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(Paper No. 56)

- \* 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—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) The exact number of students enrolled at Narrabeen Sports 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 Narrabeen Sports 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 Narrabeen Sports 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 Narrabeen Sports High School in 2023 that enrolled to attend Freshwater Senior Campus in 2024 and attended Freshwater Senior Campus at the start of that year?
- (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?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer to LA QON 2356.

- \* 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—

- (1) Could you please advise the exact dollar figure paid in respect of Sydney Harbour Bridge toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (2) Could you please advise the exact dollar figure paid in respect of Sydney Harbour Tunnel toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:
  - (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (3) Could you please advise the exact dollar figure paid in respect of Eastern Distributor toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:

- (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (4) Could you please advise the exact number of Sydney Harbour Bridge toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:
- (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (5) Could you please advise the exact number of Sydney Harbour Tunnel toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:
- (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (6) Could you please advise the exact number of Eastern Distributor toll charges to an e-toll tag registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108, for the following periods:
- (a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?
  - (b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?
  - (c) 1 July 2023 – 31 May 2024, or the latest date for which data is available?
  - (d) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) \$1,155,291.00
- (b) \$1,452,487.70
- (c) \$1,236,750.46
- (d) N/A
- (2) (a) \$774,798.90
- (b) \$999,221.10
- (c) \$964,131.64
- (d) N/A
- (3) (a) \$1,670,778.84

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- (b) \$2,343,716.52
- (c) \$2,256,203.92
- (d) N/A
- (4) (a) \$345,045
- (b) \$419,614
- (c) \$342,173
- (d) N/A
- (5) (a) \$237,605
- (b) \$299,907
- (c) \$278,892
- (d) N/A
- (6) (a) \$189,215
- (b) \$253,892
- (c) \$233,330
- (d) N/A
- (7) No

\* 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—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise if there are any plans for the following projects:
  - (a) The installation of a sign along Barrenjoey Road / Pittwater Road Southbound which would include a message notifying motorists of the presence of “Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre” as there is currently only a “Mona Vale Hospital” sign along this corridor?
  - (b) The installation of a sign along Pittwater Northbound which would include a message notifying motorists of the presence of “Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre”?
  - (c) The installation of signs on the corner of Pittwater Road (north facing and south facing) which would include a message notifying motorists of the presence of “Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre” as there is currently only a “Mona Vale Hospital”?
  - (d) 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

Mona Vale Hospital provides an urgent care service which differs from emergency departments at larger hospitals. Way-finding signage for urgent care departments within the hospital are the responsibility of the hospital management to be installed on private property.

There are existing advance directional Hospital signs at the intersection of Coronation Parade and Pittwater Road and the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Pittwater Road to provide wayfinding for the Mona Vale Hospital. The signage is in accordance with the Australian Standards.

Transport for NSW does not have plans to install way-finding signage of “Mona Vale Urgent Care Centre” on Pittwater Road and Barrenjoey Road.

\* 3014 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE POLICY—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Premier—

- (1) What is the Ministerial Correspondence policy in terms of time in which a response should be provided?
- (2) Did the Premier receive letters from the Member for Pittwater, dated 2 and 4 April 2024, regarding requests for the Premier to consider allocating funding from the Premier's Discretionary Fund?
  - (a) Does the Premier currently have plans to respond to these letters?
  - (b) On what date does the Premier currently plan to respond to the abovementioned correspondence?
- (3) 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;

The Ministers' correspondence policy is publicly available at [Ministers' correspondence policy | NSW Government](#)

Recipients of Premier's Discretionary Fund grants are listed publicly at [Grant recipients | NSW Government](#)

\* 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—

- (1) How many commercial fishing licences are on issue which permit commercial fishing in the Pittwater waterway?
- (2) In respect of each licence referenced at '1' above, could you please advise the expiration date on the given licence?
- (3) In respect of each licence referenced at '1' above, could you please advise the name of the licence holder?
- (4) In respect of each licence referenced at '1' above, could you please advise the quantity of "take" / fish / marine life obtained from Pittwater in each of the last five years and can you please provide figures for each individual licence?
- (5) What is the annual fee paid in respect of each individual licence referenced at '1' above, or what is the one off licence fee paid to secure ownership of the licence?
- (6) Can new commercial fishing licences be issued in respect of the Pittwater waterways?
- (7) Can a licence be sold or transferred?
  - (a) What is the process?
  - (b) Does it require approval from the relevant Government department?
- (8) What is the current estimated value in respect of each licence referenced at '1' above, insofar as the licence relates to the Pittwater waterways?
- (9) 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—

- (1) A commercial fishing license alone does not authorise a person to undertake commercial fishing. A commercial fishing licence is issued to an individual and is separate to authorities to undertake fishing in the various commercial fisheries. Authorities to fish arise from a person/s holding the

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minimum number of shares in a share management fishery or endorsement in a restricted fishery, which are held within a NSW Fishing Business. A Fishing Business owner holding authorities can then nominate a commercial fishing licence holder to undertake fishing associated with that fishing business.

Currently the following number of NSW Fishing Businesses hold authorities in various fisheries that see them able to operate in the waters of Pittwater, but does not necessarily mean that they do:

- 53 Estuary General Fishery (Region 5)
- 97 Lobster Fishery
- 43 Abalone Fishery
- 37 Sea Urchin and Turban Shell Fishery.

(2) See 1.

(3) Commercial fishery share holder information is provided in the public register available online at: [Shareholding information for share management fisheries \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/shareholding-information-for-share-management-fisheries)

Release of more specific detail related to fishers and their businesses is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

(4) Individual Fish Business records are subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

Aggregated recorded catch for Pittwater commercial wild harvest landings held by the department as at 31-5-2024 is:

Year	Fishing Businesses reporting	Recorded landings (gross kg)
2019	11	23,597.1
2020	10	17,191.1
2021	10	13,593.8
2022	7	9,048.0
2023	6	8,956.2

(5) The fees for issue or renewal of a NSW commercial fishing licence are:

1-year licence - Issue \$297 Renewal \$171.

5-year licence - Issue \$471 Renewal \$345.

10-year licence - Issue \$645 Renewal \$519.

(6) See 1.

(7) NSW Commercial Fishing Licences are not transferable.

Specific shares in commercial fisheries and whole fishing operations can be transferred in line with the prescribed transfer rules. The Commercial Fisheries Administration Guide available online at [NSW Commercial Fisheries Administration Guide](#) provides explanation of the transfer rules and other relevant detail.

(8) See 7.

- (9) [Commercial Fishing \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)  
[Shareholding information for share management fisheries \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au)  
[NSW Commercial Fisheries Administration Guide](https://www.nsw.gov.au)

\* 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—

- (1) In respect of the 2021 Local Government Elections:

- (a) What was the voter turnout for voters enrolled to in vote each of the following suburbs: Avalon Beach, Bayview, Bilgola Beach, Bilgola Plateau, Careel Bay, Church Point, Clareville, Coasters Retreat, Collaroy Plateau, Cottage Point, Duffys Forest, Elanora Heights, Elvina Bay, Great Mackerel Beach, Ingleside, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase, Lovett Bay, McCarrs Creek, Mona Vale, Morning Bay, Narrabeen, Newport, North Narrabeen, Palm Beach, Scotland Island, Terrey Hills, Warriewood, Whale Beach (please provide the rate for each individual suburb)?
- (b) What was the voter turnout rate for voters enrolled to vote in each of the following postcodes: 2108, 2107, 2106, 2015, 2104, 2103, 2102, 2101 (please provide the rate for each individual suburb)?
- (c) What was the voter turnout rate for each of the following age groups in respect of voters enrolled to vote in postcodes 2108, 2107, 2106, 2015, 2104, 2103, 2102, 2101 (the answer can be provide for the combined figure related to all these post codes):
- (i) 18-24?
  - (ii) 25-29?
  - (iii) 30-34?
  - (iv) 35-39?
  - (v) 40-44?
  - (vi) 45-49?
  - (vii) 50-54?
  - (viii) 55-59?
  - (ix) 60-64?
  - (x) 65-69?
  - (xi) 70-74?
  - (xii) 75-79?
  - (xiii) 80-84?
  - (xiv) 85-89?
  - (xv) 90 and over?
  - (xvi) If turnout rates are available for different age ranges, can you please provide those rates?

- (2) In respect of the 2023 State Election:

- (a) What was the voter turnout for voters enrolled to in vote each of the following suburbs: Avalon Beach, Bayview, Bilgola Beach, Bilgola Plateau, Careel Bay, Church Point, Clareville, Coasters Retreat, Collaroy Plateau, Cottage Point, Duffys Forest, Elanora



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Heights, Elvina Bay, Great Mackerel Beach, Ingleside, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase, Lovett Bay, McCarrs Creek, Mona Vale, Morning Bay, Narrabeen, Newport, North Narrabeen, Palm Beach, Scotland Island, Terrey Hills, Warriewood, Whale Beach (please provide the rate for each individual suburb)?

- (b) What was the voter turnout rate for voters enrolled to vote in each of the following postcodes: 2108, 2107, 2106, 2015, 2104, 2103, 2102, 2101 (please provide the rate for each individual suburb)?
- (c) What was the voter turnout rate for each of the following age groups in respect of voters enrolled to vote in postcodes 2108, 2107, 2106, 2015, 2104, 2103, 2102, 2101 (the answer can be provide for the combined figure related to all these post codes):
- (i) 18-24?
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  - (iii) 30-34?
  - (iv) 35-39?
  - (v) 40-44?
  - (vi) 45-49?
  - (vii) 50-54?
  - (viii) 55-59?
  - (ix) 60-64?
  - (x) 65-69?
  - (xi) 70-74?
  - (xii) 75-79?
  - (xiii) 80-84?
  - (xiv) 85-89?
  - (xv) 90 and over?
  - (xvi) If turnout rates are available for different age ranges, can you please provide those rates?
- (3) 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—

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

Question (1) (a)

Suburb	Participation rate (number of people who voted divided by the number of enrolled electors, expressed as a percentage)
Avalon Beach	82.48
Bayview	84.04
Bilgola Beach	83.91
Bilgola Plateau	85.59
Careel Bay	64.86

Church Point	85.22
Clareville	82.89
Coasters Retreat	79.31
Collaroy Plateau	88.68
Cottage Point	88
Duffys Forest	81.33
Elanora Heights	87.7
Elvina Bay	82.35
Great Mackerel Beach	64.1
Ingleside	75.41
Ku-Ring-Gai Chase	N/A (no enrolled electors in this suburb as it is a National Park)
Lovett Bay	68.49
McCarrs Creek	64.71
Mona Vale	85.62
Morning Bay	88.24
Narrabeen	80.86
Newport	82.66
North Narrabeen	83.81
Palm Beach	80.36
Scotland Island	76.55
Terrey Hills	85.56
Warriewood	86.26
Whale Beach	81.76

Question (3)

The answers to the above questions are not publicly available.

- \* 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—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) What policies are in place across the New South Wales public service to facilitate and encourage the employment of neurodiverse individuals?
- (2) What is the exact number of individuals regarded as being neurodiverse employed within the New South Wales public service?
- (3) Does the Government have plans to provide greater opportunities for employment for individuals who are neurodiverse?
  - (a) If so, could you please provide details?

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- (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?

Answer—

- (1) The Public Service Commission (PSC) provides the sector with a range of [resources](#) to promote and support disability employment including resources to support both managers and staff with disability, inclusive workplace design and inclusive recruitment processes. These resources can assist Departments and agencies in the support of programs to employ neurodiverse individuals.
- (2) The PSC does not have data available on the number of NSW public service individuals who identify as being neurodiverse. The PSC conducts an annual census of NSW public sector employees which is published annually in the [Workforce Profile Report \(WFP\)](#) and the annual [State of the Public Sector Report](#). These reports provide the number and percentage of people employed who identify as having disability, citing statistics from both the WFP and [People Matter Employee Survey \(PMES\)](#). Employees are not required to disclose their type of disability in either the WFP data collection or the PMES.
- (3) The Government is committed to increasing the representation of people with disability in the NSW public sector. Departments and agencies support and fund initiatives to increase the representation of people employed with disability within their own workforces. Departments and agencies can provide specific information on programs supporting the employment of neurodiverse employees.
- (4) The PSC has information on its [website](#) to support employers and employees with disability.

\* 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—

- (1) What assistance is currently available for parents of 'school refusers' / 'the kids who can't'?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to provide additional assistance to parents of 'school refusers' / 'the kids who can't'?
- (3) Does the Government have plans to allow parents to dually register their child in homeschool and at a face-to-face school?
  - (a) If so, could you please provide further details about the date from which dual registration might be permitted?
  - (b) If not, could you please advise why the Government will not permit or consider dual registration?
- (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?

Answer—

The Department of Education delivers a range of programs to identify and support students who are at risk of disengagement from school, including programs such as Perfect Presence and the Home School Liaison Program. Schools can also access a range of attendance support, from more than 2,000 wellbeing roles in NSW public schools, including school psychologists, school counsellors, student support officers, wellbeing nurse coordinators and wellbeing officers.

As part of the ongoing collaboration between NSW Health and the department, school refusal resources are available for schools on the Attendance Matters - resources for schools webpage - [Attendance matters – resources for schools \(nsw.gov.au\)](#). A school refusal e-learning module for teachers, accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) was launched in August 2023. This training builds the capacity of our staff to provide evidence-based strategies to support children, young people and their families.

The Education Act 1990 (NSW) does not allow a child to be dually enrolled in a government or non-government school and registered for home schooling (s22(1) of the Education Act 1990 (NSW)).

Publicly available material includes:

Attendance Matters - resources for schools webpage - [Attendance matters – resources for schools \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/attendance-matters-resources-for-schools)

School Refusal: Every School Day Counts - [School Refusal Every School Day Counts.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/school-refusal-every-school-day-counts.pdf)

School Refusal: Quick Reference Guide - [School Refusal Quick Reference Guide.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/school-refusal-quick-reference-guide.pdf)

School Refusal: Support Guide for teachers and schools - [School Refusal Support Guide for teachers and schools.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/school-refusal-support-guide-for-teachers-and-schools.pdf)

- \* 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—

- (1) In respect of the signage on Mona Vale Road (Eastbound) notifying motorists of the three-tonne limit on Foley Street, Mona Vale, could you please advise if the Government can consider moving that sign further West, so that motorists have greater notice of the relevant restrictions?

Answer—

I am advised

The signage for the existing load limit was upgraded in 2023 as part of the Mona Vale Road Upgrade. The sign has been installed in accordance with Australian Standards and as such cannot be relocated further west.

- \* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if \$20m of the \$50m committed to upgrade Fifteenth Avenue has been diverted to the upgrade of Cowpasture Road between Hoxton Park Road and the M7 motorway?
- (a) Can the Minister provide reasons why this funding was diverted?
- (2) Can the Minister rule out any delays to the planning and investigation process for the upgrade of Fifteenth Avenue as a result of the funding diversion?
- (3) Can the Minister advise what stage the final design of Fifteenth Avenue is at?
- (4) Can the Minister advise when residents can expect to see construction commence on the upgrade of Fifteenth Ave?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has committed more than \$50 million towards the Liverpool to Airport Transit corridor.

Transport for NSW is developing a Strategic Business Case for the Liverpool to Airport Transit Corridor, which includes Fifteenth Avenue (east) and Hoxton Park Road. Following this, Transport for NSW will progress the final business case for the development of the full corridor between Liverpool and Bradfield town centre. The next phase of planning will include detailed environmental investigations, concept design and community engagement.

Transport for NSW is undertaking investigations on Cowpasture Road in the vicinity of Fifteenth Avenue to identify short term improvements that can be delivered to improve congestion, safety and access.

Information about the Liverpool to Airport Transit corridor is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: [Liverpool to Airport Transit Corridor | Transport for NSW](https://www.transportfor.nsw.gov.au/liverpool-to-airport-transit-corridor)

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- \* 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—

With respect to the Fifteenth Avenue upgrade:

- (1) Were any Liverpool City Council or Transport for NSW employees required to sign a non-disclosure agreement regarding the road's planned upgrade?
- (2) If so, what were the circumstances for the justification of requiring employees to sign a non-disclosure agreement?

Answer—

I am advised

Yes, both Transport for NSW and Liverpool City Council employees agreed to sign a non-disclosure agreement. This is standard practice at this stage of the project lifecycle and ensures that any sensitive or commercial in confidence information can be discussed freely between employees in the early stages of planning.

- \* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide a list of state roads in the:
  - (a) Sutherland Shire Local Government Area?
  - (b) Liverpool Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised

Information on NSW Road classifications, including state, regional and local classified roads is public available on the Transport for NSW website: [NSW Road Network Classifications](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/schools/school-zones)

- \* 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—

- (1) Of the school zone signs installed on Winbourne Street, Brush Road and Farnell Street in my electorate of Ryde, how many of them include flashing lights?
  - (a) If none, does this represent standard practice in New South Wales?
  - (b) How many other school zones in New South Wales operate without flashing lights?
  - (c) Listed in alphabetical order, what are the names of those schools in New South Wales without flashing lights on their school zone signs?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Information on school zones, including flashing light signs can be found here: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/schools/school-zones>

As of 11 June 2024 there are two school zones in NSW that are operating without school zone flashing lights:

- Darkinjung Barker, Yarramalong.
- Pambula Flexible Learning Centre, Pambula.

Transport for NSW have investigated these school zones and are currently working to install school zone flashing lights, in line with the NSW Government's commitment for every school zone in NSW to have at least one school zone flashing light sign.

\* 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—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to deliver a new ambulance station in Macquarie Park?
  - (a) If any, is there a site?
  - (b) If so, where?
- (2) Is there a timeline for delivery?
  - (a) If so, when will this be announced?
  - (b) If so, when is construction expected to commence and conclude?
- (3) What will be done with the existing ambulance station in Ryde?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health Infrastructure is working with NSW Ambulance and other Government stakeholders to identify potential sites for a new ambulance station servicing Macquarie Park and surrounding communities. The location of the site of the new station and construction timeframes will be confirmed once the land search and acquisition process are finalised.

The new Macquarie Park Ambulance Station will be an addition to the response network. The existing ambulance station at Ryde will continue serving the local community.

\* 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—

- (1) What legislation or regulation applies to controls the noise levels of motor vehicles, with respect to:
  - (a) Engine noise?
  - (b) Internal speaker/stereo systems?
- (2) Are there any plans to review or amend these laws/regulations?

Answer—

I am advised

There are numerous instruments that govern the limitations on vehicle noise at both the point of supply of vehicles to the Australian market and for in-service vehicles in our existing fleet. For vehicles to be supplied to the Australian market the Commonwealth Government mandates Australian Design Rules (ADRs) that outline the safety and emission requirements to which all new vehicles must comply.

Specifically related to noise, ADR 83/00 - External Noise provides a breakdown of the maximum decibel rating for a vehicle based on the year of manufacture, fuel type, and power output. The Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017, Part 9, Division 3 - Noise emissions provides the requirements for vehicles once they are in service. This Division references stationary noise limits for older vehicles, alongside a tolerance for those originally compliant with ADR 83/00.

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ADR 113/00 has been recently introduced to call for a mandatory level of sound to be emitted by quiet vehicles such as hybrid and electric vehicles manufactured from 1 November 2025. Vehicles are required to emit a sound of varying frequency and within a noise range specific to the vehicle speed and direction of travel.

Under the Road Rules 2014, Part 18, Division 1, Rule 291 Making unnecessary noise or smoke, "A person must not start a vehicle, or drive a vehicle, in a way that makes unnecessary noise or smoke."

The noise limits applicable to vehicle audio systems are the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) defined under "offensive noise" in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW). Authorised officers decide if noise is offensive by considering:

- Its loudness
- Its character
- The time of day it's heard
- How long it lasts
- How often it occurs
- Whether it's typical for the area
- How many people it affects.

Under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017, Part 2, Division 8, Rule 31 Use of motor vehicle sound systems that emit offensive noise:

A person must not cause the sound system of a motor vehicle to be used in such a manner that it emits offensive noise.

There are currently no plans to amend these specific parts of legislation by Transport for NSW. The ADRs are administered by the Commonwealth Government.

\* 3026 BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES AFFECTING RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding bus timetable changes impacting the Ryde electorate:

- (1) Is the Government cancelling the 294 and 259 bus services, and reducing destinations on the N91?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Are 500X buses being limited to bendy buses?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) What impact will this have on the number of services along this transport corridor?
- (3) What is the Government's plan for residents who rely upon soon-to-be cancelled services to travel around Sydney, especially if they do not live within walking distance of a Metro Station?
- (4) How many times during Bus Industry Taskforce forums did commuters recommend cancelling or amending any of the abovementioned services?
- (5) Are there any other proposed timetable changes that could impact the Ryde electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW is in the process of finalising bus network adjustments in response to the extension of the Sydney Metro to Sydenham. Changes are designed to make best use of the full transport network and offer efficient passenger journeys. Any bus service changes will be communicated with stakeholders and the community before they are introduced.

- (2) Route 500X is one of the busiest routes in Greater Sydney. To ensure there is sufficient capacity to cater for the level of demand, articulated (bendy) buses are regularly used on this route.
- Opportunities to increase the allocation of higher capacity vehicles along the Victoria Road corridor are being explored on an ongoing basis.
- (3) Transport for NSW will assess planning service changes against the current and future growth in the wider region, as well as current and emerging travel patterns drawn from the Opal data. It is important that any planning work takes into account the impact of a change in different suburbs. Transport for NSW will consider all alternative travel options for passengers if their existing journey is affected by service changes.
- (4) All feedback has been summarised in a consultation outcomes report, which will be published with the Bus Industry Taskforce's final report. The Taskforce has submitted its final report consolidating its findings to the NSW Government. The Government will work through the report's recommendations and release the report in due course.
- (5) Please refer to the response to question 1.

\* 3027 LAND TAX CAPS OR REFORMS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Does the Government have any plans to cap increases in land tax, or reform land tax in any other way during this term of Parliament?

Answer—

The NSW Government's 2024-25 Budget ensures that those paying land tax in NSW will continue to have access to the most generous land tax arrangements in the country.

\* 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—

(1) What plans does the Government have to develop housing on any part of the Sydney Water site at West Ryde?

(a) If none, can your Department rule out any future or sale or development of the site during this term of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised that the Minister for Lands has committed to continuing the NSW Government Land Audit process as an ongoing way to ensure all possible underutilised land that is suitable for housing is considered as part of our response to the housing crisis.

I am not aware of any Sydney Water land in West Ryde that is part of the initial tranches of this process.

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

(1) As electric vehicle infrastructure is innovating quickly, what (if any) steps does the Government take to proactively work with Councils who may not perfectly meet a given criteria for government funding, but nonetheless wish to contribute to the rollout of EV infrastructure within its Local Government Area?

(a) Is there a policy for considering compromise arrangements or alternative plans?

(b) If so, how is this communicated with Councils?



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(c) If not, why?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is regularly engaging with councils regarding multiple NSW Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy programs. These programs include the Fast-Charging Grants program, the Destination Charging Grants program, the Kerbside Charging Grants program and EV Fleets incentive.

Engagement on these programs takes place via direct communications and engagement as well as through communications with Joint Organisations (JO) and Regional Organisations of Councils (ROC). The NSW Government regularly seeks feedback on programs from councils, JOs and ROCs.

All councils in NSW are eligible to participate in two of the main EV charging infrastructure programs (Fast Charging and EV Fleets). A total of 98 councils across regional NSW are eligible to apply for the Destination Charging program.

The EV Destination Charging program is supporting all Joint Organisations in the Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration (JONZA) program to develop public EV charging policies and other targeted electric vehicle activities for each of their approximately 70 member councils.

To date, 70 EV charging feasibility assessments have also been completed for regional councils to assist them to install EV chargers at their assets.

- (a) Feedback from councils regarding compromise arrangements or alternative plans are used to inform the design of future grants rounds.
- (b) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water communicates through direct and indirect interaction with councils, JOs and ROCs as well as information in program guidelines, and associated materials.
- (c) Adjusting eligibility of live grant funding rounds does not occur because it would create fairness and equity problems.

\* 3030 IMPACTS OF LIGHT RAIL ON MELROSE PARK RESIDENTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How will the Government ensure Melrose Park residents living within the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA) are consulted and updated on progress of Stage 2 of Parramatta Light Rail?
- (2) Does the Government remain committed to avoiding any full or partial acquisitions of properties within the City of Ryde LGA as part of this project?
- (3) What is the expected construction timeframe for the bridge across Parramatta River from Melrose Park, and will it still adjoin Waratah Street?
- (4) Why is the boat ramp being decommissioned for a period of three years?
  - (a) Are there any plans to reduce the duration of this impact, and what interim measures have been considered displaced for boaters to access the waterways while the ramp is closed?
- (5) In relation to parking at the boat ramp once it has reopened, what measures will be taken to ensure trailer and boat ramp parking won't be overrun by light rail commuters and visitors/occupants of the surrounding development?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) A comprehensive Community Communication Strategy has been prepared and approved by the Minister of Planning to guide the management and delivery of communication and engagement

during the development, pre-construction and construction of the project, and for 12 months following the completion of construction. Transport For NSW and the appointed construction contractor will be required to use a suite of tools and activities to engage with the community.

Melrose Park residents and the City of Ryde Council are key members of the Bridge Works (enabling works) Community and Stakeholder Reference Group. The Community and Stakeholder Reference Group is an information-sharing forum to facilitate communication between the project and key stakeholder groups. Meetings are held approximately on a bi-monthly basis, or as required.

Transport for NSW also regularly engages with the City of Ryde on direct impacts to its assets and other matters of interest to its constituents.

- (2) Transport for NSW remains committed to avoiding full or partial impacts to residential properties within the Ryde LGA. The Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Infrastructure Approval (SSI10035) does not permit the acquisition of the residential properties along Wharf Road, however some industrial and open space land is required to deliver the enabling works.
- (3) Contract for the enabling works is to be awarded by the end of 2024. With minor construction starting by the end of 2024 and main construction of the bridge to commence in 2025.

The alignment will connect to Waratah Street as indicated within the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Amendment Report.

- (4) Ermington Boat Ramp and Archer Park will be reconfigured and improved as part of the work, to deliver a new and revitalised asset to the community. Safety is paramount in delivering this project, and the boat ramp closure is required for public safety around construction activities, as well as due to the area's spatial constraints.

Transport for NSW is reviewing opportunities to ease the impacts of the closure on the local boating community. Alternative boat facilities are also available within a five-kilometre radius of Ermington Boat Ramp, including boat ramps at Kissing Point Road, Silverwater, and Rhodes. Transport for NSW will work with the market, through the procurement period, to seek ways to reduce the impact of the boat ramp closure for the enabling works package.

- (5) Condition E91 of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 Infrastructure Approval (SSI10035) requires Transport for NSW to minimise the loss of boat trailer parking during the operation of the light rail. Transport for NSW will continue working with City of Parramatta in relation to end-state parking uses at Ermington Boat Ramp carpark and make recommendations for parking restrictions once the asset is returned to City of Parramatta. Consultation with relevant councils, community groups, and stakeholders affected by the changes will be ongoing to confirm the preferred parking scheme.

\* 3031 THRESHOLD FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING - NEW SCHOOL BUILDS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is there a threshold of any kind that exists for the Department of Planning to require the construction of a new school in a given precinct or region?
  - (a) If so, what is this threshold and how is this calculated or determined?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Education.

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\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to reduce the risk of drowning specifically off rocks in or adjacent to:
  - (a) Cape Solander?
  - (b) Other parts or the whole of the coastline of Kamay Botany Bay National Park?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) takes water safety risks extremely seriously across all national parks. NPWS has a Coastal Water Safety Strategy for all national parks and Kamay Botany Bay National Park has water safety and rock fishing signs throughout the national park which are consistent with the National Aquatic Recreational Signage style manual. In addition, NPWS is working with Sutherland Shire Council and Surf Life Saving NSW to review existing safety measures, including signs and safety messaging, at Cape Solander and at Yena on the coastline south of Cape Solander, to see what additional measures can be taken to help keep park visitors safe.

- (a) Cape Solander is located in the Sutherland Shire Local Government Area. This is a declared area under the NSW Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016. When rock fishing at this location, fishers are required by law to wear an appropriate lifejacket, a requirement which includes children or anyone else present.

There are signs at the site advising people of that requirement. There is also an angel ring (an emergency flotation device) available at this location.

NPWS has also upgraded the Cape Solander whale-watching precinct, which reopened in 2022 with key design measures to maximise viewing opportunities and to keep visitors a safe distance from cliff edges.

- (b) The coastline off Kamay Botany Bay National Park sits in the NSW Rock Fishing Safety Act 2016 declared areas of Randwick Local Government Area and Sutherland Shire Local Government Area. When rock fishing in the national park, in areas exposed to ocean swell, fishers are required by law to wear an appropriate lifejacket. The law also requires children or anyone else present in declared areas to wear a lifejacket.

There are signs at key locations, using symbols and text advising people of the lifejacket requirements and coastal safety risks. There are also angel rings available at popular rock fishing locations, as well as an emergency beacon and a surf camera installed at Potter Point.

NSW Police, Fisheries NSW and NPWS regularly conduct lifejacket compliance patrols through the national park.

Educational events are also run in the national park for rock fishers and their friends and families to provide essential information and tips to help stay safe while fishing.

\* 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—

- (1) Does the Government have any current plans to consult the local community concerning Stage 2 of the Bowral Hospital?
  - (a) If yes, what is the expected timeline and scope for this consultation?
  - (b) If no, and consultation is between exclusively clinicians and staff, why clinicians have been consulted to date, over the community on this project?

- (i) What field of medicine do these clinicians practise in?
- (ii) Why is this field the focus in the consultation of the Stage 2 works?

Answer—

I'm advised:

With construction for the Bowral Stage 2 redevelopment underway, community and staff consultation and engagement are an ongoing priority for the local health district, and a program of community engagement activities will continue as the project reaches completion.

Community engagement has taken place throughout the Stage 2 redevelopment with activities including tours of the site and community information sessions, as well as updates provided through the monthly newsletter and social media. More tours for community members and staff are planned for this year.

In relation to staff consultation, Project User Groups for each department involved in the redevelopment were consulted during design development and had the opportunity to provide feedback.

\* 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—

- (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 primary schools in the Goulburn electorate have their allocations adjusted:
  - (a) Avoca Public School?
  - (b) Berinba Public School?
  - (c) Berri ma Public School?
  - (d) Bigga Public School?
  - (e) Binalong Public School?
  - (f) Binda Public School?
  - (g) Bowning Public School?
  - (h) Bradfordville Public School?
  - (i) Breadalbane Public School?
  - (j) Bundanoon Public School?
  - (k) Burrawang Public School?
  - (l) Collector Public School?
  - (m) Crookwell Public School?
  - (n) Dalton Public School?
  - (o) Exeter Public School?
  - (p) Goulburn East Public School?
  - (q) Goulburn North Public School?
  - (r) Goulburn Public School?
  - (s) Goulburn South Public School?
  - (t) Goulburn West Public School?

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- (u) Gundaroo Public School?
- (v) Gunning Public School?
- (w) Kangaloon Public School?
- (x) Laggan Public School?
- (y) Marulan Public School?
- (z) Moss Vale Public School?
- (aa) Penrose Public School?
- (bb) Robertson Public School?
- (cc) Sutton Public School?
- (dd) Tallong Public School?
- (ee) Tarago Public School?
- (ff) Taralga Public School?
- (gg) Tirranna Public School?
- (hh) Wee Jasper Public School?
- (ii) Windellama Public School?
- (jj) Wingello Public School?
- (kk) Wollondilly Public School?
- (ll) Yass Public School?
- (mm) Mt Carmel School?
- (nn) The Crescent School?
- (oo) Yass High School?
- (pp) Goulburn High School?
- (qq) Mulwaree High School?
- (rr) Moss Vale High School?

