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* 2726 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTHERN BEACHES LGA—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—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to youth mental health services in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (2) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to Youth Up Front for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (3) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to The Burdekin Association for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (4) What funding opportunities are currently available for youth mental health services?
 - (a) What funding opportunities for youth mental health services were available and receiving applications between 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
- (5) Does the Government have any current plans to provide youth mental health services with funding opportunities in the 2024-25 Budget?
- (6) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of Local Government Area (LGA).

Information on the total funding allocation for mental health services is available in the Service

Agreement document, which can be found on the Northern Sydney Local Health District website at www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Pages/Publications.aspx

Northern Sydney Local Health District has a longstanding relationship and current agreement with the Burdekin Association for the provision of therapeutic focused accommodation for young people in Northern Sydney. The District has administered funding of:

- (a) \$138,400 (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024)
- (b) \$130,900 (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)

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(c) \$125,300 (1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022).

Northern Sydney Local Health District does not have a partnership or agreement with Youth Up Front.

In November 2023, NSW local health districts and specialty health networks were invited to apply for funding through the Enhancement and Integration of Youth Mental Health Services Initiative. This initiative, part of the NSW Bilateral Schedule of the National Mental Health and Suicide

Prevention Agreement, seeks to provide specialised care to youth (12-25 years) with severe and complex mental health needs who present to headspace services.

At the recent roundtable, which the Member was at, we discussed a range of different issues surrounding mental health services in the Northern Beaches. This included the fact the former Government failed to fund their commitment. This is another mess left by the former Government, that the NSW Government is fixing.

* 2727 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR SUPPORT—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to domestic violence survivor support services in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (2) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to Northern Beaches Women's Shelter for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (3) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to The Women's Resilience Centre for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (4) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to Women and Children First for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (5) What funding opportunities are currently available for domestic violence survivor support services?
- (6) What funding opportunities for domestic violence survivor support services were available and receiving applications between 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
- (7) Does the Government have any current plans to provide domestic violence survivor support services with funding opportunities in the 2024-25 Budget?

- (8) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Funding provided by the government to domestic violence survivor support services cannot be provided by LGA, as service providers can provide services across multiple LGAs.
- (2) Funding provided by the government to Northern Beaches Women's Shelter for the following years are as follows:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 - 6 May 2024: \$63,469.76
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: \$60,664.05
 - (c) 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022: \$122,742.97
- (3) Funding that has been provided by the government to The Women's Resilience Centre for the following years are as follows:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024: \$25,000
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: \$25,000
 - (c) 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022: Nil
- (4) Funding that has been provided by the government to Women and Children First for the following years are as follows:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 - 6 May 2024: \$1,729,481
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: \$1,647,780
 - (c) 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022: \$1,668,782
- (5) Funding opportunities are available on the NSW Grant Funding Finder (URL - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>) platform and the National Community Grants Hub (URL - <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>). These platforms assist to locate and notify of any government initiatives, grants or funding programs that support local endeavours.
- (6)
 - Core and Cluster Tranche 3 Request for Tender opened on 23 October 2023 and closed on 31 January 2024.
 - Local Support Services - an initial open Expression of Interest (EOI), released on 15 January 2024, followed by a select Request for Tender (RFT), released on 13 March 2024. The RFT closed in April 2024.
 - [Family Domestic Sexual Violence, National Partnership Agreement](#) New Frontline Worker Initiative under which the Commonwealth has allocated \$48.837 million to NSW to recruit 148.4 new frontline DFSV workers across NSW. The limited tender for this package was open from 18 April to 16 May 2024.
- (7) Outcomes of the 2024-25 Budget will be known when it's handed down on 18 June.

* 2728 CAPITAL WORKS AND UPGRADES AT NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount spent on capital works or upgrades (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) at Narrabeen Sports High School between 1 July 2023 and 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?

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- (2) What is the exact dollar amount planned to be spent on capital works or upgrades (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) at Narrabeen Sports High School between 7 May 2024 and 30 June 2024?
- (3) Does the Government have any current plans to provide additional capital works or upgrade (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) funding to Narrabeen Sports High School in the 2024-25 Budget?
- (4) Does the Government or the Department of Education have any dollar amount recorded in internal documents identifying additional capital works or upgrades (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) funding to Narrabeen Sports High School in the forward estimates?
 - (a) If yes, what is the exact dollar amount the Government or Department of Education currently plans to allocate to capital works or upgrades (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) to Narrabeen Sports High School between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2028?

Answer—

Following years of delays and broken promises by the previous Liberal and National Government, the NSW Labor Government is delivering much-needed upgrades at Narrabeen Sports High School.

When the NSW Labor Government came to office, the department advised that no works had begun and no construction contracts had even been signed.

Project updates are made available on the department's website.

* 2729 NEW PRESCHOOL IN TERREY HILLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have any current plans to open a new preschool in Terrey Hills?
 - (a) If yes, when does the Government currently plan to provide funding for a preschool at Terrey Hills?
 - (b) Based on current plans, what month and year is it the new Terrey Hills preschool expected to open for operation?

Answer—

Sites for the 100 public preschools the Minns Labor Government is delivering were selected through a rigorous process with independent oversight. Details can be found on the Department of Education's website.

* 2730 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—

- (1) Does the Government currently plan to restore the \$340 million funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2024-25 Budget?
- (2) Does the Government currently plan to restore any funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2024-25 Budget? If yes, what is the exact dollar amount that will be restored?
- (3) Does the Government currently plan to restore the \$340 million funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2025-26 Budget?
- (4) Does the Government currently plan to restore any funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2025-26 Budget? If yes, what is the exact dollar amount that will be restored?

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- (5) Does the Government currently plan to restore the \$340 million funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2026-27 Budget?
- (6) Does the Government currently plan to restore any funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2026-27 Budget? If yes, what is the exact dollar amount that will be restored?
- (7) Does the Government currently plan to restore the \$340 million funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2027-28 Budget?
- (8) Does the Government currently plan to restore any funding for Mona Vale Road West in the 2027-28 Budget? If yes, what is the exact dollar amount that will be restored?
- (9) Given the answer 2125 printed in Questions & Answers Paper No. 41 regarding the Mona Vale Road West upgrade project being deferred for two years:
- (a) What is the currently planned deadline for the finalisation of the detailed design?
 - (b) What is the date by which the Government currently plans to put out the project to tender?
 - (c) What is the date by which the Government currently plans to commence substantive works on the project?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2024-25 budget will be released on 18 June, 2024.

- * 2731 FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING - NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL—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—

In relation to the \$31.1 million provided by the Government to Northern Beaches Council to conduct flood mitigation works on the Council's land adjacent to the Wakehurst Parkway:

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of this funding spent so far by Northern Beaches Council?
- (2) What exact month and year is the Northern Beaches Council contractually required to complete these flood mitigation works?
- (3) What exact date does the Government require this funding be spent by?
 - (a) Will unspent funds revert to the Government on this date?

Answer—

I am advised

Northern Beaches Council is progressing a flood improvement project along Wakehurst Parkway between Frenchs Forest Road and Pittwater Road. This project has a total funding commitment from the NSW Government of \$31.1 million. The \$31.1 million in funding includes \$13 million in new funding from the 2023-24 NSW State Budget.

Transport for NSW understands the overall project is in early development and the delivery will be dependent on individual stage review and assessment, along with community support.

At this stage, dates for the completion of works have not been determined.

- * 2732 NORTHERN SYDNEY ROAD REVIEW—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) On what month and year will the Northern Sydney Road Review be completed?

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- (2) On what month and year will the results of the Northern Sydney Road Review be published?
- (3) Does the Government have any current plans to allocated funding to 'pinch points' across the Northern Beaches Local Government Area?
- (4) Does the Government have any current plans to allocated funding to upgrade the intersection of Pittwater Road and the Wakehurst Parkway at Narrabeen?
 - (a) If yes, how much funding will be allocated?
 - (b) Will this funding be allocated in the 2024-25 Budget?
 - (i) If no, in which budget will the funding be allocated?
- (5) Does the Government have any current plans to allocated funding to upgrade the intersection of Pittwater Road and Mona Vale Road at Mona Vale?
 - (a) If yes, how much funding will be allocated?
 - (b) Will this funding be allocated in the 2024-25 Budget?
 - (i) If no, in which budget will the funding be allocated?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is carrying out an internal network review of the state's key road corridors, including Spit Road/Military Road/Pittwater Road, Pacific Highway (Gore Hill Freeway to Mona Vale Road), Penshurst Street / Willoughby Road, Eastern Valley Way and Warringah Road.

The review will focus on understanding the constraints that impact network performance and resilience at critical locations along the key corridors. The review also aims to identify short and medium term opportunities to better manage the network for movement of people and goods, public transport and active transport. Transport for NSW will return to Government with advice and seek further direction by late 2024.

There are no current plans to commit funding to upgrade the intersection of Pittwater Road and Wakehurst Parkway in North Narrabeen, or Pittwater Road and Mona Vale Road at Mona Vale.

The State Budget 2024-25 is set to be delivered on 18 June 2024.

* 2733 SCOTLAND ISLAND RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - NEW FIRE BOAT—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise if there are any current plans for the Government to hand over a new fire boat to the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade?
 - (a) If yes, what exact month and year will the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade receive this new fire boat?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Government expects to deliver a new boat to the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade this year as part of our fleet renewal plan. The timing of the delivery has been impacted by supplier delays.

* 2734 ENROLMENT CHANGES BETWEEN BARRENJOEY HIGH SCHOOL AND FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) The exact number of students enrolled at Barrenjoey High School in 2020 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2021 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (2) The exact number of students enrolled at Barrenjoey High School in 2021 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2022 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (3) The exact number of students enrolled at Barrenjoey High School in 2022 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2023 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (4) The exact number of students enrolled at Barrenjoey High School in 2023 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2024 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?

Answer—

Over the past 4 years, the number of Year 10 students who have departed Barrenjoey High School to attend the Northern Beaches Secondary College, Freshwater Senior Campus has ranged from 5 to 17.

- * 2735 ALFORDS POINT ROAD—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to Question 1514 –

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the designed that has been progressed for the central barrier along Alfords Point Road?
- (2) Is the project funded?
- (3) Are there any other plans to upgrade Alfords Point Road between Brushwood Drive and Menai Road?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has completed the detailed design for a central safety barrier along Alfords Point Road between Menai Road and Brushwood Drive, extending over 2.3 kilometres in length.

- * 2736 SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUESTS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister provide the number, by year for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, of requests to transfer to another school from:
 - (a) Lurnea High School?
 - (b) Moorebank High School?
 - (c) Liverpool Boys High School?
 - (d) Liverpool Girls High School?
 - (e) Menai High School?

Answer—

Transfer requests were received from each of the listed schools during the period of 2016-2023.

- * 2737 REPORTED CAR BREAK-INS AND THEFTS AT HOLSWORTHY TRAIN STATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many reported car break-ins were reported at Holsworthy train station carpark in:

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- (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017?
 - (c) 2018?
 - (d) 2019?
 - (e) 2020?
 - (f) 2021?
 - (g) 2022?
 - (h) 2023?
- (2) How many reported car thefts were reported for cars parked at Holsworthy train station carpark in:
- (a) 2016?
 - (b) 2017?
 - (c) 2018?
 - (d) 2019?
 - (e) 2020?
 - (f) 2021?
 - (g) 2022?
 - (h) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Police.

- * 2738 STATUS OF DROUGHT—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—

In 2020, the NSW Rural Assistance Authority deemed drought to be a weather event and no longer a natural disaster:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how this decision was determined?
- (a) If the decision is attributed to the previous Government, does the Minister intend to overturn the decision?
 - (a) If not, why?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government does not declare drought or exceptional circumstances. This is consistent with the current National Drought Agreements, which is an approach agreed and endorsed by all State and Territory Governments and the Australian Government since 2013.
- (a) See (1) above.
 - (b) See (1) above.

* 2739 STAFF EMPLOYED BY CROWN LANDS IN BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many staff are employed by Crown Lands in Broken Hill?
- (2) How many of these staff are present in the Broken Hill office from Monday to Friday?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is one ongoing permanent role employed by Crown Lands based in Broken Hill. The staff member in this role resigned effective 22 April 2024 and recruitment action to fill the role commenced on 6 May 2024. A staff member is undertaking the role while recruitment is finalised.
- (2) This role is based at the NSW Government Offices at Broken Hill and appointments can be arranged when required by customers via email and phone. The role covers an extremely large geographical area that includes the Broken Hill City area, Central Darling Shire and the Unincorporated Area of NSW.

* 2740 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS (GIPA) ACT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA):

- (1) Did your ministerial office receive correspondence from the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC), dated 8 April 2024, in relation to a GIPA application decision made by your ministerial office, that was reviewed by the IPC?
 - (a) If yes, does your office intend on actioning the recommendation of the IPC?
 - (i) If yes, when will your ministerial office respond to that recommendation?
 - (ii) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes
 - (a) Yes
 - (i) A new Notice of Decision was issued in May 2024.

* 2741 REGION 14 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the period:
 - (a) 15 March to 31 March 2024?
 - (b) 1 April to 14 April 2024?
 - (c) 15 April to 30 April 2024?
 - (d) 1 May to 14 May 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) For Region 14:
 - (a) During the period of 15 March 2024 to 31 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 660 trips cancelled. This equates to 2.7% of the 24,182 scheduled trips.

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- (b) During the period of 1 April 2024 to 14 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 101 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.5% of the 18,716 scheduled trips.
- (c) During the period of 15 April 2024 to 30 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 31 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.2% of the 18,923 scheduled trips.
- (d) During the period of 1 May 2024 to 14 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 114 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.6% of the 19,620 scheduled trips.

* 2742 NEW SYDNEY TRAINS TIMETABLE - T1 LINE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the new Sydney Trains timetable on the T1 North Shore and Western Line, can you rule out:
 - (a) Any service cuts?
 - (b) Any slower service times?

Answer—

I am advised

The new timetables are still being finalised and will be publicly available in the coming months.

* 2743 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES IN BRISBANE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brisbane in 2032:

- (1) What steps have been taken by the Government to help support the Queensland Government deliver the games?
 - (a) Will there be a whole-of-government approach by the Government?
- (2) Have there been any discussions or confirmation that New South Wales will host any Olympic or Paralympic events?
- (3) Will there be a strategy to ensure New South Wales receives a boost to the visitor economy from the Olympic and Paralympic Games?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government, through the Office of Sport has engaged in preliminary discussions with the Queensland Government.
 - (a) The NSW Government will work through the Office of Sport, Destination NSW and relevant agencies on any opportunities related to hosting 2032 Olympic and Paralympic events in NSW.
- (2) The NSW Government, through the Office of Sport, contributed to preliminary discussions with the Queensland Government in relation to opportunities to host Olympic and Paralympic events at Sydney 2000 legacy sites.
- (3) The NSW Government recognises the opportunities that the Olympic and Paralympic Games could present to the NSW visitor economy. I am advised that any strategy to leverage these opportunities will be developed closer to the event to ensure that NSW can benefit from these major international events taking place in its neighbour state.

- * 2744 CHANGE IN FUNDING ALLOCATION - SCHOOLS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the change in funding for the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) for schools in the Davidson Electorate between 2023 and 2024:

- (1) Can you please provide advice for school Parents and Citizens' Associations who have asked about the change in funding?

Answer—

As a result of decisions taken by former NSW Liberal Nationals Government, the public education system in NSW has experienced a chronic teacher shortage and declining student outcomes.

This year, the NSW Labor Government has delivered record funding for public schools, more than \$700 million higher than under the Liberals and Nationals.

As part of the NSW Labor Government's work to rebuild public education, we work with schools to ensure education funding prioritises teaching and learning.

- * 2745 NSW MINISTERIAL DIARY DISCLOSURES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the NSW Ministerial Diary disclosures and travel in which you disclose you met with "Ku-ring-gai Shire Council" on 29 February 2024:

- (1) Where did this meeting take place?
(2) Since April 2023, have you visited Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area?

Answer—

- (1) As is disclosed in the release of quarterly Ministerial diaries, I met with Ku-ring-gai Shire Council on 29 February 2024 in my ministerial office at 52 Martin Place, Sydney.
(2) Yes.

- * 2746 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS - LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COUNCILS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to local governments/councils that have a Transport Oriented Development(s) (TOD):

- (1) Did every single local government/council provide options to Planning NSW in relation to flexibility of commencement and/or local planning work?

Answer—

I am advised:

All councils but one made constructive suggestions about changes to the TOD SEPP in either their submission, subsequent correspondence or in meetings and workshops with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, that did not solely call for exclusion of all selected stations within their LGA.

Ku-ring-gai council was offered the opportunity to provide an alternative solution in a meeting with Minister Scully on 29 February 2024. On 7 March 2024, Council officers confirmed that councillors could not determine an alternative plan in the timeframe.

It is worth noting that the TOD SEPP is self-repealing. When a council undertakes local strategic planning and makes relevant amendments to their LEP, the TOD SEPP would no longer apply.

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* 2747 COMMUTER CARPARK LINDFIELD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to Transport for NSW requesting \$9.8 million be refunded by Ku-ring-gai Council in relation to commuter parking at Lindfield in November 2023 and given the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) commences in Lindfield in May 2024:

(1) Does Transport for NSW still request the refund of \$9.8 million?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes. Ku-ring-gai Council failed to meet deadlines within the project's 2021 funding deed, leading to termination of the deed. This funding was provided for construction of commuter car spaces, not additional residential parking.

At Lindfield, the Transport Oriented Development Program will deliver more housing within 400 metres of Lindfield train station. This will provide convenient and easy walking access to transport for residents. As such, the Transport Oriented Development at Lindfield does not increase the need for additional commuter parking at Lindfield train station.

* 2748 MEDICAL RESEARCH PORTFOLIO—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

What actions has your Government undertaken in the Medical Research portfolio since 28 March 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since elected in March 2023, the NSW Government has worked to support excellence in health and medical research in NSW and build research capability and infrastructure. Actions undertaken in the Medical Research portfolio since March 2023 include:

- Awarding more than \$32 million for research grants in advanced therapeutics, cardiovascular disease, medical devices, motor neuron disease and translational research.
- Establishment of critical medical research infrastructure, including the establishment of the Viral Vector Manufacturing Facility Pty Ltd, a pilot virtual biological registry, three rural/regional/remote clinical trial support units, and the roll out of the state-wide Clinical Trial Management System.
- Launched the next round of the Medical Research Support Program for 2024-2028.
- Undertaken sector wide stakeholder consultation to inform the future NSW Health Research and Innovation Strategy to be released in 2024-25.
- Supported phage therapy manufacturing.
- Direct support for medical research events.

* 2749 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM—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) With respect to Response given as to Question 1263 could the Special Minister of State provide an update as to the following matters:

- (a) Can you please provide an update as to when each application was submitted pursuant to the Local Small Commitment Allocation (LSCA) Program for each project within the Castle Hill Electorate?

- (b) Could you please provide an update as to the progress of the assessment for each projected within the Castle Hill Electorate?

Answer—

Election commitments were made across all electorates, to allocate \$400,000 for projects that cover a broad range of capital works, services and programs, events, supplies and equipment and charitable donations projects.

All projects nominated in the Castle Hill electorate have been approved, with the exception of one which was withdrawn by the applicant.

Successful projects will be listed on the LSCA Program website

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

- * 2750 HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL - LSCA—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) With respect to the LSCA Grant Funding of \$1,500.00 allocated to the Hornsby Shire Council for Playground and Park Upgrades please advise:

- (a) What is the status of the said amount of \$1,500.00 allocated to the Hornsby Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

This project is currently being assessed as part of the playground and park upgrade allocation for Hornsby Council to deliver in the electorate of Castle Hill.

- * 2751 DEDICATED UNDERQUOTING TEAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Is there a dedicated underquoting team within NSW Fair Trading?

- (a) If yes:
- (i) When was the team established?
 - (ii) How many staff are allocated to it?
 - (iii) What is its role?
 - (iv) What has it achieved?

Answer—

NSW Fair Trading has dedicated resources and enforcement tools to address a range of consumer affairs issues, including underquoting.

Information on complaints, investigations and actions taken by NSW Fair Trading is published in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

- * 2752 PREMIER'S LITERARY MULTICULTURAL AWARD PANEL CHAIR—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Is the current Panel Chair of the NSW Premier's Literary Multicultural Award, sponsored by Multicultural NSW, an impartial and suitable person to judge that award?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Questions about the NSW Premier's Literary Awards are a matter for the Minister for the Arts, the Hon. John Graham MLC.

- * 2753 OPPORTUNITY CLASSES AT ARTARMON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to opportunity classes (OC) at Artarmon Public School:

- (1) Does the government plan to reduce the number of OC places offered at the school?
- (2) How many places will be cut?
- (3) When will the cut commence?
- (4) What transitional arrangements, if any, will be implemented?
- (5) Was the school or its Parents & Carers consulted on prior to the announcement?
- (6) Will any student currently eligible for an OC place at the school need to move catchments to avoid missing out on a place?

Answer—

To improve access for students, the Department of Education is establishing OCs at nine additional primary schools across Sydney.

All schools that currently have an OC, including Artarmon Public School, will continue to offer them, while some will have a reduced intake. From 2025 there will be an additional OC located nearby Artarmon at Lindfield East Public School, where there is capacity to host the class. Further information is available on the department's website.

Opportunity Class placements are not based on where students live, and catchment areas do not apply to placements.

- * 2754 AMBULANCE STATION AT NAREMBURN—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 ambulance station at 14-16 Slade St, Naremburn:

- (1) Is this an active ambulance station?
 - (a) If yes:
 - (i) How many ambulances are based at the station?
 - (ii) How many ambulance staff are allocated to the station?
- (2) What are the plans for the site?
- (3) Are there any plans to dispose of the land or develop the site?
- (4) What was the expenditure on maintenance and capital works at the site in the previous and current financial years?

Answer—

I'm advised:

As part of the Sydney Ambulance Metropolitan Infrastructure Strategy (SAMIS) program, Naremburn Ambulance Station was made a Paramedic Response Point when the Artarmon Ambulance Station commenced operations in March 2018.

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

Paramedics are a mobile workforce. Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW. During periods of higher demand, NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

Naremburn Ambulance Station was constructed in 1973 (51 years ago) and continues to operate and maintain emergency ambulance response coverage in the area. NSW Health continues to assess the future use of the site against NSW Health and NSW Government priorities.

* 2755 LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

How many reportable lithium-ion battery fires have agencies received notification for in each of the past 5 years?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) has collected incident numbers for lithium-ion battery fires attended since January 2022. The number of incidents attended by FRNSW was:
 - 2022: 165
 - 2023: 272
 - 2024: 113 (January to April)
- The Rural Fire Service (RFS) has required central notification of incidents attended involving solar systems, domestic storage batteries and electric vehicles since September 2021. The number of incidents attended by RFS was:
 - 2021: 3
 - 2022: 1
 - 2023: 5
 - 2024: 4 (as at 8 May)

* 2756 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OVER THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY—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 there any plans to improve the crossing over the Pacific Highway near Victoria Avenue to enhance the safety of students travelling to and from Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School?
- (2) Is the government considering funding upgrades or a replacement to the existing Willoughby Council pedestrian bridge over the Pacific Highway that is approaching its end of life?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The intersection of Pacific Highway and Victoria Avenue has pedestrian legs on all three approaches with pedestrian protection in place through the traffic signals.

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Transport for NSW has recently nominated this intersection for future funding under the Safer Roads Program for pedestrian safety improvements including provision of a missing kerb ramp. These works are prioritised for limited funding on a state-wide priority basis. The scope of the project does not include the overhead bridge.

- (2) This is a matter for Council as the bridge is a Willoughby City Council asset.

* 2757 LAND CLAIMS UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to land claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW):

- (1) Is the register of land claims maintained by the Office of the Register, Aboriginal Land Rights Act publicly available and searchable?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the Minister have any plans to increase the transparency of the register and of land claims made in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Under section 166 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), the Registrar is required to maintain a register of Aboriginal Land Claims. Section 169 of the ALRA allows for regulations to make provision for public inspection of the Register of Aboriginal Land Claims. No regulations have been made for this purpose in the 40 year history of the ALRA.

In 2021, the NSW Government undertook a Statutory Review of the ALRA and did not receive any submissions related to the Register of Aboriginal Land Claims.

* 2758 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - CROWS NEST ACCELERATED PRECINCT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Transport Oriented Development Program, Crows Nest accelerated precinct:

- (1) When will the plans for the Crows Nest precinct be released?
- (2) Will the plans be placed on public exhibition for consultation?
- (3) Will heritage areas in Naremburn or Crows Nest within 1200m of Crows Nest station be subject to any zoning uplift or changes to planning controls?
- (4) Are there any plans to add new residential zones or amend minimum non-residential floor space ratios within the precinct?
- (5) How much of the \$520 million funding for community infrastructure in Transport Oriented Development accelerated precincts will be allocated to Crows Nest?
 - (a) How will the funds be allocated?
 - (b) Will funding include projects identified as priorities under the St Leonards and Crows Nest Special Infrastructure Contribution?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-2) The plans for the Crows Nest accelerated precinct are proposed be made available for public exhibition this year.

- (3) There are no amendments proposed to existing heritage conservation areas in Naremburn or Crows Nest within 1,200m of the Crows Nest Station.
- (4) The primary purpose of the Crows Nest TOD is to review and implement the St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan. The review does consider zoning and all floor space ratios in the implementation of the plan. All changes will be exhibited for public consultation.
- (5) Housing and Productivity Contributions are held in the Housing and Productivity Fund, which is administered by NSW Treasury. Revenue from the Fund will be allocated using a robust and transparent governance framework, which is currently being refined in consultation with NSW Treasury.

