is carefully considering the recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission. The department is contributing to the whole of government response being led by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and the Cabinet Office. The department acknowledges the valuable input from stakeholders and has supported DCJ to host two community forums in December 2023 and February 2024, alongside a public survey.

\* 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—

With respect to the Rental Commissioner:

- (1) What are the official contact details for the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (2) When did the contact details for the NSW Rental Commissioner become available to the public?
- (3) Where is the head office of the NSW Rental Commission?
- (4) How many offices across the State will the NSW Rental Commission have and where are they located?
- (5) What is the budget for the fit-out of the office space for the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (6) What is the budget for the rent of the premises for the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (7) What is the salary of the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (8) Is there a deputy NSW Rental Commissioner?
  - (a) If yes, where are they based and what is their salary?
- (9) Does the NSW Rental Commissioner rent a home or are they a homeowner?
- (10) Is the NSW Rental Commissioner required to disclose pecuniary interests to the Minister and the Government?
- (11) What is the global budget of the NSW Rental Commission this financial year and what is budgeted for in the next three years?
- (12) What is the FTE of staff employed by the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (13) How many staff are under the direction of the NSW Rental Commissioner?
- (14) What targets have been set for employment of staff at the commission who have disabilities or are aboriginal people?
- (15) Has the Government introduced legislation to codify the Rental Commissioner and Commission with powers, reporting obligations and parliamentary oversight?
  - (a) If not why?
- (16) Is the NSW Rental Commissioner subject to Parliamentary oversight?
  - (a) If yes, which committee?
- (17) Does the NSW Rental Commissioner have statutory independence to make recommendations and findings to and for government?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (18) What tasks, goals or objectives does the Rental Commission and Commissioner have?
- (19) What tasks, goals, activities, or objectives does the Rental Commissioner and Commission have for regional New South Wales?

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Answer—

I am advised of the following responses:

- (1) The Rental Commissioner can be contacted via the NSW Fair Trading website or by phoning NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20.
- (2) Refer to the answer to question (1).
- (3) The Rental Commissioner works within NSW Fair Trading office locations.
- (4) Refer to the answer to question (3).
- (5) Refer to the answer to question (3).
- (6) Refer to the answer to question (3).
- (7) The salary of the Rental Commissioner is determined by the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 (GSE Act).
- (8) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.
- (9) Personal information about the individual circumstances of a government employee is not required to be disclosed under the GSE Act.
- (10) All persons employed under the GSE Act are required to disclose any conflicts of interest on an annual basis.
- (11) The Rental Commissioner works within the budget of NSW Fair Trading.
- (12) The Rental Commissioner works within the NSW Fair Trading network.
- (13) Refer to the answer to question (12).
- (14) Information about NSW Fair Trading staffing targets can be found in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.
- (15) The Residential Tenancies Act 2010 provides the Minister and Department Secretary with powers to regulate the rental market. Powers are delegated as appropriate.
  - (a) Refer to the answer to question (15).
- (16) The NSW Rental Commissioner is managed in accordance with the GSE Act.
  - (a) Refer to the answer to question (16).
- (17) No. The Rental Commissioner is not a statutory appointment.
  - (a) Information about the roles and responsibilities of the Rental Commissioner can be found in the Statement of Expectations via the NSW Fair Trading website.
- (18) Refer to the answer to question (17)(a).
- (19) Refer to the answer to question (17)(a).

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—

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- \* 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—
- With respect to official proceedings, of which your department is involved, concerning official openings of government funded projects, funding announcements or any events that within the Minister’s portfolio specifically to the Kiama Electorate,
- (1) Has the Minister given any instructions to exclude me as the local MP from these events?
  - (2) What instructions have you given your department in relation to my involvement in funding announcements, official events which relate to government funding or any associated activities as the local MP?
  - (3) Are these instructions consistent with other electorates?
  - (4) Have you or your Ministerial office instructed your department that a government Member must ‘cut the ribbon’ on government projects in my electorate?
  - (5) What instructions did your office give to the Blowhole Point Tennis Club in Kiama concerning my involvement in official proceedings concerning an event tied to a government-funded project that involved funding secured from the former coalition government?
  - (6) What instructions did your office give to Shoalhaven City Council concerning my involvement in the official proceedings at Artie Smith Oval in Bomaderry concerning the opening of these facilities that were tied to a grant from the former coalition government?
  - (7) Are you and your office completely compliant with the New South Wales Government Grants Administration Guide?

Answer—

I am advised:

The requirement for the official opening of government funded projects, funding announcements and events within my portfolios are determined as appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

- \* 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—
- With respect to David Berry Hospital:
- (1) Is the Government closing David Berry Hospital in 2025?
    - (a) If so, why?
  - (2) Does the Government have plans to consult with the local community on the future of David Berry Hospital?
    - (a) If so, when?
  - (3) Are there any plans for the sale of David Berry Hospital?
  - (4) Is the Minister committed to continuing to provide health services at David Berry Hospital? If yes, which services?
  - (5) As Minister for Health but also as Minister of the Illawarra, have you visited David Berry Hospital?
  - (6) Have you met with staff at David Berry Hospital?
  - (7) Have you met with Shoalhaven residents to discuss the future of David Berry Hospital?
  - (8) If not, do you have plans to consult with local residents and Members, including myself about the future of David Berry Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Member for Kiama is referred to the response, tabled on 8 February 2024, to a Question without Notice to the Premier, about David Berry Hospital.

\* 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—

- (1) Did you commit to release the Small Business Strategy and Small Business Charter in May 2023?
  - (a) If yes, given it is now February 2024, when will you release these two documents?
- (2) In relation to (1), what consultation has taken place?
- (3) Can you provide an update in relation to your Department's goal of boosting small business procurement targets from 12 per cent to 30 per cent?
- (4) How many staff make up the New South Wales Business Bureau?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The Small Business Charter was released on 20 February 2024 and supersedes the former NSW Government's Small Business Strategy. The Charter is available on the NSW Government website.
- (2) The Charter was informed by consultation held with the business sector including peak associations, business chambers and agencies between September and December 2023.
- (3) The Service NSW Business Bureau supports small business procurement by helping businesses to understand and navigate NSW procurement processes with the support of the Business Concierge service. The Bureau's Business Connect program can help small businesses build their capacity to tender. The NSW Procurement Board issued a Direction on 7 December 2023 that raises the threshold for one quote to \$250,000 for small business goods and services, and only require insurance to be demonstrated when a contract is awarded.
- (4) There are approximately 271 staff in the Service NSW Business Bureau (2023/24).