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 Goulburn electorate, as part of a record investment in rebuilding public education.

The School Budget Resource Allocation Report is published annually by schools.

- \* 3035 INVESTMENTS IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to investing in Education infrastructure in the Goulburn electorate

- (1) What investments since 1 March 2023 has the Department of Education made in schools across the Local Government Areas of:
  - (a) Yass Valley?
  - (b) Goulburn Mulwaree?
  - (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?

(d) Wingecarribee Shire?

Answer—

The NSW Government is delivering a record \$1.5 billion investment in maintenance and local upgrades at public schools across the State, including in the Yass Valley, Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Wingecarribee Local Government Areas.

Projects will focus on lifting standards of important facilities, particularly school bathrooms, as well as improving classrooms, science labs, workshops, performance and arts spaces and vocational education and training (VET) facilities.

\* 3036 AMENDING MOBILITY PARKING SPOT RULES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government consider amending mobility parking to allow some parking spaces to be used only by people in a wheelchair rather than with mobility limitations?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is not considering changes to the Mobility Parking Scheme to restrict access to designated disability parking spaces to only wheelchair users.

The NSW Mobility Parking Scheme regulations require a permit holder to meet eligibility criteria relating to their functional ability to walk, meaning that there are permit holders that do not use a wheelchair that also need to park close to the entrance of a building.

In addition to being able to stop in a designated disability parking space, permit holders receive generous time concessions in time designated spaces and have parking fees waived at metered and coupon parking areas operated by local councils.

\* 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—

Will the Government consider re-establishing the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund with a view of expanding it to regional areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This is a question for the Attorney General.

\* 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—

As of this date, which Local Government Areas in New South Wales are still to be included in the Staying Home Leaving Violence program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Staying Home Leaving Violence Program will be extended to all LGAs in NSW as part of the NSW Government's domestic and family violence emergency funding package of \$48 million over four years.

This information is publicly available on the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website: [Staying Home Leaving Violence | Communities and Justice \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/staying-home-leaving-violence)

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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—

- (1) Across New South Wales, how many social housing properties were vacant in the 12 months to 30 April 2024?
  - (a) Of these, how many were vacant in the Holsworthy electorate?
- (2) What is the average vacancy duration for social housing properties across New South Wales?
- (3) What is the average vacancy duration for social housing properties in the Holsworthy electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Please refer to the answer to QoN 2899.
  - (a) Over the 12-month period there were 73 completed vacant social housing properties in the Holsworthy state electorate. As of 30 April 2024, there were 21 vacant social housing properties.
- (2) Across NSW average void length completed re-lettable social housing properties was 118 days.
- (3) In the Holsworthy LGA, the average length for completed re-lettable properties managed by Homes NSW was 141 days.

The former Coalition Government left the public housing system in disarray, sold billions of dollars of social housing properties and significantly under-invested in maintenance – leaving us in the position that we are in now. I am strongly committed to turning around this situation, including with the direct investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in public housing maintenance in the recent budget. We have also recently brought the management of maintenance contracts back in house, so they will now be managed directly by Homes NSW.

\* 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—

- (1) What new social housing projects will the Government be completing in the Liverpool Local Government Area 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, the recent investment in billions of dollars through the NSW Budget and through the Housing Australia Future Fund.

As these commitments are relatively new, we are still working through all of the opportunities to deliver new homes across NSW supported by these historic investments in our social and affordable housing system.

- \* 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—

- (1) What will the combined \$800 million state and federal funding achieve for the Elizabeth Drive Upgrade?
- (2) When will the detailed design be released for public consultation of the Elizabeth Drive Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The 2024-25 NSW State Budget includes \$400 million to upgrade and widen Elizabeth Drive, which will link people directly to the Western Sydney International Airport, provide access to employment lands, and connect Mamre and Northern roads. This takes the total funding for Elizabeth Drive to \$800 million in partnership with the Australian Government.
- (2) Environmental Impact Assessments were displayed between September 2023 to October 2023 for community and stakeholder comment for Elizabeth Drive West and Elizabeth Drive East. Transport for NSW is considering all of the feedback received and will continue to update the community as the project progresses.

- \* 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—

- (1) What will the combined \$1 billion state and federal funding achieve for the Mamre Road Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised

Information on the Mamre Road Upgrade is available in the following media release <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/investing-roads-to-ensure-western-sydney-airport-precinct-takes-off> and on the project website <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/mamre-road-upgrade-between-m4-motorway-st-clair-and-erskine-park-road>

- \* 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—

- (1) What will the combined \$230 million state and federal funding achieve for Stage 2 of the Mulgoa Road Upgrade?
- (2) When will the detailed design be released for public consultation of Stage 2 of the Mulgoa Road Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised



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The commitment will enable an upgrade of Mulgoa Road between Glenmore Parkway and Blaikie Road. This upgrade will improve congestion along the corridor. Transport for NSW consulted stakeholders and the community on the Stage 2 design as part of a Review of Environmental Factors display in 2022. Transport for NSW is progressing to detailed design and any further environmental considerations. Transport for NSW will continue to consult with the community and stakeholders prior to and during the construction phase.

Information on the project including a visualisation of the design is available on the project website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/mulgoa-road-upgrade-glenmore-parkway-to-union-road>)

\* 3044 DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (1) What support does the Government offer for people with a disability who need to access Government services?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that people with a disability have ongoing support when dealing with complicated government forms such as those required to access CTP and NDIS claims?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) People with disability have a right to fully participate in all aspects of social and cultural life, including being supported to access government services.

The NSW Government is committed to improving accessibility and inclusion through all aspects of society. We are taking a whole-of-government approach to accessibility, and all government agencies have responsibilities to ensure their services are accessible.

The NSW Disability Inclusion Plan is a whole of government strategy to enhance inclusion of people with disability.

All NSW Government departments have an obligation under the Disability Inclusion Act 2074 to have disability inclusion action plans, which outline the actions they will take to make services accessible and inclusive for all people with disability.

Recent government funded initiatives include partnerships with Get Skilled Access to enhance inclusion in education, employment, healthcare and emergency services, and working towards making all government documents relevant to people with intellectual disability available in Easy Read.

Government commitments include:

- Inclusive transport with accessible information for people with intellectual disability. The NSW Government is also spending \$800.7 million over 4 years to improve accessibility at train stations and other public transport.
  - \$450,000 funding through Get Skilled Access to work with Destination NSW to enhance accessibility and disability inclusion in the tourism sector and make planning a holiday easy and stress free for people with disability.
  - In our public schools, 243 new support classes have been funded which will ensure specialist support for an additional 1,500 children with disability.
  - The Department of Education is also investing \$150 million for essential accessibility and safety upgrades in public schools, as part of the government's \$1.08 billion school maintenance blitz.
- (2) The NSW Government expects people with disability will be provided with practical support to access government services, and be assisted to do business with government, including

understanding and completing forms. Disability Inclusion Action Plans are designed to drive improvements in engagement and access to services for people with disability, this is a core responsibility of every government department.

The NSW Government funded Disability Advocacy Futures Program provides targeted funding to organisations to support people with disability navigate government services on a one-to-one basis. The program also funds organisations working towards long-term social change, and funds policy advocacy groups run by, or on behalf of, people with disability.

Similarly, the National Disability Advocacy Program is funded by the Commonwealth Government to provide people with disability access to advocacy support to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Centrelink and other government services.

\* 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—

- (1) What programs does the Government operate to inform and support home owners to transition to electricity for heating and cooking?
- (2) What programs does the Government operate to inform and support home owners to transition to more sustainable forms of hot water than gas?
- (3) What financial support does the Government offer to low income home owners to transition?
- (4) What further plans does the Government have to support home owners to ditch gas heating, hot water and cooking in order to reduce costs and meet emission targets?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to encourage developers to not include gas in new developments?
- (6) What is the Government's deadline for no more gas installations in new developments in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is considering opportunities to support household electrification as part of the forthcoming Consumer Energy Strategy and related programs.
- (2) The Energy Savings Scheme provides incentives for households and businesses to undertake eligible energy saving activities, including to replace gas water heaters with electric heat pump water heaters.
- (3) The NSW Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative (SHEPI) will deliver energy improvements in approximately 24,000 social housing homes across NSW. Energy efficiency upgrades include heat pump hot water systems which may replace existing gas hot water systems.
- (4) The NSW Government will release a Consumer Energy Strategy in 2024, which will consider opportunities to encourage electrification.
- (5) This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
- (6) There is currently no deadline for gas installations in new developments in New South Wales.

\* 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—

- (1) How many final disciplinary decisions has the NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission made between 1 January and 30 April 2024?
- (2) How many decisions related to:

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- (a) Drugging greyhounds?
  - (b) Misconduct and bringing greyhound racing into disrepute?
  - (c) Breaches of the rules, regulations and welfare standards?
  - (d) Neglect and serious animal welfare breaches?
- (3) How many greyhounds were killed during this period?
- (4) How many died of injuries received during races during this period?
- (5) Are these outcomes consistent with the Government's policy and targets for greyhound industry integrity and animal welfare?
- (6) What action will the Government take in response to these cases?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised by the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission ( the Commission) that during this period, it undertook disciplinary action against 35 industry participants in relation to 63 breaches. Two of these matters involve five charges that are currently subject to appeal. Disciplinary decisions are available on the Commission's website.
- (2) I am advised by the Commission, noting that a disciplinary inquiry may involve charges of more than one type, the disciplinary decisions during this period related to:
- (a) 26 matters (involving 29 charges) were in relation to prohibited substances.
  - (b) Eight matters (involving 24 charges) concerned misconduct and bringing greyhound racing into disrepute.
  - (c) All 63 charges finalised were breaches of the Greyhound Racing Rules.
  - (d) Five matters (involving 10 charges) related to animal welfare breaches.
- (3) I am advised by the Commission that during this period 176 greyhounds were euthanised by a veterinarian where pain and unnecessary suffering was not able to be alleviated and where the prognosis was such that there was little or no chance of a greyhound returning to an active life.
- (4) I am advised by the Commission that during the period in question:
- Six greyhounds were euthanised and one died at a race meeting due to serious injury.
  - An additional three greyhounds were subsequently euthanised off-track by private veterinarians.
  - Two died off-track due to serious injuries sustained at a race meeting.
- (5) It is noted that the Commission exercises its functions independently, with the Greyhound Racing Act 2017, providing that the Commission is not subject to Ministerial direction, including in relation to any decision to take disciplinary action. However, I am advised by the Commission:
- Compared to same period in 2023 the number of on-track euthanasia's is more than 50% lower (12 in 2024 compared to 25 in 2023).
  - The on-track euthanasia rate for this financial year is predicted to be the lowest in the sport's history.
  - These outcomes have been achieved as a result of implementing a range of race injury reduction and other strategies.
- (6) I am advised by the Commission that it will be introducing new measures later in the year designed to reduce the incidents of prohibited substance use in the sport.

\* 3047 MOORE PARK PARKING FUNDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are you ensuring that all funds collected by Greater Sydney Parklands for car parking on Moore Park by Sydney Cricket Ground members during the construction period for the Venues NSW car park are invested directly in Moore Park and not the wider Greater Sydney Parklands portfolio?

- (a) If so, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

Revenue from the temporary parking arrangements at Moore Park East will go towards funding the implementation of the Moore Park East Landscape Master Plan.

\* 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—

- (1) What steps does the government intend to take in response to the 10 May Court of Appeal decision about the former Paddington Bowling Club Site (Quarry Street Pty Ltd v Minister Administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016 [2024] NSWCA 107), compelling the minister to refuse the land claim by the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council?

- (2) In the event the Judgment is not challenged:

- (a) Will the Government ensure that this Crown land will be reactivated for community use?
    - (b) What action will the government take to ensure that the leaseholder is in the control of fit and proper persons?
    - (c) What action will the Government take to ensure compliance with the lease?
    - (d) How will the Government ensure the land is used for ‘community and sporting club facilities, tourist facilities and services, access’ as specified in the lease?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 7 June 2024, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council and La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council filed an application for special leave to appeal to the High Court against the Court of Appeal's decision. The Government will not actively participate in this application and will submit to any orders made by the Court.
- (2) Crown Lands will not consider any actions regarding the use of the site until all appeal and court actions available to the parties have been finalised or expired.

\* 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—

- (1) Are there currently places at Sydney Secondary College for students from Pyrmont and Ultimo?
- (2) When does the Government expect that there will no longer be places for Ultimo and Pyrmont students at Sydney Secondary College given population growth and expected increases in enrolments?
- (3) Where will Pyrmont and Ultimo high school students be enrolled if there are no places at Sydney Secondary College?
- (4) Has the Government considered the need for an additional public high school to meet the needs of Pyrmont and Ultimo students?

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- (5) When does the Government expect that a new high school is needed for students from Ultimo and Pyrmont?
- (6) What consideration has been given to how the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy and Blackwattle Bay State Significant Precinct will increase demand for a public high school and how will this increase in demand be met?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that students from Pyrmont and Ultimo continue to be accommodated at Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus (Years 7-10) and Blackwattle Bay Campus (Years 11 and 12).

The department will continue to monitor enrolment numbers and population projections to ensure there is sufficient capacity for every local student seeking to enrol. For families in Ultimo and Pyrmont, this includes consideration of the Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy, Blackwattle Bay State Significant Development and Bays West Place Strategy. At present, the department continues to advise that there is sufficient capacity at Sydney Secondary College to cater for students from Ultimo and Pyrmont.

School intake areas are publicly available, and can be identified using the School Finder tool on the department's website.

\* 3050 ST JAMES PRECINCT PROPOSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What consideration has the Government given to the 2018 Sydney Trains proposal to use the St James Station tunnels as a dining and entertainment precinct?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the viability of rejuvenating and opening the St James station tunnels as a dining and entertainment precinct?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to utilise the unused St James tunnel system?

Answer—

I am advised

Please refer to the response to LA 2555.

\* 3051 TRAFFIC LIGHTS, CROSS STREET AND OLD NORTHERN ROAD BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government has any plans to install traffic lights at the intersection of Cross Street and Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has carried out a safety assessment at the intersection of Old Northern Road and Cross Street, Baulkham Hills. Transport for NSW has nominated this intersection for future funding which involves new traffic lights to control all movements at this intersection.

\* 3052 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE POLICY—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What is the Ministerial Correspondence policy in terms of time in which a response should be provided?
- (2) Did the Minister receive correspondence from The Hills Shire Council on or about 26 March 2024 inviting the Minister to take a tour of Box Hill with the Mayor and to visit local schools in The Hills Shire?

- (a) If such correspondence was received has the Minister replied to such correspondence?

Answer—

Please refer to the Ministerial correspondence policy <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/ministers-correspondence-policy>

- \* 3053 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Mr Mark Hodges 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 Hills Shire Council 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 funding opportunities are currently available for domestic violence survivor support services?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government funds several non-government organisations to deliver a range of services for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence including Staying Home Leaving Violence, Safer Pathway, Accompanied Children's Support Service, DVPASS, Specialist Homelessness Services and Core and Cluster.

These non-government organisations receive funding to deliver services in multiple LGAs. Due to this, an exact funding amount cannot be exclusively attributed to the Hills Shire Council LGA.

- (2) In the 2024/25 Budget, the NSW Government committed \$245.6 million over four years for a coordinated, multi-pronged response to disrupt the cycle of DFV, while optimising crisis response services to support victim-survivors.

This includes:

- \$48.1 million for specialist workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges, expanding their presence to 32 refuges across NSW.
- \$48.0 million to roll out the Staying Home Leaving Violence program state-wide and to expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service.
- \$29.6 million for the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service to provide support to victim-survivors navigating the justice system.

The NSW Government has also committed to build 6,200 net new social homes that will form part of the "Building Homes for NSW" program, of which at least 50 percent of the homes will be prioritised for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence.

- \* 3054 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE.—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to domestic violence services:

- (1) What organisations within the Willoughby electorate have been allocated funding from the \$230 million emergency package?

- (a) How much has each organisation received?

- (2) Has Mary's house secured any funding from this emergency package?

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- (a) Is some funding for child caseworkers?

Answer—

A key focus of the emergency funding package will be to target support to the local government areas, communities and organisations in greatest need.

This package will directly benefit the Willoughby electorate with the expansion of Staying Home Leaving Violence to every LGA in NSW. Under the previous Government, the Willoughby and North Sydney LGAs were among 37 LGAs not covered by this program.

As part of the emergency package, \$48 million over four years has been allocated to securing and increasing funding for specialist workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refugees.

Local services are encouraged to monitor the DCJ website for future funding and procurement opportunities: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/supporting-family-domestic-sexual-violence-services/dfv-programs-funding.html>

- \* 3055 WILLOUGHBY ROAD CORRIDOR - BUS SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Willoughby Road corridor for bus services including routes 120 and 115:

- (1) What changes will be made to these services upon the opening of the Sydney Metro City and Sydenham Line?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is finalising bus network adjustments in preparation of the Chatswood to Sydenham Sydney Metro City section opening. Changes take into consideration current and future passenger origins and destinations including those to and from transport hubs. They are designed to make best use of the full transport network and offer efficient passenger journeys.

Timetable adjustments will be communicated widely in advance of the Sydney Metro City opening.

- \* 3056 TRAIN TIMETABLE CHANGES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation train timetables:

- (1) What changes will occur with the T1 North Shore Line timetables upon the opening of the Sydney Metro City and Sydenham Line?
- (2) Can the Minister rule out cancellations of services in the Willoughby electorate in the upcoming timetable change?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW will introduce a new train timetable in 2024 to integrate Sydney Metro City & Southwest with the rail network and support the final conversion of the T3 Bankstown Line between Sydenham and Bankstown to metro operations. The new timetable is still being finalised and will be publicly available in the coming months.

- \* 3057 COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION AND RENNOVATIONS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to alleviating the cost of construction and renovations:

- (1) What measures are being taken to reduce the cost of new builds?

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- (2) Is there a carve-out for remedial waterproofing works?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) What is the evidence that the carve-out for remedial waterproofing is benefitting consumers?
- (3) What is the justification for imposing strict requirements on Owners Corporations when they are not building professionals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government will introduce reforms to Parliament later this year that will remove duplication and simplify the building approvals process with a view of supporting housing supply in NSW and providing cost certainty for new builds.
- (2) All remedial waterproofing work in NSW is subject to building regulations and is required to comply with the Building Code of Australia. The Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 (DBP Act) applies additional design and building declaration requirements for remedial waterproofing work on most class 2 or residential apartment buildings. There are exemptions from the DBP Act requirements for certain remedial waterproofing work on a single apartment unit, and remedial waterproofing work for class 3 and 9c buildings are also not subject to the DBP Act until 1 July 2025.
- (a) These exemptions under the DBP Act buildings are based on the relative lower risk of this work for consumers and the adequacy of existing safeguards.
- (b) The Government is focused on restoring consumer confidence in the NSW construction sector and building industry. The exemptions are based on the relative low risk of these works to consumers.
- (3) The DBP Act requires those responsible for remedial waterproofing work to document and declare their work as compliant to ensure that owners corporations have confidence that the work carried out will be defect free and not require further rework.

\* 3058 CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN WILLOUGHBY AND NORTHERN BEACHES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to connectivity between Willoughby and the Northern Beaches:

- (1) Does the Minister have any plans to commit to the expansion of the Sydney Metro to the Northern Beaches?
- (2) What measures are being taken to improve transport connections between Willoughby and the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There are currently no plans to extend the Sydney Metro City & Southwest project to the Northern Beaches.
- (2) Existing transport services provide frequent connections between Willoughby and the Northern Beaches. Two all-day frequent network routes operate between Chatswood and Dee Why via Frenchs Forest (route 160X) and Chatswood and Manly via Neutral Bay (route 144), operating at least every 10 minutes, seven days a week. Further enhancements to transport connections will be considered as part of future planning activities.



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- \* 3059 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the Local Sports Defibrillator Program:

- (1) Why are there no postcodes eligible in the Willoughby electorate?
- (2) What was the process to determine the eligible postcodes?
- (3) How will Willoughby sporting organisations have access to automated external defibrillators?

Answer—

I am advised that for the 2023-24 round of the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program a new eligibility criterion was added: Eligible applicants would have to locate their AEDs in postcodes listed in the lowest five deciles of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA).

Prospective applicants with postcodes not listed among the lowest five SEIFA deciles were ineligible and unable to complete an online application.

None of the postcodes in the Willoughby electorate were listed in the lowest five SEIFA deciles, and accordingly were not eligible for a grant.

All of the 193 applications which were approved for grants came from postcodes listed in the lowest five SEIFA deciles.

A range of options could be available for sporting organisations in the Willoughby electorate, including fundraising and sponsorship, as well as other possible government and non-government sources.

- \* 3060 FIRE REGULATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to fire regulation on development proposals:

- (1) How is a property deemed to be at an increased fire risk?
- (2) What are the current compliance measures for residential buildings in a flame zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.

- \* 3061 WILLOUGHBY BUS SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

Can the Minister rule out cuts to bus services in the Willoughby electorate?

Answer—

I am advised

Please refer to the response to LA 3055.

- \* 3062 ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Royal North Shore Hospital:

- (1) What specific measures are being implemented to address the increasing emergency wait times?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm if there are plans for further investment in hospital infrastructure to alleviate the upcoming pressures caused by increased density from Transport Oriented Development and State Environmental Planning Policy reforms?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Royal North Shore Hospital Emergency Department (ED) is implementing a range of strategies to improve wait times for patients, including recruitment of healthcare workers, ongoing review of models of care to improve patient flow such as use of the ED short stay unit and the medical assessment unit, and increasing utilisation of the virtual care service and Hospital in the Home to facilitate discharge and improve patient flow.

Northern Sydney Local Health District has developed a District-wide Clinical Services Plan. This plan has identified opportunities to ensure existing infrastructure is able to reliably deliver services over the medium term.

\* 3063 BREAKDOWN OF PARKING SPACE TYPES 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—

- (1) What is the breakdown of the number of parking spaces in each of the car parking locations at Tweed Valley Hospital as per the following:
  - (a) The Multi-Level car park (including the breakdown of the number of staff allocated car parks and the number of spaces available to the general public)?
  - (b) The East car park (including the breakdown of the number of staff allocated car parks and the number of spaces available to pass-holding members of the public)?
  - (c) Car parks located around the hospital grounds and the specific location of these car parking spaces?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The multi-level car parks available at Tweed Valley Hospital has 1,100 car spaces in total.

The East car park has 127 spaces available, with 57 available for patients and 70 for afternoon staff parking.

There are about 37 car parks/spaces located around the hospital grounds and the specific location, with 9 spaces at the Health HUB and 28 spaces with 5-minute car parks located at the following:

- Front entrance, 1 equal access and 4 spaces.
- West entrance, 1 equal access and 11 spaces.
- East entrance, 1 equal access and 13 spaces.

\* 3064 STAFF COMPLETING TRANSITION WORK 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—

Regarding contractors, logistics, IT support and project staff attending Tweed Valley Hospital to complete transition work:

- (1) On average, how many were attending each day in May (since the hospital opened on 14 May)?
- (2) On average, how many were attending each day in June (to-date)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In relation to contractors, logistics, IT support and project staff attending Tweed Valley Hospital to complete transition work:

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- On average, there were 65 attending each day in May since the hospital opened on 14 May 2024.
- On average, 23 were attending each day in June, until 6 June 2024.

\* 3065 ENROLMENTS AT KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Regarding enrolments at Kingscliff TAFE:

- (1) How many full-time enrolments were there in 2021, 2022, 2023 and Year to date?
- (2) How many part-time enrolments were there in 2021, 2022, 2023 and Year to date?

Answer—

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data are not provided by location or in-year enrolment numbers. TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>

\* 3066 STAFF EMPLOYMENT AT KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Regarding staff currently employed at Kingscliff TAFE:

- (1) How many full-time teachers, support staff and administration staff were employed in 2021, 2022, 2023 and Year to date?
- (2) How many part-time teachers, support staff and administration staff were employed in 2021, 2022, 2023 and Year to date?

Answer—

TAFE NSW routinely reports staff numbers in the publicly available Annual Reports.

TAFE NSW does not provide staffing data by location, as it operates in a competitive commercial environment. Also, TAFE NSW offers flexible work agreements to its employees and many work from multiple campus locations therefore the data may be misleading.

\* 3067 CAR PARKS AT KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

How many car parks are located at the Kingscliff TAFE campus?

Answer—

There are 379 car parking spaces at TAFE NSW Kingscliff campus comprised of 361 general car spaces, 11 accessible parking spaces, and 7 motorbike parking spaces.

\* 3068 TRADESPEOPLE AND CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL AT KINGSCLIFF TAFE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

How many tradespeople and construction personnel are currently working each day at the Kingscliff TAFE campus?

Answer—

There are currently 34 tradespeople/construction personnel working at the Kingscliff TAFE NSW campus associated with the current capital works project.

\* 3069 ANNANDALE FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Minister's response to LA QONs 1284, 1285 and 2499:

- (1) What progress has been made on extending the F-10 ferry service to Rozelle Bay, Annandale?

- (2) When does the government expect the service will be ready for expansion to Rozelle Bay, Annandale?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is currently conducting a route analysis for the F10 route (currently travelling between Barangaroo and Blackwattle Bay) which includes additional stops, including consideration of public transport needs of the new Sydney Fish Markets.

- \* 3070 REVIEW OF PART 4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

Noting the Attorney-General's response to LA QON 1495:

- (1) What progress has been made in reviewing Part 4AF of the Crimes Act?
- (2) When will the outcome of the review be made public?
- (3) What plans does the Government have, if any, to repeal the changes to the Crimes Act that were introduced with the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022?

Answer—

(1 - 3) The review of Part 4AF of the Crimes Act 1900 (Crimes Act) is ongoing.

Public consultation has been undertaken and the deadline for submissions was 1 June 2024. Section 214B of the Crimes Act requires the report from the review to be tabled in both Houses of Parliament before 3 October 2024.

- \* 3071 REVIEW OF DIVISION 7 OF THE ROADS ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Noting the Minister's response to LA QON 1496:

- (1) What progress has been made in reviewing Division 7 of the Roads Act?
- (2) When will the outcome of the review be made public?
- (3) What plans does the Government have, if any, to repeal the changes to the Roads Act that were introduced with the Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Act 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW commenced public consultation via the NSW Government 'Have your say' website, with the consultation period closing on 1 June 2024. Transport for NSW extended the timeframe for submissions until 6 June following a request from certain stakeholders who required more time.

Transport for NSW will commence analysing the submissions ahead of the preparation of the report to Parliament due to be tabled in both Houses by October 2024.

The Government will consider the outcomes of review before determining whether any changes will be made.

- \* 3072 LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public primary school in the Cronulla electorate:

- (1) How many learning support officers (full time equivalent) were engaged at that school as at 30 June 2023 (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?

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- (2) How many learning support officers (full time equivalent) are now engaged at that school (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?

Answer—

As at June 2024, there is a total School Learning Support Officer entitlement of 5.0 FTE at primary schools in the Cronulla electorate.

- \* 3073 ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public primary school in the Cronulla electorate:

- (1) How many assistant principals were engaged at that school as at 30 June 2023 (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?
- (2) How many assistant principals are now engaged at that school (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?
- (3) How many face to face classroom hours were assistant principals normally required to work each week as at 30 June 2023 (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?
- (4) How many face to face classroom hours are assistant principals now normally required to work each week (or as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date)?

Answer—

The staffing entitlement for each school is based on a number of factors, including student enrolments, and the learning and support needs of the school.

As at June 2024, there was an Assistant Principal entitlement of 51 FTE at primary schools in the Cronulla state electorate.

- \* 3074 UPGRADING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade public schools in the Sutherland Shire to deal with population growth as a result of its housing target of 6,000 extra dwellings in the Sutherland Shire?
  - (a) If so, which schools and when?
  - (b) If so, what are the plans for each such location and when will they be implemented?
  - (c) If so, what is the budget allocation for each such location?

Answer—

Following 12 years of neglect under the previous Liberal and Nationals government, the NSW Labor Government is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. Upgrades and new schools are provided according to need in the context of the overall needs of schools across the state. All School Infrastructure projects are communicated to the community, as appropriate, including via the School Infrastructure website.

Information around project planning occurs on a case-by-case basis and is subject to approvals.

- \* 3075 URGENT CARE SERVICES CENTRES—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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 open any Urgent Care Services centres:
  - (a) In the Sutherland Shire?
  - (b) In the Georges River local government area?

- (c) In the Bayside local government area, before 30 June 2025?
- (d) If so, when and where?
- (e) If so, how many medical practitioners (full time equivalents) will be employed at each such location?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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

An urgent care service operating at Caringbah was announced on 19 December 2023. An urgent care service operating at Carlton was announced on 1 April 2024.

A grant has been provided to Central Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network to deliver the Caringbah and Carlton urgent care services. Information is available on the [www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding)

\* 3076 MEDICARE LICENCE FOR THE MRI MACHINE AT SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to secure a Medicare licence for the MRI machine at Sutherland Hospital?
  - (a) If so, what are those plans?
- (2) Has the Commonwealth Government indicated whether a Medicare licence for the MRI machine at Sutherland Hospital will be granted?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care is responsible for the provision of MRI licences. The Sutherland Hospital made an application for an MRI licence in 2018, which was rejected by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care in 2019.

There is no mechanism for Sutherland Hospital to apply for an MRI licence prior to 2027 as it is not an open process. Facilities are invited to apply for an MRI licence by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care.

In 2022, the Australian Government made changes to the processes for the provision of MRI licences, which prioritised regional and remote areas where there is the greatest need for these services in the absence of private providers.

\* 3077 UPGRADES TO THE NSW RFS FACILITY AT HEATHCOTE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade the NSW Rural Fire Service facility at Heathcote?
  - (a) If so, what are the plans and when will they be implemented?
  - (b) If so, what is the budget allocation for those plans?

Answer—

I am advised that:

In March 2024, Sutherland Shire Council signed a 10-year lease for the facility, which is shared with the State Emergency Service and located on National Parks and Wildlife Service land. Council will consult

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with the agencies to discuss the future site needs, with future plans to be guided by consultation with affected parties.

- \* 3078 UPGRADES TO THE SES FACILITY AT HEATHCOTE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to upgrade the State Emergency Service facility at Heathcote?
- (a) If so, what are the plans and when will they be implemented?
- (b) If so, what is the budget allocation for those plans?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW SES is currently working with Sutherland Shire Council to address minor facility deficiencies with some of the buildings.

- \* 3079 RESTRUCTURE OF THE NSW RFS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to restructure the NSW Rural Fire Service in the Sutherland Shire?
- (a) If so, what are those plans and when will they be implemented?
- (b) If so, what is the budget allocation, or alternatively the budget savings, for those plans?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that:

The Sutherland Rural Fire District and Illawarra Rural Fire Zone were amalgamated as the Illawarra Sutherland Team in 2021 to provide administrative, operational and volunteer management across the Sutherland, Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Local Government Areas. There are currently no plans for further restructuring within the Illawarra Sutherland Team.

- \* 3080 RESTRUCTURE OF THE SES SUTHERLAND SHIRE UNIT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to restructure the State Emergency Service Sutherland Shire unit?
- (a) If so, what are those plans and when will they be implemented?
- (b) If so, what is the budget allocation, or alternatively the budget savings, for those plans?

Answer—

I am advised the State Emergency Service has no plans to restructure units in the Sutherland Shire.

- \* 3081 HAZARD REDUCTION WORK IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What hazard reduction work is scheduled (and for when) in the Sutherland Shire (including national parks) this calendar year?