The NSW Government committed that infrastructure previously identified in Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) and draft published SICs will be considered for funding through Housing and Productivity Contributions. This includes the infrastructure identified in the previous St Leonards and Crows Nest SIC.

* 2759 DISPLAY OF NEW ZEALAND FLAG ON ANZAC DAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Premier—

- (1) Is the flag of New Zealand flown from the Sydney Harbour Bridge on ANZAC Day?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is one of the existing flagpoles on the Sydney Harbour Bridge available to mark special occasions?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2022 the then NSW Government, with the then Opposition's support, committed to permanently flying the Australian National Flag and the Australian Aboriginal Flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The previous Government scrapped a proposal to install a third flagpole on the Bridge given that the installation had been costed at \$25 million. The Government supports that decision.

The Anzac Bridge in Sydney honours the memory of soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and flies the Australian and New Zealand flags all year around.

Flags to recognise significant occasions may be flown at appropriate alternate venues in line with state and national flag protocols.

* 2760 CONSOLIDATION OF PROJECTS - HOUSING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What efforts are made by your Department to consolidate multiple service and maintenance works into a single project to reduce the inconvenience or unavoidable out of home time of social housing residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW makes every effort to schedule works for completion as fast and efficiently as possible while allowing tenants to stay in their homes. If major works are required or the works pose a risk to residents, Homes NSW provides on-site facilities or offers residents temporary accommodation until the works are completed. Alternatively, tenants may stay with friends or relatives during that time if they prefer.

Homes NSW is preparing for significant maintenance reform. A new maintenance system will be introduced from 1 July 2024 and maintenance requests will be managed in-house. Homes NSW staff will

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be working in the field to respond to maintenance requests. They will determine the works required and engage with contractors to expedite repairs, reducing delivery timeframes and minimising the time our tenants may need to stay away from their homes. Strict timeframes are also being set for Homes NSW delivery partners to ensure works are completed on time and to the expected quality standard.

After 12 years of the Liberals and Nationals we have been left with a maintenance system crumbling. Chronic outsourcing and privatisation has seen wait times balloon, service and support deteriorate.

Stories that it can take up to 12 months to get a leaky tap fixed are common. Many properties are riddled with mould, many just left vacant ready to be sold. In 2016 the coalition began significantly outsourcing our public housing maintenance -like completely contracting out the housing call centre and almost every single aspect of maintenance. Outsourcing to companies has resulted in slow and poor-quality work, contributing to the backlog and deteriorating conditions of public housing.

This is why we are taking strong action. In-house maintenance will provide better support and better service to tenants.

- * 2761 GAMBLEAWARE TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to the NSW GambleAware television advertisements that identify the harm to young people caused by gambling features within video games:

- (1) What plans does the Government have to reduce the incidence of gambling features within video games?
- (2) When will these plans be implemented?
- (3) Does the definition of 'video game' in these advertisements include in-game ads on mobile phone apps?

Answer—

I am advised that Simulated gaming is largely the responsibility of the Australian Government. In September 2023, the Australian, State and Territory Governments agreed to update the Guidelines for the Classification of Computer Games. The mandatory minimum classification for computer games that contain simulated gambling will become 'R18+', and for computer games containing in-game purchases linked to elements of chance it will become 'Mature', from September 2024. The update will make computer games with gambling-like features less accessible to children and young people.

The references to video games in the GambleAware television advertisements are based on the findings of the NSW Youth Gambling Study 2020 (the Study), commissioned by the NSW Responsible Gambling Fund.

The Study report is published on the GambleAware website:

<https://www.gambleaware.nsw.gov.au/resources-and-education/check-out-our-research/published-research>

- * 2762 TRANSPORT CONNECT ACCOUNTS - PARK&RIDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Why don't Park&Ride locations allow users who tap on with their credit/debit card, then exit the carpark using that same credit/debit card, benefit from the 18 hours of free parking unless they have an active 'Transport Connect' account?
- (2) Are there any plans to address this anomaly?
- (3) What utility does Transport Connect provide:
 - (a) The customer?

(b) The Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Opal data cannot be stored on third party credit or debit cards. Customers who prefer to use a credit or debit card to pay for public transport and benefit from Opal travel rewards can sign up to Transport Connect. Customers who do not wish to sign up for a Transport Connect account can use a non-registered Opal card which will provide the same benefits.
- (2) The system is designed to ensure all customers can enjoy free Park&Ride parking, including those who use a credit or debit card to travel on public transport.
- (3) Transport Connect is a central hub that gives users access to travel rewards and allows them to view contactless payment activity. It allows all customers to benefit from free Park&Ride parking and continue their journey on public transport, no matter which card they use to travel.

* 2763 STRATA SCHEMES MANAGEMENT ACT REFORM—Mr Jordan Lane 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) Does the Government have any plans to reform the Strata Schemes Management Act?
 - (a) If so, what areas of the Act is the Government seeking to reform?
 - (b) What consultation has/will take place with relevant stakeholders?
 - (c) When does the Government anticipate being able to announce the details of these reforms?

Answer—

The Statutory Review of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 and Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 ('the Report') was tabled in Parliament in November 2021. The previous government did not introduce legislation to implement the recommendations of the Report.

The NSW Labor Government has implemented 31 recommendations of the Report in the Strata Legislation Amendment Act 2023. The Government has been clear in its intention to modernise strata laws to ensure that they are fit for purpose, with further legislation being developed.

* 2764 RELOCATING OPPORTUNITY CLASSES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to move Opportunity Classes from schools that are over capacity into schools that are under capacity?
- (2) How many general admission spaces could such a proposal free up in public schools that are presently over capacity?

Answer—

New opportunity classes are being established in some schools with existing capacity, including capacity to accept sibling enrolments of OC students. Details of the changes can be found on the Department of Education's website.

NSW public schools accept all children in their catchment area.

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- * 2765 CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS ACCESSING NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to concession card holders accessing National Parks:

- (1) What differences exist between the requirements for a seniors card holder and a pension card holder?
- (2) Do seniors card holders have to nominate specific vehicle registered in their name at their address?
 - (a) Why or why not?
- (3) Do pension card holders have to nominate a specific vehicle registered in their name at their address?
 - (a) Why or why not?
- (4) Is there a disparity between seniors cards and pension cards when accessing National Parks concession passes?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, are there any plans to remove this disparity, to allow seniors the same flexibility as pensioners to travel to National Parks in another vehicle, not necessarily one registered in their name, at their address?
- (5) How many people currently access the seniors concession, compared to those accessing the pension concession?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment and Minister for Heritage.

- * 2766 BUS TASKFORCE MEETING - RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Will there be a bus taskforce meeting held in the Ryde electorate?
 - (a) If so, when and where?

Answer—

I am advised

From June 2023 to March 2024, the Bus Industry Taskforce held a series of bus passenger forums across the state to hear from the community first-hand what they want to get from their bus services. The forums provided a much-needed opportunity for the public to have their say.

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Dr Marjorie O'Neill, chaired the forums. Members of the public and representatives from community groups, local businesses and non-government organisations were invited to have their say.

The Ryde electorate is within Region 7 Greater Sydney Bus Contracts. Two forums were held in Region 7 at Epping and Chatswood.

Across NSW people were also able to provide their feedback online or make a submission via the NSW Government Have Your Say site from June 2023 to March 2024.

The public consultation period closed on 31 March 2024.

Feedback from the community and key stakeholders has helped the Taskforce to develop its recommendations to Government on how we can improve the reliability and quality of bus services across

NSW. All feedback will be summarised in a consultation outcomes report, which will be published with the Taskforce's final report which is due to be submitted in May 2024.

* 2767 TG MILLNER PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Was the Office of Local Government informed of any pre-election commitments made by the Government in relation to the TG Millner playing fields in Marsfield, at any time in the last 14 months?

Answer—

I am advised that the role of the Office of Local Government (OLG), within the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI), is to provide advice to the Minister for Local Government on whether a proposal for compulsory acquisition by a council has followed the appropriate processes and whether there is unlikely to be a risk to the council in meeting its statutory obligations under the Local Government Act 1993.

In the case of TG Millner Field, the OLG provided advice to the Minister on the risks to Council's finances given it had not identified a funding stream or had a realistic valuation for the acquisition of the land and recommended that approval to issue a public acquisition notice be refused.

* 2768 CRITERIA FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

What (if any) physical safety and discretion criteria are considered by your Department when deeming a premises suitable for emergency housing for people escaping Domestic Violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW inspects temporary accommodation facilities. These inspections consider the condition, amenity, and appropriateness of a facility for different client groups. Where Homes NSW considers a facility may be appropriate for women and children, NSW Police and domestic violence services are consulted before the facility is made available to them.

* 2769 REAL-TIME TAGGED SHARK LISTENING STATIONS—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—

Does the Government plan to install any more real-time tagged shark listening stations along the New South Wales coastline?

Answer—

The NSW Government's Shark Management Program 2022-2026 currently includes 37 tagged shark listening stations, with at least one in every coastal LGA, including the one at Kingscliff in Tweed Shire.

Any future changes to the Shark Management Program, including any changes to the number and location of existing tagged shark listening stations, will need to be evidence-based and ensure that residents and visitors can continue to enjoy our beautiful beaches across New South Wales.

* 2770 DREDGING OF CUDGEN CREEK AT KINGSCLIFF—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

What plans, if any, does the Government have to dredge Cudgen Creek at Kingscliff?

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Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

- * 2771 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT OPERATORS - TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Does the Government have plans for Community Transport operators in the Tweed electorate to receive additional funding to meet the increased demand for assistance anticipated once the Tweed Valley Hospital opens and The Tweed Hospital closes on May 14 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

No changes have been made to the 2023-24 financial year funding for Community Transport Providers.

To cater for the expected increase in demand when the new Tweed Valley Hospital opens, the NSW Government announced the rollout of more bus services in the Tweed region from 6 May 2024.

- * 2772 GRADUATING HEALTH CARE STUDENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Of the 2,030 new and graduating healthcare students awarded health worker study subsidies in April, how many of these students reside within the Tweed Electorate (or Tweed Shire if data is not held by Electorate)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate or local government area.

- * 2773 HART MOTORCYCLE LICENCE TRAINING AND TESTING SCHEME TRAINING CENTRE AT ST IVES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

(1) Can you please advise why HART NSW was not awarded a contract renewal for the Motorcycle Licence Training and Testing Scheme (MLTTS) training centre in St Ives?

(a) Have they been advised why they were not successful?

(2) Has a contract been awarded to any other service provider to operate a MLTTS training centre at the St Ives site?

(3) Given the efforts from HART NSW to address the feedback provided by Transport for NSW, is there an avenue for HART NSW to secure a contract renewal to operate the MLTTS training centre in St Ives?

(4) If the St Ives MLTTS training centre is no longer in operation, are there any plans to have another MLTTS site in the north-east quarter of Sydney?

(5) What are the future plans for the St Ives MLTTS site?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Information relating to tender responses and tender considerations are commercial in confidence and cannot be released. Publicly available information in relation to this tender is published on the eTendering website

(<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.SON.view&SONUUID=7F750FF1-F2EE-9069-A5D6A155E3FFF83B>).

In accordance with the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework unsuccessful proponents were offered feedback following the tender process. Transport for NSW met with representatives of HART on 27 July 2023 to provide a 'debrief' of their submission. The debrief included:

- Explanation of the:
 - Procurement and evaluation process
 - Number of tenders received
 - The evaluation process
 - The composition of the Tender Evaluation Committee.
- Explanation of why the tender was not successful
- Constructive feedback including areas that met, or failed to meet, the evaluation criteria.

The representatives took the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions in relation to the procurement process and their tender submission.

- (2) Motorcycle Licence Training and Testing Scheme (rider training) providers are contracted by Transport for NSW following an open market tender process. Transport for NSW does not set locations from which a successful proponent must deliver the rider training program. Proponents tender submissions for those sites that are suitable and sustainable for them to deliver the program.

In June and July 2023, new rider training agreements were executed with three rider training providers to deliver rider training across 20 locations, providing coverage for 90 per cent of the NSW population. Relevant information in relation to this is publicly available on the eTendering website

(<https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.SON.view&SONUUID=7F750FF1-F2EE-9069-A5D6A155E3FFF83B>).

Transport for NSW will keep customers informed of any change to rider training locations on the NSW Government website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/rider-licences/training-centres>).

- (3) If the NSW Government goes to an open tender, it will be published on the NSW Government website (<https://suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au/opportunity/search?types=Tenders>) where you can also register to be notified of the tender.
- (4) Transport for NSW has a responsibility to ensure accessibility of Motorcycle Licence Training and Testing Scheme (rider training) services in NSW. There are currently three rider training providers, contracted by Transport for NSW, that deliver rider training across 24 locations, providing coverage for 90 per cent of the NSW population.

There are currently nine locations within a reasonable distance of the north-east quarter of Sydney. This includes six locations within a 50 kilometre radius of St Ives.

Transport for NSW will keep customers informed of any change to rider training locations on the NSW Government website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/rider-licences/training-centres>).

- (5) Any information pertaining to a change of an active Transport contract is commercial in confidence so cannot be disclosed. Transport for NSW will keep customers informed of any change to rider

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training locations on the NSW Government website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/rider-licences/training-centres>).

* 2774 TURNING TIMES FROM FOREST WAY INTO WARRINGAH ROAD, FRENCHS FOREST—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) In relation to the southbound lane turning right from Forest Way onto Warringah Road, does Transport for NSW have data on peak and non-peak hour traffic wait times?
 - (a) If so, how often is this data collected?
 - (b) If so, when was the most recent data collected?
 - (c) If so, what was the average wait time during weekday peak hours?
 - (d) If so, what was the average wait time during other times?
 - (e) What was the weekday peak hour wait time prior to grade separation?
 - (f) What was the average wait time prior to the grade separation?
- (2) For intersections across NSW equivalent to the Forest Way and Warringah Road intersection, is there any standard for acceptable traffic wait times?
 - (a) If so, what are they and how does the southbound lane turning right from Forest Way onto Warringah Road compare?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The average wait time for the southbound lane turning right from Forest Way into Warringah Road is not currently monitored. With the cancellation of Beaches Link, Transport for NSW is carrying out a network review of key road corridors across NSW. This will be done to ensure these key road corridors align with the NSW Government strategies to cater for forecasted growth in Sydney's Lower North Shore and the Northern Beaches. Congestion along Warringah Road and key intersections, including Forest Way, will be considered as part of the strategic review.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not routinely collect data on delay times specific to intersections. Transport for NSW does have approximate traffic volumes and traffic signalling data which are collected through the Sydney Coordinated and Adaptive Traffic system.

* 2775 RELEASE OF EPA CLIMATE CHANGE GUIDANCE AND POLICIES—Mr Michael Regan 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) When was the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) due to release the 'climate change guidance and policies to support the EPA's input into the planning process' as per Action 5c of the NSW EPA Climate Change Action Plan 2023-26?
- (2) Has the 'climate change guidance and policies to support the EPA's input into the planning process' as per Action 5c of the NSW EPA Climate Change Action Plan 2023-26, been released?
 - (a) If not, when will this commitment be fulfilled and in what form?

Answer—

- (1) 'Climate change guidance and policies to support the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) input into the planning process' refers to a suite of documents. Guides and policies are being developed and released progressively.

The EPA released its draft Climate Change Assessment Requirements for large greenhouse gas emitting proposals and a supporting Greenhouse Gas Assessment Guide for large emitters on 20 May 2024.

Assessment requirements and a supporting guide for lower greenhouse gas emitting proposals will be released by early 2025. Related assessment requirements and guidance regarding climate change adaptation will be released in 2025.

- (2) Yes. The EPA released its draft Climate Change Assessment Requirements for large greenhouse gas emitting proposals and a supporting guide on 20 May 2024. It is open for public consultation until 5pm 1 July 2024.

* 2776 REGION SIX - SYDNEY METROPOLITAN BUS CONTRACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Sydney metropolitan bus contract for region six:

- (1) What requirements are in place for the service operator to create and maintain a daily record of missed stops on each route?
- (2) If there is any such requirement:
- (a) In what manner is it being fulfilled?
 - (b) What reasons for missing a stop are captured and recorded?
 - (c) What processes are in place to ensure the information is being accurately captured and recorded?
 - (d) Where are the records kept?
 - (e) Are the records published and available for public viewing?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The operator, Transit Systems, is required to log cancelled services in Transport for NSW's Public Transport Information and Priority System. This provides a daily log of missed trips and will also provide passengers with live updates on transport information apps (e.g. Trip Planner or TripView) of any cancelled trips.

- (2) (a) The operator is fulfilling its obligation by registering cancelled trips at the start of each day where driver absences are known and where overtime arrangements are unavailable.

The operator also updates the Public Transport Information and Priority System in real time to reflect any sudden operational impacts such as mechanical failures or accidents leading to a service cancellation.

- (b) There are various reasons for missing a stop, these include but are not limited to: late running, breakdowns, accidents, passenger incident, staff absent and trip untracked issues.

- (c - d) The Public Transport Information and Priority System is deemed to be the source of information for all live operational data. Any tracking issues with Public Transport Information and Priority System are captured and recorded as untracked by the operators, who then log and report Bus Driver Console tracking issues for repair. The operator's levels of service cancellations are additionally monitored as part of its KPI performance.

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- (e) The Public Transport Information and Priority System records are not specifically published or made available for public viewing due to the sensitivity of the information. Information about the Operator On Time service delivery is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website at [Bus performance reports](#) | [Transport for NSW](#)

* 2777 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—

In relation to the proposed wind farm in Oberon:

- (1) How many wind turbine related fires have occurred in New South Wales since their creation?
- (2) What potential fire danger is there for surrounding state forest, farmers and residents if the proposed Oberon Wind Farm was to go ahead?
- (3) Who is responsible for the risk of economic and environmental damage if a wind turbine caused a bushfire in one of our State Forests?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) records show it has responded to two wind turbine fires, in 2015 and 2023.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning.
- (3) This question should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture and has been answered under QoN LA 2471.

* 2778 PROPOSED WIND FARM IN OBERON—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the proposed wind farm in Oberon:

- (1) How many wind turbine related fires have occurred in New South Wales since their creation?
- (2) What potential fire danger is there for surrounding state forest, farmers and residents if the proposed Oberon Wind Farm was to go ahead?
- (3) Who is responsible for the risk of economic and environmental damage if a wind turbine caused a bushfire in one of our State Forests?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There have been two fires relating to wind farms in NSW—neither occurred in or near Oberon.
- (2) The Paling Yards Wind Farm, located about 40 km south of Oberon, is not near or adjacent to a State Forest. Any natural hazard or risk associated with the project which may impact nearby farmers and residents, including fire danger, must be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS must identify measures to prevent a fire occurring within the site from developing into a bushfire and to demonstrate compliance with relevant guidelines.
- (3) The Department consults NSW Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue NSW when assessing wind farm projects. Wind farm projects, if approved, are required to prepare and implement a bushfire management plan that includes emergency procedures and response strategies in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue NSW and to be consistent with NSW RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (or equivalent). Where approved, wind farm projects would also be required to provide a water supply tank for firefighting purposes and establish an appropriate asset protection zone (APZ) around wind farm infrastructure. With these measures the Department

would consider that the bushfire risks can be suitably controlled through the implementation of appropriate fire management measures and procedures.

* 2779 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In relation to Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLO).
 - (a) How many DVLOs are there across the state?
 - (b) What is the position description of a DVLO?
 - (c) At what stations are the DVLOs currently located and can you please provide a list?
 - (d) What stations currently do not have a DVLO and can you please provide a list?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) In July 2020, as part of the review of NSW Police Force's (NSWPF) Crime Prevention Units at Police Area Commands (PACs) and Police Districts (PDs), the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) position was renamed as Domestic Violence Officer (DVO).

As at 5 May 2024, there are 120 DVOs in PACs/PDs and a further 10 DVOs located in the Domestic and Family Violence Registry.
 - (b) The primary purpose of the DVO is to provide support and guidance to PACs/PDs in their response to domestic violence. They are a vital support to victims of domestic and family violence and other members in the community.

The key accountabilities of DVOs are to:
 - Develop and implement options and solutions to combat local domestic violence trends and issues. This includes working in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders, including all members of the Crime Prevention Unit;
 - Ensure the needs of all members of the community are taken into consideration when developing strategies to engage and implement crime prevention initiatives and diversion strategies, taking into consideration vulnerability - including people with culturally and linguistically diverse background, First Nations People, people with mental health and people with a disability;
 - Conduct dip-sampling of NSWPF's Computerised Aided Dispatch incidents, WebCOPs events, cases and information reports regarding domestic violence matters to ensure compliance.
 - Maintain an awareness of contemporary NSWPF's Domestic Violence policy and procedures;
 - Ensure victims and children of domestic and family violence are referred to appropriate community support services;
 - Facilitate the court process, consulting with Prosecutor, provide information and support to victims, liaise with external support agencies and communicate with the defendant and/or their legal representative.
 - Monitor Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs) and the Court Notice System to ensure timely service and management of ADVOs; and identify high risk and repeat family and domestic violence offenders and victims and ensure appropriate proactive strategies are utilised to reduce the identified risk, including, but not limited

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to Domestic Violence Suspect Target Management Plan, Apprehended Violence Order and Bail compliance checks.

- (c) The table below shows the number of DVOs in PACs and PDs across the state as at 5 May 2024:

Region	PAC/PD	DVOs
Central Metropolitan Region	Eastern Beaches PAC	3
Central Metropolitan Region	Eastern Suburbs PAC	2
Central Metropolitan Region	Inner West PAC	3
Central Metropolitan Region	Kings Cross PAC	1
Central Metropolitan Region	Leichhardt PAC	1
Central Metropolitan Region	South Sydney PAC	2
Central Metropolitan Region	St George PAC	4
Central Metropolitan Region	Surry Hills PAC	1
Central Metropolitan Region	Sutherland Shire PAC	4
Central Metropolitan Region	Sydney City PAC	1
North West Metropolitan Region	Blacktown PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	Blue Mountains PAC	1
North West Metropolitan Region	Hawkesbury PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	Kuring Gai PAC	1
North West Metropolitan Region	Mt Druit PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	Nepean PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	North Shore PAC Northern	1
North West Metropolitan Region	Beaches PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	Parramatta PAC	2
North West Metropolitan Region	Riverstone PAC	1
North West Metropolitan Region	Ryde PAC	1
North West Metropolitan Region	The Hills PAC	1
Northern Region	Brisbane Water PD	0
Northern Region	Coffs/Clarence PD	4
Northern Region	Hunter Valley PD	2
Northern Region	Lake Macquarie PD	2
Northern Region	Mannino/Great Lakes PD	1
Northern Region	Mid North Coast PD	1
Northern Region	Newcastle City PD	2
Northern Region	Port Stephens-Hunter PD	2
Northern Region	Richmond PD	1
Northern Region	Tuggerah Lakes PD	2
Northern Region	Tweed Byron PD	1
South West Metropolitan Region	Auburn PAC	2
South West Metropolitan Region	Bankstown PAC	1
South West Metropolitan Region	Burwood PAC	2
South West Metropolitan Region	Camden PAC	4
South West Metropolitan Region	Campbelltown City PAC	6
South West Metropolitan Region	Campsie PAC	3
South West Metropolitan Region	Cumberland PAC	2
South West Metropolitan Region	Fairfield City PAC	3
South West Metropolitan Region	Liverpool City PAC	4
Southern Region	Lake Illawarra PD	2

Southern Region	Monaro PD	1
Southern Region	Murray River PD	2
Southern Region	Murrumbidgee PD	2
Southern Region	Riverina PD	3
Southern Region	South Coast PD	5
Southern Region	The Hume PD	4
Southern Region	Wollongong PD	2
Western Region	Barrier PD	2
Western Region	Central North PD	2
Western Region	Central West PD	2
Western Region	Chifley PD	3
Western Region	New England PD	1
Western Region	Orana Mid Western PD	3
Western Region	Oxley PD	1
	TOTAL	120

Note: DVOs are attached to PACs and PDs, not individual police stations. This allocation is based on local needs, risk and patterns of crime. The Brisbane Water PD DVO position is currently vacant however Brisbane Water PD has two Domestic Violence Operative positions and both of these are currently permanently occupied.

- (d) DVOs are attached to PACs and PDs, not individual police stations. The number of police deployed to enhance the specialist response to domestic and family violence can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends, operational intelligence and where they are needed most to keep NSW community safe.

* 2780 GRANTS FOR REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to Grant Programs for Regional NSW:

- (1) What grant programs does the Government have plans to provide to support prosperity, businesses, and communities across regional New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government is supporting regional New South Wales with investment in essential services and infrastructure, and improved service delivery.

Information about NSW grants and funding programs is publicly available at www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding

Questions on specific regional grant programs should be directed to the relevant minister.

* 2781 WASTE AND SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS STRATEGY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government plan to fund the delivery of priority infrastructure as outlined in the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy?
- (2) Does the Government plan to support a state-wide Food Organics and Garden Organics implementation?
- (3) Will the Government expand greater Sydney landfill airspace capacity beyond expected 2034 expiry?