\* 2409 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise in relation to the Back to School Vouchers:
  - (a) How many vouchers were accessed by families in North Shore in 2022-2023?
  - (b) Were these vouchers scrapped by the Government?
    - (i) If so, why?

Answer—

Under the timeline and funding arrangements set in place by the former Liberal and Nationals government, the program ended on 30 June 2023

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to ban offshore drilling and mining in New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, why?

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Answer—

On 7 February 2024, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces introduced the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Sea Bed Mining and Exploration) Bill 2024 in the Legislative Assembly.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has carriage of the bill in the Legislative Assembly. The Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage has carriage of the bill in the Legislative Council.

\* 2411 E-BIKE COMPLIANCE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister provide advice in relation to the NSW Police enforcing e-bike compliance.
  - (a) What efforts are the police taking to inform the public of the requirements of e-bike riders?
  - (b) What actions are currently being undertaken by the NSW Police to enforce compliance?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) The NSW Police Force is actively engaged with Transport for NSW, Safe Work NSW, local councils, schools, local media and local bike shops in ongoing education activities relating to e-bike compliance. Police will continue to use social media platforms, media campaigns, school education, meetings with Consulates and targeted community engagement events to provide adequate and timely information in relation to safe riding practices.

Information on the use of e-bikes can be found on the NSW Police Force website at: [E-Bikes and Motorised Wheeled Devices - NSW Police Public Site](#)
  - (b) The NSW Police Force enforces the road rules through a combination of strategies, including local policing operations targeting specific problems, on-road enforcement and regular high visibility patrols. Enforcement of laws concerning the use of e-bikes is included in these strategies.

However, the laws and vehicle standards relating to bicycles, including pedelecs and petrol electric-powered bicycles are administered by Transport for NSW (TFNSW)

\* 2412 STATUS OF WHARF MAINTENANCE IN NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Noting the internal wharf maintenance review cited in a Sydney Morning Herald article on January 23 2024, can the Minister advise the current status for each wharf in the North Shore electorate?
  - (a) McMahons Point Wharf?
  - (b) Milsons Point Wharf?
  - (c) Jeffrey Street Wharf?
  - (d) Kirribilli Wharf?
  - (e) North Sydney High Street Wharf?
  - (f) Neutral Bay Wharf?
  - (g) Cremorne Point Wharf?
  - (h) Old Cremorne Wharf?
  - (i) Mosman Bay Wharf?

- (j) South Mosman Wharf?
- (k) Taronga Zoo Wharf?

Answer—

I am advised

All of the above listed wharves in the North Shore electorate are currently operational.

- \* 2413 BUS SERVICES ACROSS THE NORTH SHORE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to bus services across North Shore:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the number of bus drivers currently servicing the Lower North Shore area over the following months in 2023/24?
  - (a) August?
  - (b) September?
  - (c) October?
  - (d) November?
  - (e) December?
  - (f) January?
- (2) What is the status of the recruitment for new bus drivers through the bus operator Keolis Downer? How many drivers have been recruited over the following months in 2023/24?
  - (a) August?
  - (b) September?
  - (c) October?
  - (d) November?
  - (e) December?
  - (f) January?
- (3) Can the Minister advise how many services have been cancelled in my community over the following months in 2023/24? Can the Minister explain why so many services have been cut?
  - (a) August?
  - (b) September?
  - (c) October?
  - (d) November?
  - (e) December?
  - (f) January?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The number of bus drivers currently servicing the Lower North Shore area for the following months in 2023/24 are:
  - (a) August 2023: 1,747

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- (b) September 2023: 1,755  
(c) October 2023: 1,779  
(d) November 2023: 1,801  
(e) December 2023: 1,810  
(f) January 2024: 1,797
- (2) The number of drivers recruited through the Contract 8 Keolis Downer Norther Beaches Driver recruitment are:
- (a) August 2023: 10  
(b) September 2023: 17  
(c) October 2023: 19  
(d) November 2023: 13  
(e) December 2023: 13  
(f) January 2024: 4

The driver shortage experienced by Keolis Downer Northern Beaches is at around 5.8 per cent of the full workforce, or 45 drivers as of 1 February 2024. Progress meetings with Keolis Downer Northern Beaches Management are held fortnightly where updates on performance and driver recruitment are discussed. Keolis Downer Northern Beaches provides a 12-month recruitment forecast with a weekly update on the actual results. Keolis

- (3) Across the three contract region operating services in and through the North Shore area the below number of services have been cancelled over the following months in 2023/24.

	Month	Cancelled trips	Cancelled Trips as% of scheduled trips
(a)	August 2023	2,159	2.82%
(b)	September 2023	1,788	2.34%
(c)	October 2023	1,482	1.94%
(d)	November 2023	1,653	2.16%
(e)	December 2023	1,053	1.38%
(f)	January 2024	637	0.83%

Service reliability has been affected by bus driver shortages. The Operators are working on focused recruitment activities and Transport for NSW is monitoring and assisting where it can on driver recruitment.

Operators work to ensure that no school services are cancelled, and the cancellation of low frequency services is kept to a minimum. This sees the majority of cancellations occurring on high frequency (every 15 minutes or better) services and more in the AM and PM peak time than in the middle of the day.

\* 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—

- (1) Regarding the Herbert Street Precinct at Royal North Shore Hospital:
- (a) Can the Minister provide an update on the Herbert Street Precinct?  
(b) Has a final masterplan for the site been approved? If so when will this be made publicly available.

- (c) Will the final masterplan put on exhibition for community consultation?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Herbert Street Precinct includes land owned by NSW Health and land owned by Property and Development NSW. NSW Health, Property and Development NSW, and the Department of Planning and Environment NSW are exploring options for an integrated development on the Herbert Street Precinct.

On 31 October 2023, the Northern Sydney Local Health District Board approved The Royal North Shore Hospital Campus Master Plan 2023.. The Master Plan is publicly available on the District's website.

The Master Plan is a strategic planning document. If a capital program eventuates on the campus, all standard approval processes including community consultation will be undertaken.