- (2) What hazard reduction work has been undertaken (and when) in the Sutherland Shire (including national parks) this calendar year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Rural Fire Service (RFS) schedules hazard reduction burns by financial year. Hazard reduction burns planned for 2024-25 will be weather dependent and scheduled as conditions allow in the following locations: Lucas Heights, Woronora Heights, Bonnet Bay, Bango, Loftus, Engadine, Menai, Heathcote, Barden Ridge, Grays Point, Royal National Park, Heathcote National Park, Bunde'ena and Maianbar.

Mechanical works to maintain existing Asset Protection Zones (APZ) are scheduled at 50 locations across the Sutherland Shire for 2024-25.

- (2) Hazard reduction burns completed from the 2023-24 annual works program occurred in the following locations: Loftus, Sutherland, Engadine, Holsworthy Military Area, Bangor, Woronora Heights, Bonnet Bay, Bundeena, Kurnell, Heathcote and Grays Point.

Mechanical works to maintain existing APZ were conducted in 53 locations in 2023-24.

- \* 3082 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to mental health services available to students of public primary and secondary schools:

- (1) What services or programs delivered by the Department of Education or partnering organisation are available to students of New South Wales public primary schools for addressing mental health concerns or issues?
- (2) What services or programs delivered by Department of Education or partnering organisation are available to students of New South Wales public secondary schools for addressing mental health concerns or issues?
- (3) How do students access these programs or services?
- (4) Can you please outline the delivery plan and funding allocation for these programs?
- (5) Can you confirm if these programs are free of charge for students accessing them?
- (6) For the following years, how many primary students accessed a mental health service or program:
- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024 so far?
- (7) For the following years, how many secondary students accessed a mental health service or program:
- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024 so far?
- (8) Are there any new or upcoming programs to be implemented?

Answer—

- (1) The department continues to increase the wellbeing and mental health support available to students with over 2,000 staff dedicated to support and improve the wellbeing of children and young people at school. This workforce includes School Counsellors, School Support Officers, Wellbeing Nurses, School Chaplains and Student Wellbeing Officers. When required schools and specialist staff link



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students and families with external services including NSW Health and Department of Communities and Justice.

Student health and wellbeing are further supported by ensuring access to quality-assured wellbeing programs and a diverse wellbeing workforce in schools. To support our students, over 70 external, evidence-based, quality assured wellbeing programs are available through the Student Wellbeing external program catalogue under the themes of Sense of Belonging, Resilience, Behaviour and Respectful Relationships and released this year, Consent Education.

Specific mental health programs available to primary school students include:

PAX Good Behaviour Game - the department is continuing to support the mental health of students through the implementation of an evidence based early intervention program called PAX Good Behaviour Game (PAX GBG). PAX GBG is a trauma informed universal early intervention and prevention mental health approach for primary school aged students. The program has been developed to improve student self-regulation and assist them to learn pro-social skills.

MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth - This is an Australian early intervention education program for children and young people aged 6-18 years. It is based on the belief that change and loss are part of life, and grief is a normal response to these losses.

MACKILLOP - Stormbirds - Stormbirds is an Australian evidence-based program delivered within small groups with children and young people aged 6-14 years across four sessions. Stormbirds helps children and young people affected by natural disasters by learning and discussing how natural disasters may impact on their lives.

Cool Kids - Anxiety Intervention - The Cool Kids program developed by the Centre for Emotional Health (CEH) at Macquarie University is a treatment program for children aged 7 -12 with anxiety disorders, with established evidence when delivered in multiple formats and settings (face-to-face, online, group, individual, clinic or school).

- (2) Every NSW public secondary school has an allocation of a minimum of one full time School Counsellor and a full time Student Support Officer. When required schools and specialist staff link students and families with external services including NSW Health and Department of Communities and Justice.

Student health and wellbeing is further supported by providing schools with access to quality-assured wellbeing programs and a diverse wellbeing workforce in schools. To support our students, over 70 external, evidence-based, quality assured wellbeing programs are available through the Student Wellbeing external program catalogue under the themes of Sense of Belonging, Resilience, Behaviour and Respectful Relationships and Consent Education.

Specific mental health programs available to secondary school students include:

MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds (as per details above).

Mental Health First Aid Australia - Teen Mental Health First Aid

Teen Mental Health First Aid is a program designed to be delivered to adolescents (Years 7-9 and 10-12) providing them with the skills to recognise and respond to a friend who may be experiencing a mental health problem or crisis situation. Using a practical, evidence-based action plan, the Teen Mental Health First Aid course helps build the confidence needed to support a friend until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

Chilled Out - Anxiety Intervention - The Chilled-Out program developed by the Centre for Emotional Health (CEH) at Macquarie University is a treatment program for young people aged 12 -17 with anxiety disorders, with established evidence when delivered in multiple formats and settings (face-to-face, online, group, individual, clinic or school).

- (3) Services delivered to students by the school counselling service and other specialist staff are accessed through their school based on local need.

PAX Good Behaviour Game - primary principals identify which classes and students engage in this program.

MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds - these programs are available to both primary and secondary school and students are nominated through the school learning support teams.

Mental Health First Aid Australia - Teen Mental Health First Aid - secondary students can access Teen Mental Health First Aid through their school's support systems.

Cool Kids/ Chilled out - Anxiety Intervention - Cool Kids/ Chilled out is currently offered to students in both primary and secondary schools where there is an accredited Cool Kids school counselling service staff member available. The program is also available on the department's Student Wellbeing external programs catalogue for schools.

- (4) PAX Good Behaviour Game - Primary school staff and schools register for the training based on their identified need. The frequency of training sessions offered is based on demand from schools. The department funds the cost for staff to access the training. Once trained, staff can deliver the program to students in an ongoing way. There is no additional cost to students or schools.

MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds - These programs are available for both primary and secondary schools. Staff and schools register directly through MacKillop for the training based on their identified need. Once staff are trained in the program, the Learning Support team identifies students for the program, which is delivered within small groups over 8 sessions for Seasons for Growth and over four sessions for Stormbirds. Schools currently self-fund their participation, with some funded opportunities still available through MacKillop incentives.

Mental Health First Aid Australia - Teen Mental Health First Aid - Secondary schools can access the Teen Mental Health First Aid program through a community of practice that has over 157 instructors in teen mental health available across the state to facilitate this program in secondary schools. The program is delivered to whole year groups in three 90-minute sessions.

Cool Kids/ Chilled out - Anxiety Intervention - Eligible students can currently access this program through the school counselling service if there is a school counselling service member who is trained and accredited in the program, servicing the school they attend.

- (5) PAX Good Behaviour Game - free to students. The department has funded the training for staff and associated materials since 2020.

Mental Health First Aid Australia - Teen Mental Health First Aid - costs associated with this program are managed by the individual schools and is not centrally managed.

Cool Kids / Chilled out - Anxiety Intervention - The Cool Kids / Chilled Out Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health funded partnership with the NSW Department of Education ended in December 2023. The program is free of charge if/when accessed through the school counselling service, where there is an accredited provider.

- (6) Data is not centrally held on individual student access to wellbeing support staff.

Data is not centrally collected on the number of primary students who receive the PAX Good Behaviour Game; MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds

Cool Kids - Anxiety Intervention

- (a) 2022 - Between 2022-2023, 607 primary aged children/families received Cool Kids Online program from Centre for Emotional Health.
  - (b) 2023 - An additional 59 primary aged students received Cool Kids through an accredited DoE school counselling service member.
  - (c) 2024 - Not centrally available.
- (7) Data is not centrally held on individual student access to wellbeing support staff.

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Data is not centrally collected on the number of secondary students who receive the MACKILLOP - Seasons for Growth and Stormbirds or Teen Mental Health First Aid

Chilled out - Anxiety Intervention

(a) 2022 - 2022 to 2023, 116 secondary students/families received Chilled Out Online from CEH

(b) 2023 - 11 secondary aged students through an accredited DoE school counselling service member.

Between 2022-2023, 607 families received Cool Kids Online program from Centre for Emotional Health.

(c) 2024 - Not centrally available

(8) There are no new partnerships and programs planned to be implemented.

\* 3083 REGIONAL 500 AMBULANCE ENHANCEMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the 'Regional 500' enhancement for NSW Ambulance:

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the staged rollout of 500 extra staff?

(2) What changes to rostering will occur when these new staff are deployed?

(3) Will additional ambulance crews be created?

(4) Will the new staff be added to the minimum operating levels for the receiving station?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Ambulance continues to consult with unions and staff at locations proposed to receive additional paramedics as part of the rollout.

NSW Ambulance has met the first year target of the regional 500 paramedics and has commenced consultation for the second phase of the rollout.

Additional new and on duty crews and relief will be rostered as a result of the workforce enhancements.

\* 3084 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN REGIONAL NSW—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—

In relation to mental health services available to residents of regional New South Wales:

(1) What is the state of mental health in regional New South Wales?

(2) What mental health services or programs delivered by Government are available in regional New South Wales?

(3) What mental health services or programs delivered by Government are available specifically in the Bathurst Electorate?

(4) For the following years, how many people have accessed mental health services across regional New South Wales:

(a) 2021?

(b) 2022?

(c) 2023?

- (d) 2024 so far?
- (5) For the following years, how many people have accessed mental health services across the Bathurst Electorate:
- (a) 2021?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2024 so far?
- (6) How many suicides have been reported in regional New South Wales in the following years:
- (a) 2021?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2024 so far?
- (7) How many suicides have been reported in the Bathurst Electorate in the following years:
- (a) 2021?
- (b) 2022?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2024 so far?
- (8) What current programs are in place by the Government to assist individuals who are suffering with mental health illnesses?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1 – 2) The NSW Government is committed to meeting the mental health needs of people living in regional, rural and remote communities, which often differs from the needs of metropolitan communities. Specialist mental health services offer 24-hour access across NSW and, in any adverse event, the need to support and ensure continuity of services is a major priority.

Specific rural and regional mental health programs include the Disaster Recovery Clinicians, Rural Adversity Mental Health Program, and Farm Gate Counsellors and Rural Peer Support Workers. These programs work closely with primary health initiatives and services, community and welfare agencies and mental health services to provide direct care, link people to care and respond to local community needs and issues on the ground.

The NSW Government also provides a range of services and programs delivered to support the mental health of children and young people across the state, including those in regional and rural areas.

- (3, 5, 7) Health services are not provided, and health information is not broken down by electorates. The Honourable Member can however liaise with his local health district about local services and programs.
- (4) (a) 70,872 people.
- (b) 66,781 people.
- (c) 67,541 people.
- (d) Approximately 39,000 people.

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- (6, 8) To ensure people in rural and regional NSW have greater access to suicide prevention services, there are rural and regional specific suicide prevention programs including rural counsellors and programs delivered through Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

Information on NSW Health's Towards Zero Suicides initiatives is available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/towardszerosuicides/Pages/default.aspx>

Information on suicides in regional NSW is available at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/resources/Pages/sums-report-mar-2024.aspx>

- \* 3085 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY ASSESSMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the recent announcement of a new assessment of the Great Western Highway:

- (1) Can you please provide a timeline for the assessment?
- (2) Can you please outline what the assessment will include?
- (3) When will the first findings be released?
- (4) What part of the Great Western Highway will be assessed?
  - (a) Can you please provide exact locations from beginning to end?
- (5) How much will the assessment cost?
- (6) How will the assessment be funded?
- (7) What forms of transport will be included in the assessment?
- (8) Will the data collected be made publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW is aiming to complete the Great Western Highway assessment by Q1 2025. The projected timeline will depend on stakeholder engagement and feedback.
- (2) The assessment of the Great Western Highway will include safety, resilience, freight, travel-time (including holiday surges), intersections, speed and school zone analysis, public transport, active transport, movement and place, national service level standards analysis, electric vehicle readiness, local community considerations, and future developments.
- (3) Transport for NSW is aiming to release the first findings in Q2 2025. The projected timeline will depend on stakeholder engagement and feedback.
- (4) The section of the Great Western Highway that will be assessed is from Lapstone to Bathurst
  - (a) The exact location of the assessment will be from the intersection of the Great Western Highway with Governors Drive at Lapstone, and the intersection of Stewart Steet and Brilliant Street in Bathurst
- (5) The NSW government has allocated \$250,000.
- (6) The assessment will be funded from within the existing budget.
- (7) The forms of transport to be included in the assessment will include active transport, micro-mobility, public transport, freight, ride-share and car.
- (8) There will be a mix of publicly available data and a range of technical data used for the assessment. However, not all data collected will be made publicly available.

\* 3086 SEARCH DOGS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to search dogs:

- (1) How many dogs were deployed to the Whalan Incident?
- (2) How many dog searches were completed?
- (3) How many times did each dog search the rubble pile at the Whalan Incident?
- (4) If only one dog completed one search, why haven't more dogs been brought to the site so the search could continue?
- (5) Was it a live find dog or a cadaver dog deployed to the Whalan Incident?
- (6) Are these dogs trained in any other disciplines or are they single purpose dogs?
- (7) How many times has this dog trained in such a contaminated environment such as the Whalan Incident?
- (8) What standards is this dog trained to?
- (9) What standards is this dog assessed to?
- (10) How long did it take a dog to commence searching the Whalan Incident site, noting that every member of the Fire and Rescue NSW Urban search and rescue (USAR) Taskforce must be available within 2 hours?
- (11) Are these USAR dogs utilised to apprehend suspects?
- (12) How many times have the NSW Police USAR dogs been deployed? And where?
- (13) How many times has this/these dog/s trained on a rubble pile (a USAR environment)?
- (14) How many dogs does NSW Police have for USAR capability?
- (15) How many dogs does Fire and Rescue NSW expect to have if called to a USAR incident?
- (16) What standards are Fire and Rescue NSW USAR Taskforce dogs trained and assessed to?
- (17) Do police use external trainers for their USAR dogs?
  - (a) If so, who?
- (18) How many ASR5 dogs does NSWPF currently have?
- (19) Given USAR capability of Search Dogs Sydney, has Fire and Rescue NSW or NSW Police reached out regarding potential use of their services?
  - (a) If not why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Three (3).
- (2) It would be inappropriate to comment on specific details of this incident as investigations are ongoing and a report is being prepared for the Coroner.
- (3) Refer to the answer to question 2.
- (4) Refer to the answer to question 2.
- (5) No NSW Police dogs with a cadaver detection capability were deployed.

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- (6) NSW Police Force (NSWPF) dogs with cadaver detection capability have a blood detection capability for some crime scenes. NSWPF dogs trained and accredited in Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) have capability in either drug detection or general-purpose disciplines.
- (7) Refer to the answer to question 2.
- (8) NSWPF dog teams seeking USAR accreditation undertake an internal training and assessment program. Ongoing accreditation is conditional upon successful participation and competence in annual assessments facilitated by the NSWPF and Fire and Rescue NSW.
- (9) NSWPF standards of assessment for USAR are derived from both national and international guidelines of best practice including:
  - Australian Urban Search and Rescue Canine Capability Best Practice Guideline.
  - Australian Government - Government Skills Australia Public Safety Training Package.
  - New Zealand Search and Rescue LAND SAR Search Dogs - Search Dog Standards International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) Guidelines.
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - National Urban Search and Rescue Response System: Canine Search Team Framework.
- (10) Refer to the answer to question 2.
- (11) Yes.
- (12) NSWPF USAR-accredited dogs have been deployed on 12 occasions to locations meeting the definition of a USAR operation. These locations include Whalan, Dulwich Hill and the Upper Wilsons Creek area of the Northern Rivers.
- (13) Please refer to the answer to question 2.
- (14) Seven (7) and an additional two (2) teams in training.
- (15) This question should be directed to the Minister for Emergency Services as the Minister responsible for Fire and Rescue NSW.
- (16) Refer to the answer at question 15.
- (17) No.
- (18) The NSWPF currently has four (4) cadaver detection dog teams which may be deployed to recovery operations to assist in locating deceased persons. Note: The definition of ASR5 used in the INSARAG preparedness response guidelines has been applied. Using this definition, ASR5 relates to deceased persons within a USAR site.
- (19) No. The NSWPF is compliant with the INSARAG guidelines and is able to support operations. Questions relating to Fire and Rescue NSW engagement with external agencies should be directed to the Minister for Emergency Services.

\* 3087 FIRST HOME BUYERS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 in regional New South Wales?
- (2) How many first homebuyers utilised the available incentives, grants or concessions in the Goulburn electorate?
  - (a) If not by electorate, within the following Local Government Areas:
    - (i) Vass Valley?
    - (ii) Goulburn Mulwaree?

- (iii) Upper Lachlan?
- (iv) Wingecarribee?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance.

\* 3088 PRESCHOOLS ON NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 across the Goulburn electorate?
- (2) Separately for each such preschool:
  - (a) When is the expected opening date?
  - (b) How many student places will there be?

Answer—

- (1) Moss Vale Public School located in the Goulburn electorate will be included in the 100 new Preschools Commitment.
- (2)
  - (a) The expected opening day will be Term 1, Day 1, 2027.
  - (b) A business case has been submitted, which includes up to 60 places.

\* 3089 WASTE-TO-ENERGY AND WASTE INCINERATION—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) Within the planning process, has the Department of Environment had any consultation, consideration or input into the planning proposals for:
  - (a) Waste-to-energy projects or proposals?
  - (b) Incineration of waste projects or proposals?
- (2) Can waste-to-energy flue gases contain Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)?
  - (a) If so, what is the Government doing to address this?
- (3) Does the Government plan to undertake more comprehensive investigations into PFAS in relation to waste-to-energy projects?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to address potential risks associated with human and agricultural health if the waste incineration proposals proceed?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) is the consent authority under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for energy recovery facilities. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is a referral agency for these activities and provides assessment and advice to the DPHI on environmental issues such as air, water, noise, waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and contamination for these proposals.
  - (a) Yes
  - (b) Yes



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- (2) It is possible that low levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) may be present in the residual waste fuel that energy from waste facilities may use, due to the low levels in various consumer products and packaging that would be present in domestic municipal solid waste.
  - (a) Advanced pollution control technology can address the presence of low levels of PFAS.
- (3) DPHI and the EPA are funding an independent expert review of PFAS in energy from waste emissions. This review is expected to be commissioned by the DPHI and will inform the assessment of current and future energy from waste proposals.
- (4) Any person seeking to develop a facility to recover energy from waste must demonstrate compliance with relevant planning and environment policy and laws, including the NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement (the Policy Statement). The Policy Statement reflects the latest advice on air emissions standards from the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer and ensures that NSW has air emission standards that meet and exceed world's best practice to protect human health and the environment.

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\* 3090 REGIONAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) The Regional Health Workforce Incentive Scheme (RHWIS) is specifically directed to healthcare professionals applying for new roles within the industry (in nominated towns under the Modified Monash Model), are those currently employed eligible to apply for the scheme? If not, why?
- (2) NSW Health indicates the RHWIS will conclude on the 30 June 2026, is consideration being made by NSW Health to extend the program beyond this time?
  - (a) If not, will those receiving the RHWIS benefits have them withdrawn from their contracts?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health organisations can offer incentives to existing health workers in eligible positions where it has been determined that incentives will apply in line with NSW Health policy.

There is no decision nor intention to conclude the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme in 2026.

\* 3091 STATUTORY WAGE CHANGES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the maximum statutory wage of \$587.50 outlined in the Workers Compensation Act 1987 will be reviewed to align with the Fair Work Commissions recently revised national minimum wage to \$912.20?
- (2) Given that a review of the maximum statutory wage will require a legislation amendment, will the Minister consider an investigation into such an amendment?

Answer—

The previous government oversaw enormous damage to the workers compensation system. The NSW Government is considering options in regards to reform of workers compensation in NSW, and all relevant issues will be considered.

\* 3092 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to the 2023-2024 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise when will applicants be advised of the outcome of their application?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many applications were made to this funding program and to what total value?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise how many applications were made from the Cootamundra electorate and to what total value?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All application outcome letters for the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund were emailed out on 31 May 2024.
- (2) The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund received 609 applications to the total value of \$77,475,479.
- (3) The Cootamundra electorate made 53 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund applications to the total value of \$5,921,710.

\* 3093 EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON MENTAL HEALTH—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the effects of social media on people's mental health:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise the steps the Government is taking towards mitigating the impact social media can have on users' mental health, particularly in relation to support for those in regional areas.
- (2) Would the Minister please advise the strategies being used by the Government to promote the above support services available for those experiencing mental health difficulties stemming from social media use.
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what strategies or initiatives your Department is planning in conjunction with the Minister of Customer Service and Digital Communication, to prevent and/or minimise the detrimental effect social media has been shown to have on users' mental health?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government recognises the potentially detrimental impacts that social media can have on users' mental health, especially for vulnerable populations like youth and those in regional areas with more limited access to support services.

NSW Health provides a range of services to support the mental health of children and adolescents across NSW, including in regional areas. These include NSW Health's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services the NSW Mental Health line and Kids Helpline – which we have expanded.

NSW Health promotes these services at a state and local level – including through local health districts and specialty health networks – and works with relevant stakeholders, including in the mental health sector, to ensure young people are aware of and have access to these services. This includes engagement with other relevant NSW Government agencies, promoting these services across NSW Health and stakeholder communication channels, and providing health promotion resources to the community.

The NSW Government will also host a social media summit in 2024 to address the increasing harm online platforms are having. The summit will provide an opportunity for the NSW Government to hear from a wide range of experts and importantly, from young people to understand what can be done to support safety and wellbeing.

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- \* 3094 FIRE-ED UP BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Fire-Ed Up Bushfire resilience program which is funded through the Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer:

- (1) Will the Government fund this program to be run across all schools in New South Wales, along with adapting the content to reflect the relevant area?

Answer—

The Bushfire STEM in Schools program grants were administered by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer but were discontinued in April 2024. They were replaced by the broader Natural Hazards STEM support program with an increased budget. Extensive curriculum-aligned resources remain available to all NSW schools that are adaptable to their own context.

- \* 3095 JUNE HIGH SCHOOL FIRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the recent fire which occurred at June High School, where their agriculture building, and agriculture resources were destroyed:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what support is being offered to the students and teachers at June High School as a result of the fire
- (2) Will the Minister please advise if a new purpose-built Agriculture building, including resources will be made available to the students of June High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education has advised that counselling support, which was offered to all staff and students following the incident, continues to be available. Essential emergency first aid items have been replaced by the school, and the Department's Work Health and Safety Directorate is providing ongoing support to the school. Timetables have been adjusted to provide teaching spaces for theory lessons for students and to accommodate practical components in laboratory classrooms.

The school has advised that it is currently purchasing replacement items for staff and students, which include resources and equipment. Other schools in the Gundagai, Temora and Wagga Wagga Principals Networks are assisting with the loan of equipment.

The Principal has commenced a group misadventure application with NESA for all Higher School Certificate students studying Agriculture.

In relation to the replacement of facilities, the Department has advised that the scope of works for the demolition and rebuild of June High School's agricultural building have been prepared. The tender documents are now in revision and the tender will go to market as soon as possible thereafter.

The local School Infrastructure office will continue to liaise with the school principal on the matter, and provide the necessary updates, as appropriate.

- \* 3096 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to full-time positions allocated the Mental Health Services:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many full-time positions are allocated to Mental Health Services across the following Local Area Health Services?
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- (b) Western New South Wales Local Health District

- (2) In relation to these full-time positions how many are currently vacant?
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- (b) Western New South Wales Local Health District
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is the turnaround time for people to receive assistance when it comes to Mental Health?
- (4) Of the \$30.4 million over 4 years to expand Community Mental Health Teams which will see a boost of 35 additional mental health positions, will the Minister please advise where will these positions be located and when will they commence?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required. Western NSW and Murrumbidgee local health districts have mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in line with service delivery needs and models of care.
- (2) As of July 2024, in Western NSW Local Health District there are around 630 full time mental health positions, with 118 vacancies. In Murrumbidgee Local Health District there are around 342 full time positions, with 64 vacancies.
- (3) In relation to turnaround times for people seeking mental health assistance, the Ministry of Health does not hold this data centrally because of the volume and complexity of those services.
- (4) In relation to Expanded Community Mental Health Teams, the 35 additional positions will be located in Western Sydney, South Western Sydney, Hunter New England, South Eastern Sydney, Mid North Coast, Murrumbidgee, and Southern NSW local health districts, as well as the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, where existing teams will be enhanced to provide more assertive support, community outreach and follow up, as well as proactive case management.

A new team will be established in St Vincent's Health Network. Western Sydney, Southwestern Sydney, Hunter New England, Southern NSW and Northern NSW local health districts will also receive specific mental health and housing liaison officer positions.

- \* 3097 MULTI-PURPOSE ENTERTAINMENT VENUES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to multi-purpose entertainment venues in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what areas across regional New South Wales are home to a multi-purpose entertainment venue, allowing for regional communities to enjoy significant sporting and entertainment events?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how is the government providing support to regional New South Wales in hosting large major sporting and entertainment events in the regions?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Minister for Sport is responsible for Venues NSW, which manages sporting and entertainment precincts and venues on behalf of the NSW Government. This entity was established by the previous Coalition Government, with responsibility for venues outside of Sydney in Newcastle and Wollongong. In Newcastle, this includes McDonald Jones Stadium and the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. In Wollongong, this includes WIN Stadium and WIN Entertainment Centre. Combined, these venues host major sporting and entertainment events for more than two million residents in southern and northern NSW.

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In the past two years, these precincts have hosted:

- (a) National Rugby League Men and Women.
- (b) A-League Men and Women.
- (c) National Basketball League.
- (d) International football, rugby league and rugby union.
- (e) Women's State of Origin II (McDonald Jones Stadium) - a record attendance for a standalone women's rugby league match in Australia.
- (f) Australian Opals international matches.
- (g) International boxing.
- (h) International recording artists Pink, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Matchbox 20, Michael Buble, Smashing Pumpkins, Live and Incubus.
- (i) Major Australia artists Keith Urban, Cold Chisel, Midnight Oil, Guy Sebastian Delta Goodrem, Crowded House, The Wiggles and Gang of Youths.
- (j) The world's biggest comedians including Dave Chappelle, Jimmy Carr, Michael McIntyre and Jim Jeffries.
- (k) International Darts, World Cycling Championships, International Bull Riding, Disney On Ice and the Harlem Globetrotters.

Questions regarding the attraction of major sporting and entertainment events should be directed to the Minister for Jobs and Tourism.

\* 3098 BIRD FLU—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 Bird Flu:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what measures the Government is taking to protect our state from Bird Flu?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Government has well-developed and practiced preparedness and response plans for avian influenza and an established procedure for the eradication of avian influenza that aligns with the National Veterinary Emergency Response Plan (AUSVETPLAN) for avian influenza.

NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) leads Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) preparedness and engages with state and national committees including the Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Disease and the National Biosecurity Communication Engagement Network.

An Emergency Animal Disease response was triggered, in accordance with the national AUSVETPLAN, following the first detection of the High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI) H7N8 on 19 June 2024. The national AUSVETPLAN, includes standing up of an Incident Management Team and implementation of legal instruments to stop the spread of high pathogenicity avian influenza and achieve eradication.

In accordance with AUSVETPLAN, depopulation of the infected properties has been undertaken. These properties will then be disinfected to eliminate the virus. Tracing of movements to and from these properties has been undertaken and properties identified have had surveillance visits to ascertain their status.

NSW has successfully eradicated avian influenza on three previous occasions in commercial poultry (1997, 2012, 2013).

The Department is working closely with other agencies and stakeholders, including ACT Government, NSW Health and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to comprehensively respond to this outbreak.

The Department is also working closely with the peak industry bodies relevant to poultry production in NSW including Australian Chicken Meat Federation, Australian Eggs and NSW Farmers.

NSW's biosecurity response plan is working as it should by detecting the disease early through intensive tracing and surveillance activities.

- \* 3099 URGENT CARE SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Urgent Care Services to ease pressure on busy public hospital emergency departments:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what Urgent Care Services located across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise of the hours in which these Urgent Care Services across the Cootamundra electorate are available?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what plans does the Government have in expanding Urgent Care Services across the Cootamundra electorate and furthermore across regional New South Wales?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what tailored and timely healthcare is available for older people living in the Cootamundra electorate, so they can receive care in the comfort of their own homes?
- (5) Would the Minister please advise how people living in the Cootamundra electorate can access the program through the Community Older Persons Intervention and Liaison Outreach Team (COPILOT)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

- \* 3100 PALLIATIVE CARE UNITS—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 Palliative Care Units in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many Palliative Care Units are located across the Cootamundra electorate and where are they located?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how is the Government providing support to expand on Palliative Care Units across the Cootamundra electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

- \* 3101 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program:

- (1) Are there any plans for a CBP program for 2024-25?

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- (2) Will the 2024-25 budget include the CBP for the forward estimates over the next four years?
- (a) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2024-25 budget included funding for the program to continue. Details regarding the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program will be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding> when they are confirmed.

\* 3102 BUS 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) 15 May to 31 May?
- (b) 1 June to 14 June?
- (c) 15 June to 30 June?
- (d) 1 July to 14 July?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) During the period of 15 May 2024 to 31 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 352 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.4% of the 24,667 scheduled trips.
- (b) During the period of 1 June 2024 to 14 June 2024 (inclusive), there were 208 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.1% of the 18,669 scheduled trips.
- (c) During the period of 15 June 2024 to 30 June 2024 (inclusive), there were 276 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.3% of the 21,023 scheduled trips.
- (d) Data is not currently available for the period 1 July to 14 July 2024.

\* 3103 NEW SCHOOL HALL AT DAVIDSON HIGH—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Minister have plans to meet locally with Members, including myself, and Davidson High P&C in the second half of 2024, to discuss the community's need for a new school hall?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

While the Department of Education has advised that no funding was ever allocated by the previous Liberal and Nationals Government for an upgrade of this kind, the department is working with the school on its infrastructure needs.

Since the Minns Government came to office, the department has advised that it has completed significant works at the school, including:

- Refurbishing learning spaces, including the re-sheeting of ceilings, painting, LED lights and ceiling fans.
- Installing a new pedestrian gate.
- Replacing floor coverings.
- Introducing a new storm water line to mitigate localised flooding.
- Repairing the storm water kerb and gutter to mitigate flooding.

- Installing nine replacement walls in learning spaces.
- Replacing roofs.
- Refurbishing the staff bathroom.

As Minister for Education and Early Learning, I meet with school communities regularly to discuss rebuilding public education after 12 years of neglect under the former Liberal and Nationals Government.

\* 3104 ANALYSIS OF LINDFIELD COMMUTER PARKING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

Given Ku-ring-gai Council in June 2024 has been given a housing target of 7,600 over five years, and includes a Transport Oriented Development (TOD):

- (1) Does this constitute a "material change" as noted in the briefing note titled 'Ku-ring-gai Council - Termination of Funding Deed for Lindfield commuter car parking' signed 11 October 2023?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW have plans to conduct a new analysis regarding the Lindfield commuter car park?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

The Transport Oriented Development Program at Lindfield 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 to for additional commuter parking at Lindfield train station.

Transport for NSW requested the funding be withdrawn for the Lindfield Commuter Car Park due to the extensive delays from Ku-ring-gai Council to meet agreed deadlines set out in a deed signed in 2021.

Transport for NSW will investigate reallocating the funds to other more immediate projects that align with the current Government's priorities.

\* 3105 GRAFFITI AT FOREST WAY AND WARRINGAH ROAD AT FRENCHS FOREST—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to graffiti at Forest Way and Warringah Road at Frenchs Forest:

- (1) Is the Minister willing to visit the site, in the second half of 2024, to assess the need for a solution to this graffiti eyesore?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

ConnectSydney is responsible for the maintenance of the perspex panels at the intersection of Forest Way and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest on behalf of Transport for NSW. ConnectSydney's next plan to undertake graffiti removal at this location is by the end of June 2024, weather permitting.

Transport for NSW will be further engaging ConnectSydney to undertake an optioneering study to determine suitable asset improvement measures to further deter vandalism at this site. This study followed by any improvements will only be able to occur should the required funding be made available.