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- (a) If so, when?
- (4) What regulatory framework is supporting investment in the circular economy?
- (5) What funding is supporting investment in the circular economy?
- (6) How is the Government working with the Commonwealth Government to introduce producer responsibility schemes?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The EPA is developing a NSW Waste Infrastructure Plan in consultation with stakeholders from local government and industry. The Plan will provide data and information to help guide decision-making and investment and will inform advice to Government on actions that could be taken to address residual infrastructure needs.
- (4) The regulatory frameworks supporting investment in a circular economy in NSW, include the waste levy and the Resource Recovery Framework.

The Resource Recovery Framework, administered under the Protection of the Environment (Waste) Regulation 2014, is the policy, regulatory and compliance framework to facilitate beneficial resource recovery and circular economy outcomes in NSW by allowing some wastes to be beneficially and safely re-used.
- (5) The Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy was released in 2021 along with an investment of \$365 million over five years to fund its initiatives and programs. This included \$24 million for strategic waste and circular economy infrastructure. In November 2023, Australia's Environment Ministers agreed to a framework that will accelerate product stewardship by better coordinating work across governments. NSW is leading on solvents and contributing to the development of other product stewardship schemes including batteries (led by Queensland), and tyres (led by Western Australia). The Australian Government is leading on national packaging reforms.

* 2782 COVID DEBT RECOVERY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to COVID Debt Recovery:

- (1) How many small businesses have been sent notices of review of their 2021 COVID-19 Micro-business Grant?
- (2) What quality assurance has been applied to ensure that the debt recovery notices are accurate?
- (3) How many debt recovery notices have been overturned?
- (4) How many debt recovery notices have been issued/ or how many small businesses have been required to repay the funds provided?
 - (a) Through JobSaver? or
 - (b) The Micro-Business grants?
- (5) How many requests for review have been received from businesses or business groups that have been asked to repay, separately, JobSaver and Micro-Business grant money?
- (6) What is the process for review?
- (7) If the small business wasn't eligible for JobSaver, was it then retrospectively assessed and deemed eligible for the Micro Business grant?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- (8) What assistance is available for those businesses that would have been eligible for Micro-Business grants and have instead been issued a demand to repay JobSaver money?
- (9) What policies are currently in place to support small business that are on the brink of closing?
- (10) What policies in place to support small business who may be significantly affected financially after COVID-19 assistance payments are recovered?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

* 2783 OVERPAID LAND TAX AND COUNCIL RATES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Is there any recourse available to land holders who have overpaid on land tax and council rates due to incorrect land value assessments, including multiple previous years?
 - (a) If not, does the Government have plans to provide recourse to these land holders?
 - (i) If so, what are these plans?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to question on notice no. 2784.

* 2784 OVERPAID LAND TAX AND COUNCIL RATES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is there any recourse available to land holders who have overpaid on land tax and council rates due to incorrect land value assessments, including multiple previous years?
 - (a) If not, does the Government have plans to provide recourse to these land holders?
 - (i) If so, what are these plans?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised –

The NSW Valuer General is responsible for the valuation of Land in NSW.

Land holders who are dissatisfied with the land value recorded on their land tax assessment can lodge an objection with the NSW Valuer General to have their land value reviewed.

If the land value of the property is reduced by the NSW Valuer General because of a land value objection, Revenue NSW will issue a revised land tax notice of assessment and a refund if applicable. When a land value objection results in a refund of land tax, the Chief Commissioner is to pay interest to the landholder.

The NSW Valuer General may also re-ascertain land values on their own accord, resulting in a revised land tax notice of assessment and a refund where applicable.

Questions relating to land valuations are best directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

In order to levy a rate on a landowner, a Council must specify the rates and charges in a notice. Similarly, to change the amount of rates collected by a council, an adjustment notice is required to be served. The decision to adjust a rate notice is a matter for a council to determine, but a ratepayer does have the power

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to appeal against a proposed rate in the Land and Environment Court (see section 57 4 of the Local Government Act).

This answer provides general advice on the payment of rates, but individual circumstances about the entitlement of a ratepayer to recover a proportion of rates levied by a council under the Local Government Act 1993 are a private matter between the individual ratepayer and the council. Whether or not rates have been properly levied under the Act is ultimately a matter for the Courts.

* 2785 CHANGES TO TRAINS AND SAFETY AT STATIONS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Have New South Wales Train announcements been altered to replace the words, “alight” with “get off”, “terminates” with “ends”, and “additional” with “extra”?
 - (a) If so, can you please advise why such a change was made?
 - (b) If so, can you please advise how many complaints were received by Transport for NSW regarding the linguistic complexity of its announcements in the 12 months prior to the change?
 - (c) If so, can you please provide all if any focus group, research or survey data used in justifying this change?
 - (i) Can you please provide the cost of attaining of this data?
 - (d) Can you please provide all relevant contractual details used in the procurement of this data?
 - (e) Are there any plans to replace the word “customers” with “passengers” in Transport for announcements?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does an escalator that is stationary effectively functions as a set of stairs?
 - (a) If so, can you please advise why broken down escalators at New South Wales railway stations not under immediate repair are blocked off by barriers, forcing congestion and inconvenience to passengers, especially at Metro Stations such as Macquarie University and Macquarie Park which do not have stairs available?
 - (b) What factors disallow a stationary escalator from being used as a staircase until reparations begin?
 - (c) Have any incidents of injury been recorded by Transport for NSW relating to stationary escalators?
 - (d) Can you please advise the incidence of escalator break down over the last 12 months at Metro Stations, with data organised by Metro Station?
 - (i) Can you please include: the number of incidents, the average time of outage, the average time between an outage being reported and technicians arriving on scene, and the average percentage of time per outage where the escalator was not being repaired, and could have been utilised as a set of stairs?
- (3) Are black, corflute, prism-shaped signs that read ‘We take your safety seriously’ being used at Central Station?
 - (a) If so, why are these signs that provide common sense information necessary?
 - (b) Do the signs clutter the walkways and foot-traffic areas of Central Station?
 - (c) Do these signs present tripping hazards especially during busy times?
 - (d) How many complaints has Transport for NSW received about these signs?

- (e) Can you please provide all if any focus group, research or survey data used in justifying these signs?
 - (i) Can you please provide the cost for the attaining of this data?
 - (ii) Can you please provide all relevant contractual details used in the procurement of this data?
- (f) Are signs indicating that a citizen should not take a mobility scooter, wheelchair or shopping trolley on a step escalator necessary?
 - (i) How would someone logistically take any of these items onto a step escalator?
 - (ii) Have any incidents of injury been recorded by Transport for NSW relating to someone taking a mobility scooter, wheelchair or shopping trolley on an escalator that justify the signage?
- (g) How many of these signs are there in total in the Central Station precinct?
 - (i) Are there any plans to reduce or increase the number of signs?
 - (ii) Are there any plans to expand the signs to other railway stations?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

- (a) Yes, changes were made in 2021. Customer feedback revealed that the exact meaning of some words and phrases used during announcements were challenging to understand.
- (b) Sydney Trains received considerable customer feedback about various aspects of station and train announcements in the years prior and up to 2021. This feedback came via multiple channels including 'transportnsw.info', '131 500', Twitter and other customer feedback channels.
- (c) This information should be requested via the GIPA process.
 - (i) I refer to the response to LC 2138.
- (d) This information should be requested via the GIPA process.
- (e) No, there is no significant feedback advising that the term "customers" is confusing.

(2)

- (a - b) SafeWork NSW requires, 'if an escalator or moving walkway malfunctions, this must be put out of service and appropriately isolated by the service company or building management until it is repaired.'
- (c) On the Metro North West Line, there were no injuries reported in the last 12 months relating to stationary escalators.
- (d) The total number of escalator breakdowns from April 2023 to March 2024 was 660. The number of escalator breakdowns per station from April 2023 to March 2024 was:
 - Bella Vista: 27
 - Castle Hill: 97
 - Tallawong: 46
 - Epping: 64
 - Kellyville: 52

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- Macquarie Park: 57
 - Macquarie University: 117
 - Norwest: 60
 - North Ryde: 30
 - Rouse Hill: 66
 - Showground: 44.
- (i) Overall availability of escalators in the past 12 months stands at 99.47 per cent. On average, the resolution time is 8.7 hours, with delays primarily attributed to part availability constraints. Customer Journey Coordinators at Metro stations advise customers to use the lifts or change the direction of functional escalators to assist with customers entering or exiting stations.

(3)

- (a) Yes, the signs at Central Station are an initiative of the 'Customer Injury Reduction Strategy' which seeks to lower customer injuries at Central Station.
- (b - c) No, the signs do not clutter the walkways or the foot traffic areas. The signs are clearly visible, well-maintained and evenly spaced across large concourse areas.
- (d) The signs have been in place since August 2023 and two complaints have been received.
- (e) The strategy for these signs was developed at Station Working Group Level. This group reviews customer injury data, observations from the station team and customer feedback. The group discusses and reviews all local issues and matters and implements local improvement strategies.
- (f) Yes, these signs have been instrumental in improving customer behaviour, raising awareness and communicating relevant safety messages. Regrettably, there have been occurrences where customers have used and attempted to use escalators with these items causing incidents and injuries.
- (g) There are 30 signs in total in the Central Station Precinct. There are no current plans to change the number of signs. The team at Central Station is currently reviewing the impact of these signs as part of the station's injury reduction strategy. There has been no decision to display the signage at other stations.

* 2786 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—

(1) Could you please advise, in the last 12 months:

- (a) How many inmates in New South Wales prisons have attempted to enrol in university level education?
- (i) How many of these applications have been approved?
 - (ii) How many of these applications have been rejected?
- (b) How many inmates of New South Wales prisons have attempted to enrol in other tertiary level education (including trade or technical schools)?
- (i) How many of these applications have been approved?
 - (ii) How many of these applications have been rejected?

- (c) How many inmates of New South Wales prisons have attempted to enrol in secondary level education?
- (i) How many of these applications have been approved?
- (ii) How many of these applications have been rejected?

Answer—

I am advised:

CSNSW does not hold aggregated information about the number of inmates who attempt to enrol in university or other tertiary level education and/or secondary education.

There were 76 students engaged in distance education between 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024.

There were 3,854 vocational training participants between 1 May 2023 and 30 April 2024, of whom 609 were engaged in traineeships or apprenticeships.

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* 2787 AUTHORISED POLICE STRENGTH IN LIVERPOOL POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) With respect to each Police Station situated in the Liverpool Police Area Command, can you please advise:
- (a) The authorised strength for Highway Patrol Officers current on 8 May 2024?
- (b) The actual strength for Highway Patrol Officers current on 8 May 2024?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to increase the number of Highway Patrol Officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Police numbers for Liverpool Highway Patrol as at 8 May 2024 are:

- (a) Authorised Police Positions: 18
- (b) Police Officer Headcount: 17

The above figures do not include the Inspector position that oversees both Liverpool and Fairfield Highway Patrol.

- (2) All police positions are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. They can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the NSW Police Force has the resources needed to keep the community safe.

* 2788 APPARENT FAILURE TO VOTE NOTICES—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) Could you please provide the exact number of 'apparent failure to vote notices' that were issued to individuals in the following postcodes, and could you please provide exact figures by postcode: 2234, 2172, 2173, 2170, 2168, 2171, 2179, and 2168 for the 2023 New South Wales Election?
- (a) How many of these notices were resolved without payment of any fine?

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Answer—

The NSW Electoral Commission has provided the following advice in response to the questions:

Postcode	Number of apparent failure to vote notices	Resolved without payment of a fine (excused or otherwise not pursued)	Resolved by payment of a fine	Referred to Revenue NSW (outcome not advised)	Court election by individual (outcome not advised)
2234	990	448	184	358	0
2172	120	41	22	57	0
2173	537	205	74	258	0
2170	8245	2250	1008	4987	0
2168	3720	971	417	2332	0
2171	2168	876	295	997	0
2179	1222	476	169	576	1

* 2789 SECURITY CAMERAS AT HOLSWORTHY TRAIN STATION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if the security camera system at Holsworthy train station and Holsworthy train station carpark were deactivated in:
 - (a) January 2024?
 - (b) February 2024?
 - (c) March 2024?
 - (d) April 2024?
- (2) For any instances when the security camera system was deactivated during the aforementioned months, the times and dates of each occurrence?
- (3) If any, can the Minister advise why the security camera system was deactivated for each instance?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been no planned outages at Holsworthy Train Station or carparks between January and April 2024 that would affect CCTV recording.

There have been five individual camera faults logged at the location in the first four months of 2024, including on 5 January, 19 February, 28 March and 4 and 16 April.

Routine maintenance was recently carried out on 9 May 2024 where cameras were checked and cleaned.

* 2790 ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR MOBILE CT SCANNING VAN - LIGHTNING RIDGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to investigate an option to include Lightning Ridge in the weekly rotation schedule for the Mobile CT scanning van?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what criteria was used to select the current schedule which includes the communities of Walgett, Bourke, and Cobar?

- (3) Will the Government consider providing additional Mobile CT scanning vans to service other regional communities in the future?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Western NSW Local Health District is reviewing its current mobile CT scanning service after 12 months of operation. Part of that will be determining if additional locations for the mobile CT scanning service may be feasible.

Western NSW Local Health District used various criteria to determine the locations the mobile CT visits. This included locations where travel time could be reduced for the largest number of residents, logistics between sites, local supporting infrastructure, and availability of clinical staff.

The NSW Government is committed to providing rural and regional communities access to health services as close to home as possible. This includes considering the merit and feasibility of various innovative solutions to address local challenges in regional NSW.

- * 2791 AERIAL SHOOTING PROGRAM FOR FERAL PIGS—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—

In 2023 a response from the Minister relating to Questions on Notice number “905” (2/8/2023) advised Future aerial shooting programs for feral pigs were currently in the planning phase, prioritising the need across the Central West Region:

- (1) Can the Minister advise what eradication programs - including baiting, trapping, etc. - are in place for 2024, specific to the Central West Region?

Answer—

In the 2023/24 financial year feral pig control in the Central West region includes the following programs and their location:

- Aerial shooting programs
 - Bogan River, Nyngan NSW
 - Macquarie Marshes, Carinda NSW
 - Macquarie River, Warren NSW
 - Talbragar River, Dunedoo NSW
 - Urawilkie, Coonamble NSW
 - Goorianawa, Bugaldie NSW
 - Bobadah, Tottenham NSW
 - Little & Bogan River, Tomingley NSW
 - Burrendong, Wellington NSW
 - Castlereagh/Mowlma, Coonamble NSW
 - Hermidale, Hermidale NSW
 - Balladoran, Balladoran NSW
 - Seven Sisters, Parks NSW
- Ground control programs

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- Bogan River Baiting, Nyngan, NSW
- Talbragar River Baiting, Dunedoo, NSW
- Bobadah Baiting, Tottenham, NSW
- Little & Bogan River Baiting, Tomingley NSW

LLS is also supporting landholders across the entire region by providing traps and baits upon request.

* 2792 PUBLIC LIABILITY - STATE ROADS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what processes Transport for NSW investigators use to determine liability for damage caused to motor vehicles when forced off roads by pilot vehicles and heavy load trucks on 'damaged' State Roads?
 - (i) Is the provision of operator's name, registration numbers etc mandatory for the case, and is it effective in being able to hold heavy vehicles responsible for the damage?
- (2) Is consideration given to claimants who are unable to provide information due to stressful and unforeseen circumstances at the time of the incident?

Answer—

I am advised

All claims received by Transport for NSW are considered based on the individual facts and circumstances of the matter. A decision in relation to whether a claim should be accepted is made after considering the facts and application of the relevant provisions of the Civil Liability Act NSW (2002) including whether a duty of care is owed and if that duty has been breached by Transport for NSW.

* 2793 BREAST CARE NURSES ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm how many additional McGrath breast care nurses have been funded in the State Budget for the Central Coast Local Health District?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Central Coast Local Health District employs 3 McGrath Breast Care Nurse positions (2.5 FTE) that are funded by NSW Health, which includes 2 new McGrath Breast Care Nurse positions (1.6 FTE) funded in the 2023-24 NSW Budget.

An additional McGrath Breast Care Nurse position is scheduled to be employed in 2025-26 for a total of 4 McGrath Breast Care Nurse positions funded by NSW Health in the District.

* 2794 FIRST HOMEBUYERS STAMP DUTY EXEMPTIONS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What incentives, grants or concessions are available for first homebuyers on the Central Coast?
- (2) How many first homebuyers utilised the available incentives, grants or concessions in the Terrigal electorate?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance.

* 2795 FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Treasurer confirm the funding amount provided to Central Coast Council for footpath projects in the 2023-24 New South Wales Budget?

Answer—

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

* 2796 333 BUS DEMAND—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What data does the Government have about increasing demand and unmet need for bus services on the 333 bus route?
- (2) What changes have been made to services on this route since November 2022?
- (3) Are inbound 333 buses regularly full before they reach inner city stops in Paddington and Darlinghurst?
- (4) What data does the Government have about capacity at this stage of the bus route?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the need for additional 333 bus services?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to increase 333 bus services?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW regularly monitors demand across all bus routes, including on Route 333. Transport for NSW assess this against current and future growth in the wider region, as well as current and emerging travel patterns drawn from Opal data.
- (2, 5 - 6) Frequency adjustments were made to Route 333 on 29 April 2024 throughout the week to better align capacity with demand. Around 50 additional weekly trips were introduced to Route 333 at this time.
- (3) Customers may experience high demand for services during weekday peak times and some customers may not be able to board the first available bus. In these instances, the following trip generally has capacity available due to the high frequency at which the Route 333 operates.
- (4) Transport for NSW can assess Opal data. The timeframe for such an assessment exceeds the time permitted to respond to this Question on Notice. The NSW Government undertakes to provide data to the Member at a future date.

* 2797 AUSTRALIAN CHINESE EX-SERVICES MONUMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What consideration has the government given to state heritage listing for the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument on Placemaking NSW land in Dixon Street?
- (2) What steps has the government taken to progress heritage listing?
- (3) What support does the government provide to community groups to initiate and progress state heritage listings?
- (4) What steps should the ex-service group take to progress heritage listing of the monument?

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Answer—

- (1) On 6 December 2022, the Heritage Council of NSW considered a nomination to list the Australian Chinese Ex-Services Monument on the State Heritage Register (SHR) and resolved not to progress the nomination. In 2022, the Heritage Council established a precedent of referring war memorials which are not progressed for SHR listing to the National Register of War Memorials or the NSW War Memorials Register.
- (2) Heritage NSW has provided the nominator with advice about alternative options for recognising the significance of the place. These include nomination to the NSW War Memorials Register and the Placemaking NSW Heritage and Conservation Register, which provides recognition and protection under section 170 of the Heritage Act 1977.
- (3) The Heritage NSW website provides information and guidance about the State Heritage Register nomination and listing process. Heritage NSW supports individuals and community groups with the process of nomination, as well as providing guidance about other pathways for protection.
- (4) The nominator is encouraged to consider the alternative options suggested by Heritage NSW.

* 2798 SANTOS NARRABRI LEAK DETECTION AND REPAIR PROJECT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Who conducted the February 2024 Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) project for the Santos Narrabri Gas project within the Pilliga State Forest?
- (2) Who appointed the organisation that conducted the program?
- (3) What guarantees have been provided to government that following the February 2024 LDAR project there are no leaks from the Narrabri Gas project?
- (4) What information is there about any remaining leaks?
- (5) What information about leaks including how many were detected, fixed and what their size was has been provided to the Environment Protection Agency?
- (6) What information about the February 2024 LDAR project will be publicly available and when and how will this occur?

Answer—

- (1) Heath Pipeline Services Pty Ltd conducted the LOAR program for the Santos Narrabri Gas Project within the Pilliga State Forest between 12-16 February 2024.
- (2) Santos appointed Heath Pipeline Services, a third-party independent contractor based in Queensland.
- (3) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is an independent regulatory government body and the lead regulator for all gas activities in NSW. The EPA conducts regular and ongoing independent audits on all coal seam gas infrastructure in NSW. In addition to the EPA's current independent audits, the EPA completed an additional LOAR program in response to the fires at the Pilliga State Forest for each well that has not been plugged and abandoned. The EPA assessed the infrastructure and conducted inspections on all 26 operational gas wells in February 2024.
- (4) There are no reportable leaks.
- (5) No information has been provided to the EPA as no leaks were detected by Heath Pipeline Services Pty Ltd's LOAR program following the EPA's additional LOAR program.
- (6) A brief summary report on the Gas LOAR program will be submitted to the EPA with the next annual return.

* 2799 BOARDING HOUSES REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) What action has been taken since the targeted stakeholder consultation into the recommendations of the statutory review in 2022?
- (2) What further work does the Government intend to do before implementing recommendations to:
 - (a) Expand the cover of occupancy agreements?
 - (b) Expand the scope of the act to cover more shared accommodation?
 - (c) Improve consumer protections?
 - (d) Improve fire safety?
 - (e) Reduce overcrowding?
- (3) When does the Government plan to deliver the reforms recommended from the statutory review?

Answer—

The Report on the statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012 (the Report) was tabled in NSW Parliament in August 2020. The previous government did not introduce legislation to implement the recommendations of the Report.

The NSW Government is committed to strengthening protections for residents in boarding houses and other shared accommodation. The Government is currently considering the recommendations of the statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012.

* 2800 TRUTH-TELLING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Will the Government consider the Reconciliation Australia report ‘Coming to terms with the past?’ on truth-telling and truth-listening as a vital step towards recognition and reconciliation?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises that in committing to a consultation with Aboriginal communities in New South Wales, on whether a formal agreement making process would be desirable, the role that truth-telling could play may be raised.

Reconciliation Australia's report is one of a range of publications on the topic of truth-telling that may be considered by the independent Treaty Commissioners.

It is important that the NSW Government not pre-empt any aspect of the Treaty Commission's consultation, including the role of truth-telling. The Commissioners will be guided by the views of Aboriginal people and communities about the place of truth-telling in a possible future formal agreement making process, and what this could look like.

* 2801 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?
- (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?

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- (3) What plans does the Government have to provide better workplace injury cover for firefighters?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to 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.

- * 2802 BATTERY HEN EGG PHASE OUT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What work did the Government do to support implementing the 2036 timeline of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry (the Poultry Standards) since it was finalised and agreed to by all states in 2022 before determining the timeline would be extended?
- (2) To what extent does the Government consider that the 14-year timeline agreed to by the states for the Poultry Standards to phase-out battery cage eggs is appropriate?
- (3) What assessment has been made of other states' work to achieve this timeline given no other state is considering an extension?
- (4) How many battery egg producers are there in New South Wales?
- (5) What proportion of these producers supply markets not covered by businesses in the retail and food industry that have committed to phase out the sale and use of battery eggs?
- (6) What actions does the Government plan to take to address concerns that the extension will unnecessarily prolong significant suffering among hens?
- (7) How has the Government determined community attitudes over prolonging the continued use of battery cages for egg production?
- (8) Does the Government remain committed to legislating a timeline to phase out battery eggs to give industry and consumers certainty?

Answer—

- (1) In August 2022, the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) published the draft Poultry Standards and Guidelines (Poultry S&G), accompanied by a Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (ORIS), with the intent that jurisdictions undertake further analysis and consultation where necessary, to understand state specific impacts associated with the potential implementation of the Poultry S&Gs.

An independent economic analysis of the conventional caged egg production phase out options proposed in the Poultry S&G, to understand the anticipated impacts of new regulation on the egg industry, consumers, egg supply, transition costs and industry productivity in NSW.

Consultation was undertaken with key industry representatives including Egg Farmers Australia, Australian Eggs, NSW Farmers, Australian Chicken Meat Federation, NSW Chicken Meat Council, Australian Duck Meat Association, and the Australian Turkey Federation.

In addition, consultation was undertaken with NSW animal welfare enforcement agencies (RSPCA NSW and Animal Welfare League NSW). On 13 July 2023, the Agriculture Ministers' Meeting (AMM) endorsed the Poultry S&Gs and noted that the implementation timeframes would be a matter for each state and territory to consider, with regards to the specific operational environments in their jurisdiction.

The NSW Government continues to consult with stakeholders and has not determined that the timeline will be extended.

- (2) The NSW Minister for Agriculture, along with all other state Agriculture Ministers, endorsed the Poultry S&Gs at AMM on 13 July 2023.
- (3) The NSW Government continues to consult with all stakeholders, including other state jurisdictions, on the implementation of the Poultry S&Gs.
- (4) The number of producers using conventional cages for egg production in NSW is estimated to be 14 (some producers may own more than one farm).
- (5) The NSW Government does not collect this information.
- (6) The Poultry S&G, which were endorsed at AMM on 13 July 2023, anticipate that the use of conventional cages for egg production will be phased out between 2032 and 2036 depending on their date of installation.

The process to develop the Poultry S&G included significant public and industry consultation. The NSW Government has not made any decision to extend the phase out of conventional cages.

- (7) The NSW Government continues to consult with all stakeholders on the Poultry S&G.
- (8) The NSW Minister for Agriculture, along with all other state Agriculture Ministers, endorsed the Poultry S&Gs at AMM on 13 July 2023.

* 2803 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the amount of Government funding provided for victims of domestic violence in the Oxley electorate for the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Oxley Electorate includes the four local government areas of Kempsey, Bellingen, Nambucca and part of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area (LGA). Funding provided for victims of domestic violence in each of these LGAs is outlined below per financial year. The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) funding is aggregated to LGA level and cannot be grouped specifically to the Oxley Electorate.