- \* 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—

- (1) Regarding the Berrys Bay Project:

- (a) Can the Minister provide an update on the Berrys Bay Project?
- (b) When will the Place, Design, and Landscape Plan (PDLP) for the Berrys Bay Project be placed on public exhibition?
- (c) Is there an expected start date for construction? If so is there an expected completion date?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)

- (a-b) As announced following the contract award for Western Harbour Tunnel Package 2 to Acciona and its amended construction methodology in late 2022, Berrys Bay is no longer required as a construction support site.

Transport for NSW has prepared a landscape master plan, shaped by local community consultation, to provide a vision to transform the former industrial land at Berrys Bay into a foreshore park. The Berrys Bay Final Master Plan, published during February 2023, responded to several elements of community feedback and further refined the park's design.

Next steps will be informed by the ongoing detailed design for the site including the Berrys Bay Place, Design and Landscape Plan, which is planned for exhibition during 2024, program permitting.

- (c) The NSW Government is committed to improving public open space and plans to deliver a new foreshore park at Berrys Bay for the benefit of the local community.

The parklands are expected to be available for public use ahead of Western Harbour Tunnel opening.

- \* 2416 NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Regarding Neutral Bay Public School:

- (a) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of construction for the upgrade to Neutral Bay Public School?



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Answer—

This information is available publicly via project updates shared with the school community. Updates will continue to be shared with the community as work continues.

\* 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—

(1) Regarding a new school in St Leonards.

- (a) Given that School Infrastructure NSW has previously identified St Leonards as requiring a new school can the Minister advise whether a new primary school or high school is planned for the St Leonards area?
- (b) If not, can the Minister advise what steps are being taken to accommodate the population growth in the North Sydney and St Leonards area?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to monitor population growth so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs. This analysis informs the delivery of school infrastructure as part of the NSW Government's record \$8.8 billion investment in new and upgraded schools.

The NSW Government is delivering, or has recently delivered, school upgrades at Mosman High School, Neutral Bay Public School, North Sydney Public School, Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School.

These are in addition to upgrades committed to at last year's State Election for Cammeray Public School and Northbridge Public School. Planning for both of these projects is now underway.

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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—

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- 2425 MAINTAINENCE OF BUSES OPERATED BY KEOLIS DOWNER—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 2479 PROPOSED UPGRADE TO HEATHCOTE ROAD BETWEEN THE M5 AND MOOREBANK—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2480 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATIONS IN GSBC10—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2485 BOOROWA CENTRAL SCHOOL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 2487 COMMUNITY CABINET MEETINGS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- 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—
- 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—

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- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2499 ANNANDALE FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—
- 2501 REGION 6 BUS CONTRACTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2502 ARGYLL ESTATE PROJECT—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2503 SCHOOL CAPACITY IN COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2504 TEACHER VACANCIES IN COFFS HARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2505 NEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 2506 TOUCH FOOTBALL NATIONAL YOUTH CUP—Mr Gurmeh Singh to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 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—
- 2508 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 223—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2509 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 224—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2510 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 225—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 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—
- 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—
- 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—
- 2514 BATHURST BULLET PATRONS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2515 ULMURRA FERRY OPERATION—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 2516 PALLIATIVE CARE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- Does the Government have plans to re-commit to the 2022-23 Budget allocation of an additional \$743.4 million over the five years to 2026-27 to enhance palliative care for people across New South Wales in the 2024-25 Budget?
- 2517 MAMRE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport—
- When will construction start on Stage 1 of the Mamre Road Upgrade?
- 2518 STAGE 2 UPGRADES TO HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE - PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) When will the Tender open for Stage 2 of the upgrade of Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus?
  - (2) When will the Tender be awarded for Stage 2 of the upgrade of Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus?
  - (3) When will work commence on Stage 2 of the upgrade of Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus?

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- (4) When is work expected to be completed on Stage 2 of the upgrade of Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus?
- (5) When will teachers and students be able to start using facilities in the Stage 2 upgrade of Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus?
- 2519 TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONGESTION ISSUES NEW LINE ROAD CHERRYBROOK/DURAL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Has the Government made a decision whether there will be any work to upgrade New Line Road Cherrybrook between Hastings Road and Purchase Road from a single lane to dual lane carriageway?
- (a) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, please advise when the decision was made and what is the estimated time frame for the commencement of the work?
- 2520 TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONGESTION ISSUES BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Regarding the answer given to LA QON 179, can the Minister provide an update as to whether the strategic investigation into the Old Northern Road corridor has been completed?
- (2) In the event the strategic investigation into the Old Northern Road Corridor has been completed can the Minister advise what options (if any) were identified to improve traffic flow and safety upon Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills?
- 2521 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND PRECINCT - ARENA PROJECT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) With respect to the funding for the Local Government Showground Arena Project which was funded pursuant to the Westinvest Program, can the Minister provide an update as to the finalisation of the Funding Deed with The Hills Shire Council?
- 2522 SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- With respect to the School Drive Subsidy:
- (1) Would the Minister please advise why this Subsidy only provide a ‘one-way’ daily school journey, considering parents would have to travel from home to school, then have to travel again from home to school to collect their child after school, meaning two return trips often very long distances?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise why the School Drive Subsidy is only paid twice a year (in February and August) considering the current cost of living pressures?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise if the Government will look at increasing these payments to be more frequent to support families?
- 2523 GRADUATE NURSES AND MIDWIVES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- With respect to the 3,400 graduate nurses and midwives to start work in New South Wales:
- (1) Would the Minister please advise of these 3,400 graduate nurses and midwives how many will be placed throughout regional New South Wales?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will placement of these graduate’s commence across regional New South Wales?



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- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many of the 3,400 graduate nurses and midwives will be placed in the following Local Government Areas (LGA):
- (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Region?
  - (e) Hilltops Region?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise when will placement of these graduate's commence across these LGA's?

2524 SOCIAL HOUSING IN YOUNG—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 your response received on 22 December 2023 around building more social housing in regional New South Wales, you advised the Land and Housing Corporation (LHAC) were constructing four new social homes in Young within the Hilltops local government area:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise the progress of this construction?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will these homes be available for those on a wait list?

2525 NSW HEALTH PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM CONTINUATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the response provided on 22 December 2023 regarding free dental care in schools.

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of the seven New South Wales public schools in the Cootamundra electorate who have participated in the free NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental program in 2023?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise if this free program will be made available again to all schools again in 2024?