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The recently installed anti-climb barrier does restrict vandals from gaining access, however it is believed that the vandals now gain access via another route, of which further asset improvements will be required to curtail access. Transport for NSW is continuing to work with internal agencies to ensure a feasible improvement solution can be arranged for this site.

- \* 3106 WASTEWATER CONNECTIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to wastewater connections:

- (1) Has Sydney Water funded, partially or fully, private wastewater connections?
  - (a) If yes, how many?
  - (b) If no, would Sydney Water consider a financial partnership / pathway to wastewater connections with residents?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water does not fund private connections. Sydney Water remains open to any opportunities to work with residents to ensure they have adequate water and wastewater connections.

- \* 3107 LIGHTING UP THE OPERA HOUSE—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 Sydney Opera House:

- (1) Will it be lit up for Diwali / Deepavali in 2024?
- (2) Will it be lit up for the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics to support our Australian athletes?

Answer—

Requests to project on the Opera House shells are considered on a case-by-case basis.

- \* 3108 HEALTH MEASURES IN THE BUDGET—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What new and/or additional preventative health measures have been included in the 2024-25 Budget?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Details of the NSW Budget are publicly available.

- \* 3109 PEDESTRIAN FENCE ALONG FOREST WAY—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—

Noting your response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 2192:

- (1) Is there any funding in 2024-25 NSW Budget?
  - (a) If yes, how much funding?
  - (b) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2024-2025 NSW State Budget handed down on Tuesday 18 June 2024 includes funding for road safety programs. Funding allocations for upgrades and projects are assessed and prioritised on a state-wide basis against the available funding. These priorities are determined on strict criteria which include reported crashes, road geometry and the safety benefits returned to the community.

Transport for NSW is actively working with Northern Beaches Council to seek funding opportunities through State and Federal road safety programs for the design and delivery of pedestrian fencing along a section of Forest Way.

- \* 3110 GYPSUM MINING OFFSET—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—

Given the importance of gypsum to growing canola and the production of sustainable aviation fuel, would you consider a biodiversity levy in excess of \$10 million for a 64 hectare gypsum mining site in my electorate, proportionate?

Answer—

The Biodiversity Offset Scheme is designed to assess biodiversity impacts from development. Among other things, the cost of an offset obligation is influenced by the biodiversity at the site, how the proponent has applied the 'avoid, minimise, offset' hierarchy and the approach they choose to meet any remaining credit obligation.

For developments that are subject to the Biodiversity Offset Scheme, there must be measures to avoid and minimise impacts on biodiversity, and this ensures any remaining credit obligation is minimised.

I understand that the instance you are referring to, the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the original proposal included a requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BOAR).

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has not been provided with a copy of the BOAR.

I understand that the proponents have progressed as separate proposal at a scale below the thresholds that trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme. An approval to undertake gypsum mining over a smaller area than original proposed has been granted and an offset under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme is not required.

- \* 3111 SERVICING OF EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS TO MATHOURA—Mrs Helen Dalton 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 details as to the frequency of emergency phone calls made from Mathoura that are serviced by:

- (a) Deniliquin?
- (b) Echuca?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that:

- (a) Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW), as one of three NSW Government agencies that receive and process calls from the Triple Zero system, received 16 calls to incidents within the vicinity of Mathoura between 20 June 2023 and 20 June 2024.

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As Mathoura sits within a rural fire district, all 16 calls were forwarded to the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Mid Murray Zone for response. FRNSW crews from Deniliquin and Moama responded to four of these incidents to support the RFS response.

(b) Triple Zero statistics for Victorian Fire Stations are not available.

\* 3112 PSYCHOLOGY APPOINTMENTS UNDER IPTAAS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Why are psychology appointments not covered under the Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme?
- (2) Will the Minister add psychology appointments to the Isolated Patient Transport and Accommodation Scheme Eligible Specialist Medical Treatment list?
  - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Patients can apply for the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) when travelling to attend eligible specialist medical services including, highly specialised allied health services, dental services, prosthetic or orthotic services, high risk foot services, non-commercial clinical trials, highly specialised publicly funded oral health clinics, and voluntary assisted dying services.

As psychology falls under allied health, highly specialised services (e.g. neuropsychology) are eligible under IPTAAS and are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

General psychology services are allied health services that are not considered highly specialised under the IPTAAS policy.

Where possible, IPTAAS aims to ensure patients are accessing local services where they are available. This may include telehealth or virtual care options.

\* 3113 SEATBELTS AND ON BUSES VS DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government prioritise compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act over the installation of seatbelts for primary school students travelling on a major heavy transport route?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised

The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Commonwealth) (DDA) sets legally binding standards for public transport infrastructure and rolling stock through the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (DSAPT) and the Disability (Access to Premises - buildings) Standards 2010 (the Premises Standards).

Dedicated school buses are exempt from DSAPT requirements.

DSAPT does not set out any compliance requirements for seatbelts.

All 2600 rural and regional dedicated school buses are fitted with seatbelts and an additional 100 outer metro dedicated school buses have also had seatbelts installed.

School students also travel on regular route low floor buses. These low floor buses are used by the broader community, including passengers carrying parcels or using wheeled shopping carts, prams, and mobility aids such as walking sticks and frames. These low floor buses are required to be DSAPT compliant to meet specific requirements relating to disability access, including two allocated spaces for wheelchairs. These low floor buses do not have seatbelts.

The Rural and Regional Bus Seatbelt Program Taskforce determined that low floor buses used for route services in regional areas will not have seatbelts.

The Australian Design Rules (ADR) differ between buses with seatbelts and low floor regular route buses that do not have seat belts. The design rules stipulate that buses with seatbelts cannot have inward facing seats, hand poles or grips, and they also have narrower aisles to accommodate the larger seats required for seatbelts. This means the loss of flip down seats for customers with trolleys, mobility aids or prams, loss of back rests for wheelchair passengers and reduced seating capacity.

\* 3114 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Premier—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to continue the Community Building Partnership Grant program in 2024/25?
- (2) What funding will be allocated to each electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2024-25 budget included funding for the program to continue. Details regarding the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program will be published on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>, when they are confirmed.

\* 3115 RHODES FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Could you provide an update on the delivery of the Rhodes Ferry Wharf?
- (2) When will construction begin?
- (3) When will the Ferry Wharf be opened for commuter use?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW continues to work closely with the City of Canada Bay and the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to plan the infrastructure required to support the development of the Rhodes Peninsula. Transport for NSW will provide further information on the Transport for NSW website as planning for the precinct progresses.

\* 3116 CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Could you provide an update on works at Concord Hospital, including the upgrade of the emergency department?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The construction site for the new Forensic Mental Health Unit has been established at Concord Hospital. Main works have commenced, which involve building demolition and environmental remediation to make room for the future building.

The Concord Hospital multistorey car park is expected to be completed in 2024, providing 550 new parking spaces for patients, staff and visitors.

The Concord Repatriation General Hospital Emergency Department continues to be upgraded. A third new computed tomography (CT) scanner has been installed in the emergency department. This additional CT scanner significantly increases the medical imaging capacity at Concord Hospital and prevents critically unwell patients from having to transfer from the emergency department to have their scans.

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\* 3117 SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT COMPLETION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can you confirm the timeline for the opening of the Sydney Metro West project?

Answer—

I am advised

The timeline for the opening of the Sydney Metro West project is publicly available on the Sydney Metro website: <https://www.sydneymetro.info/west/project-overview>

\* 3118 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA IN ABBOTSFORD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Noting local concerns about speeding along Great North Road in Abbotsford:

(1) Has Transport for NSW looked into the use of mobile speed cameras in Abbotsford?

Answer—

I am advised

Great North Road, Abbotsford is not currently one of the locations approved for mobile speed camera enforcement in NSW. All locations approved for mobile speed camera enforcement in NSW are publicly available: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/speeding/enforcement-cameras>.

There is a project currently underway to identify 2,700 new mobile speed camera enforcement sites across NSW. Great North Road, Abbotsford will be reviewed as a potential location for mobile speed camera enforcement during this project, which began in March 2024 and will conclude by April 2025.

Since June 2012, Transport for NSW has record of one request for speed camera enforcement on Great North Road, Abbotsford, submitted via the Safer Roads NSW website. Should further requests be received, along with relevant crash data, further investigations may take place regarding the future use of mobile speed cameras in Abbotsford. Mobile Speed Camera (MSC) locations are selected based on the criteria outlined in the NSW Automated Enforcement Strategy for road safety. During this time over 12,000 requests for speed camera enforcement have been received for locations across NSW.

\* 3119 RHODES FIRE STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) Could the Minister please provide an update on Rhodes Fire Station and the delivery of a new station?

(2) Will Rhodes Fire Station be closed?

(a) If so, what is the timeframe?

(3) Where will firefighters from Rhodes be redeployed once the station closes?

(4) Will reassurance be given to firefighters from Rhodes that they will return to Rhodes Fire Station following the delivery of a new station?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) continues to work on the best long-term solution to service the City of Canada Bay. A decision has not been made on the future of Rhodes Fire Station.

In addition to Rhodes, FRNSW also provides firefighting services to the Canada Bay area through fire stations located at Concord, Ryde, Rydalmere and Drummoyne.

\* 3120 BUS SERVICES IN CHISWICK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Since April 2023, what additional bus services have been provided to residents of Chiswick?

Answer—

I am advised

On 10 December 2023, the timetables of some Inner West bus routes were adjusted to improve reliability and reflect customer demand. As part of these changes:

- Extra weekday services were added on route 504, with services now running every 10 minutes for longer periods of the day.
- Some route 504X services now operate as route 504 instead.
- Minor change to some weekend evening 504 trip times.
- A net increase of 60 additional weekly trips.

Further information is publicly available (<https://transportnsw.info/news/2023/timetable-changes-for-inner-west-bus-routes>)

\* 3121 DRUMMOYNE TRAFFIC CONGESTION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm when the community and Council will be advised of the findings of Transport for NSW's traffic study of Drummoyne including Victoria Road and surrounding streets?
- (2) What is the timeframe for the delivery of traffic mitigation services?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has been meeting regularly with City of Canada Bay Council to progress a report into rat-running in Drummoyne. The draft report is expected to be complete by end of June 2024 and will be shared with Canada Bay Council for their feedback.

The report findings will inform any required traffic management measures by Transport for NSW in consultation with Canada Bay Council and residents. Local roads in Drummoyne are under the authority of City of Canada Bay Council, however, any required traffic management measures would be funded by Transport for NSW.

The timeframe for the delivery of any traffic management measures on local roads is subject to agreement with City of Canada Bay Council and consultation with the community.

\* 3122 DRUMMOYNE TRAFFIC CONSULTATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if Transport for NSW will continue to engage with Council and Drummoyne residents regarding congestion in and around the local streets of Drummoyne and Victoria Road?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has and will continue to engage with the City of Canada Bay Council and Drummoyne residents regarding congestion on local streets in Drummoyne.

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- \* 3123 WHALAN TOWNHOUSE EXPLOSION—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—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Was a gas leak or the smell of gas reported to the Land and Housing Corporation by residents or neighbours in the weeks and months leading up to the recent explosion at a public housing property in Whalan?
  - (a) If so, what response was received?
- (2) How many times did maintenance contractors attend the property in the weeks and months leading up to the explosion to address the gas leak and what maintenance did they perform?
- (3) Under the current maintenance contract what is the requirement for time that requests for gas leaks will be attended to and how is this monitored by your Department?
- (4) Are there any plans to conduct an audit of social housing properties that are connected to gas?
- (5) Does the Government have plans to fully electrify social housing properties in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, what are these plans?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) As the member can appreciate the incident at Whalan is subject to a NSW Police investigation, it would be inappropriate to provide further comment at this time. I've made a number of public statements about this. As the investigation progresses however, I'd be happy to discuss further with the member. Homes NSW asset maintenance service contract response times for gas related call outs has an urgent four-hour response time.
  - (4) Yes.
  - (5) Yes, this information is publicly available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/plans-and-policies/lahc-environmental-sustainability-strategy-2024-2026>
- \* 3124 NSW POLICE RESOURCING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) According to the mandatory standard operating procedures how many NSW Police officers are required to accompany every drug detection dog and dog handler deployed to:
    - (a) Music festivals?
    - (b) Public streets?
    - (c) Railway stations?
    - (d) Public transport?
    - (e) Any other locations or special events in New South Wales?
  - (2) How many total NSW Police officer hours were spent operating the drug dog detection program between July 2022 – June 2023?
  - (3) What is the total cost of operating the drug dog detection program considering the cost of the program in addition to NSW Police officer hours?

- (4) What was the total cost of operating the drug dog detection program in the Newtown Electorate in the financial year 2022 – 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) A minimum of 10 officers.
  - (b) A minimum of six officers.
  - (c–d) A minimum of eight officers.
  - (e) Open area operations and licensed premises require a minimum of eight officers.
- (2) The data requested is unable to be provided as it is not recorded centrally by the NSWPF.
- (3) The NSW Police Force does not hold activity-based costing information for individual crime types and individual tasks. It is not possible to provide an accurate costing of drug dog detection activities across NSW or by specific electorates.
- (4) Please refer to the response to question (3).

\* 3125 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE RANDWICK 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 Randwick local government area, are there any public housing estates or individual public housing dwellings that are currently subject to:
  - (a) State-led plans for redevelopment or estate renewal?
  - (b) Pre-Development Application discussions in relation to potential redevelopment or estate renewal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
  - (a) 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. Following the NSW Government's budget announcement of the \$6.6 billion Building Homes for NSW program, \$5.1 billion is being invested in delivering 8,400 new public homes across NSW including the Randwick local government area. The program will also help deliver 21,000 affordable and market homes across the state using well located land that is sitting empty and unused.
  - (b) Homes NSW has held pre-development application discussions with numerous councils across NSW to deliver more and better social housing for people in need.

\* 3126 NURSING CONDITIONS AT ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Regarding temporary contracts at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital:
  - (a) How many nurses and midwives are employed on temporary contracts?
  - (b) What proportion of nurses and midwives are employed on temporary contracts?
  - (c) How many temporary nursing and midwifery contracts have been terminated or not renewed:
    - (i) So far in 2023-2024 financial year?
    - (ii) During financial years 2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2020-2021 and 2019-2020?



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- (2) Regarding the backfill of nursing positions for annual leave, long service leave, secondments and parental leave:
  - (a) What is the NSW Health policy on backfilling?
  - (b) What proportion of nursing leave and secondment positions were not backfilled in the 2022-2023 financial year?
- (3) How many temporary or backfilled nursing contracts (including community nurses, hospital-based nurses and outpatient clinic nurses) have been terminated or not renewed:
  - (a) At Royal Prince Alfred Hospital?
  - (b) Throughout the Sydney Local Health District?
- (4) Regarding the nursing skill mix at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital over the last five years:
  - (a) How has the skill mix changed over this period across the hospital?
  - (b) How has the skill mix changed in the Intensive Care Unit?
  - (c) Why has the skill mix changed?
  - (d) Has the change in skill mix impacted patient mortality and negative patient outcomes?
  - (e) What are the current nurse to patient ratios and have they been met over the past 12 months?
- (5) What is the decision matrix in termination of temporary and backfilling nursing contracts?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Service delivery at RPA requires that positions are based on the operational needs of the organisation. Accordingly, the proportion of nurses and midwives who are employed on temporary contracts is fluid and changes based on operational needs. Currently there are 221 (approximately 10%) nurses and midwives employed on temporary contracts.

On average, 6 temporary nursing and midwifery contracts have been terminated or not renewed in each year mentioned. It should be noted that these figures represent raw data without any context, that is, temporary contracts are used for various reasons including coverage for leave, backfill of secondments, reduced hours, and so on.

The backfilling of nursing positions is considered on a case-by-case basis taking various factors into consideration including activity and demand. It is not possible to determine the proportion of positions not backfilled. There are multiple reasons why positions are not backfilled including, for example, the leave is temporary and/or short-term, the staff member who has gone on parental leave has returned from leave to reassume their substantive position, and so on.

At RPA, overall, the numbers of registered nurses, clinical nurse educators, clinical nurse consultants, and nursing unit managers have increased. The number of assistants in nursing has decreased and enrolled nurses have remained roughly the same.

The skill mix in the Intensive Care Unit is made up of registered nurses with varying levels of experience ranging from Year 1 to Year 8 and thereafter (e.g. clinical nurse specialists). The rostering of the appropriate skill mix remains unchanged over the last 5 years and is based on operational requirements, and there have been no concerns relating to staffing reported that has impacted patient mortality and negative patient outcomes.

Staffing at RPA is guided by the relevant award and based on factors, such as, the Nursing Hours Per Patient Day, Birth Rate Plus, and operational requirements. For example, critical care areas are staffed according to patient acuity and activity.

- \* 3127 E-BIKE ACCIDENTS IN MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) How many accidents have been recorded in the Miranda Electorate, that involved an e-bike in:
  - (a) 2021-2022?
  - (b) 2022-2023?
  - (c) 2023-2024?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW does not have specific data to identify crashes involving e-bikes.

- \* 3128 SURF CLUB FACILITY PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to the Surf Club Facility Program:

- (1) Will commitments made under previous rounds by the former Government be honoured?
- (2) Will the Government consider variations to the scope of projects awarded under previous rounds of this program in a timely manner?
  - (a) If so, how long on average does it take the Office of Sport to consider a variation?
- (3) Will funding awarded to projects that are already awaiting a determination on their variation of scope will not have their funding removed in the 2024-25 Budget?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Funding under previous Surf Club Facility Program rounds is being administered and paid in accordance with the funding agreements executed between the surf clubs and the NSW Government.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) All projects are expected to commence and be completed by the dates advised in program guidelines. The timeframe for considering a variation is dependent on the complexity of the request, including whether re-assessment of the project scope, timeline and costs is required.
- (3) As of 1st July 2024 there were no variation requests being assessed under the Surf Club Facility Program.

- \* 3129 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Since the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital on 14 May 2024, how many people requiring treatment have presented to the Emergency Department?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Bureau of Health Information publishes information about NSW public hospital emergency departments on its website: [www.bhi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au). The next quarterly report will include information about the Tweed Valley Hospital and is scheduled for release in September 2024.

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- \* 3130 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL - BABIES BORN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Since the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital on 14 May 2024, how many babies have been born at the facility?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Since the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital on 14 May 2024 to 7 June 2024 there have been 69 babies born at the facility.

- \* 3131 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL - PRESENTING PATIENTS FROM QUEENSLAND—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Since the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital on 14 May 2024, what percentage of Emergency Department presentations were residents of Queensland?

Answer—

I'm advised:

About 13% of Tweed Valley Hospital Emergency Department presentations since 14 May 2024 were residents of Queensland.

- \* 3132 437 BUS SERVICE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the 437 bus service between Lilyfield and the CBD:

- (1) How many passengers can the service convey during the morning peak on a weekday?
- (2) Does the service ever operate at its full capacity?
- (3) What plans does the Government have, if any, to introduce new 437 buses during the weekday morning peak to increase the service's capacity?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Over the weekday AM peak period, between 6am to 10am, 18 scheduled trips provide seating capacity for 774 passengers with full seating and standing capacity for 1,044 passengers.  
The daily average Opal tap on for route 437 during the AM peak period is 562 passengers.
- (2) During May 2024, 14 per cent of all inbound weekday AM peak trips on route 437 reached seating capacity and 0.7 per cent of trips reached full seating and standing capacity.
- (3) Transport for NSW is currently investigating opportunities to improve service delivery on route 437 to better reflect demand on this route.

- \* 3133 GLEBE FERRY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the F-10 Ferry service operating between Blackwattle Bay and Barangaroo:

- (1) Since the introduction of the service in 2019, how many days has the service been suspended due to the vessel requiring repairs or maintenance?
- (2) How often does the vessel require scheduled maintenance?
- (3) What options are available to passengers when the service is suspended?
- (4) What plans does the Government have, if any, to procure a back-up vessel for the service?

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Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 18 days.
- (2) Approximately every 6 weeks.
- (3) Passengers can utilise the 431 bus service from Glebe Point Rd as well as the Light Rail from Jubilee Park or Glebe stops.
- (4) Transport for NSW is investigating both short and medium to longer term service plan options for the F10 route. This includes opportunities to procure an additional vessel for the F10 route once the existing wharves have been replaced with commuter wharves.

\* 3134 NSW PLASTICS PLAN—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—

Regarding the public consultation on the Environmental Protection Authority's NSW Plastics Plan: Next Steps paper that was open from 29 October 2023 until 4 February 2024:

- (1) What progress has been made in reviewing the feedback received?
- (2) When will a report on the outcomes of the consultation be published?
- (3) What plans does the Government have, if any, to make further commitments to banning single-use plastics in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is currently reviewing feedback provided on the NSW Plastics: Next Steps paper.
- (2) The EPA plans to publish a consultation summary as soon as possible.
- (3) The NSW Government intends to release a paper, with possible actions for a range of single-use and other plastic items. The paper will be informed by feedback the EPA received during consultation on the NSW Plastics: Next Steps paper.

The EPA is also working closely with other jurisdictions, industry and the community on harmonising action on problematic and unnecessary single-use plastics where possible.

\* 3135 TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENTS IN NORTHMEAD—Mr Mark Taylor to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) At the intersection of Briens Rd & Kleins Rd, Northmead 2152 can you please advise:
  - (a) The number of traffic infringement notices issued at this intersection from the red light traffic camera for the periods, 1.7.21-30.6.22, 1.7.22-30.6.23 and 1.7.23 to date?
  - (b) The average cost of the fines issued?
  - (c) Of the number of fines issued can you please advise the total number of those issued to residents residing in postcode 2152 & 2153?

Answer—

I am advised there are no red light traffic cameras located at the intersection of Briens Rd & Kleins Rd, Northmead.

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- \* 3136 INVESTING IN THE ARTS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 investing in the Arts in the Goulburn electorate:

(1) What investments since 1 March 2023 has your department made in the Local Government Areas of:

- (a) Yass Valley?
- (b) Goulburn Mulwaree?
- (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
- (d) Wingecarribee Shire?

Answer—

(1) Since 1 March 2023, Create NSW has invested \$3,941,682 into arts and cultural projects in the Local Government Areas of Yass Valley, Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wingecarribee Shire. The funding has been provided through the Creative Capital Fund, the Arts and Cultural Funding Program, and the Touring and Travel Fund. The investments across the Local Government Areas include:

- (a) Yass Valley - \$250,000 towards one project
- (b) Goulburn Mulwaree - \$643,626 towards five projects
- (c) Upper Lachlan Shire - \$656,704 towards three projects
- (d) Wingecarribee Shire - \$2,391,352 towards three projects

- \* 3137 INVESTING IN SPORT IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With respect to investing in Sport in the Goulburn electorate:

(1) What investments since 1 March 2023 has your department made in the Local Government Areas of:

- (a) Yass Valley?
- (b) Goulburn Mulwaree?
- (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
- (d) Wingecarribee Shire?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) The Office of Sport administers several grant programs to assist participation in sport and active recreation. Funding approved from 1 March 2023 for the following local government areas includes:

- (a) Yass Valley Council - \$32,991
- (b) Goulburn Mulwaree - \$19,424
- (c) Upper Lachlan Shire - \$2,810
- (d) Wingecarribee Shire - \$30,585

No applications for funding were submitted by organisations in these local government areas for the Level the Playing Field Program or the NSW Football Legacy Fund which were open for applications during this time.

\* 3138 STAFF EMPLOYED AT HOSPITALS IN THE GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) From March 31 2023, how many staff were employed at:

- (a) Goulburn Base Hospital?
- (b) Yass District Hospital?
- (c) Crookwell District Hospital?

(2) As of March 31 2024, how many staff are employed at:

- (a) Goulburn Base Hospital?
- (b) Yass District Hospital?
- (c) Crookwell District Hospital?

(3) As of 1 July 2023, how many staff vacancies are there at:

- (a) Goulburn Base Hospital?
- (b) Yass District Hospital?
- (c) Crookwell District Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need as required.

Southern NSW Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in line with service delivery needs and models of care across Goulburn Base, Yass District and Crookwell District hospitals.

\* 3139 FOODBANKS IN NSW—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to foodbanks in New South Wales:

- (1) How many families have accessed foodbanks in New South Wales each year for the last three years?
- (2) What has been the per centage increase in the number of persons and/or families accessing foodbanks each year for the last three years?
- (3) What foodbanks does the Government currently fund in New South Wales?
- (4) What funding has the Government provided to foodbanks in New South Wales each year for the last four years?
- (5) What restrictions does the Government currently place on funded foodbank operators with respect to people accessing their services?
- (6) Is the Government considering changing restrictions on government funded foodbank operators, as part of funding agreements, with respect to access arrangements for clients?
- (7) How much funding has the Government provided to foodbanks that service the Kiama Electorate each year for the last three years?
- (8) How much funding has the Government provided to foodbanks which service regional New South Wales each year for the last three years?

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Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not collect data on the number of families that have accessed foodbanks, as was the case when you were Minister.

(3) The NSW Food Transport Program supports the costs of direct transport, such as fuel or haulage incurred while distributing food throughout NSW. The program funds two service providers, Foodbank NSW & ACT Limited, and OzHarvest Limited.

(4) Funding over last seven financial years (excluding GST) is:

- 2018/19 - \$627,982
- 2019/20 - \$6,198,558 (includes additional COVID-19 emergency payments)
- 2020/21 - \$8,779,305 (includes additional COVID-19 emergency payments)
- 2021/22 - \$29,312,806 (includes additional COVID-19 emergency payments)
- 2022/23 - \$6,644,576 (includes additional COVID-19 emergency payments)
- 2023/24 - \$558,941
- 2024/25 - \$731,692

Note: From 2020 until 2023, the NSW Government allocated additional, time-limited COVID-19 emergency payments for food relief. Funding during this time was provided to St Vincent De Paul Food Barn, Rapid Relief Team, Foodbank NSW & ACT Limited, and OzHarvest Limited.

(5) The NSW Food Transport Program does not place restrictions on people accessing foodbank services.

(6) No change in access is being considered.

(7 - 8) Funding is provided to contracted service providers to distribute food relief throughout all of NSW.

\* 3140 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to inclusive education for students with a disability:

- (1) Can you inform the House on the progress and outcomes of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2021 – 2025?
- (2) Will you implement an Inclusive Roadmap to progressively realise inclusive education in New South Wales schools?
- (3) Known as “Gatekeeping,” how is the Government supporting parents whose children have been turned away from multiple schools and what systemic changes are being made to ensure schools stop Gatekeeping?
- (4) Can you provide disaggregated data for each school of K-12 for students with a disability currently:
  - (a) Suspended from schools in New South Wales?
  - (b) Expelled from schools in New South Wales?
- (5) How many students with a disability are currently home-schooled and can you provide this data by electorate, district or region?
- (6) How many students in New South Wales currently have an authorised Restrictive Practice (RP) and can you provide this data by electorate, district or region?
- (7) Similarly, how many students currently have an unauthorised RP?

- (8) How many “school refusals” (as named by the Department of Education) were made in 2024 and how many of these involved students with a disability?
- (9) How many official complaints has the Department received in relation to disability inclusion or exclusion, reasonable adjustments, or unfair suspensions this year?
- (10) How many people with a disability currently work in New South Wales schools:
  - (a) Principals?
  - (b) Teachers?
  - (c) Administration?
  - (d) Teacher Aides?
  - (e) In the Department by grade / executive level?

Answer—

- (1) Work continues to progress on the implementation of initiatives under the department’s Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) 2021-25. Key initiatives completed to date include:
  - The Hearing Australia pilot, which has been delivered and since expanded.
  - The Inclusive Education Policy has been delivered and is now supported by a suite of teacher resources on evidence-based practices to support students with disability. These resources build teacher capability in meeting the needs of students with disability.
  - The department has now delivered at least one foundation module of professional learning in trauma-informed practice (TIP) to over 15,000 department staff across NSW. The Trauma-Informed Leadership pilot commenced delivery in May 2023, and the Trauma-Informed Specialist course commenced delivery of the pilot in August 2023.
  - The department has previously commenced work to map transition to school for children with disability and additional needs as part of the Start Strong Connections initiative. This early mapping has informed communication resources for families and professional development for ECEC staff.
  - The department’s Workplace Adjustments Procedure is currently in the final stages of consultation with a view to launch in 2024.

Work continues to progress on other initiatives with a view to completion by the close-out of this DIAP cycle. The department has also commenced work on the development of a new DIAP for implementation in 2025.

- (2) The Disability Royal Commission recommended that the Education Ministers meeting should publicly release a 'National Roadmap to Inclusive Education' for students with disability.

The NSW Government is carefully considering the DRC recommendations and has committed to engaging with people with disability and stakeholders in preparing its response. The department is contributing to the whole-of-government response being led by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and The Cabinet Office. We have been advised that the Minister for Disability Inclusion is working closely with her counterparts in other jurisdictions to ensure consistent alignment where possible, given 85 of recommendations are directed at both the Commonwealth Government, states and territories, including the recommendation to release a ‘National Roadmap to Inclusive Education’ for students with disability.

- (3) The NSW Education Act 1990 outlines compulsory schooling requirements and enrolment procedures for NSW public schools, including a right to enrol in a local public school. Parents may apply to enrol their child at any school, however, are legislatively entitled to enrol their child at the local school within the designated intake area which the child is eligible to attend (s.34). Under the department’s commitment to providing high quality education to all students, reasonable



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adjustments are made to enable students with disability to apply for enrolment on the same basis as students without disability. In enrolling a student, the department will also determine if there is a need to provide additional support for a student with disability.

- (4) All validated data on suspensions and expulsion is available on the NSW Government's site for open data at <https://data.nsw.gov.au/search/dataset/ds-nsw-ckan-2b71f581-e36f-42c9-813a-436dbf77548d/details?q=suspension>. The specific data requested is not available. The Disability Royal Commission recommended that the Education Ministers meeting should publicly release a 'National Roadmap to Inclusive Education' for students with disability.

The NSW Government is carefully considering the DRC recommendations and has committed to engaging with people with disability and stakeholders in preparing its response. The department is contributing to the whole-of-government response being led by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and The Cabinet Office. We have been advised that the Minister for Disability Inclusion is working closely with her counterparts in other jurisdictions to ensure consistent alignment where possible, given 85 of recommendations are directed at both the Commonwealth Government, states and territories, including the recommendation to release a 'National Roadmap to Inclusive Education' for students with disability.

- (5) When parents apply to register their child for home schooling, it is optional for them to provide a reason for applying for home schooling registration. As it is not a requirement for parents to provide a reason for applying for home schooling registration, the data may not accurately capture all children home schooled due to special educational needs, including disability.

In 2023, approximately 83 per cent of parents provided a reason for applying for home schooling registration. Of these parents, just under 26 per cent identified special educational needs of the child as the reason for applying. This 26 per cent does not only represent children with disability, it may also include other types of special educational needs including, but not limited to, gifted children or children participating in elite sports.