LGA	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Nambucca / Bellingen ¹	\$145,787	\$127,227	\$215,673	\$246,245
Kempsey	\$570,974	\$527,301	\$737,214	\$874,979
Port Macquarie Hastings ²	\$939,239	\$2,485,506	\$398,849	\$455,262
Total:	\$1,656,000	\$3,140,034	\$1,351,736	\$1,576,486

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* 2804 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information on how many people have been charged for domestic violence related offences in the Oxley electorate in the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?
- (2) How many of those charged (for the above years) were:
 - (a) Imprisoned while on trial?
 - (b) Released with bail while on trial?
 - (c) Convicted?
 - (d) Exonerated?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a)-(d)

There are three Local Government Areas (LGAs) within the Oxley electorate: Nambucca LGA, Kempsey LGA and Bellingen LGA, and one LGA that intersects with the Oxley electorate: Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA.

The figures provided below from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

(BOCSAR) show the number of defendants appearing in NSW Criminal Courts for a domestic violence related assault who resided in one of these LGAs at the time of charge from 2020 to 2023.

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nambucca Valley	61	67	100	96
Kempsey	132	125	181	222
Bellingen	24	27	13	42
Port Macquarie-Hastings	155	175	185	232

- (1) (e) Court finalisation data for 2024 is not available.

- (2) (a)

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nambucca Valley	2	4	4	2
Kempsey	5	7	8	11
Bellingen	0	1	3	0
Port Macquarie-Hastings	4	4	7	6

- (2) (b)

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023
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Nambucca Valley	2	8	6	15
Kempsey	18	19	22	30
Bellingen	1	5	1	5
Port Macquarie-Hastings	26	32	28	26

(2) (c)

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nambucca Valley	47	49	74	62
Kempsey	97	93	125	151
Bellingen	15	22	11	29
Port Macquarie-Hastings	118	110	120	161

(2) (d)

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023
Nambucca Valley	14	18	26	34
Kempsey	35	32	56	71
Bellingen	9	5	2	13
Port Macquarie-Hastings	37	65	65	71

* 2805 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the number of victims of domestic violence in the Oxley electorate in the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister provide information regarding the number of domestic violence victims in the Oxley electorate between the dates 01/01/2024 and 01/05/2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available from the Crime Mapping Tool on the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's website at <https://crimetool.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/bocsar/>

Data is collected by Local Government Areas, not by electorate. There are three LGAs wholly contained within the Oxley electorate: Nambucca LGA, Kempsey LGA and Bellingen LGA, and one LGA that intersects with the Oxley electorate: Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA.

- (2) Data up to March 2024 will be released by BOCSAR on 13 June 2024.

* 2806 SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many students in each Government school in the electorate of Lake Macquarie opted to participate in special religious education in Term 1 of 2024?

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- (2) How many students in each Government school in the electorate of Lake Macquarie opted to participate in special education in ethics in Term 1 of 2024?
- (3) How many students were enrolled in each Government school in the electorate of Lake Macquarie in Term 1 of 2024?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not centrally collect statistics relating to Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE). Schools manage SRE and SEE offerings locally, with alternate meaningful activities provided for students who do not participate in SRE or SEE.

- * 2807 INCLUSION OF WINE BOTTLES IN RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Can you provide an update on the inclusion of wine bottles in the Return and Earn scheme?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received almost 900 submissions following the release for public consultation of the Discussion Paper 'Driving NSW's Circular Economy'. The Discussion Paper outlined options to improve recovery of glass containers including expanding Return and Earn.

The submissions included detailed input from a range of stakeholders. The Government is considering this feedback.

- * 2808 FINES ISSUED FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS—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—

How many fines have been issued to people who have climbed Wollumbin in contravention of the closure of the Summit Track?

Answer—

As of 13 May 2024, one penalty infringement notice, which included a \$300 fine, has been issued. Records indicate the fine was paid.

- * 2809 NSW AMBULANCE CALL TAKERS INDUCTION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the 149 new trainee paramedics and emergency call takers officially inducted into the New South Wales Ambulance service on 5 April 2024:

- (a) How many of these trainee paramedics were posted to regional New South Wales?
- (b) How many, if any, were posted to the Northern Rivers, including the Tweed?

Answer—

I'm advised:

On 5 April 2024, 133 paramedics and 16 emergency medical call takers were inducted into NSW Ambulance. Of these, 58 paramedics were posted to regional locations, including 6 to the Northern Rivers Zone.

* 2810 COST TO NSW GOVERNMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICES DELIVERED AT NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How much in total was paid to Healthscope by the Government for provision of services to public patients at Northern Beaches Hospital under the Project Deed for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2022/23?
 - (b) 2021/22?
 - (c) 2020/21?
 - (d) 2019/20?
 - (e) 2018/19?
- (2) How does the cost of total services provided by Healthscope at Northern Beaches Hospital to public patients paid for by the Government, compare to the cost of services provided at equivalent public hospitals in New South Wales?
- (3) Is using cost per public bed numbers, in comparison to total bed numbers provided at an equivalent public hospital, an appropriate metric to assess value for money?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Why is Northern Beaches Hospital not individually listed in the Northern Sydney Local Health District Expense Budget for 23/24, when all other hospitals in the region are (as publicly available on the Northern Sydney Local Health District website)?
- (5) Will there be a separate reporting of the payments to Healthscope for Northern Beaches Hospital in Northern Sydney Local Health District Financial Statements going forward?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Northern Sydney Local Health District administers the Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) Project Deed on behalf of NSW Health. Payments made to Healthscope for the provision of services to public patients at NBH are commercial in confidence and are managed in accordance with the NBH Project Deed.
- (2) Activity purchased from Healthscope for the provision of public services at NBH are provided at a discount to the NSW State Price, which is an amount per activity unit measured in National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU). The discount is commercial in confidence. Direct comparison of costs between NBH and similar NSW Health facilities would not account for the risk allocation of the Project Deed, which obliges the Operator to accept various risks associated with the project including but not limited to the design, commissioning and operation of NBH.
- (3) Assessment of cost per public bed numbers is not an appropriate comparison. Activity purchased from NBH is purchased on a 'per NWAU' basis, but also includes costs associated with project risks, which are not factored into the NWAU calculation.
- (4) The District's financial statements lists NBH public hospital as a NSW Health owned facility, which is operated by Healthscope. Payments made to Healthscope for the provision of health services to public patients are classed as contractual service delivery payments as part of the NBH Project Deed.
- (5) NBH's financial performance is closely monitored through established performance and reporting frameworks under the NBH Project Deed. Financial reporting of payments made to Healthscope for the provision of public services at NBH are commercial in confidence, per the NBH Project Deed.

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* 2811 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) In relation to the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) listed in Schedule 18 of the Project Deed:
 - (a) What are the table headings for columns 6,7,8?
 - (b) Do these columns contain the thresholds for acceptable performance?
 - (c) Why are columns redacted?
- (2) How many KPI breaches have been recorded at Northern Beaches Hospital over the following timeframes:
 - (a) 2020:
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
 - (b) 2021:
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
 - (c) 2022:
 - (i) January?

- (ii) February?
- (iii) March?
- (iv) April?
- (v) May?
- (vi) June?
- (vii) July?
- (viii) August?
- (ix) September?
- (x) October?
- (xi) November?
- (xii) December?
- (d) 2023:
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
 - (v) May?
 - (vi) June?
 - (vii) July?
 - (viii) August?
 - (ix) September?
 - (x) October?
 - (xi) November?
 - (xii) December?
 - (i) January?
 - (ii) February?
 - (iii) March?
 - (iv) April?
- (3) For each of the KPI breaches listed above, what KPI was breached and by how much?
- (4) Did any above breaches of KPIs result in abatements being deducted from payments from the Government.
 - (a) If so, which ones and what was the value of the abatement?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Parts of the Northern Beaches Hospital Project Deed are redacted - this includes parts of Schedule 18.

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The State has identified the reasons for each redaction under the Government Information (Public Access) Act and this information is publicly available on the NSW Treasury website at https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-08/202308-gipa-act-2009-explanatory-table_nbh-project-deed.pdf.

Northern Sydney Local Health District is prohibited from disclosing information on KPI breaches or failures and abatements paid by Northern Beaches Hospital, as this information is Commercial in Confidence under the Project Deed.

* 2812 REPORTING AND AUDITING OF NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL PERFORMANCE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is any performance data for Northern Beaches Hospital made publicly available beyond what is reported in the Bureau of Health Information (BHI)?
- (2) How often is the BHI data updated and when will the next BHI data publication date?
- (3) Are the following reports, as listed in Schedule 19 1 (e) of the Project Deed (Reporting Requirements), collected routinely and publicly released:
 - (a) Weekly reports?
 - (b) Monthly reports?
 - (c) Quarterly reports?
 - (d) Six monthly reports?
 - (e) Annual reports?
 - (f) If not, why not?
- (4) Has a Performance Audit of Northern Beaches Hospital (as per Section 53 (e) of the Project Deed) ever been completed?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If so, was it made publicly available?
- (5) Have the annual audit reports, as required under Schedule 19 (c3.4), been completed annually since the opening of the hospital in 2018?
 - (a) If so, are they publicly available?
- (6) Have Annual Reports, as required under Section 6.1 of the Project Deed been provided to the NSW Government?
 - (a) If so, are they publicly available?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Northern Beaches Hospital publishes some quality and performance data on its website at www.northernbeacheshospital.com.au.

Northern Beaches Hospital's performance is also reported quarterly and is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au. The October to December 2023 report was released on 13 March 2024, and the January to March 2024 report was released on 29 May 2024.

Northern Beaches Hospital meets its Schedule 19 reporting requirements and performance audit obligations. These reports are not publicly available as they are commercial in confidence.

Northern Beaches Hospital has conducted annual performance audits and annual reports. These reports are not publicly available.

- * 2813 DISPOSAL OF LAND IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Regarding the answer to question 2705:

Does the Government have any plans to utilise or dispose of any land held or owned by Transport for NSW in the Sutherland Shire, including in or adjacent to the old F6 corridor?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has no current plans to dispose of land gazetted as corridor within the Sutherland Shire LGA. As Transport for NSW projects are completed, any surplus land (land outside of the final infrastructure boundary) is then assessed and determined whether it will be required for any future Transport purpose. Any Transport for NSW land not identified as required for current or future transport infrastructure purpose is administered in accordance with the NSW Government guidelines.

- * 2814 MARINE RESCUE NSW TRAINING FACILITY AT HUNGRY POINT CRONULLA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding the answer to question 2511:

Can the Government provide any update to the answer to Question on Notice 229 (“Will the Government consent to the establishment of a Marine Rescue NSW training facility at Hungry Point Cronulla?”)?

Answer—

Further questions in relation to Question on Notice 229 should be addressed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

- * 2815 TRAFFIC FLOW - M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What planning has the Government done for how traffic will flow in the vicinity of the southern entry to/exit from the M6 extension stage 1 when it opens, including at the following intersections?
 - (a) Princes Highway and Rocky Point Road?
 - (b) Princes Highway and President Avenue?
 - (c) President Avenue and M6 extension stage 1?
 - (d) President Avenue and The Grand Parade?
 - (e) President Avenue and O’Connell Street?
- (2) How well will traffic flow in the vicinity of the southern entry to/exit from the M6 extension stage 1 when it opens, including the performance of the intersections listed in 1 above?

Answer—

I am advised

All relevant information regarding traffic flows is publicly available in the M6 Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preferred Infrastructure Report.

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- * 2816 PLANS FOR LAND NEAR CAPTAIN COOK DRIVE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

What is the Government doing with use of, and tenure for, the land situated off the northern side of Captain Cook Drive between Woollooware Road and Elouera Road which has been occupied from time to time by oyster farming operations?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is currently in active discussions with Endeavour Oysters Pty Ltd (Endeavour), to facilitate access to this premises to support ongoing aquaculture industry activity on Endeavour oyster leases.

Transport for NSW is continuing to develop and assess plans for the site with the Department of Primary Industries and will keep the community informed on its progress.

- * 2817 MORUYA POLICE STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the manning of Moruya Police Station.:

- (1) How many officers are stationed at Moruya Police Station?
- (2) How many vacancies are there at Moruya Police Station as of May 2024?
- (3) What days and hours is the station currently manned?
- (4) How are community members to contact the station when it is unmanned?
- (5) Noting community requests, does the Government have plans to man the station 8 hours a day?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) The NSW Police Force publishes officer numbers for each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report.

Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- (3) Moruya Police Station is currently manned 19 hours a day from 6.00am and this is extended to 20 hours a day during summer.
- (4) Calls to Moruya Police Station are diverted to Batemans Bay Police Station when it is unmanned. For those attending in person, an Eagle phone is located on the Moruya Police Station wall and directly links to police radio.
- (5) There are currently no plans to change the manned hours.

- * 2818 OFFICER TESTING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to officer testing:

- (1) What testing must an individual pass to enter the Police Academy?
- (2) What constitutes as a pass?

- (a) Can you please list each test and what the pass rate is?
- (3) What psychological testing is involved and what does it test?
- (4) What must the trainee be able to complete to pass the academy?
- (5) Is there further testing of a police officer's physical, psychological or skillset (eg gunmanship) throughout their career?
- (6) Please list all milestones where testing occurs?
- (7) What is the process for an officer that fails a test?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Applicants must pass eligibility, pre-application requirements, academic, fitness, psychometric and medical testing to enter the Police Academy. Recruitment interviews may also be conducted. Comprehensive information on the application process and requirements can be found at:
<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/application-process>
- (2) Comprehensive information for each test and pass criteria can be found at:
<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/application-process>
- (3) The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) tests psychological functioning and personality. Police applicants complete one assessment, currently the MMPI-3.
- (4) All subjects contained within Year 1 of the Associate Degree in Policing Practice (ADPP) must be satisfactorily passed in order to attest as a Probationary Constable.
- (5) All operational police maintain competencies in operational safety, firearms and CPR/First Aid training, known as the Operational Safety Mandatory Training Directive (OSMTD). Officers in some specialist squads are required to do annual medical and fitness testing.
- (6) Pre-employment psychometric testing
Pre-employment physical aptitude testing
Confirmation medical testing
ADPP assessments Year 1 and Year 2
Post confirmation - OSMTD
Acceptance into specialist squads may require further medical, psychometric or physical aptitude testing.
- (7) Prior to attestation: Failure to obtain a pass requirement in academic curriculum triggers a re-sit, with subsequent failure resulting in relegation. In relation to operational safety training, where an officer fails an assessment, they undergo remediation. Failure to pass assessment after remediation results in a fail grade and the officer may be eligible for a repeater program (for this subject only) under certain conditions. If the officer is not eligible, they are relegated to the next ADPP class.

Failure to pass OSMTD results in officer remedial training. Where competency is not achieved after remediation, the officer is deemed non-operational until they achieve competency via further training.

* 2819 POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND RETAINMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to police recruitment and retainment in New South Wales:

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- (1) What is the maximum and minimum number of recruits in a class at the Police Academy?
- (2) For all classes in 2023, can you please list how many recruits attested from each class?
- (3) For all classes in 2024 thus far, can you please list how many recruits attested from each class?
- (4) How many have signed up to complete upcoming classes in 2024?
- (5) How many officers left the force in 2023 due to:
 - (a) Illness/Injury?
 - (b) Retirement?
 - (c) Career Change?
 - (d) Other?
- (6) How many officers left the force in 2024 as of May 2024 due to:
 - (a) Illness/Injury?
 - (b) Retirement?
 - (c) Career Change?
 - (d) Other?
- (7) How many vacancies are there in the NSW Police Force as of May 2024 and can you please distinguish between sworn and unsworn position?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) At present, there is no minimum or maximum class size at the Police Academy.

(2 - 3)

Year and Class	Number of recruits
2023 - Class 357	221
2023 - Class 358	97
2023 - Class 359	159
2023 - Class 360	179
2024 - Class 361	158

- (4) 1,053 applications have been received since 1 January 2024.

(5)

2023 Officer Separations	
Category	No. of officers
Illness/Injury - Medical Discharge	657
Retirement	29
Resignations	349
Other	405

Note: 'Career change' is not a recorded separation category.

(6)

2024 Police Officer Separations

Category	No. of officers
Illness/Injury - Medical Discharge	334
Retirement	-
Resignations*	138
Other	218

Note: 'Career change' is not a recorded separation category.

- (7) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding sworn and unsworn officer numbers in its annual report.

* 2820 LEAD REMEDIATION - GOULBURN WHEAT YARDS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to lead remediation works of Goulburn Wheat Yards:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm when remediation of the current contaminated sites will proceed?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a detailed timeline and process for the remediation of the site?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm if, and when the Government will release an expression of interest for the management of the site?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The remediation of the Goulburn Wheat Yards has commenced with the completion of a Detailed Site Investigation that has confirmed that the contamination is contained within the railway corridor. This is an essential step in the preparation of the long-term management of the land.

The management of this contaminated site is governed by the Contaminated Land Management Act 7997 (NSW) and overseen by an independently appointed Environmental Protection Authority accredited Site Auditor.

- (2) The current project schedule and scope of works is as follows:
 - Financial Year 2023-24
 - Supplementary Detailed Site Investigation
 - Human Health and Ecology Risk Assessment to identify and assess risks to human health and the ecology
 - Update Interim Environmental Management Plan to identify control measures for the risks identified in the Human Health and Ecology Risk Assessment.
 - Financial Year 2024-25
 - Implementation of control measures identified in the Interim Environmental Management Plan
 - Remediation Options Assessment
 - Remediation Action Plan.
 - Financial Year 2025-26
 - Detailed Design and Engineering
 - Review of Environmental Factors
 - Statutory Approvals

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○ Commencement of physical remediation works.

- (3) The Goulburn Wheat Yards forms part of the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) leased network and is an operational railyard, as such, Transport for NSW does not have plans to release an expression of interest for the management of the site.

Transport for NSW has received a request from a third party to lease part of the Site. Transport for NSW is in negotiations with the third party to establish lease terms and conditions, including any remediation and management activities the third party will need to undertake to make the leased area suitable for the intended use. Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will also need to agree to relinquish the area from their lease.

- * 2821 POKER MACHINE REVENUE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

In relation to poker machine revenue:

- (1) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines located in the Goulburn electorate during:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023 financial year - to date?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate.

- * 2822 FIRE AND RESCUE STAFF NUMBERS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister provide the details separately for each Fire and Rescue Station within the Goulburn electorate:

- (1) As of 30 June 2023 (or the nearest date for which data is available), what was the number of staff (Full-Time Equivalent) authorised to be employed at that station?
- (2) As of 30 June 2023 (or the nearest date for which data is available), what was the actual number of staff (Full-Time Equivalent) employed at that station?
- (3) In the period since the date as at which data is supplied in answer to 1 and 2 above, otherwise in the period since 1 April 2023, what, if anything, has the Government done to recruit employees specifically for the Fire and Rescue Stations within the Goulburn electorate?

Answer—

I am advised the following numbers are current as of 30 April 2024:

Station	Established Positions		Headcount	
	Permanent Firefighter	Retained Firefighter	Permanent Firefighter	Retained Firefighter

Bundanoon	-	17	-	13
Crookwell	-	14	-	11
Goulburn	5	18	5	17
Moss Vale	-	15	-	13
Yass	-	18	-	15

I am further advised Fire and Rescue NSW is actively progressing recruitment, as follows:

Bundanoon

- 9 applicants going through the recruitment process
- 13 hired since April 2023

Crookwell

- 2 applicants going through the recruitment process
- 2 hired since April 2023

Goulburn

- 15 applicants going through the recruitment process
- 2 hired since April 2023

Moss Vale

- 1 applicant going through the recruitment process
- 6 hired since April 2023

Yass

- 6 applicants going through the recruitment process
- 6 hired since April 2023

* 2823 FATALITIES ON THE PRINCES HIGHWAY SINCE UPGRADE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many fatalities have occurred between Heathcote and Falls Creek, on the Princes Highway, since the road's upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been ten fatalities on the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road, Falls Creek, and Heathcote Road since the upgrade of Heathcote and Falls Creek, on the Princes Highway. The breakdown of fatalities each year is as follows:

- 2018: 1.
- 2019: 1.
- 2020: 3.
- 2021: 0.
- 2022: 2.
- 2023: 1.

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- 2024 (as at 5 June 2024): 2.

Data for 2023 and 2024 are preliminary and subject to change.

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- * 2824 ROAD VEHICLE ACCIDENTS 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) How many road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the M5 Motorway between Heathcote Road and Moorebank Ave in:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
- (2) How many road-vehicle accidents have occurred along the M5 Motorway between Moorebank Ave and Hume Hwy in:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of crashes for the years 2018 to 2023 along the M5 Motorway between Heathcote Road and Moorebank Ave are:
 - 2018 - 13
 - 2019 - 4
 - 2020 - 10
 - 2021 - 16
 - 2022 - 10

2023 data indicates no fatal crashes, while injury crash data for 2023 is not available completely at this stage. Data for 2023 is preliminary and therefore subject to change.

- (2) The number of crashes for the years 2018 to 2023 along the M5 Motorway between Moorebank Ave and Hume Highway are:

- 2018 - 9
- 2019 - 9
- 2020 - 16
- 2021 -9
- 2022 - 10

2023 data indicates no fatal crashes, while injury crash data for 2023 is not available completely at this stage. Data for 2023 is preliminary and therefore subject to change.

* 2825 COMPLAINTS REGARDING LURNEA HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many complaints from parents/carers of students at Lurnea High School to the Department of Education have been received in:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the nature of the complaints, and the number of outstanding investigations that need to be undertaken by the Department of Education?

Answer—

Local concerns and complaints are managed by schools at the local level. Matters raised can include correspondence from parents/carers regarding issues relating to staff, operational matters, out of area enrolment appeals, attendance, individual student wellbeing and peer to peer interactions.

* 2826 AUTHORISED STRENGTH FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) With respect to each Police Station situated within the Liverpool Police Area Command and Sutherland Shire Police Area Command can you please advise:
 - (a) The authorised strength for Domestic Violence Liaison Officers current on 9 May 2024?
 - (b) The actual strength for Domestic Violence Liaison Officers current on 9 May 2024?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to increase the number of Domestic Violence Liaison Officers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) Liverpool City Police Area Command: 4
Sutherland Shire Police Area Command: 4
 - (b) Liverpool City Police Area Command: 4
Sutherland Shire Police Area Command: 4

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- (2) Authorised Domestic Violence Officer positions are supplemented by additional police available to respond to domestic and family violence incidents across the NSW Police Force. Numbers of police deployed to enhance the specialist response to domestic and family violence can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends based on operational intelligence and where they are needed most to keep NSW safe.

* 2827 GLENCORE'S CARBON CAPTURE STORAGE PROPOSAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government intend to support Glencore's Carbon Capture Storage proposal?
- (a) If no, does the Government intend taking any action to prevent the proposal from being approved and implemented?
- (2) Does the Government plan to review Glencore's studies into the potential geological and environmental impacts on the Great Artesian Basin, to determine if they are cohesive enough to guarantee our waterways will not be affected or contaminated in anyway?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Water, the Hon Rose Jackson MLC.

* 2828 SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the decision to discontinue back to school vouchers:

- (1) What will the Government be implementing to support families with back to school costs?

Answer—

Many families across our State are experiencing cost-of-living pressures and it is important that they be able to access available supports.

To assist families, the NSW Government has created the Cost of Living Hub ([Cost of Living hub | NSW Government](#)) which provides tools and resources to help ease cost of-living pressures. It includes information from over 80 government and non-government websites, including on where to find government rebates and vouchers. Furthermore, the NSW Government is helping reduce the cost of living with more than 70 rebates and vouchers available through the Savings Finder program ([Savings Finder | Service NSW](#)).

* 2829 CRITERIA FOR A NATURAL DISASTER TO BE DECLARED—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister provide information on the criteria which needs to be met for a Natural Disaster to be 'Declared' and allocated Government funding and grant options to those affected?

Answer—

- (1) This is a question for Minister Emergency Services The Hon Jihad Dib MP.

* 2830 FIREFIGHTER CANCER LAWS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

With respect to current Firefighters Cancer Laws:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what support is available from the Government for Firefighters who have been diagnosed with cancer from exposure to dangerous chemical?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW workers compensation legislation provides a presumption to workers compensation for eligible firefighters diagnosed with any of 12 prescribed firefighter cancers - primary site leukaemia, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, multiple myeloma, breast, testicular, bladder, kidney, prostate, brain, ureter, colorectal and oesophageal cancers. This means an eligible firefighter diagnosed with any of these 12 cancers does not have to prove the cancer was caused by their work; the cancer is presumed to be work related -streamlining access to workers' compensation, improving fairness and clarity, and reducing the likelihood of disputes.

- * 2831 CLINICAL OPERATIONS - STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding instances where a patient visits a hospital, where there is no doctor on site, requiring patients to see a doctor via video or audio calls under Clinical Operations - Standard Operating Procedures (COSOPS):

- (1) Could the Minister please advise how many times since April 2023 have the following hospitals seen COSOPS implemented:
- (a) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (b) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (c) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (d) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (e) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (f) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (g) Narrandera Hospital?
 - (h) Temora Hospital?
 - (i) West Wyalong Hospital?
 - (j) Young Hospital?
 - (k) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (l) Cowra Hospital?
 - (m) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?
- (2) Could the Minister please advise over what period of time have these hospitals been operating under COSOPS?
- (3) Could the Minister please advise what risks may be involved to both community and nursing staff as a result of a hospital operating under COSOPS without a doctor on site?
- (4) Could the Minister please advise why is it up to our nurses to administer to the needs of patients, which would otherwise be undertaken by a present doctor?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Remote Medical Consultation Service has been in operation in Murrumbidgee Local Health District since March 2020 and supports sites where onsite medical support is not available. As all hospitals have

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access to 24/7 virtual medical services, the Critical Operations Standing Operating Procedure - When Medical Officer is Not Available policy has been decommissioned. A new Remote Medical Consultation Policy outlines the process for safe and timely management of patients in facilities with no on-site medical coverage, using the Remote Medical Consultation Service.