2526 UNSOLICITED CONSUMER APPROACHES AND AGREEMENTS—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 unsolicited consumer approaches and agreements:

- (1) How many complaints have been received by Fair Trading in relation to property developers in:
  - (a) 2019-2020?
  - (b) 2020-2021?
  - (c) 2021-2022?
  - (d) 2022-2023?

(e) 2023-2024?

2527 SYDNEY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to Sydney Water infrastructure:

- (1) What investment has been spent on infrastructure in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area for:
  - (a) 2019-2020?
  - (b) 2020-2021?
  - (c) 2021-2022?
  - (d) 2022-2023?
  - (e) 2023-2024?

2528 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the proposed Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy, and the low-and mid-rise housing State Environmental Planning Policy:

- (1) 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?

2529 RESPONSE TO QON 2273—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the response to LA QON 2273:

- (1) Will you make the planning, infrastructure and spatial data, along with expert advice and feasibility analysis, publicly available?
  - (a) If yes, will this include privileged documents that were produced to the Legislative Council?
  - (b) If no, why not?

2530 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EDUCATION—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) As outlined on the Department of Education's website, "Artificial intelligence in education", what tools and guidance for schools is currently available to promote the safe and effective use of AI?
  - (a) Are these available online?
    - (i) If yes, what is the URL?
- (2) How is the Department monitoring the use of AI in current Higher School Certificate (HSC) and International Baccalaureate (IB) assessments?
- (3) How many complaints have been received about students using AI?

2531 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ROUNDTABLE—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,

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Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the stakeholder roundtable to discuss Youth Mental Health in the Northern Beaches:

- (1) How can I help contribute to the roundtable, to make sure the voices of the Davidson electorate are heard and considered?

2532 DENILQUIN HIGH SCHOOL INCENTIVE POINTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Given the high vacancy rate at Deniliquin High School, will the Minister consider changing Deniliquin High School incentive status from 4 points to 6?
- (2) What timeframes does the government have on reviewing the incentive status of Murray regional schools?

2533 CYPRINID HERPESVIRUS-3 IN THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN—Mrs Helen Dalton 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 whether the Government supports the use of herpesvirus (Cyprinid herpesvirus- 3 or CyHV-3) in the Rivers of the Murray Darling Basin?
  - (a) If so, what is the timeframe for the release?

2534 PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH - MOAMA—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—

Can the Minister please provide statistics as to the projected population growth of Moama over the next 10 years?

2535 NSW QUEENSLAND BORDER 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—

Regarding 300 heavy vehicles being stopped and inspected at the New South Wales/Queensland border to check compliance with the Biosecurity (Fire Ants) Emergency Order:

- (1) During what timeframe were these 300 vehicles stopped and inspected?
- (2) What was the frequency of the stoppages e.g. how many vehicles were stopped per day/weekend/month?
- (3) Have imported red fire ants been found during any of these inspections?
- (4) Have any breaches of the emergency order been detected and a penalty issued?

2536 SUMMIT TRACK WOLLUMBIN NATIONAL PARK—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Since the closure of the Summit Track in Wollumbin National Park, what has been the total spend by the Government on security guards hired to implement the closure?

2537 RESPONSE TO QON 921—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—

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I refer to your answer to QON #921 regarding the renewal of the Queensland and New South Wales Memorandum of Understanding for Cross-Border Collaboration:

- (1) Can you provide an update on the renewed agreement and if it has been approved?
- (2) When do you expect to publicly release the renewed agreement?

2538 RELOCATING REGIONAL AMBULANCE DEPLOYMENT MANAGERS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Why is the Government relocating regional NSW Ambulance Deployment Managers into metropolitan Sydney?
- (2) What is the justification that these roles cannot remain in regional areas?
- (3) How does the Government justify the loss of regional career progression and local knowledge for the deployment structure?
- (4) Will these roles be replaced as paramedics in their regional locations?
- (5) Using the example of Goulburn, where one deployment manager position was relocated, but five new paramedics were announced - does this mean that Goulburn will have six new paramedics, or that they are only gaining four?
- (6) The transfer of deployment staff onto the Health Manager Award means that these positions have lost their critical entitlements and salary, why?

2539 CROWN LAND RENT INCREASES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Has Crown Land Rent been increased?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes:
  - (a) How many organisations and clubs in the Goulburn Electorate will be affected by the increase to Crown Land Rent?
  - (b) Can the Minister provide details of the organisations and clubs that will be directly affected by the increase in rent?
  - (c) Can the Minister provide the details of the amount of rent each affected organisation and club will be paying from January 2024?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the number of approved grant or funding programs in relation to Crown Land within the Goulburn electorate?

2540 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS IN GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many wheelchair-accessible taxis are available in Goulburn?
- (2) Is this amount sufficient to service the Goulburn population?
- (3) What options are available to wheelchair users who require transport, especially for those who do not live near accessible bus stops or qualify for community transport?
- (4) Is there any state government support to increase Goulburn's wheelchair-accessible taxi service?

2541 YOUNG ADULT OFFENDERS PROGRAM—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—

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In relation to the Young Adult Offenders Program (YAOP):

- (1) For the following calendar years how many inmates were at Oberon Correctional Centre completing the YAOP:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
- (2) When the Centre closed for renovation, where did these inmates get relocated to?
  - (a) Can you please list the locations and number of inmates?
- (3) How many full time equivalent staff were employed at Oberon Corrections Centre?
- (4) Where have these staff been relocated?
  - (a) Can you please list locations and number of staff?
- (5) For the following calendar years how many inmates in NSW were completing the YAOP:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
  - (e) 2024 (so far)?

2542 POLICE LED YOUTH ACTION MEETINGS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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?

2543 IMPACT OF HOUSING SUPPLY ON RENTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Premier—

Noting the Premier's remarks in Parliament on 13 March 2024 regarding housing supply in Auckland:

- (1) Over what time period did Auckland increase its housing stock by 26,000 dwellings?
- (2) What other economic factors contributed to the lower-than-ordinary increase in Auckland's rents throughout this period?
- (3) What proportion of the 26,000 new dwellings in Auckland were targeted affordable housing?