The following table shows the geographical distribution of the parents who identified special educational needs of the child as the reason for choosing to apply:

Region	Children with special educational needs identified
Broken Hill	0.55%
Canberra Region	10.58%
Central Coast	2.46%
Central West	0.28%
Hunter Region	17.83%
Mid North Coast	4.36%
Murray Region	1.62%
New England	4.00%
Northern Rivers / North Coast	7.33%
Riverina	1.58%

South Coast	9.19%
Sydney East (Inc CBD)	0.83%
Sydney North	4.04%
Sydney South	1.94%
Sydney West	26.78%
Western Plains	6.62%
Grand Total	100.00%

- (6 - 7) The NSW Government is considering the recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission, including in relation to restrictive practices. This work is being led by the Department of Communities and Justice and the Cabinet Office with the Department of Education contributing to that work. The department remains deeply committed to the national goal of reducing and eliminating the unnecessary or inappropriate use of restrictive practices in our schools. While the recommendations are under consideration, our teachers and school staff continue to follow a range of policies and procedures on student behaviour, child protection and health and safety. The department does not define restrictive practices as approved or unapproved and therefore this data is not available.
- (8) There is no state or national agreed definition of school refusal. ACARA is responsible for national data collection and reporting in relation to individual schools. At a national level, ACARA does not differentiate school refusal from other forms of absenteeism.
- (9) Parents, carers, students and other learners are encouraged to raise concerns directly with the relevant school or education support service and can do this by telephone, email or in person. The department does not centrally capture details of concerns that are raised and resolved locally. Community members can also raise concerns through the department's online feedback and complaints form. The online form is not designed or communicated to stakeholders as the mechanism to lodge appeals (including suspension appeals) or to report unacceptable or improper behaviour. As such, analysis of complaint data should not be used to indicate the prevalence of specific events in the department's schools and services.

The department does not categorise complaint data in relation to the specific categories of 'disability inclusion or exclusion, reasonable adjustments, or unfair suspensions' so cannot report this data for 2024.

- (10) (a) As of June 2023, 43 (1.65%) Principals identified as having disability.
- (b) As of June 2023, 967 (1.68%) Classroom Teachers identified as having disability.
- (c) As of June 2023, 480 (1.43%) non-teaching School Support employees identified as having disability.
- (d) Teacher Aides are reported in non-teaching school support group.
- (e) See below table breakdown of all employees aligned to equivalent salary grades across the department as of June 2023.

	All Disability types	Actual Rate
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Grade 1/2	84	0.77%
Grade 3/4	55	2.06%
Grade 5/6	178	1.24%
Grade 7/8	882	2.06%
Grade 9/10	193	1.78%
Grade 11/12	95	2.63%
Other	387	1.39%
Principal	43	1.65%
PSSE	6	1.55%
Grand Total	1923	1.66%

\* 3141 HYDROELECTRICITY GENERATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect hydroelectricity generation in New South Wales:

- (1) Concerning the Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project (SHEP), is this project still considered an advanced development option for the Government?
- (2) Following the New South Wales Pumped Hydro Roadmap (2018), can the Minister provide and update on the Roadmap, New South Wales current hydroelectricity capability and opportunities to increase capacity?
- (3) Of the 65 commercial opportunities identified from the 2018 EOI, can you list these opportunities and which ones were selected for further investigations?
- (4) Are sea water hydro options for energy, particularly with the east coast's escarpment so close to sea level an option being explored?

Answer—

- (1) The Shoalhaven Hydro Expansion Project is contingent on economic and market conditions for the project operator, Origin Energy, as well as on securing the necessary environmental and regulatory approvals for the project to proceed.
- (2) Since the release of the Pumped Hydro Roadmap in 2018, the NSW Government has been collaborating with the private sector and WaterNSW to support the development of Pumped Hydro Energy Storage projects across the State via the Emerging Energy Program, the Long Duration Storage Recoverable Grants Program and WaterNSW's Renewable Energy and Storage Program.

Based on data from Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), hydroelectricity in NSW currently has a generative capacity of about 2.7 Gigawatts.

The total capacity of successful pumped hydro projects that received grant funding for feasibility studies under the Emerging Energy and the Long Duration Storage Recoverable Grants Programs is 3.07 Gigawatts.

- (3) Detailed information regarding the commercial opportunities identified from the 2018 Expression of Interest (EOI) is not publicly available. However, WaterNSW report that four Development Agreement have been awarded under WaterNSW's Renewable Energy and Storage Program:
- One to ACEN Australia for their proposed Phoenix Pumped Hydro project.
  - Two to Upper Hunter Hydro for their proposed pumped hydro projects at Glenbawn and Glennies Creek.
  - One to ZEN Energy for their proposed Western Sydney Pumped Hydro project.
- (4) While the Pumped Hydro Roadmap (2018) and the Long Duration Storage Recoverable Grants Program did not explicitly exclude seawater hydro options, none of the current program grantees include seawater projects.

\* 3142 WAGE INCREASES AND PAYROLL TAX—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Given that wages will increase by 3.75%

- (1) What is the expected increase in revenue from payroll tax due to this increase?
- (2) What is the total revenue received from payroll tax each year for the last three years and what is the projected revenue from payroll tax this financial year?
- (3) Is the Government considering cutting the payroll tax rate?
- (4) Is the Government considering lifting the tax-free threshold for payroll tax?
- (5) What initiatives can the Treasurer point to that he has instigated to reduce cost burdens for small business from state government taxes, fees and charges?

Answer—

- (1) Projections for payroll tax are reflected in the 2024-25 budget papers.
- (2) This information is publicly available in previous budget papers.
- (3) Future budget measures will be outlined in future budget papers.
- (4) As above.
- (5) Please refer to Section 1.10 of the 2024-25 Budget Overview for measures supporting small business.

\* 3143 LINK2HOME WAITING TIMES—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 waiting times

- (1) What was the average wait time for people calling Link2Home each month for the last twelve months?
- (2) What was the average time spent on a call to Link2Home with a case worker each month for the last twelve months?
- (3) How many calls were received by Link2Home each month for the last twelve months?

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- (4) How many callers to Link2Home hung up or were not connected to a case worker each month for the last twelve months?
- (5) How many clients who called Link2Home were subsequently assisted with temporary accommodation?
- (6) Of those Link2Home clients assisted into temporary accommodation, what is the longest time a client has spent in temporary accommodation who entered temporary accommodation in the last twelve months?
- (7) Of those clients who called Link2Home in the last twelve months, how many were:
  - (a) Aboriginal?
  - (b) Children?
  - (c) People with a disability?
  - (d) NDIS participants?
  - (e) Women?
  - (f) Women with children?
  - (g) Veterans?
  - (h) Men?
  - (i) Persons with a multicultural background?
  - (j) Persons with a pet?
  - (k) A previous caller to Link2Home seeking assistance?
- (8) How many clients who called Link2Home were unable to be provided with emergency accommodation each month for the last twelve months?
- (9) How many temporary accommodation providers were available to Link2Home each month for the last twelve months across New South Wales?
- (10) Of clients who called Link2Home, how many were subsequently assisted into Housing?
- (11) Of those Link2Home clients assisted into permanent accommodation, how many received accommodation through:
  - (a) NSW Housing?
  - (b) NSW Aboriginal Housing Corporation?
  - (c) A Community Housing Provider?
  - (d) The private rental market?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to answer to QoN 2477.

\* 3144 FAST TRACKING BUSINESS CASES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

With respect to your election commitment to fast-track business cases:

- (1) Can you list business cases your Government has successfully fast-tracked since coming to Government?
- (2) Can you list current business cases your Government is fast-tracking?

Answer—

I am advised:

The independent Strategic Infrastructure Review ('Review') of the State's significant capital works has prompted the Government to examine our approach to business cases.

As per one of the Review's recommendations, Infrastructure NSW has reformed the Gate O 'Go/No-Go' assurance Gateway review, requiring agencies to complete a Gate O review on all projects with an estimated capital value over \$100 million before developing a strategic business case. This ensures funds spent on project development are effectively focused on projects that address critical needs, offer value for money and align with Government priorities. I have asked the Premier's Department to work with The Cabinet Office and Infrastructure NSW to identify opportunities for optimising the business case process for capital investments to maximise public value.

- \* 3145 FAST TRACKING NEW SCHOOLS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to the Government's commitment to fast-track pre-schools and schools:

- (1) Can you list the projects have you successfully fast-tracked since coming to govern the education and early learning portfolios?
- (2) Can you list projects you are currently fast-tracking?

Answer—

After 12 years of neglect under the previous Liberal and Nationals government, the NSW Labor Government is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. Our investment in rebuilding public education includes the delivery of priority projects which the previous government repeatedly delayed, or claimed were not required. These projects are also being supported by accelerated delivery programs, efficiencies in design and planning and improvements to the planning system.

- \* 3146 NATIVE FOREST LOGGING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to logging in in native forests:

- (1) Does this Government intend to ban native forest logging?
- (2) If so, when?
- (3) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government remains committed to the State's forestry industry being ecologically sustainable. The Government will work with Aboriginal people, unions, workers, industry and environmental stakeholders to develop a new Forestry Industry Action Plan to determine the future of sustainable forestry and forest-based industries across the State moving forward.
- (2) Details for the development of the action plan will be released in due course.
- (3) Nil.

- \* 3147 ENDANGERED GREATER GLIDERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the protection of endangered Greater Gliders in New South Wales:

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- (1) How many Greater Gliders are estimated to exist in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the Government doing to protect this endangered species?
- (3) With reference to Greater Gliders, how many breaches and how much has Forestry Corporation and or Contractors been fined by the Environmental Protection Authority each year for the last five years?
- (4) In relation to (3), how much has the Government paid in stand-down payments each year for the last five years?
- (5) Can you provide an update on Greater Glider Communities within the Seven Mile Beach National Park area and update following the Final Determination by the NSW Scientific Committee (16 December 2016)?

Answer—

- (1) The Australian Government's 2022 Conservation Advice for greater gliders noted that there is no robust population estimate of the species, which occurs from QLD though NSW and the ACT to Victoria.  
  
Ongoing monitoring and surveys of forested lands will continue to build our knowledge of the number of greater gliders in NSW.
- (2) The NSW Government is involved in a number of initiatives to improve protections for greater gliders, including:
  - Amendment of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (CIFOA) protocols by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to require Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) to obtain a site-specific biodiversity condition for greater gliders from the EPA before forestry operations can continue or occur in any area of greater glider habitat across the entire CIFOA region. The conditions impose new requirements to protect greater glider trees.
  - Developing a conservation strategy for the species that will guide priority conservation actions under the Saving our Species program.
  - Undertaking surveys across the species' range in NSW to understand the impacts of the 2019-20 fires on the species.
  - Working with private landholders to locate and conserve greater gliders after the 2019-20 bushfires with support from the NSW Environmental Trust.
  - Raising awareness and supporting private land conservation efforts through the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust.
  - Investing in research on greater glider den habitat at Seven Mile Beach National Park through the Saving our Species program.
  - Collaborating with non-government organisations to restore habitat between Seven Mile Beach National Park and the Illawarra escarpment.
- (3) In 2022, the EPA prosecuted FCNSW for contraventions against the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 at Wild Cattle Creek for felling trees in exclusion zones and around habitat, which the EPA alleged included koala and greater glider habitat. FCNSW was convicted of four offences and fines totalling \$135,600 were imposed. There were no breaches and fines in 2020, 2021, 2023 and 2024.
- (4) This question should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture as the payment of stand down payments to contractors is a matter for FCNSW.
- (5) Under the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017, a population of a species is not eligible to be listed as threatened if the species is separately listed. As such, the greater glider population in the Seven Mile Beach National Park is no longer listed as a separate threatened entity and is now

incorporated under the species listing. Research and habitat management actions being implemented for this population are included under question 2.

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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 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?



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- (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?

Answer—

The Smart Energy Schools pilot project is currently underway, and insights from this work will inform future decision-making on improving energy efficiency and the deployment of additional solar panels across public school sites.

Information regarding utilities charges are reported publicly by the Department of Education, as are the initiatives in place to support sustainable energy solutions that will help to reach net zero by 2050, including the installation of additional solar panels.

This year, the NSW Government has installed solar panels across public school sites as part of major and minor upgrade projects and renewable energy programs.

\* 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.

Answer—

Government school capital projects are funded through the annual State Budget process. The Department of Education has advised that it does not have authority to enter into borrowing arrangements on behalf of a third party, or to assume the associated financial risks.

\* 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 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?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

- \* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The Shark Meshing Program aims to minimise negative impacts.
- (2) In accordance with the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) and the Management Plan for the Shark Meshing Program, the Department submits an Annual Performance Report to the Minister for Agriculture and to the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (as Parties to the JMA), and to the Fisheries Scientific Committee and the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee for their annual review. The report is also made publicly available on the Department's website.
- (3) The NSW Government is currently considering options for the Shark Meshing Program for the 24/25 summer.
- (4) See (3)
- (5) NA.

- \* 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?

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 been signed.

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

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Over the time period specified, the department advises that \$7,283,888.29 has been spent.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$54,341.70.
- (2) Not applicable.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Automated Enforcement Strategy for road safety provides an overarching framework to manage the automated enforcement programs used in NSW, including the criteria for selecting new speed camera locations.

Members of the public or any stakeholder can nominate locations for speed camera enforcement via the Safer Roads NSW website. These nominations, together with crash data and other road safety information, are used to help determine future locations for speed cameras in NSW.

Once a location is selected for a speed camera, the location is subject to a technical feasibility assessment. Should funding be available and the location be determined to be technically feasible for speed camera enforcement, then approval to install the camera is sought from the appropriate delegation, depending on the type of speed camera.

- (2) Exceeding the posted speed limit or travelling too fast for road conditions increases the likelihood of a crash occurring and increases the severity of the outcome when a crash occurs. Speeding was a factor in 40% of fatalities and 24% of serious injuries resulting from road crashes in NSW between 2018 and 2022.
- (3) Transport for NSW has no current plans to install any permanent fixed or red-light speed cameras along Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road, Mona Vale. Transport for NSW is currently in the process of doubling the number of mobile speed camera sites across NSW. Pittwater Road and Barrenjoey Road are shortlisted as locations for new mobile speed camera sites in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area.

- (4) The NSW Automated Enforcement Strategy for road safety is published on the NSW Centre for Road Safety website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/topics-tips/speeding/enforcement-cameras>.

Nominations for speed camera locations can be lodged via the Safer Roads NSW website: <https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/>

\* 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?

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- (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?
  - (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?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LC 2485.

\* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

- (1) TAFE NSW does not maintain data on operational financial performance by campus. However, TAFE NSW does maintain information on capital expenditure by campus with the following amounts expended under the Asset Renewal Program:
  - (a) 2023-24 financial year - \$1,023,292
  - (b) 2023 calendar year - \$507,431
- (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data are not provided by location or in-year enrolment numbers. TAFE NSW provides enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found on the TAFE NSW website.
- (3) TAFE NSW does not provide staffing data by location, as it operates in a competitive commercial environment. Also, TAFE NSW offers flexible work agreements to its employees and many work from multiple campus locations therefore the data may be misleading.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The draft Digital Inclusion Strategy will establish an all-of-government strategic framework for NSW to direct policy, actions, and investment to allow residents to access NSW Government digital products and services, regardless of where they live, if they have a disability, their age, language or socio-economic status.

The draft strategy focuses on five key areas including ability, affordability, accessibility, connectivity, and digital trust and safety. It targets communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, people with disability, CALD communities, First Nations peoples, demographic and gender diverse groups, and people living in geographically remote areas.

- (2)
- (a) Consultation on the draft strategy is multi-faceted and includes an online survey and discussion paper. There is an option for people to receive the discussion paper in hard copy and provide feedback on it via post. To facilitate broader participation, promotional information packs have been distributed to Service NSW centres, local libraries and community centres.
- (b) Staff at Service NSW centres, local libraries and community centres can help people access digital services such as wi-fi to participate in the consultation.
- (c) The discussion paper is available in six languages and is optimised for screen readers and assistive technology for people who may be vision or hearing impaired.
- (d) Please refer to (a) and (b).
- (3) The online survey does not ask for any personal identifying information. It collects demographic data such as postcode, gender, occupation, education and accessibility needs. The [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au) website which hosts the survey protects and secures all personal information in accordance with legal requirements under the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#) and [Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002](#).
- The draft strategy includes a focus on the importance of cybersecurity measures and data protection. Through the 2024-25 Budget, the NSW Government is investing in cyber security, including Cyber Security NSW, which works across the NSW public sector to enhance cyber resilience. The Budget also provides ongoing funding for ID Support, which supports NSW residents in preventing identity theft and securing their identity when their personal information is compromised.
- (4) The NSW Government offers people a range of offline support as an alternative to accessing government services online, including telephone assistance and in-person support through Service NSW centres.

The consultation will help inform a framework for delivering equitable access to NSW Government digital products and services, including measures to increase digital literacy and confidence.

- \* 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?



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- (2) Will the Minister please advise what support is offered to regional areas including businesses who experience power outages leading to loss of income?

Answer—

- (1) The three NSW electricity distributors have taken various measures to combat the effects of natural disasters especially outages that can have significant impacts. Some of the measures taken have been outlined below.
- (a) Ausgrid has proposed an investment strategy for vulnerable Local Government Areas in the Central Coast involving the use of covered conductors, reclosers and undergrounding to fortify grids and feeders against the impact of strong winds and storms. Ausgrid has also invested in a microgrid trial in Merriwa to deliver a more responsive, resilient and reliable power supply. More information is available on Ausgrid's website at <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/About-Us/Future-Grid/Climate-Change-Resilience>
  - (b) Essential Energy is transitioning to an increased use of fire resistant composite poles due to their fire resilience in bushfire prone areas.  
  
More information is publicly available on Essential Energy's website at <https://www.essentialenergy.com.au/about-us/sustainability/sustainability-strategy>.
  - (c) Endeavour Energy is replacing timber poles and bare conductors (that can spark, starting fires) with covered conductors in their most bushfire prone areas. Endeavour Energy is also raising powerlines in flood-prone areas of the Hawkesbury Nepean catchments. More information is available on Endeavour Energy's website at <https://www.endeavourenergy.com.au/modern-grid/resilience-strategy>.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Small Business.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The representatives from the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) and Corrective Services NSW continue to liaise regarding the transition of Junee Correctional Centre. No significant impact to current NSWPF policy and practice is expected.
- (a) Nil.
  - (b) All police positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources and the like) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- (i) A suite of programs and initiatives are provided to all police officers to help

\* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Hospitals and local health districts vary staff profiles and numbers to meet operational needs.

There are 162 (71.58 FTE) midwives employed across Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

There are 218 (170.65 FTE) midwives employed across Western NSW Local Health District.

\* 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?':

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Customer Support Team is available to assist those who may have difficulties with technology.
- (2) Service fees support the ongoing maintenance and delivery of the Portal and related ePlanning Digital Services.
- (3) There were 11 people in the Portal support team as of 1 July 2024.
  - (a) The Portal support team received 23,935 calls between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.
- (4) (a) Landowners consent is required for the majority of applications through the Portal.
  - (b) The Department is considering options within the Portal to provide written landowner's consent and, in the limited circumstances under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to submit an application without landowners consent.
- (5) Councils use a variety of ICT systems and programs. The Department continues to work with councils and their vendors to assist with integration, through:
  - A quarterly Planning Portal reference group with councils, agency and industry.
  - A Technical Reference Group specifically to assist with digital integration and technical work.
  - \$4.8 million provided in 2021 to assist regional councils to adopt digital services.
  - \$9.6 million provided in 2022 to support digital integration of councils' ICT systems with the Portal, with grants of \$80,000 available to all councils.
  - \$20.4 million in this year's budget to improve Portal operations.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW is always exploring opportunities to deliver additional social housing across NSW as part of its portfolio strategy, the recent investment in billions of dollars through the NSW Budget and through the Housing Australia Future Fund.

As these commitments are relatively new, we are still working through all of the opportunities to deliver new homes across NSW supported by these historic investments in our social and affordable housing system.

Homes NSW has delivered eight new social homes in the Cootamundra area in 2023/24. We recognise that this number is a start – however is a result of the rebuilding the social housing system and sector, after the neglect left by the former Government.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

The provision of renal services is informed by local health service planning based on statewide modelling of future demand for end stage renal disease related dialysis.

When patients need to travel for treatment, they may be eligible for the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS).

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicates that net migration to regional NSW was 73,716 people between 2016 and 2023.
- (2) Regional plans are in place to inform strategic planning and land use in Regional NSW. The NSW Government has also funded councils to undertake strategic planning to support housing in their areas under the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund.

- \* 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?

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Answer—

- (1 - 2) The 2023/24 funding allocation to councils and county councils (as LCAs) across NSW, following the execution of funding deeds, are published on the NSW Grants website at: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/weeds-action-program-regional-sub-program-2023-2024-for-local-control-authorities-weeds> under the Heading "Most recent recipients".

The 2024/25 allocation will again follow the NSW Grants Administration Guide and as such allocation for this financial year will be finalised after 2024/25 Guidelines are completed, and then applications from LCAs are received, assessed and approved. The results from this are likely to be announced to LCAs in October 2024.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW has completed the review of Bobbin Head Road. It was recommended that the 80km/h section of road be reduced to 60km/h. These works began on 1 July 2024 and carried out over a two day period.

Transport for NSW has completed the review of West Head Road. It was recommended that the 80km/h section of road be retained.

These speed zone reviews were undertaken in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Standards.

- (2) The results of the Bobbin Head Speed zone review was made available to the public. A letter box drop was conducted in the surrounding area and relevant stakeholders informed prior to the speed change being implemented. All speed changes are also published on the Transport for NSW website.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/speed-limits-sydney-region-27-june-2024>

As the outcome of the West Head Road speed zone review resulted in no change to the existing speed, there will be no formal public notification as there will be no change made to the existing road environment. The requestor of the speed review has been notified.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Councils suggested changes through their submissions, meetings with the Department and the Minister, and resolutions of council.

A feedback summary report has been published on the Department's website.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is in the process of finalising bus timetable adjustments that will be made to ensure that bus and train timetables are integrated when the new 2024 rail timetable commences later this year.

Transport for NSW considers a range of factors when developing public transport timetables, including passenger demand, availability of fleet, and adjoining public transport services including bus, ferry and light rail to provide connected journeys for passengers.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
  - (a) During the period of 1 July 2023 and 14 July 2023 (inclusive), there were 133 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.7% of the 18,149 scheduled trips.
  - (b) During the period of 15 July 2023 and 31 July 2023 (inclusive), there were 488 trips cancelled. This equates to 2.0% of the 24,702 scheduled trips.
  - (c) During the period of 1 August 2023 and 14 August 2023 (inclusive), there were 414 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.9% of the 21,423 scheduled trips.

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- \* 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?

Answer—

The NSW Education Standards Authority is progressing the revised History 7-10 syllabus through its approval processes.

The final draft of the syllabus included mandatory content about the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, within the focus area ‘Australians at War - WWII’.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to answer QoN 572.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Information on drowning deaths is collated by the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, through the annual [National Drowning Reports](#) and National Drowning Database. Requests for information from the database can be made [online](#).
- (2) NSW Health records information on non-fatal drownings presentations to NSW hospitals. Questions on non-fatal drownings should be directed to the Minister for Health.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to improving rail services across the State. Transport for NSW is considering improvements across the rail network, including the Northern Line.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 400 and 800 metre walking distance used in the Transport Oriented Development and Low-and Mid-Rise reforms equates to a five to ten minute walk.

These distances are a well-established measure of a reasonable walking distance and have been included for many years in the State Environmental Planning Policy for Housing under its infill affordable housing provisions.

\* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that the NSW Address Policy and User Manual is under review and an updated policy is expected to be published 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?



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- (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?

Answer—

Following a review, the previous government announced changes in 2021 in relation to tender requirements for OOSH services.

The Department of Education has advised that, as part of this change by the previous government, OOSH peak bodies, the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations and OOSH providers in NSW were consulted.

All Out of School Hours services are regulated by the NSW Regulatory Authority for early childhood education and care. This includes an assessment against the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority National Quality Framework.

- \* 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government sets up a pre-budget portal to receive public submissions from across NSW for every upcoming NSW Budget. In 2024, this portal was open to businesses, non-government organisations, interest groups and all other members of the public from 22 January to 8 March 2024 at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/budget-financial-management/nsw-budget/2024-25-pre-budget-submissions>

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government sets up a pre-budget portal to receive public submissions from across NSW for every upcoming NSW Budget. In 2024, this portal was open to businesses, non-government organisations, interest groups and all other members of the public from 22 January to 8 March 2024 at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/budget-financial-management/nsw-budget/2024-25-pre-budget-submissions>.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government sets up a pre-budget portal to receive public submissions from across NSW for every upcoming NSW Budget. In 2024, this portal was open to businesses, non-government organisations, interest groups and all other members of the public from 22 January to 8 March 2024 at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/budget-financial-management/nsw-budget/2024-25-pre-budget-submissions>.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government sets up a pre-budget portal to receive public submissions from across NSW for every upcoming NSW Budget. In 2024, this portal was open to businesses, non-government organisations, interest groups and all other members of the public from 22 January to 8 March 2024 at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/budget-financial-management/nsw-budget/2024-25-pre-budget-submissions>

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government sets up a pre-budget portal to receive public submissions from across NSW for every upcoming NSW Budget. In 2024, this portal was open to businesses, non-government organisations, interest groups and all other members of the public from 22 January to 8 March 2024 at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/budget-financial-management/nsw-budget/2024-25-pre-budget-submissions>.

The Treasury does not categorise these submissions by State Electorate.

- \* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 4,533 since 13 January 2023 (to 30 June 2024).
- (2) 1,194.
  - (a) Yes if the respondent chooses to pursue a formal police report.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes.
  - (a) 14
- (5) No.
- (6) Mandatory training includes:
  - Victim Support (Mandatory Continuing Policing Education 2022-2023).
  - Adult Sexual Violence Course - mandatory for investigators seeking detective designation.
- (7) The NSW Police Force provides trauma-informed support to victims, ensuring appropriate referral to support services and thorough investigation reviews (where no charges are preferred) via the exceptional clearance model.
 

The NSW Police Force works with the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics to enable the identification of SARO reports from sexual assault statistics to ensure SARO matters which seek no investigation do not dilute legal action rates. A legal action may not be the desired or appropriate outcome for victim-survivors.

\* 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 NSW?
  - (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW does not have an 85 percent allocation policy of community housing properties for seniors in the Northern Beaches. However, some properties have specific conditions as to who can reside in them. More information about Homes NSW housing eligibility policies can be found at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/eligibility-social-housing-policy>

Social Housing properties on the Northern Beaches are managed for Homes NSW by Bridge Housing. 75 percent of these properties are occupied by people over 55. When other CHPs in the area are taken into account, the proportion is approximately 50 percent.

- (2) Social housing properties are allocated based on household composition and property size. Allocations are made to families when an appropriate sized property is matched to the household. We know that young families need suitable homes, and that's why we're working with CHPs to ensure they get the best suited home for them.
- (3) Homes NSW monitors occupancy rates and looks at quarterly performance reports to ensure that its contracted CHPs, manage vacant properties and underoccupancy or overcrowding adequately.
- (4) Homes NSW supports CHPs seeking to develop more accessible homes which are better suited to the tenants' needs. Homes NSW and CHPs make every possible effort to match people with appropriate properties. New properties delivered by the NSW Government meet minimum accessibility standards, so more older people and people with accessibility needs can be housed more quickly, and to assist them to remain in their homes as they age or their needs change.

Tenants who notify a CHP that they are experiencing mobility or accessibility concerns are assessed for a property transfer. These tenants will be considered for transfer under the provider's management policies, where it is an internal transfer, or may be placed on the NSW Housing Register so other providers can meet their housing needs.

Bridge Housing continues to develop strategies to address under occupancy and works with Homes NSW to identify properties needing refurbishment or disability access to increase capacity.

(a) See above.

- \* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

Further traffic analysis conducted has shown similar levels of service/intersection performance as identified in the Environmental Impact Statement.

As per the Minister's Conditions of Approval SSI 8931 Conditions E134 and E135, further traffic modelling will be conducted closer to the opening of the MG Stage 1.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 3184.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

The cost and timeline of the M6 Stage 1 is under review. Transport for NSW are currently assessing options for the redesign of the tunnel in areas affected by subsidence and a revised construction program, both of which will impact on the cost of the project.

- \* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) There are no changes scheduled at this time, however these factors are periodically reviewed by Service NSW.

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- \* 3188 **ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES**—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister provide:
- (a) An outline of the process for public schools to request additional funding for infrastructure upgrades?
- (b) A list of schools in the Holsworthy electorate that have requested additional funding for infrastructure upgrades in the 2023/24 financial year?

Answer—

Local School Infrastructure staff are tasked with working closely with principals to identify infrastructure and maintenance priorities which are nominated for inclusion in the Department of Education's capital works and maintenance programs. Projects continue to be assessed for funding on a needs-basis statewide and are supported by record education funding delivered in the NSW Budget.

- \* 3189 **M5 UPGRADE BETWEEN MOOREBANK AVE AND HUME HIGHWAY**—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to the M5 upgrade between Moorebank Avenue and Hume Hwy:

- (1) At what stage is the project currently at?
- (2) What investigatory work has been undertaken since June 2023?
- (3) Has Transport for NSW undertaken any traffic studies?
- (a) If so, will the findings of the traffic study be publicly released?
- (4) Has a timeline been developed with respect to the planning, construction, and completion of the project?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW is progressing the M5 Motorway Westbound Traffic Upgrade between Moorebank Avenue to Hume Highway. These upgrades will reduce congestion and improve the efficiency and safety of the road network for all road users. Upgrading the interchange will also accommodate the increase in heavy and light vehicle traffic from the Moorebank Logistics Park.

A detailed Submissions Report summarising feedback received during the public display of the project's Review of Environmental Factors and Transport for NSW's responses was released during June 2024 and is available on the project website:

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<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/m5-motorway-westbound-traffic-upgrade>

- (2) Investigatory work for the project took place in June 2023, including environmental studies and activities to inform the detailed utility design.
- (3) Yes. A comprehensive traffic and transport impact assessment took place during the project's Review of Environmental Factors and was released in 2022. This document is available on the project's website.
- (4) Transport for NSW will update the community with a timeframe for construction, including anticipated start and finish dates, closer to commencement of work on site.

\* 3190 RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE AT MULTI-PURPOSE SERVICES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if the residential aged care component of Multi-Purpose Services is accountable to a similar model of the Aged Care Quality Standards as all other types of residential aged care facilities in New South Wales?
- (2) Can the Minister advise if NSW Health works alongside the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission to develop its relevant policies, procedures and processes for aged care within Multi-Purpose facilities?
- (3) Can the Minister advise if residential aged care facilities managed by NSW Health in rural and remote New South Wales receive the same standards of care according to regulation as Commonwealth funded facilities?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Yes, a Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) is required to provide care that is consistent with the Aged Care Quality Standards. NSW Health adheres to the regulatory and policy framework set by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission (ACQSC), for those Commonwealth-subsidised aged care services that are delivered by NSW Health.

All NSW Health residential aged care facilities deliver care in line with the standards specified in the Aged Care Act 1997. These are the same standards as Commonwealth funded aged care facilities.

\* 3191 GENERAL PRACTITIONER CONTRACTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if there has been a directive for local health districts in regional, rural and remote New South Wales to standardise all General Practitioner contracts?
- (2) If yes, can the Minister advise how standardised contracts will meet the unique requirements of rural and remote communities and offer the flexibility required to deliver high quality care?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Service contracts have flexibility around service provision to meet the needs of the hospital/facility and Visiting Medical Officers. Remuneration is negotiated with the Rural Doctors Association via the Rural Doctors Settlement Package and the Australian Medical Association for VMO Sessional and Fee for Service Determinations.

Following support of Recommendation 12 of the 2022 Inquiry Report into Health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional, and remote New South Wales, the Ministry has improved incentives for General Practitioner Visiting Medical Officers working in rural and remote areas and continues to do so through ongoing engagement with the Rural Doctors' Association NSW and the AMA.

- \* 3192 CASTLE HILL TAFE COURSE AVAILABILITY—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to the Castle Hill TAFE (2 Green Road, Castle Hill, NSW, 2154) please advise:

- (1) What courses were available at the commencement of each of the following years:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (2) For each course which was available for each of the following years what was the maximum number of students which could be enrolled in each course:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (3) How many students were enrolled for each course (please identify the name of the course) for each of the following years:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data are not provided by location or in-year enrolment numbers. TAFE NSW provides enrolment and completion data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found on the TAFE NSW website.