Registered nurses with emergency department qualifications staff facilities 24-hours a day and can triage and assess patients presenting for urgent care. Virtual care clinicians are highly qualified and specialised nurses, rural generalist doctors and critical care emergency physicians.

Nurse initiated protocols provide timely access to triage and care to patients presenting to emergency departments. Murrumbidgee Local Health District nurses are supported 24/7 by the Virtual Nurse Assist team.

* 2832 COUNTRY PASSENGER TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) With respect to the Government's investment of 149 new regional bus stop improvement program as part of the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Scheme, which will provide three new bus stops the Cootamundra electorate:
 - (a) Where these bus stops will be located?
 - (b) When will these bus stops become operational?

Answer—

I am advised

The three new bus shelters will be built within the Cootamundra electorate at:

- 160 Wallendoon Street, Cootamundra NSW 2590
- 59 Cooper Street, Cootamundra NSW 2590
- 2188 Kimo Street, Nangus NSW 2722

The Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council has up to two years to deliver these projects from the date of their successful notification letter, which was issued on 12 March 2024.

Further information about the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Scheme is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/community-transport-operators/country-passenger-transport-infrastructure-grants-scheme>

* 2833 REGIONAL YOUTH TASKFORCE—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—

- (1) Would the Minister please advise when applications will open for the 2024 Regional Youth Taskforce?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how the Government will promote this opportunity for Regional Youth?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Youth, the Hon. Rose Jackson MLC.

- * 2834 WELLBEING AND HEALTH IN-REACH NURSE COORDINATOR PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Wellbeing and Health In-reach Nurse (WHIN) Coordinator program:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many wellbeing nurses are to be located across the 170 schools across the Cootamundra electorate?

Answer—

The program is operating across NSW, including in the Cootamundra electorate.

- * 2835 PURCHASE OF GLENLEE—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—

- (1) Has Glenlee been purchased?
- (2) Has there been any attempts by the Government to acquire and protect any Aboriginal and historical artefacts on the site of Glenlee?
- (3) Is the Government considering any alternatives, such as a further Interim Heritage Order, to allow for further assessments of the value and preservation of any items found on the site?

Answer—

- (1) Glenlee has sold to a private buyer, and settlement occurred on 18 April 2024.
- (2) The NSW Government has been advised that Georges River Council has been provided access to the property and is working with the owners to manage the heritage values of the place, including for moveable heritage. The NSW Government has encouraged Georges River Council to consider updating the local heritage listing for the property to include moveable heritage if appropriate. The NSW Government is also investigating potential Aboriginal objects which may have been located at the property.
- (3) The making of a further interim heritage order is not appropriate. The place has local heritage protection and is being appropriately managed by the local council.

- * 2836 SYDNEY QUANTUM ACADEMY—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) What support has the Government provided to the Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA) over the past 12 months?
- (2) Have you met with SQA in 2024?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, will you meet with them?
- (3) Have you advocated to your colleagues for further investment and support to the Sydney Quantum Academy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the last 12 months, the NSW Government paid the final tranche payment of \$2.5 million to the Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA) as outlined in the funding agreement. The Government also supported the 2024 Quantum Australia (QA) conference in February.

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- (2) Required diary disclosures will be made on a quarterly basis.
- (3) Future budget allocations will be subject to the standard budget process.

* 2837 NATIONAL PARKS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to expand the size of National Parks on the Central Coast?
- (2) If they are to be expanded, by how many square kilometres?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service expects to expand the size of national parks in the Central Coast.
- (2) The National Parks and Wildlife Service implements an ongoing program of land acquisition for reservation under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and assesses properties for potential acquisition as they become available.

* 2838 STATUS OF TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LAND AT WAMBERAL BEACH—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the status of negotiations between Central Coast Council and the State Government in relation to the transfer of state government owned land for Council's proposed revetment wall?
- (2) If the land has been transferred, what date did the transfer occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

The five lots at Wamberal are owned by the NSW Government. The lots remain under the care, control and management of Central Coast Council as gazetted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

* 2839 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR TEMPORARY SKILLED SHORTAGE VISA HOLDERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government plan to review the fees for public education charged to visa holders who are eligible for permanent residency to mitigate negative impacts on and loss of essential workers from rural areas?
- (2) Does the Government plan to abolish the fees to bring New South Wales in line with the neighbouring states of Queensland and Victoria?

Answer—

The department provides a range of exemptions from fees for low income and essential workers in rural and regional areas, and works to ensure visa holders are able to access school education in NSW.

* 2840 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Why is the current Griffith Health Services Plan from 2017 with a refresh Version 2.1 2019?
 - (a) When will an update be completed?

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- (2) Given that the Griffith Base Hospital redevelopment is soon to be completed can the Minister please provide clarity on what services will be provided?
- (3) What services are currently being offered?
- (a) Will these services be extended after the completion of the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment?
- (b) Will other services be added after the completion of the Griffith Hospital Redevelopment?
- (4) Is the Government planning on reassessing the primary catchment profile so that it can adequately represent the importance of Griffith Base Hospital to the more remote areas surrounding Griffith?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Griffith Base Hospital Health Services Plan was developed in 2017 to inform the Griffith Hospital capital works requirements. The 2019 refresh reflects the service needs to 2030-31. A review of the Griffith Base Hospital Health Services Plan is scheduled to occur in 2030-31.

Planning included the needs of the local government areas surrounding Griffith, including remote communities.

The new \$250 million hospital will support all clinical and non-clinical services, replacing the existing facilities at Griffith Base Hospital with modern innovative spaces capable of delivering contemporary models of care for current and future needs of the Griffith region.

Griffith Base Hospital provides inpatient surgical and medical, emergency, imaging, outpatient care (including renal dialysis and chemotherapy), maternity, paediatrics, and community health services. The new hospital has been designed to accommodate more complex surgery and specialised care. It also includes additional consultation spaces and treatment rooms enabled with virtual technology.

The new clinical services building will accommodate more complex surgery such as orthopaedics and a purpose-built ward for aged care and rehabilitation services.

- * 2841 HOUSING IN NSW—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many Government-owned properties in New South Wales are currently vacant?
- (2) Are there plans to complete an audit of all Government-owned properties that are currently vacant to identify maintenance and remediation needs?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of the 30 April 2024, 2,672 public housing properties managed by Homes NSW are vacant in NSW. This includes properties undergoing major refurbishment works and those being held for redevelopment. Vacancies in properties owned by Homes NSW and managed by community housing providers cannot be reported.

As at 30 June 2023, 97.4% of NSW's social homes were occupied -higher than the 96.6% national average.

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From 1 July 2024, Homes NSW is delivering a maintenance reform which will focus on quality, accountability and better outcomes for tenants. Homes NSW will triage, scope and issue work orders, while the contractors will be the ones to attend site for work delivery. This will mean improved responses, with trained experts will coordinate work orders and deliver better outcomes for tenants.

Further, more than 700 people will have a safe and affordable home to live in with the restoration of 290 previously uninhabitable, vacant homes by the New South Wales Government, delivered with \$25 million of Albanese Labor Government funding from the Social Housing Accelerator Fund. The NSW Government has already brought 300 of these homes back on line.

- (2) Homes NSW continuously reviews its property portfolio and prioritises repairs to vacant public housing properties, so they can be re-let to people and families on the waiting list as quickly as possible.

- * 2842 PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH - MOAMA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/research-and-demography/population-projections/explore-the-data

Based on the 2022 NSW Population Projections, Moama's population is expected to increase from 7,124 in 2024 to 9,053 by 2034.

- * 2843 NSW GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND AUDIT FOR HOUSING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

What sites of Government owned land in the Sydney electorate are being considered for housing as part of the land audit?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is carrying out an audit of NSW Government owned land to meet its inter-jurisdictional housing commitments, and to deliver on its commitment of delivering social and affordable housing on surplus public land, while also ensuring the availability of land for social infrastructure such as schools and hospitals.

The audit is being jointly led by The Cabinet Office and Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) and includes representatives from NSW Treasury, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, NSW Land and Housing Corporation and Landcom.

The audit is targeted at metropolitan and regional areas where there is greater community need for housing that may be partially met by government making available government owned sites no longer needed for service delivery or civic infrastructure.

No government decisions have been made about individual government owned sights within the Sydney electorate.

* 2844 ARBOVIRUS INFECTIONS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE BETWEEN 01 JAN AND 08 MAY 2024—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the number of arbovirus infections recorded in the Oxley electorate between the dates 01/01/2024 and 08/05/2024 from the following mosquito-borne viruses:

- (a) Japanese encephalitis?
- (b) Murray Valley encephalitis?
- (c) Ross River?
- (d) Barmah Forest?

Answer—

I am advised:

Notifications for these 4 mosquito-borne viruses are reported by NSW Health on the Infectious Diseases Data webpage: www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/pages/data.aspx

For the 4 viruses, counts of notifications are available for NSW by month. For Ross River virus, counts of notifications by year are also available by local health district. This information is not available by electorate.

* 2845 ARBOVIRUS INFECTIONS IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE FOR YEARS 2021, 2022 AND 2023—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Can the Minister provide information regarding the number of arbovirus infections recorded in the Oxley electorate for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 from the following mosquito-borne viruses.

- (a) Japanese encephalitis?
- (b) Murray Valley encephalitis?
- (c) Ross River?
- (d) Barmah Forest?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer provided at LA 2844.

* 2846 OXLEY ELECTORATE ROADS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) How many Carriageway Kilometres of State Roads have been upgraded or sealed within the Oxley electorate?

(2) How many Intersections have been upgraded in the following postcodes:

- (a) 2440?
- (b) 2441?
- (c) 2448?
- (d) 2445?

(3) How many "Fixing Country Roads Projects" have been completed in the following post codes?

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- (a) 2440?
- (b) 2441?
- (c) 2448?
- (d) 2445?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) From July 2023 to May 2024, Transport for NSW advises that approximately 11 kilometres of state road carriageway were upgraded this financial year.
- (2) From July 2023 to May 2024, Transport for NSW advises no intersections have been upgraded this financial year.
- (3) Transport for NSW advises there are nine Fixing Country Roads projects in the Oxley electorate. Six projects are complete and three are in delivery.

Two of the projects are located within post codes 2441, 2445 and 2440:

- Port Macquarie Hastings Council - Bridge assessments Port Macquarie Hastings Region, Round 6 project currently in delivery and forecast to be complete late 2024.
- Kempsey Shire Council - South Kempsey Village HV Bypass, Round 2 project completed in 2018.

From July 2023 to May 2024, there has been no completed Fixing Country Roads project within this area this financial year.

- * 2847 ASSESSMENT OF TREE SAFETY ON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROPERTIES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Following the toppling of a large tree at Australia Street Infants School in April, can the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether the Department of Education currently has a policy for assessing the health of trees on school grounds?
- (2) Whether the Department of Education currently has a policy to manage the safety of students and teachers in relation to sick or damaged trees?
- (3) What plans are in place to ensure continued green canopy coverage at schools in the event that large shade-giving trees fall or are removed?
- (4) Whether there are any plans to conduct an audit of individual tree health and tree canopy in New South Wales schools?

Answer—

I am advised the tree at Australia Street Infants School fell as the result of a large storm event.

The department's Tree Management Guidelines support schools in managing trees on school sites. These guidelines were developed in consultation with qualified arborists, the Royal Botanic Gardens, the Tree Contractors Association Australia, NSW National Parks, and school principals' representatives. These guidelines have been designed to minimise the safety risk to students, staff and the community.

The department's facilities maintenance contract includes an annual inspection of trees, by a qualified arborist, to review tree health, stability and safety. Arborists may also identify issues for inclusion in their annual report. As part of this, treatments or replanting may be undertaken to improve canopy coverage.

Schools are also able to log safety concerns about trees in the department's maintenance system for appropriate action.

* 2848 WOMEN IN NSW PRISONS—Ms Jenny Leong 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—

Regarding women in New South Wales prisons:

- (1) What is the current budget allocation for front-end diversionary programs that are specifically for women?
- (2) What is the Government doing to divert women from the justice system at the:
 - (a) Point of release?
 - (b) Post-release?
 - (c) During the 'reintegration' process?
- (3) How many women in 2022-2023 were released from New South Wales prisons into homelessness or unstable accommodation?
- (4) What Government programs are in place to ensure women leaving custody have a stable place to live on release?
- (5) What percentage of women are in prison for non-violent crimes?
 - (a) What percentage of these women:
 - (i) Are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?
 - (ii) Do not speak English as their primary language?
- (6) What is the cost of incarcerating each woman in New South Wales per annum?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Communities and Justice Budget is publicly available and can be accessed at [2023-24 Budget - Budget Paper No. 2 - Agency Financial Statements - 03 Communities and Justice \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- (2) Corrective Services NSW works with offenders throughout their sentence to prepare them for life in the community. This work includes pre-release planning and diversionary programs.

Corrective Services NSW works closely with non-government organisations and other government agencies to link women with services for mental health, family support, accommodation and drug and alcohol services.

For offenders released to parole, Corrective Services works with the offender to confirm suitable accommodation prior to release as part of intensive support provided to offenders at a level commensurate with risk.
- (3) Corrective Services NSW does not hold this data.
- (4) Corrective Services NSW partners with agencies responsible for housing and accommodation and funds services that provide housing assistance for offenders leaving custody including the Transitional Support Service, Extended Reintegration Service and Transitional Supported Accommodation.
- (5) 52%
 - (a) 21%

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(b) 10%

- (6) This information is publicly available via the Report on Government Services at [C Justice - Report on Government Services 2024 - Productivity Commission \(pc.gov.au\)](https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024-justice)

* 2849 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE HAWKESBURY LGA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area, how many public housing dwellings:
- (a) Are there?
- (b) Are currently vacant?
- (2) For public housing dwellings that are currently vacant, why are they vacant?
- (3) How do current vacancy rates compare to the previous five years of vacancy rates?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW owns and manages 205 public housing properties. Two of these properties are currently vacant.
- (2) One of the properties is vacant due to major termite damage and the other is undergoing standard vacant restoration works between tenancies.
- (3) Homes NSW reports on vacancy rates, annually through the Report on Government Services. Details are available at: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024/housing-and-homelessness/housing>

* 2850 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WOLLONGONG LGA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Within the Wollongong Local Government Area, how many public housing dwellings are there in:
- (a) Ward 1?
- (b) Ward 2?
- (c) Ward 3?
- (2) Of these public housing dwellings, how many are currently vacant in:
- (a) Ward 1?
- (b) Ward 2?
- (c) Ward 3?
- (3) Why are these dwellings currently vacant?
- (4) How do current vacancy rates compare to the previous five years of vacancy rates?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Homes NSW owns and manages 6,202 public housing properties. 86 of these properties are vacant. Homes NSW does not hold information by ward.

- (3) Vacancies can occur due to changeover between tenancies, upgrades, damage or being held for redevelopment.
- (4) Homes NSW reports on vacancy rates, annually through the Report on Government Services. Details are available at: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024/housing-and-homelessness/housing>

* 2851 STAFF PARKING AT PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding staff parking at metropolitan and major regional public hospitals:

- (1) Why did the Government undertake the decision to end free staff parking at metropolitan and major regional public hospitals?
- (2) Did the Government consult with health unions before ending free staff parking?
- (3) Did the Government consult with workers in hospitals before ending free staff parking?
- (4) What is the government doing to assist staff to get to work accessibly, safely and affordably?
- (5) What additional support is the Government providing for night shift and on call workers to get to work accessibly, safely and affordably?

Answer—

I am advised:

Free staff car parking at NSW public hospital car parks was introduced as a temporary measure, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As hospital activity has returned to pre-pandemic levels, it is critical that patients, families and visitors have easy access to health services.

The Ministry of Health consulted with NSW Health unions prior to the reintroduction of staff parking fees, and local health districts communicated the reintroduction of staff parking fees to affected staff.

Parking arrangements vary given the different geographic locations and infrastructure in place at a given hospital site. While arrangements vary based on the specifics of each hospital site, late-night security escorts for staff to their cars is an example of a strategy that some hospitals have employed.

* 2852 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—Ms Jenny Leong 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 rolling out of the NSW Electric Vehicle Strategy, can the Minister advise:

- (1) What your Government is doing to address problems with the charging network including:
 - (a) Lack of adequate charging stations across New South Wales, including:
 - (i) In high density metropolitan areas where many households do not have off-street parking?
 - (ii) Along frequently travelled long-distance routes between major New South Wales rural and regional towns?
 - (b) Delays in repairs to out of order charging stations especially during peak travel periods?
 - (c) Apps like Plugshare not being updated with up-to-date information about out of order chargers, recently installed chargers and changes to compatibility?
 - (d) The impact of poor internet service across rural and regional New South Wales on electric vehicle owners being able to search for working charging stations during a trip?

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- (e) Ongoing compatibility issues between charging stations and electric vehicles?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) Through the Electric Vehicle (EV) Kerbside Charging Grants program, the NSW Government is investing \$10 million to support local governments and Charge Point Operators to purchase and install at least 500 co-funded pole-mounted and street-side chargers across Greater Sydney and Newcastle to address concerns of residents with limited access to off-street parking.

All Local Government Areas (LGAs) in NSW were analysed by population density and residential dwelling type. In round one, \$4.1 million in funding was allocated to eight grantees to install and operate 671 charging ports across 16 of the LGAs assessed as having the least access to off-street parking for their population density.

The Government is also investing \$149 million to co-fund EV fast-charging infrastructure across NSW. This includes the installation of fast charging stations at 5km intervals in metropolitan NSW.

The EV fast-charging grants program will co-fund the installation of fast charging stations throughout regional NSW along major highways and towns, ensuring that EV drivers are on average no more than 100km away from the nearest public fast charging station.

The Destination Charging grants program is investing \$20 million for tourist destinations across regional NSW to install at least 3,000 EV destination chargers for the use of travellers, visitors and locals.

- (b) Recipients of NSW fast-charging grants must meet certain requirements, one of which is that every charger at each station must achieve a minimum availability or "uptime" of 95% each year. This will ensure that chargers are only out of order for the shortest amount of time possible.

All chargers funded under the kerbside charging grants must achieve a minimum availability or uptime of 99%.

- (c) Plugshare is a private platform that typically receives information from users sharing their experience with chargers. The Government is working with the Electric Vehicle Council who is working with industry on a solution to real time charger availability to support EV drivers.

- (d) Recipients of the NSW fast charging grants are required to publicly show the availability status of a charging station's charging bays via an online platform to the public. They are also required to use hardware solutions that have high reliability.

- (e) Recipients of the NSW fast charging grants are required to provide chargers that are compatible with all passenger EVs available in Australia.

All slower AC chargers installed through NSW EV programs (the kerbside charging and destination charging program) are compatible with all EVs available in Australia by using a standard Type 2 cable.

* 2853 GOVERNMENT EVENTS AT THE ICC SYDNEY—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In the 2022-23 financial year, how much did the Government spend on bookings for the following events at the International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney:

- (a) Premier's Harmony Dinner?
(b) Premier's Gala Concert?

- (c) International Women's Day breakfast?
- (d) Any other events hosted by the Government?
- (2) How did this expenditure compare with each of the 5 financial years prior?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the 2022-23 financial year:
 - (a) Multicultural NSW paid \$385,721.
 - (b) Department of Communities and Justice paid \$611,446.
 - (c) Transport for NSW paid \$48,215.
 - (d) \$5.8 million (including the events above).
- (2)

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Premier's Harmony Dinner (MNSW)	n/a	n/a	\$179,320	\$307,713	\$385,721
Premier's Gala Concert (DCJ)	\$759,146	\$492,421	\$486,449	\$484,801	\$611,446
International Women's Day Breakfast (TfNSW)	\$45,592	\$24,653	\$43,069	\$29,968	\$48,215
Total Events hosted by NSW Government	\$2,804,247	\$2,553,666	\$2,102,767	\$1,849,461	\$5,807,940*

*includes 2023 Vote Counting Centre

- * 2854 ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Rocky River Public School:

- (1) Have the serious structural issues in the historical main schoolhouse building been rectified yet?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) When will students and staff be able to move back into the main schoolhouse?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that modifications undertaken by the school a number of years ago have unfortunately led to its structural compromise.

A structural engineer determined that the main school building was unsafe and could not be used. The safety and wellbeing of students and staff is the department's top priority, and the local School Infrastructure NSW office responded by installing internal supporting braces to make the structure safe. Demountables have been installed to allow the school to maintain normal operations.

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School Infrastructure NSW will provide updates to the school on the next steps on works required at the school site.

- * 2855 GP SINGLE EMPLOYER MODEL—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 the GP Single Employer Model and the first five trainee doctors allocated to the Hunter New England Health District this year:

- (1) How many trainees will be based at Inverell Hospital?
- (2) How many trainees will be based at Armidale Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The GP trainees who have been engaged as part of the GP Single Employer Model program at Hunter New England Local Health District are working across general practice, with 2 trainees completing their hospital advanced skills training in 2024 at Tamworth and Maitland hospitals. The other trainees will complete their advanced skills training in hospitals across the District as per their training pathway over the next 3 years.

- * 2856 ENERGY SECURITY SAFEGUARD—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—

In relation to the 'upgrading your hot water system' program as part of the Energy Security Safeguard:

- (1) What courses of action are available to constituents who would like to sign up to this program but cannot secure an approved supplier who will travel to the region?

Answer—

- (1) The Energy Security Safeguard is made up of a set of market-based schemes. They are not government rebates, and so suppliers, known as Accredited Certificate Providers (or ACPs), have discretion over whether to service an area or undertake a particular project.

Constituents who would like to access incentives through the schemes are firstly encouraged to contact different ACPs to obtain quotes based on their individual circumstances.

Constituents can use the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) website to find a list of all active ACPs and the activities they are accredited to undertake. Constituents can also use the NSW Climate and Energy Action website which is updated regularly to list the region that a provider has indicated they can service.

Constituents are also encouraged to contact local tradespeople to indicate interest in the scheme. Local tradespeople and local plumbing retailers may have arrangements with ACPs to pass on the incentives.

Constituents could also organise a group of households in their area who are also interested in the upgrade. ACPs may find it more financially viable to service specific regional areas if there is larger demand.

The Government is aware the Energy Security Safeguard has been challenging for people living in some regional areas and is working on initiatives to help promote activity across NSW, outside of metropolitan areas.

- * 2857 24-HOUR POLICE STATIONS—The Hon. Adam Marshall to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to 24-hour police stations in regional areas:

- (1) How will you address the gap in services, particularly 24/7 coverage, between metropolitan police stations and regional police stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force Police Districts provide 24/7 coverage to their local areas through a variety of operational deployment models, including first response agreements, on call and mobile policing arrangements.

The NSW Police Force deploys police to places where crime may be expected to occur in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources), who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- * 2858 TICKETLESS PARKING FINES—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—

As it relates to the Media Release issued 10 March 2024, titled 'Ticketless parking fines must meet community expectations, Government stops new councils signing up', please advise:

- (1) As at 10 March 2024, which of the state's 128 councils issued ticketless parking fines?
- (2) Since 10 March 2024, which of these councils have reverted to issuing "an on the spot, written notification to drivers" instead of a ticketless parking fine?
- (3) What date was provided to councils to address shortcomings in their ticketless parking fine approach?
 - (a) If no date was provided, why not?

Answer—

On 10 March 2024, I wrote to 48 councils who had onboarded to Revenue NSW's 'Print and Post' ticketless fine scheme.

Many mayors and councillors from across the state agreed to uplift their parking fine practices. Some councils have already undertaken steps to provide drivers with an on-the-spot notification when issuing parking fines.

Revenue NSW continues to engage with councils to address shortcomings of the previous Liberal-National Government's implementation of the scheme.

It's only proper that we give councils the opportunity to fix this for their residents.

- * 2859 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA CENTRE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the Sydney International Regatta Centre for which the Office of Strategic Lands in the landowner:

- (1) Is there currently any intention to formulate a masterplan for the Sydney International Regatta Centre?

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- (2) Has the Office of Sport examined flood mitigation measure at the Sydney International Regatta Centre particularly as they relate to blue green algae blooms?
- (a) If so, what mitigation measures were recommended?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) This matter falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Sport.

* 2860 SUTHERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL NEW HALL—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can you please confirm whether students at Sutherland Public School will receive a new multi-purpose school hall that can accommodate whole of school assemblies as promised in the lead up to the 2023 NSW Election?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Minns Government is committed to delivering a new hall at Sutherland Public School hall, which will be fit-for-purpose and accommodate whole of school assemblies.

No funding or commitment for a hall for Sutherland Public School was made under 12 years of the former Liberal National Government, of which you were a Member and Minister.

* 2861 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

As it relates to the Local Sport Grant Program please advise:

- (1) Why it took until 2 May 2024 to announce recipients of funding through the Local Sport Grants Program despite organisations being notified on Monday, 22 April 2024?
- (2) Whether the Office of Sport or your office notified all elected Members of Parliament were advised of the embargo being lifted?
- (a) If not, why not
- (3) In an email from the Office of Sport Grants Unit, members were advised a shell media release would be circulated in coming weeks: Has a release been circulated to any members of Parliament by either the Office of Sport or your office?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If so, what dates were these emails sent?