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- (4) What percentage of the total number of dwellings in Auckland are currently affordable to people on the lowest 20% of incomes in New Zealand, insofar as they are paying less than a third of their income to meet their housing costs?
- 2544 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 2315:
- What plans, if any, does the Government have to include projected school enrolments in the information about school enrolment numbers that is available publicly on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website?
- 2545 PUBLIC LIABILITY CLAIM WAIT TIMES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Can the Minister advise what time frame should be expected by claimants when they lodge a public liability claim form through Transport for NSW (TfNSW)?
- (2) Given that claimants who receive a Liabilities Claims TfNSW acknowledgment letter are waiting up to 6 months without any further communication from the department, would the minister consider ways to improve on that time frame?
- (a) If not, what process should claimants undergo to ensure their claims are processed more readily?
- 2546 GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT INTO TAFE - ALLOCATION BY CAMPUS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- (1) Can the Minister advise how the \$300 million Government investment into TAFE NSW was allocated to individual TAFE campuses?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how many TAFE campuses in my electorate have been allocated a portion of this funding to assist in improving the quality of the WI-FI connectivity?
- (3) Can the Minister advise what processes TAFE campuses who were overlooked for this funding should take to improve their internet capability?
- 2547 UPDATE ON QON 1159—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on QON 1159 -Menai Primary School Playground?
- 2548 UPDATE ON QON - 1514—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on QON 1514 - Widening Alford's Point Road?
- 2549 POLICE CALLOUTS TO SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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) Lurnea High School?
- (b) AI-Amanah College?
- (c) Casula High School?

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- (d) Moorebank High School?
  - (e) Holsworthy High School?
  - (f) Lucas Heights Community School?
  - (g) Shire Christian School?
  - (h) Aquinas Catholic College?
- (2) For the following periods or the calendar year, whichever records are maintained, can the Minister 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?
- 2550 PATIENT TRANSPORT VEHICLES - GLEN INNES HOSPITAL—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- In relation to NSW Health Patient Transport Vehicles at Glen Innes Hospital:
- (1) How many vehicles are associated with this Hospital?
  - (2) Have patients been denied transport to other hospitals?
    - (a) If so, why?
    - (b) If so, has this occurred while patient transport vehicles have been available on site?
      - (i) What would lead to patients being denied transport while vehicles have been idle on site?
    - (c) What practices are in place to prevent patients being unfairly denied transport between hospitals?
  - (1) Have drivers returned to general duties within the Hospital, with no plans to reinstate this patient transport?
- 2551 ENERGY SECURITY SAFEGUARD - REFRIGERATION SCHEME—The Hon. Adam Marshall 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 courses of action are available to businesses that have noticed a significant increase in their energy bills after installing a new freezer under the program?
    - (a) Can you please advise why increases in energy costs could be arising if the business have made no other changes to their energy consumption?
- 2552 FIRE BRIGADE CANCER COVERAGE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) Do New South Wales firefighters experience cancer at three to five times the rates of other employees and is this linked to their work?

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- (2) Do firefighters with oesophageal, lung, skin, cervical, ovarian, penile, pancreatic, thyroid, and uterine cancer, and malignant mesothelioma have to prove these conditions are directly related to their work in order to be covered under workplace compensation?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to provide better workplace injury cover for firefighters?
- 2553 STRATA HUB—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- (1) How has the strata hub been used to communicate with strata communities?
- (2) How has the strata hub been used to educate strata communities?
- (3) What other ways has the strata hub been used to support strata living?
- (4) What plans are there to expand how the strata hub is used to support communities?
- (5) Will there be a review of the strata hub to ensure that it delivers benefits for strata communities given it is funded by strata communities?
- 2554 SHARE BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What complaints has the Government received about problems with share bikes blocking public access and littering footpaths and other public space?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the need for regulation of share bike schemes?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to options for regulation?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to better regulate share bike schemes?
- 2555 ST JAMES PRECINCT PROPOSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What consideration has the Government given to the 2018 Sydney Trains proposal to use the St James Station tunnels as a dining and entertainment precinct?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the viability of rejuvenating and opening the St James station tunnels as a dining and entertainment precinct?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to utilise the unused St James tunnel system?
- 2556 STAGED STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Given that staged state road maintenance implies that once a stage is finished all traffic awareness/safety measures should be removed and relocated to the next phase, what measures are there to ensure that speed signs are not left up well after the road works have been completed?
- (2) Can the Minister advise who is responsible for ensuring ‘Traffic Management Plans’ for stage road maintenance/upgrades is being accurately followed?
- (3) Is there a reporting procedure that sub - contractors need to complete and provide to the Government outlining the progression of the road maintenance/upgrade?
- (a) If so, is the public able to access this information?
- 2557 COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE FUNDING—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Attorney General—
- (1) In regards to Community Legal Centre funding provided by the Government:
- (a) Will the Government conduct a review into the funding allocations of Community Legal Centres?



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- (b) If a review is underway or if one is proposed to be conducted, can the Attorney General advise when the outcome of this review will be known?
- (c) Will the review aim to ensure that allocation of state funding to Community Legal Centres is proportional to the size of the population of which each centre is responsible for?
- (2) Considering that Marrickville Legal Centre serves roughly the same number of people as all other New South Wales Community Legal Centres combined and yet it received the least amount of state funding:
- (a) Will the Attorney General consider investigating increases of funding to Marrickville Legal Centre?
- (b) Will the Attorney General consider future funding allocations to Marrickville Legal Centre be proportionate to their position as the largest Community Legal Centre in New South Wales?
- 2558 GLENLEE INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER AND HERITAGE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- Regarding the property at 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno New South Wales 2210 also know as ‘Glenlee’:
- (1) Can the Minister advise if before the 2023 New South Wales State Election she and Labor candidate for Oatley, Ashvini Ambihaipahar made the following commitments in regards to the property:
- (a) That the Minister, if elected, would issue a new Interim Heritage Order for ‘Glenlee’?
- (b) That NSW Labor, if elected, would ensure that proper site heritage assessments would be conducted?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if she has placed a second Interim Heritage Order over the property as promised by her before the 2023 New South Wales State Election?
- (a) If not why not?
- (3) Can the Minister advise if she has given an order to allow Heritage NSW assessors to access the property to conduct proper site heritage assessments as promised by her before the 2023 New South Wales State Election?
- (a) If not why not?
- (4) If the Minister has been provided legal advice as to why she is unable to deliver on these election commitments for ‘Glenlee’, can she please share this advice?
- 2559 ACTIVE AND CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) How many Active Kids Vouchers were accessed by families living in the Oatley Electorate in:
- (a) 2022
- (b) 2023
- (2) Since 1 February 2024, how many Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been accessed by families living in the Oatley Electorate?
- 2560 BEVERLY HILLS COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) What consultation, if any, has been undertaken with the local community and business owners over the last six months regarding the parking model of the Beverly Hills Commuter Car Park?