Information regarding course offerings and availability is publicly available on the TAFE NSW website.

- \* 3193 BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE COURSE AVAILABILITY—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to the Baulkham Hills TAFE (146-160 Old Northern Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153) please advise:

- (1) What courses were available at the commencement of each of the following years:
  - (a) 2019?



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- (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (2) For each course which was available for each of the following years what was the maximum number of students which could be enrolled in each course:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (3) How many students were actually enrolled for each course (please identify the name of the course) for each of the following years:
- (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment. Data is not provided by location or in-year enrolment numbers. TAFE NSW provides enrolment and completion data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found on the TAFE NSW website.

Information regarding course offerings and availability is publicly available on the TAFE NSW website.

\* 3194 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE POLICY—Mr Mark Hodges 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 is the Ministerial Correspondence policy in terms of time in which a response should be provided?
- (2) Did the Minister receive correspondence from the Member for Castle Hill, on 10 May 2024, concerning a Rectification Order issued under the Residential Apartments Building (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Act 2020 with respect to a building located at Castle Hill?
- (3) On what date will the Minister provide a response to the above correspondence?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The ministerial correspondence policy is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/ministers-correspondence-policy>.

A response to the mentioned correspondence has been provided.

- \* 3195 VIRTUAL WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Of the 550 Vocational and Educational Training (VET) students who participated in the Virtual Work Placement Program during National Careers Week, how many were from the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

Seven students from the Tweed Electorate participated in the statewide Virtual Work Placement Program in May 2024 hosted by Amazon Web Services.

- \* 3196 EV CHARGING STATION INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—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—

Regarding Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the Tweed Electorate:

- (1) How many infringements have been issued in postcodes in the Tweed Electorate (2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) to Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicles parking in an area reserved for EV charging?
- (2) How many infringements have been issued in postcodes in the Tweed Electorate (2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) to EV vehicles parked at a charging station but not plugged in or actively charging?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 18 November 2022, the number of penalty notices issued for the offence type "Stop in electric-powered vehicle parking area when not an electric-powered vehicle" is:  
2484 = 0  
2485 = 0  
2486 = 0  
2487 = 0  
2488 = 0  
2489 = 0  
2490 = 0
- (2) Since 18 November 2022, the number of penalty notices issued for the offence type "Stop in electric-powered vehicle charging area not an electric-powered vehicle/plugged in" is:  
2484 = 0  
2485 = 0  
2486 = 0  
2487 = 0  
2489 = 0  
2490 = 0

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Data as of 3 July 2024.

- \* 3197 FURTHER TO RESPONSE 2808 - SUMMIT TRACK WOLLUMBIN NATIONAL PARK—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Referring to your answer to QON # 2808 regarding the closure of the Summit Track at Wollumbin:

- (1) When was the one penalty infringement notice issued?

Answer—

- (1) As at 15 July 2024, the one penalty infringement notice that has been issued since the track was closed in March 2020 was issued on 17 January 2024.

- \* 3198 DREDGING OF CUDGEN CREEK AT KINGSCLIFF—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—

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

Answer—

The NSW Coastal Dredging Strategy lists Cudgen Creek as a 'Priority Regional Location'. Cudgen Creek will be dredged in order of priority within the allocated dredging budget. Currently, the Government does not have dredging works scheduled for Cudgen Creek.

- \* 3199 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS EXPANSION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

Regarding the expansion of Community Mental Health Teams with an additional 35 mental health positions:

- (1) Where in New South Wales are these additional positions located?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Please refer to QoN 3096.

- \* 3200 PATHWAYS TO COMMUNITY LIVING INITIATIVE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

Regarding the Pathways to Community Living Initiative and funding for a complex care clinical workforce of more than 25 professionals to support patients through the program,:

- (1) Where are these 25 professionals to be located?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Please refer to answer to QoN 3096.

These positions are located across several local health districts, Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, and St Vincent's Health Network. The positions are part of a broader Pathways to Community Living Initiative workforce that covers all areas in NSW.

\* 3201 PATYEGARANG PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has an extension been granted for the determination of the Patyegarang Planning Proposal (PP-PP-2022-3802), given the original gateway determination stated that the Local Environmental Plan should be complete within 12 months from the 9th of June?
  - (a) If so, why?
  - (b) If so, what is the new timeframe for the determination of the planning proposal?
- (2) When will the submissions, from both the public and Government agencies listed in the gateway determination, be made public?
  - (a) Why have they not already been made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Department staff are in the process of granting an extension until 31 March 2025 for the Patyegarang Planning Proposal. The extension of time will allow for Department representatives to work with the Metropolitan LALC to address planning issues to allow the Sydney North Planning Panel (Panel) to consider the proposal later in 2025.
- (2) In accordance with Department policy, public and government submissions will be made available on the Planning Portal prior to the Panel considering the proposal at their post-exhibition meeting.

\* 3202 BLUE GREEN GRID—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are any steps being taken to formalise and implement the Sydney Blue Green Grid, as developed by the Government Architect NSW in 2017?
  - (a) If so, what are they?

Answer—

I am advised:

A number of projects already exist to support this initiative including:

- Greening our City grants - \$35 million to fund more than 130 urban greening projects since 2019.
- Greener Neighbourhoods Program - \$1.37 million to assist councils with strategic urban greening and master planning in 2022.
- Metropolitan Greenspace Program - \$17.5 million for 71 projects to improve and increase access to regionally significant open space and add to the blue-green grid network, since 2018.
- Places to Roam Program - \$16.37 million for projects that include open space and greenway link initiatives, since 2022.

\* 3203 EXHIBITION OF DRAFT INSTRUMENT FOR LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING SEPP—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are there plans for Government to commit to exhibiting the Low and Mid-Rise Housing SEPP as a draft instrument before gazetting for implementation?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The policy intent of the Low- and Mid-Rise Housing reforms was exhibited in an Explanation of Intended Effect from 15 December 2023 to 23 February 2024. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has refined the policy in response to the nearly 8,000 submissions received and further consultations with councils and key stakeholders.

Planning authorities do not generally exhibit draft planning instruments for public consultation. Once the policy amendments are finalised, the Department will publish on its website information that explains how the policy will be implemented and answer frequently asked questions.

\* 3204 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENCES IN THE MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson 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 offences in the Myall Lakes 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) The Myall Lakes electorate covers most of the Mid-Coast Local Government Area (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 the Mid-Coast LGA at the time of charge.

- (a) - (e)

Number of finalised court appearances with a domestic violence related assault in NSW Criminal Courts by LGA of defendant at time of charge, 2020 to 2023:

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan 2024 – Mar 2024
Mid-Coast LGA	254	298	320	323	80

- (2)

- (a) Number of finalised court appearances with a domestic violence related assault in NSW Criminal Courts finalised by defended hearing where defendant was either refused bail or in

custody for a prior offence at finalisation, by LGA of defendant at time of charge, 2020 to 2023:

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan 2024 – Mar 2024
Mid-Coast LGA	9	9	14	6	1

- (b) Number of finalised court appearances with a domestic violence related assault in NSW Criminal Courts finalised by defended hearing where defendant was either granted bail or had bail dispensed with at finalisation, by LGA of defendant at time of charge, 2020 to 2023:

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan 2024 – Mar 2024
Mid-Coast LGA	21	25	32	32	5

- (c) Number of finalised court appearances with a domestic violence related assault in NSW Criminal Courts where defendant received a proven outcome, by LGA of defendant at time of charge, 2020 to 2023:

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan 2024 – Mar 2024
Mid-Coast LGA	195	221	224	216	53

- (d) Number of finalised court appearances with a domestic violence related assault in NSW Criminal Courts where defendant received no proven outcome, by LGA of defendant at time of charge, 2020 to 2023:

LGA of residence at time of charge	2020	2021	2022	2023	Jan 2024 – Mar 2024
Mid-Coast LGA	59	77	96	107	27

\* 3205 BREAK AND ENTER RELATED CRIMES IN MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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

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- (c) 2023?  
(d) 2024?
- (2) Can the Minister provide information regarding how many of those related crimes were committed by perpetrators under the age of 18 years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 758  
(b) 623  
(c) 534  
(d) 255 (to 23 June 2024)
- (2) 95

Note:

- Data provided aligns to the geographic boundary as defined by the NSW Electoral Commission. If any of these suburbs or postcodes cross over multiple electorates, this may result in an overcount for the Myall Lakes electorate.
- Data includes any charge linked to a Break and Enter incident. This charge may not necessarily be for a Break and Enter offence. For example, a Break and Enter incident may have a linked charge with offences relating to assault malicious damage, or fraud.

- \* 3206 HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE BUDGET ALLOCATION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With the final stage of construction underway at Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus, why is there just \$5,000 allocated in the 2024-25 NSW Budget for the completion of this project?

Answer—

While the previous government failed to deliver this long-promised project, important work is progressing on the upgrade at Hastings Secondary College – Port Macquarie Campus. This includes Building T which is being rebuilt to provide additional Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) facilities, including four new classrooms and new staff faculty facilities.

The Department of Education has advised that annual cashflows are updated as needed to support projects as they move through to completion.

- \* 3207 NEW POLICE STATION FOR PORT MACQUARIE FUNDING—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

According to the 2024-25 NSW Budget, with a completion date of June 2025, when will the location and commencement of construction be announced for the new Police Station for Port Macquarie?

Answer—

I am advised:

A location for a new Port Macquarie Police Station is not yet confirmed. It is currently budgeted for completion in 2026-2027.

- \* 3208 16 REGIONAL CITIES BUS SERVICE PROJECT FOR PORT MACQUARIE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When will the funding be provided for the roll out of the 16 Regional Cities Bus Service project for Port Macquarie?

Answer—

I am advised

All funded elements of the 16 Regional Cities Bus Improvement Service Program are completed, with each of the 16 Cities receiving service improvements. Top priority improvements to Port Macquarie's bus network were delivered in July 2020.

A revised bus network for Port Macquarie has been finalised under 16 Regional Cities Bus Improvement Service Program, with implementation and further funding subject to future budget consideration by the NSW Government.

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- \* 3209 NOTIFICATION PROCESSES FOR THE FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what processes of notification does the Firearms Registry have in place for those who are approaching the expiration date of their gun licence?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when paper copy reminder letters sent via the mail were no longer sent to Firearm Licence holders who had licences approaching their expiration date?
- (3) Would the Minister consider providing paper copy reminder notices for Firearm licence holders who request this option?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Firearm licence holders receive both 90-day and 30-day reminder notices prior to the expiry of their licence. Licence holders with a Gun Safe Customer Portal account receive the reminders to their nominated email address and those without an account receive paper reminders sent to their postal mailing address.  
  
A further reminder notification is sent to licence holders with registered firearms in their possession via SMS (for licence holders with a mobile number recorded with the Firearms Registry) or phone call (for licence holders with a landline number recorded with the Firearms Registry) within 7-days of the expiry of their licence.
- (2) Paper copy reminders have never ceased to be sent to licence holders that do not hold a Gun Safe Customer Portal account.
- (3) Both 90-day and 30-day paper copy reminder notices are issued to firearm licence holders who do not hold a Gun Safe Customer Portal account.

- \* 3210 MOBILE PRESCHOOL SUPPORT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Considering some regional and rural families rely solely on mobile preschool support to provide a pathway for their children into primary education, can the Minister advise when the mobile preschool program, and its funding, was last reviewed?



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Answer—

The Mobile Preschool Funding Program guidelines are currently under review as part of an annual process to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose.

The program's funding is also reviewed annually to accurately represent services' information and enrolments. Most recently, funding was reviewed in March 2024 to account for indexation of 5.75 per cent.

\* 3211 NATIONAL FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) Considering that the budget announced the appropriation of \$20.8 million for the implementation of the National Firearms Register, what measures is the Government undertaking to ensure:

(a) All information held on firearm licence holders and all information held on registered firearms is accurate, correct, and up to date?

(b) Malicious Cyber actors cannot access the NSW Firearms Register or the National Firearms Register, when it becomes operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) Data remediation, auditing of existing records and ongoing reconciliation processes are underway to ensure records of licence holders and firearms are correct and up to date.

(b) The National Firearms Register is being built by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission who is experienced in managing highly sensitive national policing systems. The National Firearms Registry will operate in accordance with established safeguards governing access to, and use of, information in Australian policing information systems.

\* 3212 FREEZING OF LAND TAX-FREE THRESHOLD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) Will the freezing of the land tax-free threshold impact rental prices?

(a) If yes, how?

(b) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW has the most generous tax-free threshold of any state or territory with land tax.

\* 3213 LAND TAX RECEIPTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to land tax receipts:

(1) Is the revenue committed/earmarked to new or existing expenditure programs?

(a) If yes, what?

(b) If no, will it go into the consolidated fund?

Answer—

Land tax revenue will be held in the Consolidated Fund and will help fund government priorities, including the numerous housing measures announced in the 2024-25 Budget.

- \* 3214 TAHE RESTRUCTURE - USE OF CONSULTANTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the Transport Asset Holding Entity of New South Wales (TAHE) restructure to no longer be a state-owned corporation:

- (1) Were consultants used to undertake this work?

Answer—

I am advised that Treasury is obligated to publicly disclose contract information on NSW eTendering for spend above \$150,000.

- \* 3215 FIRST HOMEBUYERS STAMP DUTY EXEMPTIONS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (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—

I am advised:

- (1) Information relating to first homebuyers in NSW can be found via the Revenue NSW website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/home-buying-assistance>.  
(2) Revenue NSW does not hold data by electorate.

- \* 3216 FOOTPATH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister for Transport confirm the funding amount provided to Central Coast Council for footpath projects in both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 NSW Budgets?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government has allocated \$8 million over a four-year period, which includes the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years, to Central Coast Council for footpath improvement projects.

- \* 3217 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN TOCUMWAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast 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 mental health services are currently available in Tocumwal?  
(a) What specific youth mental health services are available in Tocumwal?  
(2) How do the mental health resources in Tocumwal compare to those in other comparable towns in the state?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Community Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol services are available through outreach teams for the Tocumwal community. Services include:
- Child and adolescent mental health (up to 18 years old) and Got It (school-based intervention for kindergarten to year 2).

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- Youth mental health service (12 to 25 years old) providing specialist early intervention and clinical support for youth with or at risk of severe and complex mental illness.
- Safeguards service which supports children and adolescents experiencing acute mental distress. Safeguards provides comprehensive assessment and brief intervention to resolve the immediate crisis and build personal strengths and capabilities.
- Adult mental health (18 to 65 years old) specialist clinical support for anyone experiencing severe, complex, or long lasting mental ill health.
- Older persons' mental health specialist clinical mental health support for people aged over 65.
- Specialist support (consultant psychiatrists and addiction medicine specialists).
- Drug and alcohol assessment, counselling and support for people with substance use issues.
- Consumer peer workers who use their own lived experience to enhance support for consumers.
- Aboriginal mental health services offering culturally appropriate clinical mental health support.
- Farming community support providing emotional support to farmers, farming families, local businesses and services providers affected by rural adversity.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District also delivers the MyStep to Mental Wellbeing program on behalf of the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (federally-funded). MyStep offers a range of mental health supports for all ages – from health information and early intervention to psychological treatment for mental health issues.

- (2) The Ministry of Health does not routinely conduct or maintain detailed comparisons of mental health resources available in individual towns like Tocomwal due to variation in population densities and distances to networked mental health resources. Most mental health service planning at the Ministry is conducted at the level of local health district, Primary Health Network or Local Government Area, with special consideration of factors such as demography and service access. Most districts also have dedicated clinical planners who do adapt planning conducted at the Ministry-level to local circumstances.

While direct comparisons are not readily available, the NSW Government remains committed to ensuring equitable access to mental health services across NSW, including rural areas, by continually assessing and improving service provision based on community needs, available resources and regional health planning.

- \* 3218 INTRODUCTION OF FOX BOUNTY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to introduce a fox bounty in New South Wales to control the fox population and mitigate their impact on native wildlife and agricultural livestock?
- (a) If so when?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government does not have any immediate plans to introduce a fox bounty and is closely monitoring the situation, especially relevant programs in Victoria.
- (a) N/ A.

- \* 3219 SHARE BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What complaints has the Office of Local Government received about problems with share bikes blocking public access and littering footpaths and other public space?
- (2) What assessment has the Office of Local Government made of the need for regulation of share bike schemes?
- (3) What consideration has the Office of Local Government given to options for regulation?

- (4) What plans does the Office of Local Government have to better regulate share bike schemes?

Answer—

- (1) Since the arrival of share bikes in NSW in 2017, Office of Local Government records indicate that it has received fewer than 20 written complaints from members of the public and councils in relation to share bikes.
- (2) The Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 and Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022 commenced on 1 November 2022, following a significant review of the Impounding Act 1993 undertaken by Office of Local Government between 2019-2022.

This Act, and amendments in 2018 to the Impounding Act 1993, provided expanded powers to Councils to manage share bikes that cause obstructions, pose safety risks, or are left unused in one place for too long, based on clear, risk-based time limits.

However, the Act does not regulate share bike schemes more broadly, for example in relation to matters such as licensing, safety standards, volume, and distribution of bikes in operation, parking infrastructure, and public and property protections. These are appropriately matters for the consideration of Transport for NSW.

As it is a substantially new Act, the Office of Local Government intends to conduct a review of the effectiveness of the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 in due course.

- (3) Transport for NSW leads inter-agency consideration of the regulation of e-micromobility devices, including share bikes. The Office of Local Government is a member of the Interagency Group.

The Group will consider any recommendations from the Parliamentary Inquiry into the use of e-scooters, e-bikes, and related mobility options, which may inform the regulation of shared mobility schemes.

- (4) The Office of Local Government remains in regular contact with council enforcement officers and other public land management authorities to receive feedback on the operation of the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021.

\* 3220 CROWN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What work will be done on the Crown Street Public School toilet block and when is this expected to be complete?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made about whether the existing toilet block is adequate for the increasing student complement?
- (3) What assessment has the Department of Education made about whether the toilet block needs to be replaced rather than renovated?
- (4) What plans does the Government have for other capital works at the Crown Street Public School?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education intends to undertake a full refurbishment of Block C (the girls and boys toilets). It is currently scoping the works with a view to procuring a contractor in Term 3, 2024. Once a contractor is appointed, the department will liaise with the school community to agree on a suitable time to carry out the refurbishment.
- (2) The department has confirmed that the toilet block will be suitable for the expected level of student enrolments.
- (3) The department has advised that refurbishment is the most appropriate solution given that the block is heritage listed and a different approach could require significant demolition.

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- (4) The department is currently painting the school's external amphitheatre, renovating the decking around the community garden and is consulting with the school community about the replacement of asphalt.

\* 3221 GLENMORE ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the Department of Education quarantined funds raised by the Glenmore Road Public School P&C and prevented upgrade projects from proceeding?
- (2) Has the Department of Education frozen funds raised by the P&C?
- (3) When does the Government expect that project funds and agreements will allow progress on:
  - (a) Renovation of the school toilet block?
  - (b) Step-free access to the school grounds?
  - (c) Sun-shading of the playground and cottage outdoor areas?
  - (d) Air conditioning?
  - (e) Replacement of the school hall floor and insulation?
- (4) When does the Government expect these projects to be completed?
- (5) What plans does the Government have for other capital works projects at the Glenmore Road Public School?

Answer—

- (1) Any projects that are funded by the P&C and registered in the system will be undertaken. These projects are currently being prioritised by Asset Management teams.
- (2) P&C funds are not frozen. Schools and Community funds, including funds raised by the Parents & Citizens association, are held in a separate account (Fund 6300) to state funding. Schools can continue to use their School and Community funds (Fund 6300).
- (3)
  - (a) The toilet block refurbishment is currently a nomination under the Upgrades and Additions program and will continue to be reviewed against competing priorities across the state.
  - (b) Work is in hand to upgrade access to Glenmore Road Public School to address the needs of a current student.
  - (c) The upgrade of the historical cottage at Glenmore Road Public School by providing a shade structure to the outdoor learning and play space is at the planning stage, with works anticipated to commence later in 2024.
  - (d) The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs. The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools. School principals will continue to be able to nominate projects for additional air conditioning. A project to replace the roof on the hall will be funded in 2024-25.
- (4) See responses to Question 3 above.
- (5) In the past two years approximately \$500,000 has been spent on minor works and maintenance, including resurfacing the basketball court and adjacent playground area, as well as flooring replacements and painting works in a number of blocks. Heritage stonework at the school is scheduled for renovation this year.

\* 3222 JANE GOODALL'S ROOTS & SHOOTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the relevance and effectiveness of Jane Goodall's successful self-directed youth-led project-based learning program Roots & Shoots?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to introducing this program in New South Wales schools?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to support schools to provide education sessions using Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education recognises connections between the 'Roots and Shoots' program and the Science and Technology K-6 and Geography K-10 syllabuses, particularly in place, environment, interconnection and sustainability.

All schools are required to teach the NSW syllabuses developed by the NSW Education Standards Authority, but engagement in particular external programs like 'Roots and Shoots' are not mandatory. Principals, in consultation with their staff and school community, make decisions on the suitability of programs and resources based on student needs and curriculum alignment.

The department provides professional learning, resources and advice for teaching the mandatory Science and Technology K-6 and Geography K-10 syllabuses, which include topics on environmental and social sustainability. Additionally, the State's 25 Environmental and Zoo Education Centres offer further opportunities and support for schools.

\* 3223 PACER PROGRAM—Mr Alex Greenwich 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) Where does the Police Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) program currently operate?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the success of PACER and its health, financial and community outcomes:
  - (a) What outcomes were reported from the 2020 trial?
  - (b) What outcomes were reported from formal evaluation?
- (3) How many people have been diverted from hospital emergency departments and police holding cells through PACER?
- (4) What action has been taken to implement the expansion of PACER to 12 additional Police Area Commands as listed in the 2019/2020 NSW Health Annual Report?
- (5) What consideration has the Government given to expanding the PACER program to cover:
  - (a) Paddington, adjacent to the King Cross PAC?
  - (b) Wentworth Park, adjacent to the Sydney Central PAC?
- (6) If the Government is not expanding PACER, what new models or programs does the Government have plans to implement to improve police response to vulnerable people in mental health crisis?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The Police Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) operates in:
  - Brisbane Water

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- Tuggerah Lakes
  - Nepean
  - Ku-ring-Gai
  - North Shore
  - Northern Beaches
  - Ryde
  - Eastern Beaches
  - St George
  - Sutherland
  - Bankstown
  - Campbelltown
  - Wingecarribee
  - Liverpool
  - Kings Cross
  - Surry Hills
  - Sydney City
  - South Sydney
  - Blacktown
  - Lismore
- (2) The Ministry of Health undertook a formative evaluation of the expanded PACER program in 2021. It found that the PACER model is meeting its objective of delivering more immediate, person-centred, trauma-informed responses to people experiencing a mental health emergency in the community.
- (3) The Ministry of Health does not hold this information.
- (4 - 6) The PACER program was expanded to 12 Police Area Commands across the greater Sydney area and 2 Police Districts on the Central Coast.

The Ministry of Health is collaborating with NSW Police to explore models to ensure people experiencing mental distress in the community receive a health-led response where it is safe to do so.

I'd be happy to brief the Member further on the PACER program.

\* 3224 PRISONERS' COUNSELLING SERVICES—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) Can prisoners in New South Wales correctional facilities access external therapeutic counselling support online that can be continued after release?
- (2) What online domestic and family violence services do prisoners have access to?
- (3) How does the Government ensure domestic and family violence victim-survivors have access to online specialist counselling?

- (4) What plans does the Government have to improve prisoners' access to external therapeutic and counselling services online including for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Inmates in custody can request access to an external psychologist of their choosing. Access is facilitated through face-to-face visits or through Audio Visual Link (AVL). Inmates may choose to continue these arrangements after release from custody. All inmates in custody also have access to Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) psychology services.

CSNSW offers the EQUIPS Domestic and Family Violence program, which is based on cognitive behavioural therapy principles for behaviour change related to domestic violence.

CSNSW is developing a Domestic and Family Violence Framework informed by evidence-based research and stakeholder consultation, including victim-survivors of domestic and family violence. The Framework will identify best practices for domestic and family violence offenders in custody and the community.

Questions relating to online specialist counselling for domestic and family violence victim-survivors should be referred to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

\* 3225 200 BUS RELIABILITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What data does the Government have about cancelled and late running bus services on the 200 route?
- (2) What penalties or incentives apply to bus contractors with respect to meeting performance targets?
- (3) What changes have been made under the current service contract to improve reliability?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to increase, alter or improve 200 bus services?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) In June 2024, there were 36 cancelled trips, which represented 3.79% of total trips and there were 54 late trips, which represented 5.68% of total trips.
- (2) Different performance targets have different tolerance levels, so penalties apply only after the respective performance falls outside of the tolerance threshold. Incentives apply if the bus operator reaches a certain threshold level and satisfies the eligibility requirements, as agreed within the respective contract.
- (3) In January 2023, the route 200 timetable was adjusted to improve reliability and align capacity to demand. Additionally in October 2023 and April 2024, the operator has made adjustments to the scheduling of bus drivers to improve reliability for services across the contract, including on route 200.
- (4) In August 2024, Transport for NSW is making changes to some bus services to support the launch of Sydney Metro, Chatswood to Sydenham and its integration into the public transport network. Further information regarding the upcoming changes is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website. <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/buses-at-transport>

\* 3226 RECLASSIFICATION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROADS TO STATE ROADS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) How many Local Roads have been reclassified as Regional Roads within each of the following years:
  - (a) 2019?



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- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?
- (2) How many Regional Roads have been reclassified as Regional Roads within each of the following years:
  - (a) 2019?
  - (b) 2020?
  - (c) 2021?
  - (d) 2022?
  - (e) 2023?
  - (f) 2024?
- (3) What process exists for the reclassification of Local and or Regional Roads to State Roads?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Between 15 July 2022 and 24 February 2023, 13 Local Roads were amended to Regional Roads (with no change in management) as part of the implementation of endorsed recommendations from the Interim report (released 21 September 2021) from the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification review.
- (2) Between 24 February 2023 and 2 March 2023, four Regional Roads were transferred to state management (as State roads) as part of the implementation of endorsed recommendations from the Interim report (released 21 September 2021) from the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification review.
- (3) The NSW Government is working with Transport for NSW to establish a business-as-usual approach for reviewing the management of the road network.

Transport for NSW is identifying options to manage reclassification as a business-as-usual function and will consult with Local Government on an approach before proceeding with future reviews. Consultation is targeted to commence this year.

- (4) The Schedule of Classified Roads and Unclassified Regional Roads is publicly available at:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/classified-roads-schedule.pdf>

The Transfer of Asset Management Functions between Transport for NSW and other Road Authorities is publicly available at:

<https://standards.transport.nsw.gov.au/entity/annotation/cf59cd18-6115-ee11-9cbd-002248e41666>

- \* 3227 SHOWGROUND ROAD AND GREEN ROAD, CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update to the response given to Question 557?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW completed strategic investigations of Castle Hill corridor, including Showground Road and the Showground Road/Victoria Avenue/Green Road intersection, Castle Hill, for potential options to improve safety, traffic flow and access along the corridor. This included short, medium, and long term improvements of the intersection at Showground Road/Victoria Avenue/Green Road.

A change to the timing of this signalised intersection has been investigated as a potential short term and cost-effective solution to reduce the number of phases for the traffic lights. However, there is not enough space at the intersection to allow two opposing right turn vehicles to move through safely together.

Transport for NSW will continue to seek funding and monitor the conditions at this site.

- \* 3228 PURCHASE OF LAND IN CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE FOR NEW SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update as to the funding for the purchase of land for the construction of a new school within the Castle Hill Showground precinct?

Answer—

Additional school capacity is currently being planned for The Hills Shire Local Government Area in collaboration with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Funding has been set aside to support this work within the Department of Education.

The Hills Shire Council will be consulted on options for additional school sites, as well as on work to support the Castle Hill Showgrounds precinct.

- \* 3229 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to domestic violence charges in the Willoughby electorate:

(1) How many reports of domestic violence have been made per annum for the years the data has been available?

(a) Of those reports how many have been prosecuted?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 1998 - 275

1999 - 244

2000 - 352

2001 - 379

2002 - 403

2003 - 438

2004 - 407

2005 - 369

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2006 - 414  
2007 - 444  
2008 - 353  
2009 - 363  
2010 - 369  
2011 - 381  
2012 - 458  
2013 - 452  
2014 - 523  
2015 - 503  
2016 - 497  
2017 - 528  
2018 - 566  
2019 - 582  
2020 - 691  
2021 - 673  
2022 - 703  
2023 - 763  
2024 - 411

(1a) 1998 - 47  
1999 - 30  
2000 - 56  
2001 - 61  
2002 - 74  
2003 - 73  
2004 - 78  
2005 - 64  
2006 - 70  
2007 - 56  
2008 - 40  
2009 - 57  
2010 - 51  
2011 - 42  
2012 - 110  
2013 - 107

2014 - 99  
2015 - 101  
2016 - 106  
2017 - 127  
2018 - 166  
2019 - 144  
2020 - 176  
2021 - 182  
2022 - 202  
2023 - 237  
2024 - 109

Note: For data provided in (1) and (1a):

Data pre-1998 is not available due to a change in recording practice.

Event reported calendar year: 1998 to 24 June 2024.

Associated Factor: Domestic violence related.

Data provided in (1) and (1a) aligns to the geographic boundary as defined by the NSW Electoral commission. If any of these suburbs or postcodes cross over multiple electorates, this may result in an overcount for the Willoughby electorate.

Data provided in (1a) includes any charge linked to a domestic violence related incident. The charge may not necessarily be for a domestic violence offence. For example, a domestic violence related incident may have a linked charge with offences relating to breach of bail, drug possession, stealing, resist or hinder police officer.

\* 3230 PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH - ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the projected population growth served by the Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH):

(1) What are the yearly population growth projections for the area served by the RNSH over the next decade?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Royal North Shore Hospital serves the residents of the lower north shore including Mosman, North Sydney, Lane Cove, and Willoughby local government areas. The hospital is also the principal tertiary referral hospital for Northern Sydney Local Health District, and provides statewide services.

Population forecasts are available on the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/populations>.

I understand the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure will revise these forecasts later this year.

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\* 3231 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—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) Where will the 10 additional school crossing supervisors allocated to Willoughby as part of the 2024- 2025 NSW budget be located?
- (2) How many vacancies are there presently in these roles in schools in Willoughby?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There are currently 10 approved School Crossing Supervisor locations in the Willoughby Local Government Area:

- Anzac Park Public School, Anzac Avenue, Cammeray.
- Cammeray Public School, Palmer Street, Cammeray.
- Chatswood Public School, Centennial Avenue, Chatswood.
- Northbridge Public School, Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.
- Redlands School, Murdoch Street, Cremorne.
- St Phillip Neri Catholic Primary School, Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.
- St Thomas Primary School, High Street, Willoughby.
- Willoughby Public School, High Street, Willoughby (1).
- Willoughby Public School, Oakville Road, Willoughby (2).
- Willoughby Public School, Keary Street, Willoughby (3).

School Principals can request a School Crossing Supervisor, Transport for NSW will then assess whether the site is eligible for a school crossing supervisor.

- (2) One vacancy at Northbridge Public School.

\* 3232 ONLINE VENDOR SCAMS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

In relation to online vendors scamming New South Wales citizens:

- (1) What measures are being taken to address the issue of online vendor scams targeting New South Wales residents?
- (2) Can the Minister provide data showing the number of complaints received about online vendor scams to Fair Trading in the past year?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is the lead agency responsible for combating online scams. NSW Fair Trading works with the ACCC to disrupt the business models used by scammers and participates in national consumer forums.