Answer—

I announced the Local Sport Grant Program recipients on 1 May 2024.

I am advised in the email shared from Office of Sport, the embargo is lifted as soon as recipients are announced.

Whilst historically the NSW Government has not developed the communications materials of the Opposition, a shell release has been provided to members who requested it.

- * 2862 BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can you please advise for the Miranda electorate:
- (a) How many families were eligible to claim the 2023 Back-to-School Vouchers?
 - (b) How many families claimed their Back-to-School Vouchers?
 - (c) How many families were eligible to claim the 2023 After-School-Vouchers?
 - (d) How many families claimed their After-School-Vouchers?

Answer—

Refer to answer provided in LC QON 1504.

- * 2863 GOOD DRIVER BEHAVIOUR—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Of the 1.1 million motorists who had a demerit point erased for maintaining good driver behaviour during the 12-month trial, how many live in the Tweed Electorate (or by postcodes within the Tweed Electorate if data is not held by Electorate)?

Answer—

I am advised

As at 14 May 2024, of the 1.1 million motorists who had a demerit point erased for maintaining good driver behaviour during the 12-month trial, 14,836 motorists live in the Tweed Local Government Area.

- * 2864 FEE-FREE TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Of the 182,124 people in NSW who have enrolled in Fee-Free TAFE during 2023, how many live in the Tweed Electorate (or by postcodes within the Tweed Electorate if data is not held by Electorate)?

Answer—

Of the 182,124 people in NSW who have enrolled in Fee-Free TAFE during 2023, 1,416 live in the Tweed Electorate.

Data Source: Business Report (data as at 14 May 2024).

- * 2865 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—

- (1) Regarding the Fertility Treatment Rebate:
- (a) How many individuals who reside within postcodes within the Tweed Electorate (2483, 2484 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489 and 2490) have received the rebate since its introduction in October 2022?
 - (b) Noting applications close on 1 October 2026 unless funds are expended earlier, what percentage of funds remain?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the program's introduction 95 rebates have been paid to applicants in postcodes 2483, 2484 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489 and 2490.

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The \$2,000 Fertility Treatment rebate commenced on 1 January 2023 and was made available for 12,000 eligible women.

- * 2866 BATHURST SECONDARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Bathurst Secondary School Community Group project.

- (1) Can you please provide an update on this project?
- (2) What is the total budget for this project?
- (3) Can you please provide the scope of works and timeframe for works to be completed?
- (4) What works are currently underway or completed at Bathurst High Campus?
- (5) What works are underway or completed at Kelso High Campus?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to LA QON 1427.

- * 2867 FOSTER CARERS IN THE BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

In relation to foster carers in the Bathurst Electorate,

- (1) How many current foster carers are there in the following local government areas (LGA):
 - (a) Bathurst LGA?
 - (b) Lithgow LGA?
 - (c) Oberon LGA?
 - (d) Blayney LGA?
 - (e) Mid-Western LGA?
- (2) How many children are currently in foster care in the following local government areas:
 - (a) Bathurst LGA?
 - (b) Lithgow LGA?
 - (c) Oberon LGA?
 - (d) Blayney LGA?
 - (e) Mid-Western LGA?
- (3) Is there enough foster carers to meet the demand in these areas?
- (4) What is the average length of stay with foster carers in the Bathurst Electorate?
- (5) For the following years how many children have been in care in the Bathurst Electorate:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024 to June?
- (6) For the Bathurst Electorate, where are children placed when there are no foster carers available?

Answer—

I am advised:

As per the answer I provided in LA 1348, data on foster carers and children in foster care is not available by electorate in Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) systems.

Data on foster carers and children in foster care is available by Community Service Centre (CSC), however coverage areas do not align with electoral boundaries.

All towns serviced by Bathurst and Lithgow CSCs fall within the Bathurst electorate. Mudgee and Orange CSCs also service some towns in the Bathurst electorate, however mainly service geographical areas outside of the Bathurst electorate.

The following figures have been derived by combining data from Bathurst and Lithgow CSCs.

- (1) As at 12 June 2024, there are 8 0 foster carer households associated with Bathurst and Lithgow CSCs.
- (2) As at 12 June 2024, there are 8 5 children and young people cared for in foster care households associated with Bathurst and Lithgow CSCs.
- (3) No. Like most areas across NS W, there is a challenge in recruiting and retaining authorised carers to meet demand. This is the primary reason the use of High Cost Emergency Arrangements skyrocketed under the former government.
- (4) As at 3 0 June 2023, the average length of time in care for children and young people placed with foster carer households in Bathurst CSC and Lithgow CSC is approximately 7.2 years.
- (5) The number of children cared for in foster care households associated with Bathurst and Lithgow CSCs as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2021 was 47
 - (b) 30 June 2022 was 53
 - (c) 3 0 June 2023 was 61
 - (d) Full year data to 30 June 2024 is not currently available.
- (6) When there are no foster carers available, including emergency foster carers, children and young people are either:
 - If eligible, referred to funded Intensive Therapeutic Care homes managed by accredited non-government organisations.
 - Temporarily placed in a High-Cost Emergency Arrangement service type while the casework team works to identify a suitable foster care placement.

* 2868 KNIFE CRIME IN NSW—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to knife crime in New South Wales:

- (1) How many incidents of knife crime have occurred in the following years:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024 to June?
- (2) How many knives have been seized from individuals carrying them in public for the following years:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024 to June?

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- (3) What powers do general duties officers currently have in relation to knife crime?
- (4) Do any NSW Police officers currently carry metal detecting wands?
- (a) If so:
- (i) Who have wands?
- (ii) How many are there in New South Wales?
- (iii) Where are there located?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 – 2)

Year	Knife Crime Incidents	Knife Seizures
2022	8,954	4,572
2023	8,790	4,321
2024 YTD (1 Jan to 14 May 2024)	3,406	1,675

Note: Knife Crime has been defined as incidents where a person is in possession of an object that would be considered a sharp or cutting instrument or where a sharp or cutting instrument has been used as a weapon in an incident.

Knife Seizure has been defined as a count of objects recorded in incident categories: Powers - Person Search, Prohibited Article/Weapon, Street Offence.

- (3) Current legislative provisions under section 21, section 23 and section 27 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002, various sections under the Crimes Act 1900 and section 4 of the Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 provide police with search, seizure and arrest powers with regards to knife-related offences.
- (4) A small number of wands are available to police at the local level across NSW Police Force Police Area Commands and Police Districts.

* 2869 REGIONAL COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND GRANT TERMS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What are the terms for successful grants from the Regional Community Energy fund?
- (2) How does the Government ensure that a project is abiding by the terms of the funding agreement?
- (3) What project milestones have been completed to date for the Goulburn Community Dispatchable Solar Farm?
- (4) How much of the funding remains for this project?

Answer—

- (1) The terms for successful grants are:
- Meet the initial assessment criteria, and
 - Meet the ongoing requirements:
 - Undertake the project and achieve the outcomes;

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- Progress the project in a timely and expeditious manner;
 - Satisfy the payment criteria and the relevant milestones;
 - Complete the project by the completion date; and
 - Notify the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the Department), in writing, of any delay or anticipated delay to the project progress or achievement of a milestone and include the reason for the delay, the anticipated impact on the project, the steps the recipient is taking to or will take to overcome the delay, and keep the Department updated on the status of any such delay.
- (2) Monthly meetings with grant recipients are scheduled to discuss project progress, identify challenges and the steps the recipients are taking to overcome them.
- (3) The project has achieved significant milestones toward completion, including:
- Early Works
 - Executed Works Contracts for Phases 1-3
 - Completed Phase 1 Works.
 - Completed Civil Works Design.
 - Level 3 Accredited Service Provider Design certified by Essential Energy.
 - Secured land access.
 - Achieved grid connection approval.
 - Executed the Engineering, Procurement and Construction contract.
 - Executed the Operation and Maintenance contract.
 - Executed the Power Purchase Agreement.
 - Increased the battery size from 400kW / 800kWh to 1,000kW / 2,200kWh.
 - Exceeded its community fundraising target of \$2.6 million.
 - Achieved 95% completion toward Financial Close.
 - External content updates on the project are available on the grant recipient's website at goulburnsolarfarm.com.au
- (4) \$1.6 million.
- * 2870 COPFORD REACH, WOLLONDILLY RIVER—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- In relation to Copford Reach, Wollondilly River:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the approved funding of \$117,379.00 in May 2022 has been allocated?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of the works to be undertaken and the timeframe for the works to be completed?
- Answer—
- (1) The approved funding of \$117,379.00 has been provided to Goulburn Mulwaree Council under the Recreational Fishing and Camping Facilities Grant Program for their project titled 'Copford Reach (Wollondilly River) New Amenities Block Project'.

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- (2) Goulburn Mulwaree Council received grant funding to build a skillion roofed restroom with two unisex disabled toilets adjacent to Copford Reach to support and promote recreational fishing and boating activity on the Wollondilly River at Goulburn. The works were completed in early 2023.

* 2871 MOSS VALE AMBULANCE STATION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has Health Infrastructure identified a site for the new Moss Vale ambulance station?
- (2) Will the Government prioritise delivery of the Moss Vale Ambulance Station?
- (3) What is the construction timeframe for the new Ambulance station?
- (4) Is the Minister considering a new station to service Marulan?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health Infrastructure is working with NSW Ambulance and other Government stakeholders to identify potential sites for a new ambulance station in or around Moss Vale. The exact location of the site of the new station will be confirmed once the land and acquisition process are finalised. After land acquisition, construction timeframes will be confirmed as planning progresses.

NSW Ambulance conducts regular analysis of all locations within the state to identify areas of growing demand for the prioritisation of resources. This includes using best practice modelling software that maps Triple Zero (000) calls to determine the most suitable locations for emergency care, including examining current response areas and modelling potential station locations to meet future community needs.

NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor demand on a regular basis for changes in community needs.

* 2872 NSW BAR EXAM REVIEW—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With respect to the entrance exam for Barristers (known as the Bar Exam) and that the Victorian Bar Association is overhauling its Bar Exams amidst claims the exam is unfair:

- (1) Has the Attorney General considered a review of the NSW Bar Exam?
- (2) Has the Attorney General discussed the NSW Bar Exam, its pass rates, content and fairness with the NSW Bar President or the NSW Bar Council?
- (3) Can the Attorney General advise of the failure rate for the NSW Bar Exam for its February and June exams for each year for the last four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Council of the New South Wales Bar Association (Bar Council) is the designated local regulatory authority regarding the qualification of barristers in NSW, as prescribed by the Legal Profession Uniform Law.

* 2873 PLANNED AMBULANCE ROSTER SYSTEM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the Planned Ambulance Roster (PAR) system:

- (1) Will the Minister consider a review of the PAR system?
- (2) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the PAR system over the earlier system of Minimum Operating Levels?
- (3) Can an ambulance district currently be fully staffed with one or more stations closed?

- (4) Can the Minister advise how often each station in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Ambulance District has been left unstaffed or closed for the last three years?
- (5) Has the Minister received a briefing from NSW Ambulance on the PAR system and will the Minister make public this briefing note?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 – 2) NSW Ambulance uses rostering best practice and provides a safe system of work for minimum staffing levels for paramedics, through the concept of Planned Ambulance Rosters (PAR).

For every 10 paramedics, NSW Ambulance employs a further 3.275 on average across the state. In larger centres, it is closer to 4 additional full-time equivalent staff for every 10 paramedics. These additional staff are employed to cover roster absences by paramedics caused by a variety of factors including leave, training, workers compensation, maternity leave and sick leave.

NSW Ambulance continues to roster paramedics in excess of the PAR recommendation by the Industrial Relations Commission in May 2021. With the introduction of recent staffing enhancements through the Statewide Workforce Enhancement (SWEP) and Strategic Workforce Infrastructure Team (SWIFT) programs, NSW Ambulance has been able to increase the number of staff rostered on shift 24 hours a day in both metropolitan and regional NSW.

If the number of paramedics on duty for any shift falls below these PAR levels, the absences are filled using all available methods, including casuals, part-timers, flexible working arrangements and overtime. NSW Ambulance will continue to monitor rostering on a regular basis for changes in community needs.

NSW Ambulance has developed a draft deployment model which builds on the PAR recommendation by the Industrial Relations Commission in May 2021. Union consultation on this proposed model started in late 2023. NSW Ambulance continues this important work with the unions to refine and finalise the model to ensure it is robust, flexible, sustainable and meets the needs of the community of NSW, while maintaining a safe system of work for the NSW Ambulance workforce.

- (3-4) NSW Ambulance stations do not close when there are no staff rostered on. Stations remain available for use by paramedics on shift in the region, who can be fluidly deployed to the area.

Paramedics are a mobile workforce and usually respond from one patient to the next across regional locations, regardless of whether they are located at a hospital, an ambulance station or another location.

Vehicles and their paramedic crew are moved throughout their shift to provide geographical coverage of ambulance resources across NSW.

During periods of higher demand NSW Ambulance can fluidly deploy resources to where they are needed most, helping to deliver the best possible out-of-hospital care for the community.

- (5) I am appropriately briefed on matters relevant to the Health portfolio.

* 2874 FUTURE OF THE OLD NOWRA BRIDGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Nowra Bridge project:

- (1) When does the Government plan to reopen the old Nowra Bridge to pedestrians?
- (2) What works are involved in restoring the old Nowra bridge?
- (3) What is the cost of restoring the old Nowra bridge and can the Minister detail this work?
- (4) Does any restoration work on the old Nowra bridge involve contractors outside of Transport for NSW?

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- (5) If yes, who are they and how much will their services cost?
- (6) Is Shoalhaven City Council making any contribution towards the cost of keeping or refurbishing the old Nowra bridge?
- (7) What is the Government doing to keep the community safe from asbestos found as part of the Nowra Bridge project?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The old Nowra Bridge will re-open to pedestrians following the completion of repurposing and critical maintenance work. This work is expected to start in late 2024 once the Nowra Bridge project is complete and could take up to three years.
- (2) Transport for NSW is currently working on finalising the scope for the rehabilitation of the old Nowra Bridge. A Review of Environmental Factors to assess the impacts of the work is being carried out and will be published on the project webpage once complete. The repurposing work will include critical maintenance to make the bridge safe for pedestrian and cyclist use, repainting and repairing damaged and degraded features of the bridge.
- (3) The final cost of repurposing the old Nowra Bridge is dependent on the maintenance required and the scope of work to be included. The cost is currently unknown until that time.
- (4) Transport for NSW may engage external contractors to complete various elements of the repurposing and rehabilitation works alongside our internal bridge crews.
- (5) Use of external contractors will be determined once the scope of work is finalised, with contractors to be engaged following a formal tender process.
- (6) There is no Shoalhaven City Council funding contribution, and the bridge will remain a Transport for NSW asset.
- (7) The affected areas where bonded asbestos fragments were found within recycled garden mulch have been fenced off since February 2024. These areas are not accessible to the public. All asbestos found was bonded asbestos, which is considered low risk compared to friable asbestos. Transport for NSW is working with the project contractor and the NSW Environment Protection Authority to develop a remediation plan to safely remove asbestos in mulch from the project site. Small traces of asbestos were also detected following routine testing of excess spoil at the Bolong Road stockpile site, which is also fenced off with signage in place. Removal of the stockpile commenced on 20 May 2024 and will take around four months to complete. This material will be disposed of at a licenced waste facility.

* 2875 CLEARING OF CRITICALLY ENDANGERED ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN SUBTROPICAL RAINFOREST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the recent road construction works involving the clearing of vegetation at David Berry Hospital:

- (1) Did the NSW Department of Health submit applications in relation to the clearing of land and vegetation at the David Berry Hospital:
 - (a) In accordance with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
 - (b) In accordance with the NSW Heritage Act 1977?
 - (c) Any other application with respect to the vegetation removal?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Did NSW Health consult with Heritage NSW in relation to the matter?

- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Did NSW Health consult with Shoalhaven City Council about the clearing of land and vegetation at David Berry Hospital?
- (6) If not, why not?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District engaged independent town planners, local engineers, arborists and environmental consultants to undertake the relevant due diligence requirements and determine the least impactful approach to restoring the existing emergency access track.

Assessments were conducted in line with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and appropriate steps were taken to ensure that the restoration works did not have a significant impact on the relevant communities or species or their habitats in accordance with requirements under that Act. As there was not any impact on any mapped areas of Biodiversity Value, nor any impact on native vegetation above the relevant impact threshold, the District was advised by its Environmental Consultant that an application in relation to the clearing of land under the Act was not required.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District was advised that the restoration of the existing emergency access track was an exempt development under State Environmental Planning Policy and the heritage requirements under the Shoalhaven City Council's Local Environmental Plan. The District applied for and received an approved Tree Removal Permit and Clause 5.10 Minor Heritage exemption from Shoalhaven City Council to undertake the works.

- * 2876 CLEARING OF CRITICALLY ENDANGERED ILLAWARRA-SHOALHAVEN SUBTROPICAL RAINFOREST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the recent road construction works involving the clearing of vegetation at David Berry Hospital:

- (1) Did you authorise the clearing of remnant rainforest listed on the State Heritage Inventory at the David Berry Hospital?
- (2) Is the removal of the rainforest a breach of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 or the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
- (3) Will you consider remediating the site?
- (4) Have removed trees and vegetation been replaced by indigenous or other suitable native species in a suitable location on the property?
- (5) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Minister for Heritage does not have an approval role under the NSW Heritage Act 1977 (the Act).
- (2) Heritage NSW is investigating the circumstances of the subject works carried out at the David Berry Hospital site. The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has been asked to explain the works and the approvals process it followed. The Heritage Council of NSW will determine what action, if any, should be taken under the Act.
- (3) Actions such as remediation of the site would be determined upon completion of the investigation.
- (4) This will be part of the investigation being conducted by Heritage NSW.

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(5) This will be part of the investigation being conducted by Heritage NSW.

* 2877 CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON WASTE TENDERING REGULATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In relation to amendments to the Local Government (General) Amendment (Tendering) Regulation (No 2) 2023 (Waste Tendering Regulation):

- (1) Did the Government consult with Local Councils prior to the amendments?
- (2) If yes, when?
- (3) Did you meet with the Treasurer in relation to these changes?
- (4) If yes, when?
- (5) Did you meet with the Transport Workers Union in relation to these changes?
- (6) If yes, when?
- (7) Did the Government consult with other waste management service providers and other Stakeholders prior to the amendments?
- (8) If yes, when?
- (9) Was there a regulatory impact statement conducted to ensure there were no adverse outcomes from the amendment?
- (10) If not, why not?
- (11) Do you have plans to repeal the amendments so that Local Councils and Stakeholders can raise their concerns with you?
- (12) If not, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Government introduced the Waste Tendering Regulation to ensure waste management workers receive the same pay for doing the same job when a council enters into a new waste contract. In order to apply to a range of upcoming tenders, the Government moved quickly to ensure working conditions for waste workers were protected, as there is a sordid history of waste workers having their basic pay and conditions cut when waste management contracts are privatised for the first time or change hands between contractors.

The Regulation ensures that competitive tenders are a contest between innovation, technology, service standards and efficiencies, rather than a race to the cheapest price where the efficiency saving is to pay workers less for doing the same job.

The Regulation allows councils flexibility to work with incumbent contractors and prospective contractors to transfer entitlements for workers that would otherwise be made redundant. This means that someone who has worked for years in their local community is not forced to take a redundancy and automatically cash out their years of service if they intend to take up employment with the new contractor.

The Regulation is based upon practices commonly administered in contracts across other industries such as the transport sector. The Regulation was not a principal statutory rule as defined under the Subordinate Legislation Act 1989. As such the preparation of a Regulatory Impact Statement was not required.

The NSW Government firmly believes that the future affordability of waste management services should not be at the expense of workers' pay and conditions.

I have instructed the Office of Local Government to convene a roundtable in coming weeks with LGNSW, unions and waste industry representatives to clear up any misconceptions that currently exist.

If at the conclusion of those roundtable discussion further amendments are needed to ensure clarity or remove genuine unintended consequences, then I will act further. Requests for amendments that erode the intent of the regulation or seek to disallow the regulation will not be considered.

- * 2878 COST OF LIVING RELIEF FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to cost-of-living relief for young people:

- (1) Excluding education, what measures and initiatives have the Government introduced in relation to cost-of-living relief for young people (2023-2024)?
- (2) What vouchers or programs is the Government considering in relation to the above?
- (3) How is the Government responding to key findings and recommendations in the Report - How children and young people are impacted by and responding to the rising cost of living in NSW – by the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (December 2023)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) We know people across the state are doing it tough right now – including young people. We have prioritised cost of living relief for the whole community, and there are a number of initiatives that directly benefit young people. These include programs like Holiday Break, which offers free or very low cost school holidays programs, Youth Opportunities grants for organisations providing direct support to the most vulnerable young people, support for fee free TAFE training courses and more (please check this list - and add anything else we are doing for cost of living that might help young people).
- (2) A list of vouchers and programs available for the NSW community is available online via Service NSW.
- (3) I am in regular contact with the Advocate for Children and Young People and support the work she is doing to highlight the issues facing children and young people across NSW. I have ensured a copy of this report is available to other relevant Ministers for consideration in their work developing policies to assist young people.

- * 2879 REVENUE NSW DATA BY ELECTORATE—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—

Noting QON 2450 – Speed Camera Revenue and your answer, “Revenue NSW does not hold data by State Electorate”:

- (1) Will you consider changes to this system to improve transparency and data in relation to revenue and offences by electorate?
- (2) Does this data exist?
- (3) Is a breakdown of offences by electorate or Local Government Area easily available?
- (4) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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Revenue NSW systems do not capture data by electorate. Their systems capture details of the fine recipient, the offence, and the offence location only. Relevant data relating to the administration of fines is publicly available on the Revenue NSW website through the open-data self-service portal.

There are no plans to change the way Revenue NSW collects data. Current practice is consistent with that of the previous Government.

* 2880 DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the Government's policy to increase supply, can the Minister provide the numbers of Development Applications' approved, rejected and their average time taken to assess by:

- (1) Shoalhaven City Council?
- (2) Shellharbour City Council?
- (3) Kiama Municipal Council?
- (4) Wollongong City Council?
- (5) Wingecarribee Shire Council?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available at

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/eplanningreport>

* 2881 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM - CASTLE HILL—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Are items in the collection have become trapped behind other items and waste space because in the Powerhouse Museum, Castle Hill, a travelling overhead crane was not installed in J-Store?
 - (a) If so, why not?
 - (b) What actions will be taken to retrofit one?
- (2) Does the Government plan to install a travelling overhead crane at the Parramatta Powerhouse Museum?

Answer—

- (1) The recently completed Building J does not contain an overhead crane to move objects. I am advised it is not required due to 6m ceiling height of the Very Large Object Store and loading entrances. Every complex or very large object in the Powerhouse Collection has an individual movement plan that outlines the specific requirements for that object's safe transportation and storage. The safe movement of Powerhouse Collection objects often involves the use of specialist equipment including mobile cranes, multi movers, jacks, skates and custom stillages. The new building at Powerhouse Castle Hill is a working store and Powerhouse Collection objects will continue to move in, out and around, as required.
 - (a) Powerhouse Collection objects do not require a fixed overhead crane to be safely relocated whilst on display or when on exhibition.
 - (b) A fixed overhead crane is not required in the new building at Powerhouse Castle Hill.
- (2) No. A fixed overhead crane does not need to be installed at Powerhouse Parramatta.

* 2882 PREVENTION OF ACCESS TO PORNOGRAPHY—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What actions is the Government taking to prevent access to pornography for those under the age of 18?
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to punish pornography websites for failing to provide adequate checks to ensure those accessing their websites are over 18?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to mandate age-verification laws for accessing online pornography, similar to those which exist for gambling websites?

Answer—

I am advised:

These matters fall under the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government and are within the portfolio responsibilities of the Commonwealth Minister for Communications, the Hon. Michelle Rowland MP.

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* 2883 ENROLMENT CHANGES FROM PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) What is the exact number of students enrolled at Pittwater High School in 2020 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2021 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (2) What is the exact number of students enrolled at Pittwater High School in 2021 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2022 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (3) What is the exact number of students enrolled at Pittwater High School in 2022 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2023 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (4) What is the exact number of students enrolled at Pittwater High School in 2023 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2024 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that information about school enrolment numbers is available publicly on the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation website.

* 2884 NATIONAL STUDENT WELLBEING PROGRAM—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) What is the exact number and name of each public primary schools in the following postcodes applied for the 2024-27 round of the National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?
- (2) What is the exact number and name of each of public primary schools in the following postcodes successfully obtained funding under the 2024-27 National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?

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- (3) What is the exact number and name of each of public high schools in the following postcodes applied for the 2024-27 round of the National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?
- (4) What is the exact number and name of each of public high schools in the following postcodes successfully obtained funding under the 2024-27 National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?
- (5) What is the exact number and name of each of private schools in the following postcodes applied for the 2024-27 round of the National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?
- (6) What is the exact number and name of each of private schools in the following postcodes successfully obtained funding under the 2024-27 National Student Wellbeing Program: 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108?