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- (2) Has Transport for NSW investigated the feasibility of a parking structure model like Revesby Commuter Car Park, to ensure that customers for local businesses have somewhere to park Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm?
- (a) If so, what was the outcome of this investigation?
- 2561 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) How many businesses in the Oatley electorate, as of 1 March 2024 are registered to be a provider for the First Lap program?
- (2) How many First Lap Vouchers have been accessed by families living in the Oatley Electorate:
- (a) Between the commencement of the program and 30 June 2023?
- (b) Since 1 July 2023?
- 2562 PLATFORM GAP FILLERS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—
- (1) Which train stations currently have platform gap fillers installed?
- (2) Which train stations are platform gap fillers proposed to be installed at over the next 12 months?
- (3) Will the Government investigate installing this technology at the following stations:
- (a) Oatley?
- (b) Mortdale?
- (c) Penshurst?
- (d) Riverwood?
- (e) Narwee?
- (f) Beverly Hills?
- 2563 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many demountable classrooms are onsite at the following schools:
- (a) Beverly Hills Public School?
- (b) Beverly Hills North Public Schools?
- (c) Beverly Hills Girls High School?
- (d) Riverwood Public School?
- (e) Hannans Road Public School?
- (f) Narwee Public School?
- 2564 STRAY AND FERAL CAT MANAGEMENT—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) What programs is the Government funding to assist councils in the management of stray and feral cats?
- (a) How much funding has been allocated to each program?
- (b) How long will these programs be operating for?
- (2) Can you advise when the NSW Parliament's Cat Management Inquiry will begin?

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- (3) Will the Office of Local Government issue regular circulars to councils to keep them up-to-date on the progress of this Inquiry?
- 2565 MORTDALE FIRE STATION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) How many times was the Mortdale Fire Station temporarily offline in:
- (a) June 2023?  
(b) July 2023?  
(c) August 2023?  
(d) September 2023?  
(e) November 2023?  
(f) December 2023?  
(g) January 2024?
- 2566 LAND TAX—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Does the Government plan on providing land tax relief for self-funded retirees?
- 2567 LAND TAX EFFECT ON RENTERS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Is there evidence that rises in land tax bills are being passed onto renters?
- (a) If so, is there a plan to ensure rising land tax bills are not passed onto renters?
- 2568 SPECIAL ETHICS TEACHER RECRUITMENT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Does the Government have plans to increase recruitment for special ethics volunteers?
- 2569 SPECIAL ETHICS LEARNING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Across the state what proportion of students enrolled in Special Education in Ethics (SEE) are receiving guided learning from a qualified professional?
- (2) What shortages exist in the Drummoyne electorate for qualified SEE teachers?
- 2570 NOISE CAMERAS IN RHODES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Could the Minister advise if it is possible to include the suburb of Rhodes in the trial of noise cameras?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise how the proposed locations for the noise camera trials were chosen?
- 2571 VAPE DETECTORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Could the Minister please provide an update on the supply of vape detectors in public schools.
- (2) Will vape detectors be installed at schools in the Drummoyne electorate and if so, which schools?

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2572 RATES OF 'TAPPING ON' AT LOCAL TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many individuals "tapped on" at Concord West train station in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
- (2) How many individuals "tapped on" at North Strathfield train station in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
- (3) How many individuals "tapped on" at Rhodes train station in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?

2573 RATES OF 'TAPPING ON' AT LOCAL FERRY WHARVES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many individuals "tapped on" at Cabarita Wharf in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
- (2) How many individuals "tapped on" at Drummoyne Wharf in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
- (3) How many individuals "tapped on" at Abbotsford Wharf in:
  - (a) 2020?
  - (b) 2021?
  - (c) 2022?
  - (d) 2023?
- (4) How many individuals "tapped on" at Chiswick Wharf in:
  - (a) 2020?

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

2574 FISHING COMPLIANCE ON WHARVES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many times have enforcement teams visited Cabarita Wharf from November 2023-March 2024 to enforce the banned fishing rules?
- (2) How many fines have been issued during the same period?
- (3) Will Transport for NSW update the signage at all wharves including Cabarita, Abbotsford, Chiswick and Drummoyne to report illegal fishing?

2575 TARGETED CAR THEFTS AND BREAK-INS - MOSMAN—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the data released by the NSW Police Force regarding the Sydney suburbs with the highest targeted car thefts and break-ins:

- (1) With Mosman having the highest number of 46 car thefts and break-ins across 2022-2023, what is the Minister doing to tackle the issue of car thefts and break-ins?
  - (a) What is the Minister doing to tackle the scourge of crime in our local community?

2576 SMOKING BANS IN RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS—Ms Felicity Wilson 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—

Can the Minister advise whether the Government has any plans to ban smoking within residential apartment buildings?

2577 RESTORING TREE CANOPY - WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—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—

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of restoring the tree canopy along sections of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade?
  - (a) If this process has not started can the Minister advise why?
  - (b) Can the Minister provide a timeline of when the works to replace the tree canopy in sections along the Warringah Freeway Upgrade will be completed?

2578 INTERNAL REVIEW OF KEY TRAFFIC CORRIDORS—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—

Can the Minister advise when Transport for NSW's internal review of key traffic corridors across the state will be made publicly available?

2579 RENEWABLE ENERGY RETROFITS IN SCHOOLS AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government supports solar, batteries and energy efficiency retrofits for every school and Early Childhood Education and Care centre in New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, why?

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2580 AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE NORTH SHORE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to ambulance services within in the North Shore electorate:

- (1) Can the Minister advise the following:
  - (a) The number of ambulance call outs for the following post codes: 2060, 2061, 2065, 2088, 2089, 2090:
    - (i) 2022/23?
    - (ii) 2021/22?
    - (iii) 2020/21?
    - (iv) 2019/20?
  - (b) The average wait time for ambulance call outs for the following post codes: 2060, 2061, 2065, 2088, 2089, 2090:
    - (i) 2022/23?
    - (ii) 2021/22?
    - (iii) 2020/21?
    - (iv) 2019/20?

2581 MIDDLE HEAD ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION CENTRE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Minister provide an update on whether discussions have progressed between the Department of Education and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust regarding the incorporation of the Middle Head Environment Education Centre in the 10 Terminal Precinct?