NSW Fair Trading also raises awareness of the dangers of online scams and how to avoid them through information on its website and social media campaigns. The NSW Fair Trading scams and cybercrime webpage provides useful information on how to recognise and report scams: <https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/buying-products-and-services/scams>

Information on complaints to NSW Fair Trading is included in the annual report.

- \* 3233 ANZAC PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR-CONDITIONING—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to ANZAC Park Public School:

- (1) Have there been any requests by the school to install air-conditioning?
- (2) Are there any plans to install air conditioning?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

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

- \* 3234 WARRINGAH FREEWAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Warringah Freeway:

- (1) Are there any plans to extend the southbound bus lane to alleviate congestion, including by commencing it 800 meters further west at the merge of the freeway and the Brook Street on-ramp?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

- \* 3235 TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND ANZAC PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to traffic safety around Anzac Park Public School:

- (1) What measures are being taken to address the issue of speeding along Ernest Street, West Street and Miller Street to ensure the safety of students and the local community?
- (2) Does the Minister have plans to implement traffic calming solutions, such as roundabouts or other measures, to reduce the risk of accidents near the school?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The safety of children travelling to and from school is of critical importance to the NSW Government. 40km/h School Zones have been installed on all streets with an active direct access point to and from Anzac Park Public School, Cammeray such as Ernest Street, Anzac Avenue and Miller Street. In addition, a small section of West Street has a school zone providing a safer environment for Cammeraygal High School.

There is currently no speed camera enforcement undertaken on Ernest Street, West Street or Miller Street in the vicinity of Anzac Park Public School. The local road environment is generally unsuitable for mobile speed camera enforcement due to clearway restrictions, parking restrictions, visibility and opportunities to place associated required warning signage.

- (2) Ernest Street is a regional road, Anzac Avenue and West Street are local roads. Regional and local roads are under the care and control of North Sydney Council and any changes to the traffic control at the intersections is a matter for Council to investigate.

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Miller Street is a classified state road under the care and control of Transport for NSW. There are currently no planned projects for Miller Street in the vicinity of Anzac Park Public School.

\* 3236 BUS SERVICES IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to bus services in Willoughby:

(1) Can the Minister provide data on bus service 267 from Chatswood to Crows Nest, specifically:

(a) On-time performance?

(b) Cancellation rate?

Answer—

I am advised

(1)

(a) The On-time performance rate (at the first bus stop) since January 2024 is 93.5%. Bus service 267 can be intermittently impacted by local traffic congestion, preventing services from departing from their scheduled first stop on time. The contracted bus operator will continue to monitor the performance of bus service 267 and implement actions where appropriate.

(b) The cancellation rate from January 2024 is 0.35%. The contracted bus operator has been impacted by an industry-wide driver shortage and is actively managing bus service cancellations in real time, prioritising school and low frequency bus services.

\* 3237 REDUCING ENERGY COSTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

What steps are being taken to reduce electricity costs for households in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government is implementing a range of measures to reduce electricity costs for households:

- The NSW Government is investing \$435.4 million (an increase of \$100 million) into six annual rebates and one crisis support scheme for the 2024-25 Financial year. \$10 million will be directed to a pilot program providing debt relief for people in critical need. The NSW Government has extended the temporary increase to the crisis support payment for electricity and gas, from \$300 to \$500 to 30 June 2025.
- The NSW Government has also allocated \$238.9 million in the 2024-25 Budget for the forthcoming Consumer Energy Strategy. The Consumer Energy Strategy will support households to upgrade their homes to be more energy efficient and cheaper to run.
- The Energy Savings Scheme and Peak Demand Reduction Scheme provides financial incentives to install energy-efficient equipment and appliances in homes and businesses. This can help to lower the cost of the upgrades, and lower energy bills.
- The NSW Government worked with the Australian Government to develop the National Energy Price Relief Plan. This included temporarily capping the price of coal and gas, which has helped to bring down energy prices in the medium term.

The NSW Government is committed to, and well underway in, delivering the bi-partisan Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap which lays out the plan to deliver the energy transition. The most effective way to reduce electricity costs for households is to deliver low-cost renewables into the system to replace aging coal-fired power stations. The NSW Government is committed to evidence-based policy which finds the proposal of nuclear is too costly, too slow, and risks creating investment uncertainty in the market.

- \* 3238 DEATHS, MENTAL HEALTH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PUBLIC HOUSING—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—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) In each suburb within the Newtown electorate, how many instances of the following in public housing have been reported as having occurred in the last five (5) years:
  - (a) Murder?
  - (b) Drug-induced death?
  - (c) Domestic violence related death?
  - (d) Suicide?
- (2) In each suburb in the Newtown electorate, how many people residing in public housing requested assistance or support in relation to mental health concerns from the Department of Housing in the last five (5) years?
  - (a) Once reported, what is the average wait time for additional support to be provided by the Department of Housing to the tenant?
  - (b) What additional support is provided?
- (3) How many people residing in public housing in the Newtown electorate have reported domestic and family violence concerns to the Department of Housing in the last five (5) years, categorised per suburb?
  - (a) Once reported, what is the average wait time for additional support to be provided by the Department of Housing to the tenant?
  - (b) What additional support is provided?
  - (c) Does the Department of Housing handle these reports internally or refer them to the police?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW does not keep a record the number of deaths in public housing relating to murder, drugs, domestic violence, or suicide.

When Homes NSW receives advice of a death, it is not always accompanied by information about the cause of death as this may require a final determination through other processes. NSW Police may be able to provide information about numbers and causes of death in the general population.
- (2) Homes NSW does not record the number of people seeking assistance, or a referral for support, or for what purpose they may do so. Homes NSW offers referrals to various support services where clients have given consent.

Homes NSW has a Sustaining Tenancies in Social Housing program which delivers intensive support to tenants, in addition to the Supported Transition and Engagement Program. There are 41 Homes NSW tenants in the Newtown area who are currently being assisted by the Sustaining Tenancies Team.

The NSW Government also announced in the 2023-24 Budget, two Mental Health Housing Liaison Officers in the Sydney and South Eastern Local Health District, which will work with Homes NSW to provide support and advice to staff and residents. We recognise that mental health and housing are often intertwined, which is why we have introduced this measure.
- (3) Homes NSW does not keep a record the number of domestic and family violence incidents reported in public housing.



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Homes NSW staff will offer referrals to various support services, when they become aware of domestic and family violence incidents.

- \* 3239 FACILITIES FOR MACULAR DEGENERATION INJECTIONS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

At which public health facilities within the Northern NSW Local Area Health District is there a clinic for patients to access injections for macular degeneration?

Answer—

I'm advised:

There are no public clinics in NSW Health that provide this specific service. Patients can access this service via private ophthalmologists. Ophthalmologists may offer discounted and, in some cases, bulk bill treatment by negotiation.

- \* 3240 HIGH SCHOOL FOR POTTSVILLE LOCATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What are the location/s of the high school for Pottsville for which planning work is continuing?

Answer—

The Department of Education is continuing its work to identify suitable locations and sites that meet the community's long-term needs. The details of potential school sites remain commercial in confidence while site investigation work continues.

- \* 3241 NURSING GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the first 1300 nursing graduates and students who have received offers under the Tertiary Health Study Subsidy Program:

- (1) How many of the 473 new nursing students offered the \$4000 per year scholarship are located in the postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2489 and 2490?
- (2) How many of the 840 graduating nursing students who have commenced employment with NSW Health offered the \$8000 one-off payment are located in the postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2489 and 2490?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Students are not awarded the Tertiary Health Study Subsidy based on the specific location of their residence or study location.

As at 1 July 2024, NSW Health has offered 1,310 commencing study students a subsidy of \$12,000 paid over 3 years (\$4,000 a year), and 1,384 graduating study students a subsidy of \$8,000.

- \* 3242 INVESTIGATION INTO SEDIMENT RUN-OFF EVENT FROM NEW FOREST HIGH CONSTRUCTION SITE IN ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS—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) What is the status of the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) investigations into the January 2024 run-off event from the construction site of the new Forest High School in Allambie Heights, which led to high levels of sedimentation in tributaries to Manly Dam?

- (2) Can the EPA confirm whether they have determined the January 2024 run-off event to be a formal pollution incident?
- (3) What enforcement options are available for the EPA to respond to the January 2024 run-off event and what is the likelihood they will be pursued?
- (4) Regarding the EPA investigation into the January 2024 run-off event, when can the community expect the investigation to be finalised?
  - (a) Will the investigation report be made public?
    - (i) If so, where?
    - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The EPA's investigation into the alleged incident in January 2024 at the construction site of the new Forest High School in Allambie Heights is complete. The EPA is still investigating a subsequent incident.
- (2) The EPA can confirm that there was insufficient evidence to determine whether ADCO Constructions had caused the pollution incident that occurred in January 2024.
- (3) The enforcement options available to the EPA include advisory and warning letters, penalty notices, or requirements for remedial and clean-up actions.  
  
In response to the alleged incident in January 2024, the EPA has issued an advisory letter to ADCO Constructions (the lead construction contractor) and required it to undertake several remedial actions to improve the site's sediment controls, including installing a new water treatment plant.
- (4) The EPA can confirm that the investigation into the alleged incident at the construction site of the new Forest High School in Allambie Heights in January 2024 is complete.
  - (a) Investigation reports are not normally released publicly as a matter of course. However, I am happy to provide your office with a briefing and further information.  
  
Additionally, my office has provided your electorate office with the EPA's Summary of Regulatory Decision advice, and I am happy to discuss with you any specific questions that you might have about this issue.
    - (i) See response to 4a.
    - (ii) See response to 4a.

\* 3243 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS TASKFORCE CONSIDERATION OF 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 statement made by you in Question Time on the 7th May that you would ask the Safe Staffing Levels Taskforce to 'look at' the Northern Beaches Hospital in relation to the roll out of nurse-to-patient ratios, can you please confirm:
  - (a) Whether a formal direction has been given to the Staff Staffing Levels Taskforce?
  - (b) The exact terms of this request?
  - (c) An estimated timeframe for this investigation?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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The terms and conditions of employees at the Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) are provided by a Healthscope Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and not the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award.

NBH determines how it conduct its operations and manages staffing requirements - similar to NSW Health's contractual arrangements with other commercial entities.

The priority for the Safe Staffing Levels Taskforce is the rollout of SSL in public hospitals.

\* 3244 SUSTAINABLE AND SAFE OPERATING PRACTICES AND APPROPRIATELY SKILLED WORKFORCE 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 does the Government assess whether Healthscope is meeting the 'sustainable and safe' requirement of the below component of the definition of 'Good Operating Practice' as stated on page 49 of the Northern Beaches Hospital Project Deed:
  - (a) 'using reliable, contemporary, sustainable and safe operating practices;'
- (2) Does the 'sustainable and safe' requirement referenced in Question 1 above consider workforce sustainability in terms of conditions and staff profile?
- (3) What is the practical effect of the statement on page 105 of the Northern Beaches Hospital Project Deed that the Operator (Healthscope) accepts all risks in connection with 'attracting and retaining an appropriately skilled workforce at all times'?
- (4) Does the Government have any oversight of whether Northern Beaches Hospital is attracting and retaining an appropriately skilled workforce at all times?
  - (a) If so, what does this oversight involve?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Northern Sydney Local Health District administers the Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) Project Deed on behalf of NSW Health. There are robust governance and reporting structures in place between Healthscope and the District to ensure that all obligations including Good Operating Practice are achieved and monitored on an ongoing basis. The primary method of assessment is the Performance Framework, including close and active monitoring of clinical care provided across the facility.
- (2) Maintaining an appropriate staff profile within the facility is a specific obligation of Healthscope, the Operator of NBH. This is detailed in the NBH Workforce Plan, as approved by NSW Health. Conditions and remuneration for staff within the hospital is the responsibility of Healthscope. 'Sustainable and safe' in the provision of Health Services does not refer specifically to workforce sustainability.
- (3) The Project Deed does not dictate required staffing levels / profile at NBH. However, it obliges Healthscope to meet required safety and quality standards to support the delivery of high quality and safe health care. Recently, the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards independently assessed NBH's standard of care, and the hospital has been recommended for accreditation under the standards for the next 3 years.
- (4) While Healthscope retains all workforce related risk as part of the NBH Project, the District and NSW Health monitor the outcomes of the delivery of care closely, through the established performance regime, and associated clinical and performance reports and audits. Healthscope holds a further obligation to advise of any risks that are identified with respect to attracting and retaining an appropriately skilled workforce.
  - (a) Healthscope provides workforce reporting as per the requirements of the NBH Project Deed, included as a component of the monthly Operational Services Group meeting.

\* 3245 TRAFFIC INCIDENTS ON BALMAIN ROAD—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many crashes or police reports of incidents have there been along the stretch of Balmain Road between The Boulevarde and Wharf Road in the period since 31 July 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) One recorded major traffic crash incident.

Note: Data extracted - 31/07/2023 to 24/06/2024.

Incident Category - Major Traffic Crash, Minor Traffic Crash and Minor Traffic Collision.

\* 3246 SENIORS CARD DISCOUNT DIRECTORY—Mrs Tanya Thompson 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) Why can this only be accessed online?  
(2) For seniors who do not have access to technology, how will they access this?  
(3) Does the Government have plans to provide the directory in hardcopy format as has been available previously?

Answer—

Please see answer to Question on Notice LA 2914.

\* 3247 SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to school suspensions:

- (1) What is the total number of suspensions and expulsions for all Public Schools in the Myall Lakes electorate for the following years:  
(a) 2021?  
(b) 2022?  
(c) 2023?  
(d) 2024?  
(2) What support is provided to Indigenous students who are suspended?  
(3) What support is provided to students with a disability who are suspended?

Answer—

- (1) Suspension data is publicly available at <https://data.nsw.gov.au/search/dataset/ds-nsw-ckan-2b71f581-e36f-42c9-813a-436dbf77548d/details?q=suspension>

Due to a change in the Department of Education's suspension policy from T4 2022 until T4 2023, as well as information technology system changes, suspension data for Term 4, 2022 cannot be provided.

Suspension data for 2023 is being prepared for publication and will be available in Semester 2, 2024.

Suspension data for 2024 has not yet been collected or validated and is not currently available. To protect students' privacy expulsion data has been suppressed due to low numbers.

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- (2) The department has several options available to support the re-engagement of all students who are suspended, including Aboriginal students:
- Suspension centres provide a targeted intervention for students who have been identified by their school as likely to benefit from a structured program to assist their successful return to schooling as soon as possible. They are available to all students who are on a suspension of over five days.
  - Tutorial centres are available to all students who have received suspensions or are at risk of being suspended. Tutorial centres cater for students in Years 5-10 who require intensive behavioural and educational support. The program is usually a 10-20 week intensive behaviour intervention with a continued academic program.
  - Over 2,000 dedicated staff supporting and improving the wellbeing of children and young people in NSW public schools. This support can range from universal approaches to improving students' wellbeing, including developing emotional intelligence, and increasing children and young people's resilience through to individual crisis support.
  - Specific resources to support a successful return to school, the student's learning plan, tailored to individual student needs, and scaffolds to aid student voice and agency during resolution meetings.
  - The department's Team Around a School who can work in partnership with principals and schools to provide support for students across a range of areas, including Aboriginal student support. This may include working with the school to identify and implement culturally appropriate teaching and wellbeing strategies to support a student returning from a suspension.
  - Staff who can specifically support Aboriginal students and families. Aboriginal Attendance Officers work collaboratively with schools to support improved attendance and liaise with principals on attendance issues, especially those relating to Aboriginal students. Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers work collaboratively with schools across networks to support Aboriginal students and their families.
- (3) The department has a number of options available to support the re-engagement of students with a disability who are suspended, including:
- The department's Team Around a School can work partnership with principals and schools to provide support for students across a range of areas, including supporting student with disability and complex support needs. The team includes a range of positions, including assistant principals, learning and support and learning and wellbeing officers. Staff in these roles can support school staff to identify and implement appropriate teaching and wellbeing strategies to support a student with disability returning from a suspension.

\* 3248 NURSING GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the first 1300 nursing graduates and students who have received offers under the Tertiary Health Study Subsidy Program:

- (1) How many of the 473 new nursing students offered the \$4000 per year scholarship are located within the Myall Lakes electorate?
- (2) How many of the 840 graduation nursing students who have commenced employment with NSW Health offered the \$8000 one-off payment are located in the Myall Lakes electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis and statistics for electorates are not held by NSW Health.

\* 3249 PRIVATE WATERCRAFT LICENCES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What was the exact number of private watercraft (PWC) licences on issue to licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2427, 2443, 2444, 2445 as at 1st July in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2023?
  - (c) 2024?
- (2) What was the exact number of Boat licences on issue to licence holders with a residential address located in postcodes 2427, 2443, 2444, 2445 as at 1st July in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2022?
  - (b) 2023?
  - (c) 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) 2022?
  - (b) 2023?
  - (c) 2024?
- (4) 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) 2022?
  - (b) 2023?
  - (c) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
  - (a) 2022: 797.
  - (b) 2023: 820.
  - (c) 2024: 864.
- (2)
  - (a) 2022: 6,946.
  - (b) 2023: 6,996.
  - (c) 2024: 6,968.
- (3) Figures are based on the publicly available fee structure and include the Marine Rescue Levy. Fee increases have not been consistent on 1 July for the last few years.

As a result of COVID, the 2020 fee increase was delayed until 1 April 2021, and there was no further increase on 1 July 2021.

The 2023 fee increase was delayed from July to October 2023, as the increase was not approved prior to the state election.

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PWC Licence Full rate	1/10/23 30/6/24	-	1/7/22 30/9/23	-	1/4/21 30/6/22	-	1/7/19 31/3/21	-	1/7/18 30/6/19	-
1 year	\$210.00		\$197.00		\$192.00		\$190.00		\$186.00	
3 year	\$460.00		\$431.00		\$419.00		\$415.00		\$407.00	
5 year	\$720.00		\$674.00		\$656.00		\$649.00		\$637.00	
10 year	\$1,043.00		\$977.00		\$951.00		\$941.00		\$923.00	
PWC Licence Concession	1/10/23 30/6/24	-	1/7/22 30/9/23	-	1/4/21 30/6/22	-	1/7/19 31/3/21	-	1/7/18 30/6/19	-
1 year	\$105.00		\$99.00		\$96.00		\$95.00		\$93.00	
3 year	\$230.00		\$216.00		\$210.00		\$208.00		\$204.00	
5 year	\$360.00		\$337.00		\$328.00		\$325.00		\$319.00	
10 year	\$522.00		\$489.00		\$476.00		\$471.00		\$462.00	

(4) Figures are based on the publicly available fee structure and include the Marine Rescue Levy. Fee increases have not been consistent on 1 July for the last few years.

As a result of COVID, the 2020 fee increase was delayed until 1 April 2021, and there was no further increase on 1 July 2021.

The 2023 fee increase was delayed from July to October 2023, as the increase was not approved prior to the state election.

General Boat Licence Full Rate	1/10/23 30/6/24	-	1/7/22 30/9/23	-	1/4/21 30/6/22	-	1/7/19 31/3/21	-	1/7/18 30/6/19	-
1 year	\$69.00		\$65.00		\$63.00		\$62.00		\$61.00	
3 year	\$185.00		\$174.00		\$169.00		\$167.00		\$164.00	
5 year	\$292.00		\$273.00		\$266.00		\$263.00		\$258.00	
10 year	\$521.00		\$488.00		\$475.00		\$470.00		\$461.00	
General Boat Licence Concession	1/10/23 30/6/24	-	1/7/22 30/9/23	-	1/4/21 30/6/22	-	1/7/19 31/3/21	-	1/7/18 30/6/19	-
1 year	\$35.00		\$33.00		\$32.00		\$31.00		\$31.00	
3 year	\$93.00		\$87.00		\$85.00		\$84.00		\$82.00	
5 year	\$146.00		\$137.00		\$133.00		\$132.00		\$129.00	
10 year	\$261.00		\$244.00		\$238.00		\$235.00		\$231.00	

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\* 3250 DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Premier—

Can the Premier advise when the Government will host a drug summit to build consensus on the way New South Wales addresses drug use and its harms?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will hold a multiday drug summit, with two days of regional forums in October 2024 and two days of forums in Sydney on 4 and 5 December.

The Drug Summit was an election commitment.

It will bring together medical experts, police, people with lived and living experience, drug user organisations, families, and other stakeholders to provide a range of perspectives and build consensus on the way NSW deals with drug use and harms.

- \* 3251 TAHE RESTRUCTURE - REDUNDANCIES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW (TAHE) restructure to no longer be a state-owned corporation:

- (1) Have there been any redundancies?
  - (a) If yes:
    - (i) How many redundancies?
    - (ii) How much have the redundancies cost?

Answer—

I have been advised that this question is best directed to the Minister for Transport.

- \* 3252 EDUCATION FUNDING ALLOCATION TO THE TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the how much of the 2024-25 New South Wales Budget's \$1.0 billion funding allocation for school maintenance and small upgrades will be allocated to:
  - (a) Chertsey Primary School?
  - (b) Holgate Public School?
  - (c) Pretty Beach Public School?
  - (d) Kincumber Public School?
  - (e) Erina High School?
  - (f) Terrigal Public School?
  - (g) Erina Heights Public School?
  - (h) Copacabana Public School?
  - (i) Woodport Public School?
  - (j) Brisbania Public School?
  - (k) Empire Bay Public School?
  - (l) Avoca Beach Public School?
  - (m) Wamberal Public School?
  - (n) Kincumber High School?
  - (o) Terrigal High School?



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Answer—

Following the previous government's neglect of public school facilities, record funding has been set aside for maintenance and local upgrades through the 2024-25 NSW Budget.

Principals can raise maintenance needs, including any concerns, with their local Asset Services Officer. Allocations for maintenance are made on a needs-basis across each school in addition to any urgent maintenance work which may be required throughout the year. Figures on maintenance expenditure are published annually, and information about works at school sites are shared with school communities as they progress.

\* 3253 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RELIEF FUND—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) As part of New South Wales Government's \$480.7 million Emergency Department Relief Package, can the Minister advise:
  - (a) How the funding will ease emergency department waiting times?
  - (b) How the funding will be allocated to emergency departments across New South Wales?
  - (c) The amount of funding to be allocated to Gosford Hospital and the Central Coast Local Area Health District?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The 2024-25 NSW Budget invests \$480.7 million in a package of initiatives that will help to avoid an estimated 290,000 visits to emergency departments each year once fully implemented.

This package will connect more people across NSW with high quality, accessible and timely care, by expanding alternatives to the emergency department, and by improving the flow of patients through the system. Initiatives within this package will be implemented at both a state and local level.

Funding allocation for statewide initiatives will also benefit local emergency departments. Initiatives include the Single Front Door, Hospital in the Home, Urgent Care Services and Emergency Department Short Stay Units, and the creation of a new discharge and patient flow concierge role.

All local health districts have been provided funding to implement the discharge and patient flow concierge service.

An investment of \$15.1 million (to 2027-28) is also being provided to implement a new Ambulance Matrix that will draw on live emergency department data to provide better information for paramedics and ensure patients are transported to the right location for their condition.

\* 3254 HOUSING IN THE TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Adam Crouch 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) As part of the Minister's Building Homes for NSW Program, can the Minister advise how many:
  - (a) New market affordable homes will be allocated to the Terrigal Electorate as part of the program?
  - (b) Social homes will be allocated to the Terrigal Electorate as part of the program?
  - (c) Rental homes for key workers will be allocated to the Terrigal Electorate as part of the program?
- (2) How much of the \$527.6 million allocated in the 2024-25 Budget for emergency housing be allocated to the Terrigal Electorate or homelessness support services in the Terrigal Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

(a) As the Minister for Housing, I recognise that we need to do more to deliver affordable housing. Whilst affordable market housing falls under the responsibility of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I am working closely with him to ensure that NSW increases its affordable housing.

(b) Homes NSW is always exploring opportunities to deliver additional social and temporary housing across NSW as part of its portfolio strategy, the recent investment in billions of dollars through the NSW Budget and through the Housing Australia Future Fund.

As these commitments are relatively new, we are still working through all of the opportunities to deliver new homes across NSW supported by these historic investments in our social and affordable housing system.

(c) The Building Homes for NSW program will enable the NSW Government to deliver homes for key workers. As the Member can appreciate, exact locations are being determined.

(2) Please see answer to 1b.

\* 3255 TEN YEAR DREDGING PLAN FOR THE ETTALONG CHANNEL—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) Can the Minister provide an update on the ten-year dredging plan for the Ettalong Channel?

(2) Can the Minister advise how funding will be allocated for future dredging of the Ettalong Channel and through which funding stream?

Answer—

I am advised

(1) The plan is to obtain environmental approvals that will be valid for the next ten years. The planning and approvals process is well progressed, and community consultation will commence soon.

(2) The project will be funded through Maritime's dredging budget.

\* 3256 PLANNED PUBLIC HOUSING—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) Are there any Homes NSW projects currently underway that are building new public housing to be owned and managed by Homes NSW, as distinct from social, community, or affordable housing?

If so:

(a) In which local government area(s) will these be located?

(b) What is their estimated timeline for completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 31 May 2024, of the Homes NSW projects that are under contract, 65 projects which will be owned and managed by Homes NSW.

Projects and timelines are as follows:

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LGA	Completion Forecast
Albury	November 2025
Armidale Regional	October 2024
Ballina	May 2025
Bayside	Jan 2026
Campbelltown	June 2027
Canterbury Bankstown	December 2024
Cumberland	July 2025
Dubbo Regional	March 2025
Fairfield	June 2024
Georges River	September 2024
Liverpool	December 2024
Newcastle	April 2025
Orange	November 2024
Parkes	June 2024
Parramatta	February 2026
Randwick	November 2024
Richmond Valley	February 2025
Wollongong	August 2026

\* 3257 TIES TO ISRAEL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE—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—

- (1) Does the New South Wales Government currently have any agreement(s) with the International Defense Cooperation Directorate of the Israel Ministry of Defense or any other Israeli government departments? If so:
  - (a) With which department(s)?
  - (b) When were the agreement(s) entered into?
  - (c) What is the nature of the agreement(s)?
  - (d) When will the agreement(s) end?
- (2) If there are no current agreement(s) of this nature, have any previous agreements of this nature existed? If so:
  - (a) With which department(s)?
  - (b) When were the agreement(s) entered into?
  - (c) What was the nature of the agreement(s)?
  - (d) When did the agreement(s) end?

Answer—

I am advised:

According to NSW Treasury, the NSW Government has not had any previous or current agreements in the past five years with the International Defense Cooperation Directorate of the Israel Ministry of Defense.

The following agreements relevant to my portfolio areas of Industry and Trade and Innovation, Science and Technology:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); a non-binding document between the NSW Government and Israel for Bilateral Cooperation in R&D and Technology Innovation

- The agreement was entered into 6 April 2016.
- The nature of the agreement has been to facilitate, support and encourage research and development partnerships between NSW and Israel based entities.

NSW-Israel R&D Tech Innovation Program

- The agreement was entered into 25 September 2017 and ended in September 2018.
- Established following the 2016 MOU between the NSW Government and Israel for Bilateral Cooperation in R&D and Technology Innovation.

\* 3258 NEW HOME COMPLETION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) By June 2025 and then in each of 2026, 2027, and 2028, what is the government's current estimate of the number of new homes that will be completed by June 2025 by:
  - (a) Landcom (formerly LAHC)?
  - (b) Homes NSW?
  - (c) The private market?
- (2) How does this compare with the number of homes completed by each of the above in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Under the National Housing Accord, NSW has committed to deliver 377,000 new well located homes to 30 June 2029. NSW's housing target includes new homes delivered by the state's housing agencies (Landcom and Homes NSW) and the private market.

- (a) As of 28 June 2024, estimated housing releases by Landcom are:

FY24 1,386

FY25 4,597

FY26\* 4,523

FY27\* 3,346

FY28\* 4,340

\* Includes assumed restocking but excludes 400 new metropolitan build-to-rent homes from FY26. These estimates are subject to change based on future site acquisitions, approval timeframes, rezonings and economic conditions within industry.

- (b) I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Housing.

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- (c) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure estimate of the number of new homes that will be completed by June 2029 is 377,000. This includes homes already in the pipeline (237,400 homes) and new homes projected by planning reforms (139,600 homes).

These estimates are for total housing delivery, including homes delivered by state agencies.

Private market delivery will be affected by economic conditions and a range of local and site-specific factors which will change over time.

- (2) The number of homes completed in NSW to the end of June 2024 will be released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics on 9 October 2024.

\* 3259 KEY WORKER RENTAL HOUSING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to Landcom's Key Worker Build-to-Rent Program:
- (a) Have building sites been identified, and if so:
    - (i) In which suburb(s) are they located?
    - (ii) On what basis were these sites chosen for the program?
  - (b) How many homes are projected to be delivered, and by what date?
  - (c) What occupations are considered "key workers" for the purposes of this program?
  - (d) Are there any projections for how many of the homes delivered through this program will be:
    - (i) Studios?
    - (ii) 1-bedroom homes?
    - (iii) 2-bedroom homes?
    - (iv) 3-bedroom homes?
    - (v) 3+ bedroom homes?
  - (e) Who will manage homes delivered through this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Landcom is currently investigating potential sites for the program to deliver at least 400 new homes, with the expected completion of the first project in 2027. The exact number and make-up of homes will be determined on a site-by-site basis, while eligibility criteria and management arrangements for the program will be subject to a further decision of Government.

\* 3260 BUSES SKIPPING STOPS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Noting the Minister's response to LAQON 2776:

In cases where a trip is not cancelled but a service misses an individual stop, or several stops along a route:

- (1) Are drivers required to log these so that it can be recorded in the Public Transport Information and Priority System?
  - (a) If so, what specific details are recorded?
  - (b) If not, in what manner is this data collected?
- (2) Is a bus being at capacity and being unable to take on additional passengers included in the various reasons for missing a stop?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) Operators are required to record when a whole or part of a trip is cancelled in the Public Transport Information and Priority System. Individual stops missed by buses are not recorded.
- (b) This data is not collected. Where passengers provide feedback that the bus missed their stop, the operator will investigate.
- (2) Yes, a bus at full capacity can be included in the various reasons for a bus missing a specific stop. There are also services operating as limited and express trips with different pickup and stopping patterns.

\* 3261 BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the budget for the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment:

- (1) How much of the \$200 million has already been spent as of June 30, 2024?
- (2) Can you please outline what this expenditure was for?
- (3) Can you please outline what the cost was for each of these expenses?
- (4) Does the remaining budget cover the scope of work?
- (5) When can the community expect a final design of the redevelopment?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The \$200 million funding commitment for the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment remains unchanged.

The 2024-25 NSW Budget includes an allocation of \$12 million towards the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment. The Budget papers indicate that the estimated expenditure on the project to 30 June 2024 was \$7.9 million.

Expenditure to date supported the planning and design activities, including the development of the master plan, concept design and schematic design. It also included due diligence activities on existing infrastructure, site surveys, and geotechnical and town planning advice.

The planning application for the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment is expected to be lodged later this year. Community consultation will be undertaken as part of this process.

\* 3262 CONCESSION RATE FOR CROWN LAND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the concession rate for crown land on private property:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if the concessions from rental prices for crown land situated on private properties has been or will be removed?
- (2) What is the reasoning for removing this concession?
- (3) What is the new rental price increase without the concession?
- (4) Is this a consecutive rise over multiple years?
  - (a) If so, please explain the following years and increases?
- (5) Is any other form of relief provided to landholders accommodate for this increase in rent?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Crown roads were established in the 1800s. Whilst many of these roads have never been constructed, they are still legally Crown public road and are not part of the private properties they adjoin or pass through.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Crown Lands issues enclosure permits to individuals or businesses who have Crown roads within their property so that they can be fenced into the owners' private land and used for purposes such as the grazing stock.