Answer—

Information regarding the National Student Wellbeing Program can be found on the Department of Education website at [National Student Wellbeing Program \(NSWP\)](#)

- * 2885 STAMP DUTY PAID ON PROPERTY TRANSFERS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) What is the exact total dollar amount in stamp duty paid on all properties transferred in postcodes 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, during the following periods:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?
- (2) What is the exact total dollar amount in land tax paid in respect of all residential properties in postcodes 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, during the following periods:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?
- (3) What is the exact total dollar amount in land tax paid by individuals or companies whose contact address recorded with the Office of State Revenue includes one of the following postcode: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, during the following periods:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised that information relating to stamp duty and land tax by postcode is publicly available on the Revenue NSW website, via the Data and Statistics page.

* 2886 LAND TAX PAID ON FOREIGN OWNED PROPERTIES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise the exact total dollar amount in land tax surcharge paid on all foreign owned properties in postcodes 2084, 2097, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, during the following periods:
- (a) 1 July 2023 – 6 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised that information relating to land tax surcharge by postcode is publicly available on the Revenue NSW website, via the Data and Statistics page.

* 2887 RETURN AND EARN - REVERSE VENDING MACHINES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the exact number of containers returned at the following reverse vending machines (RVM) since the commencement of the 'Return and Earn' program (noting that some of these machines are now closed)?
- (a) Pittwater RSL RVM (Mona Vale)?
 - (b) Golf Paradise RVM (Terrey Hills)?
 - (c) Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Stadium RVM (Warriewood)?
 - (d) Warriewood Square Express?

Answer—

- (1) Container volumes from the commencement of the Return and Earn Scheme in 2017 until 19 May 2024:
- (a) 26,222,892
 - (b) 11,728,956
 - (c) 19,498,862
 - (d) 79,451

* 2888 FARES PAID VIA OPAL TO KEOLIS DOWNER—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of fares paid via Opal Card on Keolis Downer operated buses in Sydney Region 8 for the following periods:
- (a) 1 July 2023 – 13 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023?

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- (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
- (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?

Answer—

I am advised

Information about fares paid via Opal Card on Keolis Downer operated buses in Sydney Region 8 is commercial-in-confidence.

* 2889 FIREFIGHTER RESCUE TRAINING—Mr Rory Amon 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 Fire and Rescue NSW “rescue” training course run in the following periods:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 13 May 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
 - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
 - (c) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021?
- (2) What is the exact number of individual firefighters trained at each course held?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the following in relation to the Fire and Rescue NSW general land rescue course:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024 - 10 courses; 95 firefighters trained
 - (b) 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 - 18 courses; 131 firefighters trained
 - (c) 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 - 8 courses; 75 firefighters trained
 - (d) 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 - 14 courses; 98 firefighters trained.

* 2890 CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY AND TUMBI ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the cost of early works at the Central Coast Highway and Tumby Road intersection?
- (2) Can the Minister advise the start and completion dates for early works on the Central Coast Highway and Tumby Road intersection?
- (3) Can the Minister advise an approximate date for the Release of Environmental Factors for the upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The total cost of the project is \$65.5 million, which includes the early works.
- (2) Early works started in February 2023 and ended in November 2023. This work included surveying, vegetation clearing, minor earthwork, geotechnical testing, installation of utility pits, conduits and cables, drainage work, new line marking and demolition of a Transport-owned property.
- (3) Extensive community consultation has already been carried out for the Tumby Road intersection upgrade. The Review of Environmental Factors was on display for feedback in October 2021, with

a submissions report addressing matters raised by the community published in June 2022. Transport for NSW will continue to keep the community informed on progress via the project web pages.

* 2891 WARDS HILL ROAD AND EMPIRE BAY INTERSECTION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what funding streams are available for Transport for NSW to investigate intersection improvements at the Wards Hill Road and Empire Bay Drive intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

There are no identified funding sources for the project at this time.

Transport for NSW will develop a Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan for the Central Coast in the next 12 months. Any proposed upgrades to this intersection could be considered as part of the Plan.

* 2892 MAMRE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) When will construction start on Stage 1 of the Mamre Road Upgrade?
(2) When will construction be completed on Stage 1 of the Mamre Road Upgrade?
(3) When will the detailed design for Stage 2 of the Mamre Road Upgrade be available for stakeholder review?

Answer—

I am advised

Construction of the Mamre Road Upgrade Stage 1 project is expected to commence in late 2024.

The detailed design for the Mamre Road Stage 2 will follow after the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors is exhibited to the public for community and stakeholder feedback in 2025.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2028, weather permitting. Further information about the Mamre Road Upgrade Stage 1 and Mamre Road Stage 2 projects is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: [Mamre Road upgrade between the M4 Motorway, St Clair and Erskine Park Road, Erskine Park | Transport for NSW](#) and [Mamre Road upgrade between the M4 Motorway, St Clair and Erskine Park Road, Erskine Park | Transport for NSW](#)

* 2893 FUNDING SOURCES FOR ROAD PROJECTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

What plans does the Government have to identify new funding sources for road projects that were cancelled due to the Commonwealth Government's infrastructure audit, such as the Blaxland and Balaclava Road intersection upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW budget is scheduled for 18 June 2024.

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* 2894 DISPERSION OF FUNDING CUTS ACROSS PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Will the \$148 million reduction in public school funding be evenly dispersed among all public schools in New South Wales?
- (2) If not, specifically, by how much will each of the following schools in the Ryde electorate have their allocations adjusted:
 - (a) Ermington Public School?
 - (b) Ryde Public School?
 - (c) North Ryde Public School?
 - (d) West Ryde Public School?
 - (e) Denistone East Public School?
 - (f) Meadowbank Public School?
 - (g) Eastwood Heights Public School?
 - (h) Kent Road Public School?
 - (i) Eastwood Public School?
 - (j) Marsden High School?
 - (k) Epping Boys High School?
 - (l) Smalls Road Public School?
 - (m) Ngarala Public School?
- (3) If not, specifically by how much will each of the following schools servicing the Ryde electorate have their allocations adjusted:
 - (a) Arndell School?
 - (b) Truscott Street Public School?
 - (c) Ryde East Public School?
 - (d) Ryde Secondary College?

Answer—

This year the NSW Labor Government has delivered an increase to public school budgets of more than \$700 million, which includes schools in the Ryde electorate, as part of a record investment in rebuilding public education.

The School Budget Resource Allocation Report is published annually by schools.

* 2895 RESTORATION OF M52 BUS ROUTE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has your Department informed Busways of the Government's election commitment to restore the M52 bus route?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW meets regularly with Busways to discuss bus planning and operational matters.

* 2896 HOUSING SUPPLY AND STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In what ways did your Department consider the track record of local Councils in delivering new housing supply, and their projected pipelines of new housing supply, before developing the following planning policies:
 - (a) Transport Oriented Development Reforms?
 - (b) Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms?
- (2) In relation to State Significant development, in what ways does your Department consider the track record of local Council's in delivering new housing supply, and their projected pipelines of new housing supply, before deeming a proposal State Significant, or making a determination on a State Significant proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

Both the TOD and Low and Mid Rise Housing programs have been developed in response to the targets set under the National Housing Accord. A review of the existing pipeline of development determined that more housing supply is required. Both the TOD and Low and Mid Rise programs are focussed on well located areas capable of delivering increased housing capacity. They are also aligned the NSW Government's election commitment to focus growth around existing infrastructure.

* 2897 STAFF EMPLOYMENT RATES - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) For any reason, how many staff ceased employment with the Department Health in the 12 months to:
 - (a) 31 March 2024?
 - (b) 31 March 2023?
 - (c) 31 March 2022?
 - (d) 31 March 2021?
 - (e) 31 March 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staff turnover rates are detailed in the NSW Health Annual Report.

* 2898 STAFF EMPLOYMENT RATES - MULTICULTURAL NSW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) For any reason, how many staff ceased employment with Multicultural NSW in the 12 months to:
 - (a) 31 March 2024?
 - (b) 31 March 2023?
 - (c) 31 March 2022?
 - (d) 31 March 2021?
 - (e) 31 March 2020?

I am advised:

- That the number of staff that ceased employment in the 12 months to
 - (a) 31 March 2024 was 15
 - (b) 31 March 2023 was 20
 - (c) 31 March 2022 was 13
 - (d) 31 March 2021 was 6
 - (e) 31 March 2020 was 12

- (1) Across New South Wales, how many social housing homes were vacant in the 12 months to 30 April 2024?
- (2) Of these, how many were vacant in the Ryde electorate?
- (3) What is the average vacancy duration for social housing homes across New South Wales?
- (4) What is the average vacancy duration for social housing homes in the Ryde electorate?

I am advised:

- (1) Detail are available at: [A Approach to performance reporting - Report on Government Services 2023 \(pc.gov.au\)](https://www.pc.gov.au/reports/2023/pcgovau)
- (2) As at 30 April 2024, there were no vacant Homes NSW managed properties in the Ryde LGA.
- (3) Across NSW average void length completed re-lettable social housing properties was 118 days.
- (4) In the Ryde LGA, the average length for completed re-lettable properties managed by Homes NSW was 88 days.

- (1) If not held centrally, where does the Government access information related to how many pregnant women have been referred from public hospitals to alternative emergency care facilities to give birth?
 - (a) From that data source, how many pregnant women have been referred from public hospitals to alternative emergency care facilities to give birth in the 12 months to 30 April 2024?

I am advised:

Maternity care in NSW is networked to enable consultation, referral and transfer to higher-level care as required. This networked care ensures that women receive the right care, at the right place.

- * 2901 REJECTION OF APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE TG MILLNER PLAYING FIELDS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Was your Department informed by the Office of Local Government that it would reject the City of Ryde's application to compulsorily acquire the TG Millner playing fields in Marsfield before the news was reported in the media?

- (1) If not, how will this decision impact your Department's collaboration with Ryde Council on open space provision?
- (2) If so, what alternative locations have been identified to ensure equivalent open space can be delivered in the Ryde Local Government Area, should TG Millner no longer be a viable option?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The site continues to be used for active recreation. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure continues to work with Council on the delivery of open space to support its existing and future population across the local government area.

- * 2902 PUBLIC HOUSING ON RAPER STREET, NEWTOWN—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) In relation to Land and Housing Corporation-owned properties that are currently untenanted on Raper Street, Newtown, including numbers 4, 6, 10, 16, 18 and 24:
 - (a) How long have they been untenanted?
 - (b) Why are they not tenanted?
 - (c) Has Homes NSW, or any other public agency, submitted or made plans to submit a development application to redevelop the properties?
 - (i) If so, what is the nature of this development application?
 - (d) What are the details of correspondence sent to former and/or current tenants explaining what the plans for the dwellings were?

Answer—

I am advised that:

As of 16 May 2024, three of the five Homes NSW properties are vacant being 4, 10-16 and 18 Raper Street, Newtown. The properties at 6 and 24 Raper Street are occupied.

4 Raper Street which has been vacant since October 2022, has significant structural damage, and it will be restored as soon as possible, pending advice from a structural engineer.

10-16 and 18 Raper Street have been vacant since 2018 and 2022. Homes NSW is finalising a development application (DA) to redevelop the sites into a new generation boarding house comprising eight modern self-contained dwellings. Preliminary neighbour notification informing surrounding residents about the proposed plans was provided in late 2021. The City of Sydney will provide further notification to neighbours as part of the usual statutory notification process following DA lodgement, which is expected by August 2024.

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- * 2903 CLOTHING STORE SUB-PRECINCT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the Clothing Store Sub-Precinct in North Eveleigh:

- (1) Has the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE) concluded its Expression of Interest process for built-to-rent housing on this site?
 - (a) If so, what is the target number of homes on the site?
 - (b) What is the projected timeline for development?
 - (c) What consideration was given to public housing and social housing when devising these renewal plans?

Answer—

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

- * 2904 POLICE CALLOUTS TO THE GAP LOOKOUT—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many police call outs have there been to The Gap Lookout National Park (The Gap) in the Eastern suburbs for suicides or attempted suicides in the last calendar year?
- (2) How many times have helicopter services been deployed to The Gap in the last calendar year?
- (3) What is the usual resourcing required for an incident such as this?
- (4) What is the cost for one of these call outs?
- (5) What is the cost (per year) of maintaining the CCTV equipment at The Gap per year?
- (6) What is the cost (per year) of any other monitoring of CCTV, including the monitoring centre at Waverley Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force is unable to provide this information as it is not possible to accurately extract data relating to suicide or attempted suicide.
- (2) PolAir completed 23 deployments to The Gap in 2023.
- (3) Resource allocation varies depending on the circumstances of the incident. All incidents are immediately assessed and responded to by Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command (PAC). Police also monitor CCTV cameras during an incident. Further resources may be sought from the NSW Police Force's Rescue and Bomb Disposal Unit, Marine Area Command and Negotiation Unit.
- (4) Due to varying factors, it is not possible to quantify costs for these callouts.
- (5) CCTV maintenance is a matter for Woollahra Council as the owners/managers of CCTV infrastructure, cameras, computers and security monitoring services.
- (6) Refer to the response to question 5 above.

- * 2905 TRAFFIC FLOW - M6 AND M8 JUNCTION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What planning has the Government done for how traffic will flow in the vicinity of the junction of the M6 extension stage 1 and the M8 when the M6 extension stage 1 opens?

- (2) How well will traffic flow in the vicinity of the junction of the M6 extension stage 1 and the M8 when the M6 extension stage 1 opens?

Answer—

I am advised

All relevant information regarding traffic flows is in the M6 Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement and the Preferred Infrastructure Report which are publicly available on the NSW Government Planning Portal.

* 2906 OPERATIONAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT SUTHERLAND TRAIN STATIONS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Separately for each train station in the Sutherland Shire, how many operational defibrillators are there at that station?
- (2) Where at each such station is any such defibrillator stored?
- (3) How regularly are those defibrillators checked or maintained to ensure they are in operational condition?
- (4) What training has each staff member at each such station had in the use of the defibrillators there?
- (5) What operating procedures or protocols are in place for use of the defibrillators at each such station by staff in the case of an emergency?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The following stations have a fully monitored and operational defibrillator:

- Sutherland
- Cronulla
- Waterfall
- Kirrawee
- Caringbah

Sydney Trains plans to install defibrillators at the following stations:

- Como
- Jannali
- Gymea
- Miranda
- Woollooware
- Loftus
- Engadine
- Heathcote

- (2) Defibrillators are mounted in the station manager's office at Sutherland, Cronulla and Waterfall stations. Defibrillators are mounted on the platform at Kirrawee and Caringbah stations.
- (3) The Defibrillators are monitored remotely 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure they remain fully operational at all times. If the defibrillator is removed, the supplier will service the device within 24 hours. Maintenance for both the defibrillator and the cabinet is conducted every six months.

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- (4) All new Service Experience employees (Customer Service Attendants, Station Duty Managers, Station Cleaners and Transport Officers) complete Automated External Defibrillator training as part of their Initial Employment Training.
- (5) Defibrillators have been installed at stations where Station Duty Managers are rostered. Station Duty Managers are first aid trained, including how to use a defibrillator.

Instructions for how to use the defibrillator and a First Aid Resuscitation guide are placed near each defibrillator cabinet. A defibrillator 'Emergency User Guide' and 'Frequently Asked Questions' are available to staff.

The defibrillators are designed for easy access and use by any member of the public in the event of an emergency, including simple audio instructions for users to follow.

* 2907 CONSULTATION FOR NEW VISITOR CENTRE - KAMAY BOTANY BAY NATIONAL PARK KURNELL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) With what groups or individuals (outside of the Government) did the Government consult on the change in the design of the new visitor centre to be built in Kamay Botany Bay National Park Kurnell from the design announced in or about early 2021?
- (2) What was the form of any such consultation?
- (3) When did it occur?
- (4) What is the expected cost saving from changing the design?
- (5) What is the difference in floorspace from changing the design?
- (6) What are the differences in internal configuration from changing the design?

Answer—

- (1) The Kamay Project Board, which included the Hon Mark Speakman SC MP, was presented with the proposed design changes, and approved those changes, before the redesign took place at the board meeting in November 2022.

The Kamay Project Board included stakeholders from La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, Sutherland Shire Council, the Australian Heritage Council, the Federal Member for Cook and Aboriginal Affairs NSW.

Further consultation on the amended design took place via public advertisement by Heritage NSW during November to December 2023, on-site notifications, with the amended design available online and at the offices of Heritage NSW and Sutherland Shire Council, and community information sessions held on site in December 2023 and January 2024.

- (2) Consultation was conducted by presentation to the Kamay Project Board, online advertisement and on-site community information sessions.
- (3) Consultation was conducted during November 2022 to January 2024.
- (4) The design amendments to the visitor centre will reduce costs by \$4.6 million.
- (5) The amended design decreases the internal floor area of the visitor centre by approximately 15% compared to the original concept design.
- (6) The internal configuration of the visitor centre remains similar to the original design. The amended design accommodates the same users and functions as the original concept, but slightly repositions some spaces and reduces the size of some rooms to produce the overall floor area decrease. The separate theatre of the concept is incorporated into an enlarged exhibition space in the amended design.

* 2908 RETURN OF THE GWEAGAL SPEARS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Will the Gweagal spears returning from Cambridge, United Kingdom, be permanently housed at the new visitor centre to be built in Kamay Botany Bay National Park at Kurnell?
- (2) What security arrangements (building design, human resources or otherwise) will be in place at the new visitor centre to keep any permanent or temporary exhibitions secure?

Answer—

- (1) The Custodians of the Gweagal spears propose to house them in the new visitor centre in Kamay Botany Bay National Park.
- (2) The National Museum of Australia is partnering with the Custodians of the spears to provide advice on appropriate storage, care and display of the spears and other artefacts.

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council is partnering with the Gujaga Foundation to seek to occupy and run, under a licence from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the exhibition space and will lead in the overall management of this space once constructed.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is working closely with the Custodians and the National Museum of Australia to ensure appropriate design features are included in the building. The building has been positioned to minimise bushfire risk and designed in accordance with applicable standards to mitigate these risks. The exhibition space will provide a temperature and humidity-controlled environment within a fire-rated, lockable internal room constructed with masonry walls, concrete floor and concrete ceiling. The building will be staffed during operating hours and fitted with security, fire and surveillance systems.

* 2909 WHARVES AT LA PEROUSE AND KURNELL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Have there been any changes since March 2023 to the specifications for the wharves being constructed at La Perouse and Kurnell?
- (2) What are the expected cost savings from any such changes?

Answer—

I am advised

There have been no significant changes to the specifications for the wharves since March 2023.

* 2910 CHANGES TO GREAT SOUTHERN WALK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Have there been any changes since March 2023 to the specifications for the Great Southern Walk?
- (2) What are the expected cost savings from any such changes?

Answer—

- (1) There are no significant changes to the scope or specifications for the Great Southern Walk and project funding remains as originally allocated.
- (2) Not applicable.

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* 2911 CRONULLA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Have there been any changes since March 2023 to the specifications for the new buildings and upgrades at Cronulla High School?
- (2) What are the expected cost savings from any such changes?

Answer—

The Cronulla High School upgrade is progressing well under the Minns Labor Government, with updates provided to the school community and on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

* 2912 SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What new social housing projects will the Government be completing in the Sutherland Shire by 30 June 2026?
- (2) For each such project:
 - (a) What is the location?
 - (b) What is the number of dwellings?
 - (c) What is the type of dwelling (eg apartment, detached house, duplex, townhouse)?
 - (d) What is the number of bedrooms in each dwelling?
 - (e) Has the land been acquired?
 - (f) Has development approval been obtained?
 - (g) When are the dwellings expected to be occupied?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) Homes NSW is always exploring opportunities to deliver additional social housing across NSW as part of its portfolio strategy and through the Housing Australia Future Fund.

* 2913 PRESCHOOLS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What preschools will the Government be building on public school sites in the Sutherland Shire?
- (2) Separately for each such preschool:
 - (a) When is the expected opening date?
 - (b) How many student places will there be?

Answer—

The Minns Government is delivering 100 public preschools, the biggest investment in public preschools in NSW history. Sites were selected through a rigorous process with independent oversight. A list of the preschools being delivered can be found here: [Families to benefit as locations of 100 new preschools revealed \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/families-to-benefit-as-locations-of-100-new-preschools-revealed)

- * 2914 SENIORS CARD DISCOUNT DIRECTORY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the 2024 Seniors Card Discount Directory:

- (1) When will the hard copy of the 2024 Seniors Card Discount Directory be delivered to electorate offices?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) For seniors who do not have access to technology, how will they access this resource?
- (3) What cost of living measures is the Government providing for seniors living in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 1a) From 2024 the Seniors Card Directory has been replaced with a searchable online discount and deals map on the NSW Seniors Card website: [Seniors Card and Senior Savers Card Discounts and Deals | NSW Government](#)

The online directory is regularly updated by businesses over the course of the year and is a more reliable source of information for members. A pdf version of the 2024 Seniors Card Directory is available for download and print on the NSW Seniors Card website: [Seniors Card Discount Directory 2024 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

- (2) Service NSW staff can assist Seniors Card members to access and use the discount map and pdf. There is scope to print the digital directory in PDF format to ensure physical copies can be supplied to those who prefer it. Businesses offering Seniors Card discounts can be identified at their shopfront and by point of sale signage.
- (3) People living in regional NSW may be entitled to a number of rebates and vouchers to assist with the cost of living. This will depend on their individual circumstances. More information can be found on the NSW Governments cost of living hub: [Cost of Living hub | NSW Government](#)

In addition, eligible seniors can access up to 70 rebates and concessions under the Savings Finder program including:

- Medical and Health: spectacles program, prosthetic limb and aids and equipment
- Travel: public transport, driving, toll assistance, parking fees and car registration fees
- Utilities: savings on energy bills, water, gas and household bills
- Legal: Pensioner Power of Attorney Preparation Service and Wills

More information on the Savings Finder program can be found via this link: [Savings Finder | Optional log in \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

- * 2915 PBC GOULBURN BUS SERVICE ALTERATION REQUEST—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Was the PBC Goulburn Bus Service Alteration Request for route 818 declined by Transport for NSW?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised

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A Bus Service Alteration Request for route 818 was received in October 2023 from the Operator (Mojeto, PBC Goulburn) and was declined by Transport for NSW as a holistic review has commenced for changes to the bus routes in the area.

Bus coverage in Crookwell is being considered as part of the Medium-Term Bus Plan as a recommendation of the Bus Industry Taskforce.

The Medium-Term Bus Plan will identify short and medium-term public transport improvements across the region. Transport for NSW is analysing the way people move around the region, the usage of the current network, identifying changes in land use and growth, as well as working with a range of stakeholders to best identify travel need and purpose. The plan will then be utilised to inform funding for service improvements.

The Operator has been contacted and advised of the planning activities that were underway as part of the Medium-Term Bus Plan.

* 2916 RAIL SERVICES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the Sydney-Canberra regional rail service:
 - (a) At what percentage capacity does the service operate for the:
 - (i) Morning journey?
 - (ii) Midday journey?
 - (iii) Afternoon journey?
 - (b) How many rail cars are allocated to this service?
 - (c) How many seats does this service have capacity for?
 - (d) What is the average number of passengers that each of these journeys service?
- (2) In relation to the Sydney-Armidale regional rail service:
 - (a) At what percentage capacity does the service operate?
 - (b) How many rail cars are allocated to this service?
 - (c) How many seats does this service have capacity for?
 - (d) What is the average number of passengers that each of these journeys service?
- (3) In relation to the Sydney-Werris Creek rail service;
 - (a) At what percentage capacity does the service operate?
 - (b) How many rail cars are allocated to this service?
 - (c) How many seats does this service have capacity for?
 - (d) What is the average number of passengers that each of these journeys service?
- (4) Has the Government analysed patronage and booking of each of these services to consider the capacity to be reduced to Werris Creek and Armidale in favour of the Canberra Service?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) In relation to the Sydney-Canberra regional rail service, the below figures are calculated based on passenger kilometres travelled on each service between July 2023 and April 2024:
 - (i) 63 per cent
 - (ii) 79 per cent

- (iii) 67 per cent
- (b) Three
- (c) 157
- (d) Between July 2023 and April 2024:
 - (i) 121
 - (ii) 152
 - (iii) 137
- (2) In relation to the Sydney-Armidale regional rail service, the below figures are calculated based on passenger kilometres travelled on each service between July 2023 and April 2024:
 - (a) 62 per cent
 - (b) Three Saturday through Wednesday and four Thursday through Friday and during school holidays
 - (c) 157 seats for the three car service and 223 seats for the four car service
 - (d) 161
- (3) In relation to the Sydney-Werris Creek rail service between July 2023 and April 2024:
 - (a) 72 per cent
 - (b) Five, two rail cars are additional to the Sydney to Armidale Rail service.
 - (c) 248
 - (d) 243
- (4) There are no plans to reallocate intermediate Xplorer carriages from the Armidale service to the Canberra service.