2582 PAYROLL TAX PAID BY SMALL BUSINESSES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Can you please advise the exact payroll tax revenue paid by businesses in the following postcodes: 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234 for each of the following years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21?
  - (d) 2021/22?
  - (e) 2022/23?
- (2) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234 paid payroll tax in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2018/19?
  - (b) 2019/20?
  - (c) 2020/21?
  - (d) 2021/22?
  - (e) 2022/23?

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- (3) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234 currently have a payroll tax liability?

2583 EMERGENCY SERVICES STAFFING NUMBERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can you please provide the following information as at present regarding emergency services staffing numbers in my electorate:

- (1) What is the number of permanent and on-call firefighters at the following fire stations:
- (a) Fire and Rescue Menai Fire Station?
  - (b) Fire and Rescue Miranda Fire Station?
- (2) What is the net change by calendar month since 1 April 2023 in the number of permanent and on-call staff at the following fire stations:
- (a) Fire and Rescue Menai Fire Station?
  - (b) Fire and Rescue Miranda Fire Station?

2584 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) In relation to the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program 2023/24
- (a) How many applications were received from eligible sporting organisations in total and by postcode?
  - (b) Of those eligible sporting organisations, how many were successful in receiving funding in total and by postcode?
  - (c) Of those eligible sporting organisations, how many were unsuccessful in receiving funding in total and by postcode?

2585 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS - MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), can you please provide the following information:

- (1) By school, how many classrooms or learning spaces in the Miranda electorate currently do not have air-conditioning?
- (a) Has funding been allocated to provide air-conditioning to these classrooms?
    - (i) If yes, what is the timeline for delivery of the new air-conditioning?

2586 COUNCIL RATES AND CONCESSIONS FOR PENSIONERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In relation to council rates and concessions for pensioners as legislated by the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW):

- (1) Could the Minister for Local Government explain the rationale behind maintaining the original concession levels?
- (2) Is the Ministry considering any reforms to address this issue, potentially in line with the recommendations or concerns expressed by advocacy groups such as the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association, to ensure that the concessions reflect the current cost of living and economic challenges faced by pensioners across New South Wales?

- (3) Has the Minister met with stakeholders about the current concessions offered to pensioners?
- (4) Has the Minister raised this matter with the Treasurer?
  - (a) If yes, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) Has the Minister met with representatives of self-funded retirees on expanding concessions for older Australians?
- (6) Does the Minister have plans to meet with Members, including myself, and residents who are concerned about this issue?
- (7) Can the Minister provide details of those councils who offer the highest pensioner concession rebates in New South Wales?

2587 EMERGENCY RESPONSE BEACONS ALONG THE NSW COAST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In light of recent initiatives to enhance beach safety through the installation of Emergency Response Beacons (ERBs) and the concerns raised about their distribution and effectiveness, particularly on the South Coast:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a detailed list of the locations for the 32 already installed ERBs, as well as the planned locations for the additional 35 ERBs, emphasising how these locations were chosen in terms of risk assessment and incident data?
- (2) Given the notable absence of ERBs in the South Coast region in the initial rollout, can the Minister explain the rationale behind this decision and whether there are immediate plans to address this gap in collaboration with Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW)?
- (3) Has there been a formal review or meeting with SLSNSW regarding the distribution of ERBs, especially focusing on the South Coast, to ensure comprehensive coverage and support for beach safety?
- (4) Could the Minister disclose the annual drowning statistics for the past five years along the South Coast, with specific data for the Kiama and South Coast electorates?
- (5) What is the timeline for the complete installation of the additional 35 ERBs, and how does this schedule align with peak beach usage periods to maximize their impact on safety?
- (6) Regarding the budget allocation of the \$1 million dedicated to this project, can the Minister break down how much is earmarked for the installation versus maintenance of the ERBs, ensuring their long-term efficacy?
- (7) Has there been consideration or action taken towards extending the ERB program to include inland waterways, where drowning risks might also be significantly reduced through such interventions?
- (8) Does the Minister have plans to meet with Members, including myself, to discuss this matter?

2588 SUPPORT FOR PTSD AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY - NSW POLICE FORCE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding mental health support for the NSW Police Force particularly concerning the challenges of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other psychological injuries within the workforce:

- (1) Could the Minister detail the comprehensive range of supports and programs currently available to NSW Police Officers and staff experiencing PTSD and psychological injuries, emphasizing any recent enhancements or initiatives?
- (2) With respect to workforce health and operational readiness:



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- (a) How many officers and staff are presently on leave due to PTSD, and separately, due to other psychological injuries?
- (b) What are the annual statistics for the past five years on the number of members discharged from the force due to being deemed 'not fit for duty,' specifically relating to mental health concerns?
- (3) In consideration of the ongoing and evolving needs of our police force:
  - (a) Does the Government have plans to establish a dedicated service aimed at supporting current, discharged, and retired officers dealing with PTSD and psychological injuries, ensuring they receive the specialised care and support necessary?
  - (b) Are there hesitations or obstacles to the above service and if so can the Minister elaborate on the reasons or alternative strategies being considered?
- (4) Has the \$5.3 billion investment initially earmarked for the NSW Police Portfolio in the 2023-24 Half-Yearly Budget Review been adjusted?
  - (a) If so, by what amount and what implications might this have for mental health support services?
  - (b) Following the change in government, what funds have been allocated to uphold the previous government's commitment of \$105.1 million towards the Recruitment and Retention Fund and the PULSE program, as outlined in the 2022-23 Half-Yearly Review (p 39), and how will these funds be utilised to enhance the well-being of the NSW Police workforce?
- (5) What proportion of the NSW Police Force has participated in the PULSE program annually over the last five years, and how is this participation influencing policy and program development moving forward?