* 2917 LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Have all funds been allocated for the Level the Playing Field Program 2023/24?
 - (a) If not, will further funds be released for projects that were highly competitive, yet unsuccessful?
- (2) What funding programs will be available for large projects such as lighting upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) A total of \$28,601,881 was awarded to projects under the Level the Playing Field Program 2023/24.
- (2) All Office of Sport grant programs are included on the Office of Sport website at [Grants | NSW Government](#), as they become available. Furthermore, all NSW Government grant programs are available at [Grants and funding | NSW Government](#)

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2918 FIREARM PROHIBITION ORDERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 2919 ACCELERATING INFRASTRUCTURE IN GROWING AREAS - COOTAMUNDRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2920 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SUPPORT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2921 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S HEALTH SHED ASSOCIATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2922 REGIONAL TRANSPORT RESILIENCE FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2923 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN COOTAMUNDRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2924 STATE-WIDE DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2925 ORAL HEALTH FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEME—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2926 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION - REMAINING ALLOCATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- 2927 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2928 LIVEABLE HOUSING DESIGN SILVER STANDARDS—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- 2929 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFORMS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 2930 SHARE BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2931 PYRMONT PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2932 ONLINE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 2933 ONLINE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2934 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2935 NOISY VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 2936 VEHICLE INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT—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—
- 2937 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION—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—
- 2938 GAP FILLERS AT ARTARMON AND ST LEONARDS STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2939 WILLOUGHBY FIRE STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2940 FOOD DELIVERY RIDERS AND PLATFORMS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 2941 COMPLIANCE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS REGARDING CYCLISTS ON FOOTPATHS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2942 RESOURCES TO REPAIR POTHOLES—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—
- 2943 CERTIFIER SHORTAGES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 2944 REVISION OF SYDNEY TRAINS TIMETABLE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2945 REVIEW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROVISIONS IN THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 2946 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—
- 2947 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL - LANDLORDS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF NSW—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General—
- 2948 REVENUE COLLECTED BY FIXED SPEED 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—
- 2949 NURSES EMPLOYED IN TWEED ELECTORATE - RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2950 PAYMENTS FOR NURSING GRADUATES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2951 UTI TREATMENT AT NSW PHARMACIES TRIAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 2952 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Michael Regan 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—
- 2953 DELIVERY OF NEW DEE WHY AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2954 CRITICAL MINERALS AND HIGH TECH METALS STRATEGY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 2955 LEICHHARDT TRAM SHEDS ON DERBYSHIRE STREET—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2956 WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL REVENUE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2957 MICROBIAL SOURCE TRACKING IN GYMEA BAY—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2958 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - 720—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 2959 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - 226 - LILLI PILLI BUS SERVICES—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2960 HOMELESSNESS IN BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole 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—
- 2961 NSW HEALTH PROCUREMENT PROCESSES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2962 FARM BIOSECURITY INVESTIGATIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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—
- 2963 AERIAL CULLING OF BRUMBIES—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 2964 STATISTICS ON STUDENT ENROLMENTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 2965 BASE SCHOOL ALLOCATION AMOUNTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2966 ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCK LIMITATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2967 ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCK EXEMPTIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2968 INCONSISTENCIES IN DRIVER LICENCE REGULATIONS INTERSTATE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 2969 WIND FARMS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 2970 MINISTERIAL CONTACT LISTS FOR ELECTORATE OFFICERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—
- 2971 EPA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM SANTOS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2972 HEALTH WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROJECT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2973 JERILDERIE WIND TURBINE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—
- 2974 BOOKING PATIENT TRANSPORT IN A RACF—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2975 SCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2976 SOLAR BATTERY REBATE SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—
- 2977 PETS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2978 RHODES EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 2979 KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY FUNDING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 2980 504 BUS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 2981 FOOTBRIDGE OVER RHODES STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2982 EXTRA TRANSPORT FOR VIVID—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2983 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES IN THE SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2984 COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT SEPP—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2985 COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY POLICY—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- 2986 SUTHERLAND COURT HOUSE WAITING TIMES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Attorney General—
- 2987 POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2988 TRAIN STATION SAFETY—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2989 TWEED HEADS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2990 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2991 UNFILLED POSITIONS AT TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2992 PROJECTED VS REAL COST SAVINGS FROM NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2993 CARBON OFFSET MONITORING—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2994 DARLING POINT WHARF UPGRADES—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 2995 PAEDIATRICIANS IN THE BATHURST ELECTORATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 2996 OPERATIONAL DISENGAGEMENT SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2997 METAL DETECTING WANDS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 2998 PRISONER TRANSFERS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 2999 RIGHT TO ASK SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3000 TARANA TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3001 O'CONNELL AVENUE OF TREES WAR MEMORIAL—The Hon. Paul Toole 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—
- 3002 PROGRESS OF NEW SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3003 AMBULANCE STATIONS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- * 3004 WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to incoming calls to New South Wales Help Lines:

- (1) What is the average wait time (i.e. before being connected with a person) for a call to Linked2Home this month?
- (2) How does this compare to earlier monthly and yearly averages?
- (3) Can you provide the same information for:
 - (a) The Child Protection Helpline?
 - (b) The Domestic Violence Line?
 - (c) 1800 RESPECT?
 - (d) The Aboriginal (Victim Services) Contact Line (1800 019 123)?
 - (e) The Housing Contact Centre Aboriginal Enquiry Line?
 - (f) Any other key numbers?
- (4) In relation to (1) through (3), how many staff are employed to answer these calls on any given day?
- (5) In relation to (1) through (3), how many calls are made to these help lines on any given day?
- (6) Can you provide any information on how many calls are made to these services from the Kiama Electorate and or Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, and Kiama LGAs respectively?

Answer—

- (1) This is a question for the Minister for Housing.
- (2) This is a question for the Minister for Housing.
- (3) (a) The average wait time for the Child Protection Helpline for the month of April 2024 was 5 minutes, 43 seconds. The average wait time for the month of April 2024 is consistent with the average wait time for the Child Protection Helpline for the year 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024, which was 5 minutes, 13 seconds.
- (b) This is a question for the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
- (c) This is a question for the Federal Department of Social Services.

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- (d) This is a question for the Attorney General.
 - (e) This is a question for the Minister for Housing.
 - (f) There are no other key numbers in this portfolio.
 - (4) An average of 82.82 staff are employed at the Child Protection Helpline to answer calls on any given day.
 - (5) An average of 378 calls are made to the Child Protection Helpline on any given day (period reported 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024).
 - (6) Calls to the Child Protection Helpline cannot be easily extracted by location of caller for statewide reporting purposes.
- 3005 TAXIS IN KIAMA—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3006 RESTORED SERVICES ON THE KIAMA TO BOMADERRY LINE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3007 POLICE STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3008 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST PORTFOLIOS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3009 YOUTH JUSTICE IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3010 INVESTING IN THE ARTS IN THE KIAMA ELECTORATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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- 3011 STUDENT ENROLMENT CHANGES FROM NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH TO FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3012 TOLLS PAID BY POSTCODE—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—
- 3013 INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNS—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—
- 3014 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE POLICY—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—
- 3015 COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCES—Mr Rory Amon 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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- 3016 VOTER TURNOUTS FOR LOCAL AND STATE ELECTIONS—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—
- 3017 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OF NEURODIVERSE INDIVIDUALS—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—
- 3018 ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS OF 'SCHOOL REFUSERS'—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3019 SIGNAGE ON MONA VALE ROAD—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—
- 3020 FUNDING DIVERSION FROM THE COMMITMENT FOR FIFTEENTH AVENUE—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—
- 3021 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT REGARDING FIFTEENTH AVENUE UPGRADES—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—
- 3022 STATE ROADS BY LGA—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—
- 3023 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS - WINBOURNE STREET, BRUSH ROAD AND FARNELL STREET—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3024 NEW AMBULANCE STATION IN MACQUAIRE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3025 LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE LEVELS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3026 BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES AFFECTING RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3027 LAND TAX CAPS OR REFORMS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 3028 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SYDNEY WATER - WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3029 ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing

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the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- 3030 IMPACTS OF LIGHT RAIL ON MELROSE PARK RESIDENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3031 THRESHOLD FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING - NEW SCHOOL BUILDS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3032 REDUCING DROWNING RISK—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3033 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON STAGE 2 OF BOWRAL HOSPITAL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3034 DISPERSAL OF REDUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3035 INVESTMENTS IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3036 AMENDING MOBILITY PARKING SPOT RULES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3037 RE-ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 3038 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE PROGRAM—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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- 3039 SOCIAL PROPERTY VACANCY RATES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3040 NEW SOCIAL HOUSING IN LIVERPOOL LGA—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3041 ELIZABETH DRIVE UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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- 3042 MAMRE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3043 MULGOA ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3044 DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 3045 ELECTRIC HOMES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3046 GREYHOUND INDUSTRY DISCIPLINE ACTION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 3047 MOORE PARK PARKING FUNDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3048 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3049 ULTIMO AND PYRMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3050 ST JAMES PRECINCT PROPOSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—
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- 3148 ELECTRICITY COSTS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the exact dollar figure paid by the Department of Education for electricity in respect of all public school locations across New South Wales for each of the following financial years (or, if

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records are kept by calendar year, please provide the exact dollar figure for each of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 calendar years):

- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (2) What is the exact dollar figure paid by the Department of Education for electricity for each of the following financial years (or, if records are kept by calendar year, please provide the exact dollar figure for each of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 calendar years):
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (3) What is the exact number of public schools which have any solar panels on their buildings?
- (a) What is the name of each of those schools?
 - (b) What is the energy generated by all solar panels at all public schools in the most recent financial or calendar year for which records are held?
- (4) Are there currently plans to roll out solar panels at public schools?
- (a) Has the Department of Education undertaken any work in relation to how many public schools would be feasible locations for solar panels?
 - (i) If so, what is the estimated potential for electricity generation from solar panels installed at schools?
 - (b) Has the Department of Education estimated the cost to install solar panels at suitable schools?
 - (i) If so, what is the estimate of that cost?
 - (c) Has the Department estimated the potential savings from electricity bills if solar panels were installed at appropriate school locations?
- (5) Are there programs available for schools to apply for funding for solar panel installations or to nominate themselves as suitable locations for solar panel installations?
- (6) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

3149 T-CORP LOANS FOR CAPITAL WORKS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is there a precedent for the Department of Education obtaining T-Corp loans to fund specific capital projects at a given public school?

- (2) Could a public school P&C, with an historical income stream from Out of School Hours (OoSH) services, enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Education to borrow funds to undertake capital works on their OoSH facility at their school premises?
 - (a) If a P&C wishes to explore such an approach, what steps should they take?
 - (b) Could such an approach by a school P&C be funded by way of T-Corp loans between the Department of Education, Treasury and/or the school P&C?

3150 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What is the exact number of vacancies for school crossing supervisors in New South Wales as at the most recent date for which records are kept (irrespective of whether those vacancies are currently being advertised)?
- (2) What is the exact number of vacancies for school crossing supervisors which exist in the Northern Beaches Local Government area as at the most recent date for which records are kept (irrespective of whether those vacancies are currently being advertised)?
- (3) What is the exact number of school crossing supervisors currently engaged or employed in New South Wales?
- (4) What is the exact number of school cross supervisors currently engaged or employed in the Northern Beaches Local Government area?
- (5) What is the exact number of school crossing supervisors currently engaged or employed at schools in the following post codes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084?
- (6) What is the exact number of vacancies for school crossing supervisors which is exist in schools in the following post codes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, as the most recent date for which records are kept (irrespective of whether those vacancies are currently being advertised)?
- (7) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

3151 IMPACTS OF SHARK NETS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Do shark nets have a negative impact on marine life?
- (2) How is the Government measuring the impact that shark nets have on marine life?
- (3) What are the Government's current plans in relation to the roll-out of shark nets for the 2024-25 summer?
- (4) What are the Government's current plans in relation to the roll-out of alternatives to shark nets for the 2024-25 summer?
- (5) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

3152 CAPITAL WORKS COSTS AT NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount spent on capital works or upgrades (including any work which might be characterised as maintenance works) at Narrabeen Sports High School between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 (or the closest date for which records are held)?
- (2) If the answer to the above question references publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

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3153 COST OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE USED BY SCOTLAND ISLAND RURAL FIRE BRIGADE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What was the exact cost paid in respect of the all-terrain vehicle delivered for use by the Scotland Island Rural Fire Brigade?
- (2) If the answer to the above question references publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

3154 REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERA—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) What steps must be taken before speed camera can be installed at a given location?
- (2) What are the road safety risks associated with speeding on Barrenjoey Road, Mona Vale, near Waterview Street or at any location along Pittwater Road to Barrenjoey Road, Mona Vale?
- (3) Does the Minister have current plans to install further speed cameras along Pittwater Road to Barrenjoey Road, Mona Vale to address speeding concerns?
- (4) If any of the answers to the above questions reference publicly available material, could you please provide URL and page number where the relevant information is located?

3155 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LICENSES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What was the exact number of personal watercraft (PWC) licences on issue in NSW as at 1 July in each of the following years?
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
 - (g) 2024?
- (2) What was the exact number of PWC licences on issue to licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, as at 1 July in each of the following years?
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
 - (g) 2024?
- (3) What was the exact dollar amount charged by Government for a one year, three year, five year and 10 year PWC Licence fee in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2018-19?

- (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (4) What was the exact dollar amount of annual fees paid to Government in respect of PWC Licence fees in each of the following financial years?
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (5) What was the exact dollar amount of annual fees paid to Government in respect of PWC Licence fees by licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, in each of the following financial years?
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (6) What was the exact number of Boat licences on issue in NSW as at 1 July in each of the following years?
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
 - (g) 2024?
- (7) What was the exact number of Boat licences on issue to licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, as at 1 July in each of the following years?
- (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?

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- (e) 2022?
- (f) 2023?
- (g) 2024?
- (8) What was the exact dollar amount charged by Government for a one year, three year, five year and 10 year Boat Licence fee in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (9) What was the exact dollar amount of annual fees paid to Government in respect of Boat Licence fees in each of the following financial years?
 - (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (10) What was the exact dollar amount of annual fees paid to Government in respect of Boat Licence fees by licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, in each of the following financial years?
 - (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-24?
- (11) Have PWC and Boat licence fees been increased from 1 July 2024?
 - (a) Have the fees been increased to match inflation of CPI?
 - (b) Will the fee increases fund an increase in services? If so, what are those services?
 - (c) Could the Minister please advise the rationale for the increase in fees?
 - (d) Did Transport for NSW or the Minister consult with stakeholders before finalising fee increases?

3156 FUNDING FOR TAFE NSW NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of funding provided to TAFE NSW Northern Beaches for:
 - (a) the 2023-24 financial year?

- (b) the 2023 calendar year?
- (2) How many different individuals were enrolled in courses at TAFE NSW Northern Beaches in each of the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?
- (3) How many full time equivalent staff were employed at TAFE NSW Northern Beaches in each of the following calendar years:
 - (a) 2018?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2020?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2022?
 - (f) 2023?

3157 DIGITAL INCLUSION STRATEGY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to the Government's Digital Inclusion Strategy:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how will the Digital Inclusion Strategy include those who:
 - (a) Do not have access to the internet?
 - (b) Do not know how to use digital technology?
 - (c) May be visually impaired?
 - (d) Those who cannot afford digital technology?
- (2) Noting the public can participate in the public consultation via an online link, how can they do this if:
 - (a) They do not have access to the internet?
 - (b) They do not know how to use digital technology?
 - (c) They may be visually impaired?
 - (d) They afford digital technology?
- (3) Considering recent digital data breaches where people's personal information has been compromised, would the Minister please advise how can the community have confidence in their identity and personal information is secure?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to ensure inclusion for those who are unable or not comfortable in accessing digital technologies to receive equal support and access to services?

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- 3158 POWER OUTAGE MITIGATION STRATEGIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to power outages, including natural disasters which can have a major effect on regional small business's operational capacity, especially to receive payments for goods and services:

- (1) Will the Minister please outline the mitigation strategies in place to counter these occurrences?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what support is offered to regional areas including businesses who experience power outages leading to loss of income?

- 3159 COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITMENTS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to the Government's commitment to supporting community safety:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what plans are in place to support the Police Officers of Junee Police Station as we move closer to March 2025 when the Junee Correctional Centre will be managed by Corrective Services NSW?
 - (a) How many extra Police will be assigned to Junee Police Station?
 - (b) Will neighbouring Police stations still need to support the community of Junee as they do now?
 - (i) If so, what is being done to ensure the current Police Officers are not suffering 'burn out' or undertaking extra shifts to cover staff shortages?

- 3160 MIDWIVES ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—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 midwives across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many full-time midwives are currently employed at the following:
 - (a) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (b) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (c) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (d) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (e) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (f) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (g) Narrandera Hospital?
 - (h) Temora Hospital?
 - (i) West Wyalong Hospital?
 - (j) Young Hospital?
 - (k) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (l) Cowra Hospital?
 - (m) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many midwife positions are currently vacant at these Hospitals / Multipurpose Services?

3161 NSW PLANNING PORTAL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the NSW Planning Portal:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how do applicants who don't have access to a computer or internet or may have difficulties in understanding computers make a submission to the NSW Planning Portal?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise why are applicants charged a fee to use the NSW Planning Portal?
 - (a) What is this money used for?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many staff make up the NSW Planning Portal 'Help Desk?'
 - (a) How many calls does the Help Desk receive per year?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise when an applicant is asked 'have you obtained landowners consent?':
 - (a) Can you please explain why, if the applicant selects 'no' you cannot proceed any further with the application?
 - (b) If the applicant selects 'yes' then why is no evidence is required?
- (5) Will the Minister please advise why the NSW Planning Portal is not compatible with many of Council's already operating software, eg Civica system?

3162 POTENTIAL SITES FOR SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING—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—

- (1) Will the Minister advise what potential sites have been identified for social and affordable housing across the Cootamundra electorate?

3163 RENAL DIALYSIS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—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 Renal Dialysis across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many patients in the Cootamundra electorate receive renal dialysis in their homes?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many patients have to travel out of the Cootamundra electorate, to another health service or interstate to receive renal dialysis?
 - (a) Of these patients, how many have a one-way travel time of more than one hour?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what the Government is doing to support more patients receiving dialysis closer to their home?

3164 POPULATION INCREASE ACROSS REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the increase in population across regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister advise how many people have moved or relocated to regional New South Wales since 2016?
- (2) Will the Minister advise what regional planning has been carried out to ensure sustainable growth and employment of regional New South Wales?

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- 3165 NSW WEED ACTION PROGRAM—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 New South Wales Weed Action Program:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how much funding will be allocated to each council within the Cootamundra electorate through this program?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise when will councils see their allocation of funding through this program?

- 3166 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW - BOBBIN HEAD ROAD AND WEST HEAD ROAD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the speed limit review of Bobbin Head Road and West Head Road:

- (1) When will the review be concluded?
- (2) Will the review be made public?
 - (a) If yes, on which website will it be made public?
 - (b) If no, why not?

- 3167 FURTHER TO QON 2746—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to your answer to question on notice 2746, you stated, "All councils but one made constructive suggestions about changes to the TOD SEPP ... ":

- (1) What was the constructive suggestion(s) from each of the following councils:
 - (a) Bayside?
 - (b) Wollongong?
 - (c) Central Coast?
 - (d) Cumberland?
 - (e) Canterbury Bankstown?
 - (f) Canada Bay?
 - (g) Inner West?
 - (h) Burwood?
 - (i) Penrith?

- 3168 TRANSPORT TIMETABLE CHANGES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to transport timetables:

- (1) Will the Sydney Trains timetable changes be integrated with:
 - (a) Bus timetables?
 - (b) Ferry timetables?
 - (c) Light rail timetables?

- 3169 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATIONS IN REGION 14—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the period:

- (a) 1 July to 14 July?
- (b) 15 July to 31 July?
- (c) 1 August to 14 August?

3170 NSW HISTORY SYLLABUS - INCLUSION OF ARMENIAN, ASSYRIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the New South Wales History 7-10 syllabus that is being finalised:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to include Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides in the syllabus?

3171 LUDDENHAM VILLAGE STRATEGY—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) When will the Luddenham Village Strategy be approved?
- (2) Was the approval subject to the following milestones being met:
 - (a) Release of preliminary flightpaths of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (Released June 2023)?
 - (b) Release of EIS for the preliminary flight paths of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (Released October 2023)?
- (3) Why has the Luddenham Village Strategy not yet been approved?

3172 FATAL AND NEAR FATAL DROWNINGS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the minister please provide information on how many fatal drownings have occurred in the Oxley electorate during the following years:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
 - (d) 2022?
 - (e) 2023?
- (2) Can the minister please provide information on how many near fatal drownings have occurred in the Oxley electorate during the following years:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
 - (c) 2021?
 - (d) 2022?
 - (e) 2023?

3173 WIDENING OF THE NORTHERN LINE BETWEEN STRATHFIELD AND HORNSBY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

What plans does the Government have to widen the Northern Line between Strathfield and Hornsby to allow for four continuous tracks and platforms?

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3174 DEFINITION OF REASONABLE WALKING DISTANCE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) What distance does the Department of Planning consider to be a 'reasonable walking distance' from a commuter hub?

(a) How is the reasonableness of this figure calculated?

3175 AMENDING THE NSW ADDRESS POLICY AND USER MANUAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Does the Government have any plans to amend the NSW Address Policy and User Manual in this term of Parliament?

3176 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS SERVICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to parent managed Out of School Hour (OOSH) services:

(1) How do these services compare to privatised services in terms of quality, cost and customer satisfaction?

(2) Does the Government have any plans to change the policy currently requiring these services to re-tender to continue operating on school grounds?

(3) Has the NSW OOSH peak body been consulted on plans to change the policy requiring parent-managed services to re-tender?

(4) Are there any risks associated with not-for-profit organisations run by parents operating on school grounds?

(a) If so, why are these services allowed to re-tender?

3177 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET - EDUCATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Which stakeholders in the Ryde electorate did your Department specifically engage in preparation for the 2024/25 State Budget?

3178 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET - PLANNING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Which stakeholders in the Ryde electorate did your Department specifically engage in preparation for the 2024/25 State Budget?

3179 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET - TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Which stakeholders in the Ryde electorate did your Department specifically engage in preparation for the 2024/25 State Budget?

3180 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET - HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Which stakeholders in the Ryde electorate did your Department specifically engage in preparation for the 2024/25 State Budget?

3181 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET - TREASURY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Which stakeholders in the Ryde electorate did your Department specifically engage in preparation for the 2024/25 State Budget?

3182 IMPLEMENTATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING OPTION—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many submissions have been made through the online Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) platform since it was officially opened in January 2023?
- (2) On how many submissions to SARO did the respondent request to be contacted by NSW Police?
 - (a) If the respondent requests to be contacted by NSW Police, can that contact result in a formal police report?
- (3) Has NSW Police identified any potential repeat offenders through correlating reports submitted through SARO since January 2023?
- (4) Has any SARO reports led to any persons being arrested by NSW Police since January 2023?
 - (a) If yes, how many arrests?
- (5) Has NSW Police identified any hotspot locations for sexual offences based on the data collected through SARO?
 - (a) If yes, has NSW Police advocated for additional community safety protection mechanisms to be installed for the purpose of crime prevention in these identified hotspot locations?
- (6) Noting that the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics data shows that 85% of sexual assaults reported to NSW Police since 2018 resulted in no legal action, what mandatory training is currently required for members of the NSW Police to inform officers on how to best respond to individuals reporting an incident of sexual violence?
- (7) What plans does the Government have to better support individuals who make formal reports of sexual violence to NSW Police and decrease the proportion of sexual assault reports for which no legal action is pursued?

3183 COMMUNITY HOUSING ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES - OVER 55S POLICY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Does the Department of Community and Justice designate 85% of community housing properties in the Northern Beaches region solely for people aged 55 years of age or older?
 - (a) If so, when was this policy decision made and what is the justification?
- (2) As young families are on long waitlists for community housing in the Northern Beaches, is the Government willing to consider changing this policy to make a higher proportion of community housing properties available to people aged under 55 years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Does the Department of Communities and Justice or Homes NSW currently monitor and report on the rate of underoccupancy (where the size of the property is larger than needed by the number of residents) in public and community housing properties in New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Is Homes NSW addressing issues of underoccupancy of community housing properties, particularly by tenants with accessibility or mobility issues?
 - (a) If so, how?

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3184 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC FLOW FROM M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1—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—

Regarding the answer to question 2815:

- (1) Has the Government done any further analysis since the publication of M6 Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preferred Infrastructure Report about how traffic will flow in the vicinity of the southern entry to/exit from the M6 extension stage 1 when it opens, including at the following intersections?
 - (a) Princes Highway and Rocky Point Road?
 - (b) Princes Highway and President Avenue?
 - (c) President Avenue and M6 extension stage 1?
 - (d) President Avenue and The Grand Parade?
 - (e) President Avenue and O'Connell Street?
- (2) If yes to 1, what does that analysis show?
- (3) If no to 1, does the Government have any plans to undertake such an analysis ahead of the opening of the M6 extension stage 1?
- (4) If yes to 3, when will that analysis be undertaken, who will do it and will it be made public?

3185 FURTHER ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC FLOW IN M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1 AND M8 JUNCTION—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Has the Government done any further analysis since the publication of M6 Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement and Preferred Infrastructure Report about how traffic will flow in the vicinity of the junction of the M6 extension stage 1 and the M8 when the M6 extension stage 1 opens?
- (2) If yes to 1, what does that analysis show?
- (3) If no to 1, does the Government have any plans to undertake such an analysis ahead of the opening of the M6 extension stage 1?
- (4) If yes to 3, when will that analysis be undertaken, who will do it and will it be made public?

3186 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - 435—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 435 (regarding construction and operation of the M6 extension stage 1)?
- (2) If there is a delay in the dates given in the answer to question on notice 435, what is the reason or are the reasons for that delay?

3187 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - 927—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Subsequent to the answer on 6 September 2023 to question on notice 927:

- (1) Have any changes been made (and if so what) to the operating hours of, staffing of or services available at, Service NSW centres in the Sutherland Shire?

- (2) What changes are scheduled for the operating hours of, staffing of or services available at, Service NSW centres in the Sutherland Shire?