2589 MARITIME PROJECTS - KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—  
With respect to the Maritime Projects managed by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW):

- (1) Following my Question on Notice 2057 and the response received on 22 December 2023, could the Minister clarify whether the Boating Now program is still under review, or if TfNSW has finalised and communicated the outcomes?
- (2) Has the Boating Now program been discontinued and if yes, what has happened to the funding?
- (3) With the project webpage last updated on 5 October 2023, can the Minister advise where the most current and comprehensive information about the Boating Now program and its future is accessible as of today's date, 8 March 2024?
- (4) In light of Question on Notice 448 and the response on 5 July 2023, can the Minister provide a detailed list of the grant applications submitted during the unfunded Round 4 of Boating Now, specifying which, if any, projects received funding eventually?
- (5) Regarding the transparency and accessibility of information, will projects that are successfully funded through any revised or future rounds of the Boating Now program be included on the Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) Projects Map?
- (6) How is the NSW Government addressing the ongoing and emerging needs of the state's recreational and commercial boating communities, especially in light of the recent funding adjustments, to continue delivering broad economic and social benefits?
- (7) With the NSW Maritime Infrastructure Plan set to conclude in 2024, can the Minister confirm whether all outlined objectives and commitments, particularly those affecting boating infrastructure, will be fully met by year-end?

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- (8) Regarding the 14 strategically significant locations identified within the NSW Maritime Infrastructure Plan, could the Minister provide an update on the current status and progress of developments at these sites?
- (9) Specifically addressing the Shoalhaven / Crookhaven River project as detailed on page 38 of the South Coast Boating Network Plan, can the Minister list the specific locations of:
- The seven public wharfs;
  - One commercial wharf;
  - Two regional boat ramps with limited car and trailer parking;
  - Nine formal boat ramps with limited parking; and
  - One informal boat ramp?
- (10) Has the Minister or your office met with TfNSW to discuss the South Coast Boating Network Plan, particularly in relation to funding and implementation strategies for the Shoalhaven/Crookhaven River project?
- If so, could the Minister provide the date(s) of such meetings?
  - If not, what has precluded such discussions from taking place?
  - Does the Minister have plans to meet with Members, including myself, to discuss this?
- 2590 ONGOING TRAFFIC CONTROL EXPENDITURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- In light of traffic control expenditure previously reported on 27 December 2023 and the response to LA QON 1152:
- Following the reported expenditure of \$16.45 million by TfNSW for state-wide traffic control in the 2023 financial year, could the Minister provide a comprehensive breakdown of subsequent expenditures to date?
  - Could the Minister please include detailed accounts of all costs incurred beyond the initial report, highlighting any additional allocations or revisions in budgetary commitments?
  - Can the Minister provide itemised expenditure report for the Kiama, Shoalhaven, and Shellharbour LGAs for traffic control associated with works caused by natural disasters, each year for the last four years?
  - Can the Minister provide a total cost of traffic management and control specifically for Moss Vale Road from 2020 to date?
- 2591 TAFE NSW NURSING AND COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES ENROLMENTS AND GRADUATES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- With respect to enrolments and graduates:
- How many people and in what courses did nursing graduates emanate each year for the last four years?
  - In relation to (1), can you provide a breakdown by campus and or location, by TAFE NSW and Registered Training Organisations?
  - How many students and in what qualifications have students enrolled at TAFE NSW for nursing courses in Semester 1, 2024?
  - How many of the 2600 reported nursing graduates in 2023 can be attributed to TAFE NSW, how many to other Registered Training Organisations, and how many to Universities?

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- (5) How many people and in what courses did community and youth services graduates emanate each year for the last four years?
- (6) In relation to (5), can you provide a breakdown by campus and or location, by TAFE NSW and Registered Training Organisations?

2592 NSW HEALTH NURSE AND MIDWIFERY STAFF—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to NSW Health Nurse and Midwifery Staff:

- (1) How many enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives have left NSW Health each year for the last five years?
- (2) In relation to (1) can you provide a breakdown by each Local Health District?
- (3) Can the Minister provide the numbers of new nurses, by category (AIN, EN, RN), commencing work in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Health District each year for the last five years?
- (4) What plans does the Minister have to re-engage people who have left the nursing profession?
- (5) Will the Minister consider reviewing current policies and possible barriers to nurses who have left the profession, but want to return to practice?
- (6) How many applications for readmission to nursing practice have been refused by the regulator in New South Wales each year for the last five years?

2593 NEW TRAINS FOR THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to the new Mariyung Fleet for the South Coast line:

- (1) Could the Minister provide a precise timeline for when the Mariyung trains will commence operations between Sydney and Kiama, including any phased introduction stages?
- (2) With the transition to the Mariyung fleet, what is the expected completion date for its full implementation on the South Coast line?
- (3) Given the project's complexity, can the Minister outline the primary factors contributing to the observed delays in the fleet's delivery and what measures are being taken to mitigate further postponements?
- (4) Is it true that the South Coast line will be the last line to receive trains as part of the New Intercity Fleet?
- (5) Following the Auditor-General's report indicating a revised budget of \$3.2 billion for this initiative, does this figure still stand as the current estimate, or have there been further adjustments?
- (6) What is the allocated capital expenditure for the South Coast line in this fiscal year and the forward estimates, particularly in light of the Budget's half-yearly review?
- (7) When were the last updates to the maintenance and commuter timetables for the South Coast line made, and what were the key changes?
- (8) When will the Government reconsider timetables for the South Coast line and what consultation with commuters will occur?
- (9) When will the Endeavour Class fleet be retired and what will replace them?
- (10) Does the Minister have plans to meet with Members, including myself, to discuss these matters?

2594 SUPPORTING HIGH-POTENTIAL AND INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED STUDENTS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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Regarding the accessibility and availability of Opportunity Classes in the Shoalhaven region:

- (1) Could the Minister provide detailed enrolment figures for OCs within the Shoalhaven region over the past ten years, broken down by:
  - (a) The number of Year 5 students; and
  - (b) The number of Year 6 students?
- (2) Of the 1840 places available in Year 5 for OCs across NSW in 2024, how many places are filled and how many remain vacant?
- (3) Specific to the Shoalhaven, what is the reasoning behind the reported reduction in OC places, particularly with reference to adjustments like those at Illaroo Road Public School?
- (4) What consultation with the school was undertaken in reducing the number of OC places at Illaroo Road Public School?
- (5) How many students are currently enrolled in Years 5 and 6 across public schools in the Shoalhaven region and at what schools?
- (6) What specific measures are being taken to ensure that academically gifted students in the Shoalhaven region continue to have access to the advanced learning opportunities necessary for reaching their full potential?
- (7) How does the Department of Education intend to address community concerns regarding OC availability and ensure equitable access to high-quality educational opportunities for all students across NSW, irrespective of their geographic location?
- (8) How many teaching positions will be removed as a result of the publicly announced reduction in OC places at Illaroo Road Public School?