From 1 July 2024, Crown Lands will be phasing out concessions for enclosure permit holders over a two-year period. For holders of multiple enclosure permits, concessions will be phased out over a three-year period.

- (2) Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLMA) (section 6.2), the Department is required to apply statutory minimum rent for enclosure permits. This ensures tenure holders who benefit from the use of Crown land pay a reasonable return on behalf of the people of NSW.
- (3) As of April 2024, 'minimum statutory rent' is \$595.00 per year (adjusted for CPI).
- (4) For customers who hold one enclosure permit, concessions will be phased out over a two-year period. For customers who hold multiple enclosure permits, concessions will be phased out over a three-year period.
  - (a) One enclosure permit: Customers will be charged \$295 from 1 July 2024 and full statutory minimum (adjusted for CPI) from 1 July 2025.
  - (b) Multiple enclosure permits. Customers will be charged \$295 from 1 July 2024, \$413 from 1 July 2025, and full statutory minimum (adjusted by CPI) from 1 July 2026.
- (5) Customers are encouraged to contact the department to discuss their personal circumstances and options for financial assistance, including 12- month payment plans or changes to your billing frequency.

Full details are available at [Financial assistance | Crown Lands \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/financial-assistance/crown-lands)

\* 3263 CONCESSION RATE FOR CROWN LAND ON PRIVATE PROPERTY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the concession rate for crown land on private property:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if the concessions from rental prices for crown land situated on private properties has been or will be removed?
- (2) What is the reasoning for removing this concession?
- (3) What is the new rental price increase without the concession?
- (4) Is this a consecutive rise over multiple years?
  - (a) If so, please explain the following years and increases?
- (5) Is any other form of relief provided to landholders accommodate for this increase in rent?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions (1 - 5) are matters for the Minister for Lands.

- \* 3264 BUDGET FOR NSW POLICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to 2024/2025 State Budget:

- (1) Has the NSW Police Force budget increased or decreased for the net financial year?
- (2) Where is the majority of funding being allocated?
- (3) Where will the \$180 million shortfall be saved from?
- (4) What productivity savings will need to be made to meet the proposed new pay deal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force 2023-24 revised expense budget (excluding depreciation) is \$5.391 billion. This includes a one-off back-payment of \$240.244 million to iCare for workers compensation. The NSW Police Force 2024-25 expense budget (excluding depreciation) is \$5.254 billion. Although the comparison appears to reflect a decrease of \$137 million, to compare the 2023-24 revised budget to the 2024-25 budget, the \$240.244 million workers compensation back-payment should be excluded.
- (2) Employee related expenses.
- (3) The 2024-25 'Other Operating Expenses' budget is approximately \$180 million lower than the 2023-24 operating expenses revised budget. A significant component of the 2023-24 revised budget relates to workers compensation premiums.
- (4) The 2024 Police Award negotiations are ongoing

- \* 3265 BRIDGES FOR THE BUSH—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the budget line Bridges for the bush:

- (1) What bridges have been flagged for upgrade in the Bathurst Electorate?
- (2) What funding has been allocated to the Bathurst Electorate?
- (3) When will works begin?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) No bridges have been flagged for upgrade in the Bathurst Electorate in 2024-25 under the Bridges for the Bush program.  
  
Two bridges in the Bathurst Electorate with upgrades in development are Crossley Bridge at Sofala and Hawthornden Creek Bridge, Bathurst. These upgrades are being funded under the Bridge Maintenance Program.
- (2) No funding has been allocated to the Bathurst Electorate in 2024-25.
- (3) There are currently no planned works under the Bridges for the Bush Program in the Bathurst Electorate.

- \* 3266 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY AT MOUNT VICTORIA PASS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the Great Western Highway at Mount Victoria Pass:

- (1) Are works planned to reopen the currently closed lane on Mount Victoria Pass?



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- (2) What is the scope of works?
- (3) When will works begin?
- (4) How long will the works take to complete?
- (5) What funding has been allocated to this work?

Answer—

I am advised

On 14 July 2022, two slope failures occurred at Victoria Pass, impacting the Great Western Highway. There was a downslope embankment failure that occurred east of the Mitchells Causeway and an upslope cut failure that occurred west of Mitchells Causeway.

Works are planned to repair the slope failures and reopen the lane at two locations east and west of Mitchells Causeway.

Treatment for the upslope failure, west of Mitchells Causeway, will likely include scaling the slope, replacing, and extending drape mesh, installing concrete lined drains, local rock bolting, and potential rock fall fencing.

Treatment for the downslope failure, east of Mitchells Causeway, involves approximately 300 soil nails across the embankment slope and drainage improvements. This will reinforce the road embankment and enable pavement restoration.

Transport for NSW is finalising the scope of work and project approvals. Once this has been determined, the tender process will commence. It is anticipated the project will commence in the first half of 2025. This timing will be confirmed once the successful contractor submits their delivery program.

Construction on the upslope failure is expected to take around six months to complete, weather permitting. The westbound downslope failure is expected to take nine months to complete, weather permitting.

Transport for NSW claim for work is completed and is reimbursed under the Natural Disaster Funding Guidelines. As such, there is no set allocation of funding for this work.

- \* 3267 WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the upgrade and reopening of Wallerawang Train Station:

- (1) Can you please provide an update on this project?
- (2) What scope of works has Transport for NSW assessed?
- (3) When can constituents expect works to begin on Wallerawang Station?
- (4) When can constituents expect Wallerawang Station to be in operation?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Early investigations and survey works have recently commenced on the Wallerawang Station project.
- (2) Transport for NSW is currently assessing the scope and costs associated with reopening the Wallerawang Train Station, including progressing site investigations and design development. These investigations include options that meet operational and safety requirements.
- (3 - 4) Community consultation will be included as part of the design phase. A detailed program will be available once the design works have been completed, which is likely to be in early 2025.

\* 3268 ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM FUNDING—The Hon. Paul Toole 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 budget line Environment and Tourism Funding: Jenolan Caves Visitor Facilities Upgrade:
  - (a) What works does this upgrade include?
  - (b) What is the expected start and completion date?
  - (c) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding?
- (2) In relation to the budget line Environment and Tourism Funding: Jenolan Caves House Revitalisation Project:
  - (d) What works does this upgrade include?
  - (e) What is the expected start and completion date?
  - (f) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the Jenolan Caves Visitor Facilities Upgrade is the responsibility of the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Western NSW and Minister for Regional NSW.
- (2) I am advised that the Jenolan Caves House Revitalisation Project is the responsibility of the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Western NSW and Minister for Regional NSW.

\* 3269 WATER SECUTIRY FOR REGIONS—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—

In relation to 2024/2025 State Budget's water security for regions program:

- (1) What is the scope of works for this pipeline?
- (2) Can you outline the location of the Orange to Blayney and Carcoar pipeline?
- (3) When are works due to begin and completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A pipeline between Lake Rowlands Dam and Carcoar Dam is one of the options being explored in the Final Business Case (FBC) for the Belubula Water Security Scheme. The Belubula FBC will also consider the raising of Lake Rowlands Dam; building a new dam downstream of Lake Rowlands; and operational rules for an interregional pipeline connecting the Belubula and Macquarie valleys.
- (2) The existing pipeline runs from Orange through Spring Hill, Millthorpe, Blayney and Carcoar. The location options for a new pipeline will be explored during the Final Business Case process.
- (3) The Final Business Cae is expected to be completed mid 2026. Once this is completed, the NSW Government will be able to consider the preferred option and potential future construction on works.

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- \* 3270 VETERAN AFFAIRS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With reference to the Government's NSW Veteran Action Plan (2023-2024)

- (1) Since May 2023, what programs to support veterans has the Government funded in the Kiama Electorate?
- (2) How many veterans are enrolled in training programs?
- (3) How many veterans are employed in the public service and how does this compare with earlier years?
- (4) Which LGAs have you worked with in relation to your local government employment initiative?
- (5) Since May 2023, how many veterans have accessed rent choice?
- (6) Since May 2023, how many projected calls has your Department made and how many referrals to services?
- (7) Did you reduce the veteran rate of suicide in New South Wales by 20% by 2023?
- (8) Has the 2024-25 budget impacted funding allocations for "towards zero suicide initiatives" as outlined in the strategy?
- (9) What is the Government's plans beyond the 2023-2024 strategy?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) administers the Community War Memorials Fund (CWMF), the Anzac Community Grants Program (ACGP), and the Minister for Veterans' Discretionary Fund. All recipient details from May 2023 to the present are publicly available on at
  - <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/community-war-memorials-fund/>
  - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/community-war-memorials-fund>
  - <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-community-grants-program/>
  - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/anzac-community-grants-program>
  - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/minister-for-veterans-discretionary-fund>
- (2) In the past 6 months (Jan-Jun 24), 81 veterans and 7 recognised spouses/partners have enrolled in courses provided under the Veterans Skills Program.  
In the past 6 months (Jan-Jun 24), 368 veterans have registered under the NSW TAFE Ranks to Recognition Program for support/guidance and 147 have enrolled in TAFE NSW courses.
- (3) The exact number of veterans employed in the Public Service is not known due former ADF member needing to self-identify. From an approximate workforce of 430,000 the 2023 People Matter Employee Survey (PMES) received 204,846 (47.6%) responses against the question, "Have you ever been a serving full-time member of the Australian Defence Force, or a reservist on fulltime continuous service?"
- (4) There are currently twenty-one LGAs in NSW which have established their own form of a Veterans Employment Program.
- (5) The number of households supported through the Rent Choice Veterans program for the 2022/23 financial year is available through Family and Community Services Insights Analysis and Research (FACSIAR) at the following website:  
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/ASR2022-23Housingpage2/Housing-tempaccom>

- (6) The Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has legislated responsibility for the health and wellbeing of veterans. The Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) supports veterans through the whole of government strategy and associated action plans. OVA does not provide a formal referral service.
- (7) The "Towards Zero Suicides Initiative" is led by the NSW Ministry of Health. The target stated in the NSW Veterans Action Plan 2023/24, is not a veteran-specific target. The current NSW Government was elected in March 2023.
- (8) The "Towards Zero Suicides Initiative" is led by the NSW Ministry of Health. Any impacts due to the 2024/25 budget will need to be confirmed by the NSW Ministry of Health.
- (9) The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs is currently working on the development of the next NSW Veterans Strategy 2025-2028 and two-year NSW Veterans Action Plan 2025-2026.
- (10) The NSW Office for Veterans Affairs is currently working on the development of the next NSW Veterans Strategy 2025-2028 and two-year NSW Veterans Action Plan 2025-2026.

\* 3271 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS (UPDATE)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Local Government—

Noting Question 325 (answered 27 June 2023), can you provide an updated count (2022-23) of complaints lodged for:

- (1) Wollongong City Council?
- (2) Shellharbour City Council?
- (3) Kiama Municipal Council?
- (4) Shoalhaven City Council?
- (5) For the same year, which Councils in New South Wales have received the most complaints, and which the least?
- (6) Is there a reason the 2021-22 and 2022-23 statistics have not been updated on the Office of Local Government (OLG) website?
- (7) What were the contributing factors associated with the spikes in Council complaints in 2015-16 and 2020-21?

Answer—

- (1 - 6) Complaint statistics for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are publicly available on the Office of Local Government website.
- (7) The statistics are generated from information from councils and members of the public.

\* 3272 GRANTS, FUNDING AND STRATEGY FOR WOMEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Since May 2023, what programs to support women has the Government funded in the Kiama Electorate?
- (2) When will the 2024-2025 Minister for Women Discretionary Funds open?
- (3) When will the 2024 NSW Rural Women's Gathering Fund open?
- (4) When will the 2024 Women in Business Networks Grants open?
- (5) Can the Minister provide an interim report on the new initiatives and funding allocations (three pillars) as outlined in the NSW Women's Strategy Summary 2023–2026?
- (6) Have any Women's Action Plans by Government Agencies been completed?

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Answer—

- (1) Since May 2023 the NSW Government has funded the following programs for women living in the Kiama Electorate.
  - Regional Arts NSW was funded with \$150,000 to support regional women to develop creative businesses. This project includes delivery in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven and Southern NSW regions.
  - Surfing NSW was funded with \$99,064 for the Coaching Career Development Strategy to provide a nationally accredited surf coaching certification, on-the-job training, mentorship and employment across NSW including in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven region.

There are numerous other grants delivered state-wide, which women in the Kiama electorate can access. Details can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/women-nsw/women-nsw-grants-and-funding>
- (2) Funding is allocated at the Minister's discretion.
- (3) This information is publicly available.
- (4) The 2024-25 Women in Business Networks Grant will open in late 2024-25.
- (5) The NSW Government documents the progress of the NSW Women's Strategy 2023-2026 through annual report cards. The 2024 Report Card is available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/women-nsw/nsw-womens-strategy/nsw-womens-strategy-2024-report-card>.
- (6) The NSW Government has adopted a phased approach to implementing Gender Equality Action Plans. To date, a pilot has taken place and 10 Departments are in the process of drafting their plans which will be finalised in 2025.

\* 3273 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise:
  - (a) The exact payroll tax revenue paid by businesses registered in the following post codes: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622 for each of the following years:
    - (i) 2022/23?
    - (ii) 2021/22?
    - (iii) 2020/21?
    - (iv) 2019/20?
    - (v) 2018/19?
  - (b) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622 for each of the following years:
    - (i) 2022/23?
    - (ii) 2021/22?
    - (iii) 2020/21?
    - (iv) 2019/20?
    - (v) 2018/19?
  - (c) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2527, 2529, 2530, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2540, 2541, 2577, 2622 currently have a payroll tax liability?

Answer—

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

- \* 3274 SERVICING ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST NSW—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to Service NSW Centres in the Illawarra and South Coast:

- (1) Can you list Service NSW locations and their closures (during normal business hours) each year for the last three years for the Kiama electorate?
- (2) Who decides whether a Service NSW Centre is closed for the day?
- (3) What reasons can cause unscheduled closures?
- (4) Are Service NSW Centres in the Illawarra and South Coast sufficiently staffed?
- (5) How does the Department communicate with the public closure of a Service Centre due to a lack of staff?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Service NSW Service Centre at Nowra was closed for three days and for part of two days in the last three years due to refurbishment works, adverse weather, flooding (preventing safe access for staff) and a utilities meter replacement.  
  
The Service NSW Service Centre at Kiama was closed for eight days in 2022 due to COVID-19 and staff shortages. The centre also closed at 4:30pm for three days in July 2022.
- (2) Approval to close or change operating hours sits with the Service NSW Incident Controller for imminent threats and the Regional Manager for other matters.
- (3) Service centres may close unexpectedly during normal business areas for a range of reasons including:
  - Power outages.
  - Urgent maintenance works to address safety or health issues.
  - Extreme weather events such as floods and bushfires.
  - Weather conditions preventing staff from safely accessing a centre.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The dates and times of service centre closures are communicated through the Service NSW website, Google listing hours, and via signage at service centres.

- \* 3275 ELDER ABUSE AND THE NSW AGEING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to reported increases in abuse against older people and people with a disability:

- (1) What budget support has been allocated 2024-25 for the Commission?
- (2) Are there plans to support changes to better regulate Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA) documents in New South Wales?
- (3) Are you considering formalising mechanisms to register, update or verify EPOAs?
- (4) Can you provide data or insights on how many EPOAs have been found to be fraudulent over an appropriate timeframe?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Ageing and Disability Commissioner has a current baseline budget of \$5.03 million in 2024/25. The Department of Communities and Justice will reprioritise an additional \$2.6 million to mitigate the funding shortfall faced by the Commission, bringing their total available funding to \$7.6million in 2024/25.
- (2 - 3) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.
- (4) Approximately 1% of all allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation reported to the ADC were about financial abuse via misuse of an adult with disability's Power of Attorney or Enduring Power of Attorney.

The ADC is not currently able to report on the numbers of EPOAs that were fraudulent, for a range of reasons, including:

- Not all of the matters have been the subject of investigation; some cases have been resolved through other actions.
- In many cases, the misuse of the EPOA has been unintentional, and has been due to the appointed attorney being unaware of their responsibilities.

\* 3276 GRANTS AND SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE AND DAIRY—Mr Gareth Ward 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 financial assistance for farmers affected by flooding:

- (1) What investments has your department made in the Kiama electorate?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to provide grants rather than flood recovery loans?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Has the Minister advocated the Federal Government for grants instead of loans?
- (4) If so, has the Federal Government responded to this request and will you make this response public?
- (5) How many farmers took up disaster assistance grants in 2022?
- (6) How many farmers have taken up loans on offer since they were announced in April this year?
- (7) Can the Minister provide a breakdown and comparison of number of loans versus grants by LGA since 2022?
- (8) How is the Government supporting the dairy industry in dealing with milk price cuts?

Answer—

- (1) Since 1 January 2022, \$3,617,440 in assistance measures for natural disaster declarations have been disbursed:
  - AGRN 1012 - NSW severe weather and flooding from 22 February 2022.
  - AGRN 1025 - NSW severe weather and flooding from 27 June 2022.
  - AGRN 1119 - NSW East Coast Flooding from 1 April 2024.
- (2) Referred to Minister Dib to respond.
- (3) The NSW Government engages actively with its Federal counterpart to ensure that the farmers have the appropriate supports to deal with flooding and other major weather events.
- (4) See response 3.
- (5) 18,480 customers received disaster assistance grants over the following events in 2022:

- AGRN 996 - Lithgow severe storm and flash flooding as of 11 January 2022.
  - AGRN 1001 - Southern NSW storms and floods from 5 January 2022.
  - AGRN 1012 - NSW severe weather and flooding from 22 February 2022.
  - AGRN 1025 - NSW severe weather and flooding from 27 June 2022.
  - AGRN 1030 - NSW severe weather and flooding from 4 August 2022.
  - AGRN 1034 - NSW flooding from 14 September 2022.
- (6) Five (5) applications have been received for Category B primary producer assistance for AGRN 1119 - NSW East Coast flooding from 1 April 2024.
- (7) Grants recipients can be searched via LGA under the Grants Administration Guidelines requirements at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.
- (8) The NSW Government is supporting the dairy industry through:
- Providing a specialist dairy industry development team in DPIRD Agriculture and Biosecurity, comprising three Development Officers, 4 project officers and a Manager, all dedicated to the dairy industry. This team works closely with relevant LLS staff to support dairy farm businesses in NSW through the delivery of projects and other activities.
  - Implementing the Dairy Industry Action Plan.
  - Funding research and industry development projects under DairyUP and Dairy Strategy for Sector Recovery (SFIRP) to improve productivity and market opportunities, as well as supporting industry recovery from recent disasters and building resilience.
  - The Department provides farm business management resources and support to help farmers determine the impact of price changes on their business and pursue alternative milk supply arrangements where they are available.

\* 3277 SMALL BUSINESS BUREAU—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

With reference to Question 2408 and your answer on 14 March 2024:

- (1) What is its budget?
- (2) How many full-time staff comprise the approximate 271 staff earlier reported?
- (3) How many full-time staff are advisors?
- (4) Where is the Bureau's office located?
- (5) Will the Bureau be doing outreach and is there a program / schedule for public access?
- (6) Does the Bureau have any regulatory functions?
- (7) What reforms has the bureau recommended since its operation?
- (8) How many on-site visits to small businesses has the Bureau undertaken?
- (9) How many industry events has the Bureau held:
  - (a) Online?
  - (b) In person?
    - (i) Sydney and Metro?
    - (ii) Regional NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Service NSW Business Bureau was allocated \$30M for 2024/25.



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- (2) There are currently 244 full-time (FTE) staff within the 271 reported earlier.
- (3) The Service NSW Business Bureau's advisory service, Business Connect, has 143 advisors.
- (4) Service NSW staff are located across NSW.
- (5) The Service NSW Business Bureau continues to conduct outreach both in person and over the phone to provide support for small businesses in their local area. Outreach activities in local areas occur on a weekly basis. There is not a published schedule of activities.
- (6) The Service NSW Business Bureau does not have any regulatory functions, however it works with regulators to promote proactive compliance.
- (7) The Service NSW Business Bureau is working across Government to implement the NSW Charter for Small Business. Key initial progress under the Charter includes:
  - NSW Procurement Board issuing a Direction that raises the threshold for direct negotiation with small and medium businesses from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for goods and services, and only requires insurance to be demonstrated when a contract is awarded
  - The Business Bureau response to small business pain points including partnering with:
    - Transport for NSW to support small businesses impacted by the Rockdale sinkhole
    - Department of Primary Industry in response to regulations to manage the spread of fire ants in northern NSW
    - Department of Primary Industry and Environment Protection Agency to respond to critical supply chain issues in the meat industry
    - Premiers Department to deliver a business hub in Bondi Junction Westfield to assist small businesses impacted by the recent incident
    - NSW Fair Trading to support regulatory awareness and compliance in the motor vehicle repair industry.
  - Establishing a triage and referral pathway between the Bureau and Investment NSW to support small businesses seeking advice on selling their goods and services overseas.
  - Discussions with NSW Procurement and ICT Procurement to progress work on small business procurement targets and metrics.
- (8) Business Concierges have been meeting with small businesses primarily in local service centres through booked appointments, with 402 appointment bookings since October 2023. Bureau staff also meet with businesses at the location of their request.
- (9) The Service NSW Business Bureau has held 425 events since its launch in October 2023.
  - (a) 310
  - (b) 115
    - (i) 65
    - (ii) 50

\* 3278 COMMUNITY AND PLACE GRANTS - CLOSING THE GAP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN—The Hon. Leslie Williams 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—

Under the Closing the Gap 2022-24 Implementation Plan, \$30 million was committed across two years to Community and Place Grants:

- (1) Will the Community and Place Grants continue in 24/25?

- (a) If so, what budget allocation has been provided?

Answer—

Projects funded in 2023/2024 under Round 2 of the program will be able to apply for further funding in 2024/2025 under Community and Place Grants. \$5 million has been allocated for this program in 2024/2025.

A Closing the Gap Implementation Plan is being developed for 2025 onwards. Future spending arrangements relating to Closing the Gap will be considered as part of the budget process.

- \* 3279 NSW CAPO—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

Regarding the Government's commitment to NSW CAPO (Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations) and Closing the Gap:

- (1) What funding has been provided to NSW CAPO for Closing the Gap shared decision making partnerships in 24/25?

Answer—

\$4.587 million in funding has been allocated for 2024-25 to the NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak organisations (NSW CAPO) under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

- \* 3280 DATA CONNECTORS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM—The Hon. Leslie Williams 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—

Of the \$3.5 million allocated in the Budget this week, what is allocated to the Data Connectors, and what is allocated to the Government Accountability Mechanism?

Answer—

\$3.526 million in funding associated with Closing the Gap was announced as part of the 2024-25 NSW Budget. This funding was allocated as follows:

- \$0.750 million to support work under the 2024-25 NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan. This includes funding to support the continued delivery of work commenced under the 2022-2024 NSW Closing the Gap Implementation Plan, such as the Independent Accountability Mechanism;
- \$2.776 million to continue reforms related to Priority Reform Four for data connector services.

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- 3281 NSW LAND TAX—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) How many individuals whose residential addresses are recorded as being in one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 - paid any form of New South Wales land tax in the following financial years:

- (a) 2018-19?  
(b) 2019-20?

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- (c) 2020-21?
- (d) 2021-22?
- (e) 2022-23?
- (f) 2023-24?
- (2) How many individuals whose residential addresses are recorded as being in one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 - paid general land tax in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
  - (f) 2023-24?
- (3) How many individuals whose residential addresses are recorded as being in one of the following postcodes - 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 - paid premium land tax in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19?
  - (b) 2019-20?
  - (c) 2020-21?
  - (d) 2021-22?
  - (e) 2022-23?
  - (f) 2023-24?

3282 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Could the Minister please advise:
  - (a) The exact payroll tax revenue paid by businesses registered in the following post codes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 for each of the following years:
    - (i) 2023/24?
  - (b) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 paid payroll tax in each of the following years:
    - (i) 2023/24?
  - (c) How many businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084 currently have an overdue payroll tax liability?

3283 LAND VALUATION SYSTEM REPORT—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Could the Minister please provide an update in respect of each of the 29 recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on the Office of the Valuer General's Inquiry into the land valuation system report tabled on 2 May 2013?

3284 WAIT TIMES FOR ENDOCRINOLOGISTS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the current average wait time for a resident to obtain an appointment with an endocrinologist via the Mona Vale Community Health Centre?
  - (a) What was the average wait time for each of the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018-19?
    - (ii) 2019-20?
    - (iii) 2020-21?
    - (iv) 2021-22?
    - (v) 2022-23?
    - (vi) 2023-24?
- (2) What is the current average wait time for a resident to obtain an appointment with an endocrinologist via the Brookvale Community Health Centre?
  - (a) What was the average wait time for each of the following financial years:
    - (i) 2018-19?
    - (ii) 2019-20?
    - (iii) 2020-21?
    - (iv) 2021-22?
    - (v) 2022-23?
    - (vi) 2023-24?

3285 HOUSING POLICY—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to the Government's low-rise and mid-rise housing policy, following the changes announced in June 2024 which are applicable to R2 zones from 1 July 2024, could the Minister please advise:
  - (a) The exact number of lots in the Pittwater electorate which are zoned R2?
  - (b) The exacts number of lots in the Northern Beaches LGA which are zoned R2?
  - (c) The exact number of lots to which the changes apply in the Northern Beaches LGA?
  - (d) The exact number of lots to which the changes apply in the Pittwater electorate?

3286 EXECUTIVES AT ICARE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) How many executives or senior executives were employed at iCare as at:
  - (a) The current date or most recent date for which records are held?
  - (b) 30 June 2024?
  - (c) 30 June 2023?
  - (d) 30 June 2022?
  - (e) 30 June 2021?
  - (f) 30 June 2020?

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- (2) How many executives or senior executives employed at iCare are not residents of New South Wales as at:
- (a) The current date or most recent date for which records are held?
  - (b) 30 June 2024?
  - (c) 30 June 2023?
  - (d) 30 June 2022?
  - (e) 30 June 2021?
  - (f) 30 June 2020?

3287 CANCELLED BUS SERVICES—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the period from 1 March 2024 – 5 August 2024, or the latest date for which data is available (if this is the case, please advise the date), could the Minister please advise the exact number of scheduled services cancelled for each of the following bus services:
- (a) The B Line bus route?
  - (b) 151-bus route?
  - (c) 154X bus route?
  - (d) 155-bus route?
  - (e) 156-bus route?
  - (f) 160X bus route?
  - (g) 182-bus route?
  - (h) 190X-bus route?
  - (i) 191-bus route?
  - (j) 192-bus route?
  - (k) 196-bus route?
  - (l) 197-bus route?
  - (m) 199-bus route?

3288 BUS PASSENGERS BY ROUTE AND TIME—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—

Could the Minister please advise:

- (1) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (2) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (3) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Narrabeen B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (4) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday – Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (5) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?

- (6) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Warriewood B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday between 1 July 2023 –30 June 2024?
- (7) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) between 6am and 9am, every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (8) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) between 9am and 11.59pm, every Monday –Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (9) The average number of B1 passengers beginning their trip at Mona Vale B Line stop (southbound) every Saturday - Sunday between 1 July 2023 –30 June 2024?
- (10) The average number of passengers for the 199 route beginning their trip Avalon Beach SLSC, Barrenjoey Road (southbound) [Stop ID:210728] every Monday – Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (11) The average number of passengers for the 190X route beginning their trip Avalon Beach, Barrenjoey Road after Avalon Parade (southbound)  
[Stop ID:2107108] every Monday – Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (12) The average number of trips for the McCarrs Creek to Mona Vale 156 route every Monday – Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (13) The average number of trips for the Mona Vale to McCarrs Creek 156 route every Monday – Friday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (14) The average number of trips for the McCarrs Creek to Mona Vale 156 route every Saturday - Sunday between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
- (15) The average number of trips for the Mona Vale to McCarrs Creek 156 route between 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?

3289 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES - 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—

- (1) How many traffic accidents occurred on Mona Vale Road during:
  - (a) 2009/10?
  - (b) 2010/11?
  - (c) 2011/12?
  - (d) 2012/13?
  - (e) 2013/14?
  - (f) 2014/15?
  - (g) 2015/16?
  - (h) 2016/17?
  - (i) 2017/18?
  - (j) 2018/19?
  - (k) 2019/20?
  - (l) 2020/21?
  - (m) 2021/22?
  - (n) 2022/23?

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- (o) 2023/24?
- (2) How many fatalities occurred on Mona Vale Road during:
  - (a) 2009/10?
  - (b) 2010/11?
  - (c) 2011/12?
  - (d) 2012/13?
  - (e) 2013/14?
  - (f) 2014/15?
  - (g) 2015/16?
  - (h) 2016/17?
  - (i) 2017/18?
  - (j) 2018/19?
  - (k) 2019/20?
  - (l) 2020/21?
  - (m) 2021/22?
  - (n) 2022/23?
  - (o) 2023/24?

3290 AVIATION FUEL PIPELINE TO WESTERN SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) What work is Transport for NSW (TfNSW) doing to develop an aviation fuel pipeline to Western Sydney International Airport?
  - (a) If yes, what is the estimated cost of a pipeline?
- (2) How much aviation fuel is expected to be required by Western Sydney International Airport in:
  - (a) 2026?
  - (b) 2027?
  - (c) 2028?
  - (d) 2029?
- (3) Have TfNSW done traffic modelling for the increased heavy vehicle traffic to Western Sydney International Airport.
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) How many extra heavy vehicles will be required to transport aviation fuel to Western Sydney International Airport in:
  - (a) 2026?
  - (b) 2027?
  - (c) 2028?
  - (d) 2029?

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3291 INTERIM REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Did you or your office direct the Office of Local Government to issue an interim report for the Section 430 investigation into Liverpool City Council?
- (2) If so, did you, your office, or the Office of Local Government seek any legal advice into the legality of the interim report?
- (3) Did you, your office, or the Office of Local Government attempt to table the interim report in Parliament?

3292 PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION INTO LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Have you read the interim report into the Section 430 investigation into Liverpool City Council?
- (2) If yes, did you have any concerns relating to procedural fairness afforded to individuals named in the interim report?
- (3) If yes, did you raise any concerns with the Office of Local Government regarding procedural fairness?
- (4) Was either yourself, your office, or the Office of Local Government advised to redact names in the interim report?
- (5) Why was it decided for the names to be published instead of redacted?

3293 MINING LEASE RENEWALS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) Will the Minister consider the provision of written confirmation for mining lease renewals and title revalidation application submissions?

3294 SPECIAL DISASTER FLOOD GRANT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many ‘Rights of Review’ submissions were received relating to the Special Disaster Flood Grant scheme through the Rural Assistance Authority?
  - (a) Of those individual reviews, Can the Minister advise how many of these submissions were successful?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what situations were considered and approved under the circumstance of ‘Compassionate Grounds’?

3295 REGIONAL MEDIA FUND ROUND 2—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) When will applications for Regional Media Fund Round Two open?
- (2) Will the eligibility and guidelines for Round Two be the same as Round One?

3296 \$1 BILLION TOWARDS RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—



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With respect to the Government's investment of \$1 billion towards rural and regional capital works projects:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what is the break-up of the \$1 billion and how will it be allocated across rural and regional capital works projects?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise over what time frame will it take for these rural and regional capital works projects to be delivered?

3297 \$250 MILLION TO DELIVER CRITICAL MAINTENANCE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the Government's investment of the \$250 million to delivery critical a maintenance program at hospitals and health facilities across New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what is the break-up of the \$250 million and how will it be allocated across rural and regional areas?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what critical maintenance has been identified in the following health facilities across the Cootamundra electorate:
  - (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?

3298 ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR COWRA HOSPITAL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the additional 250 healthcare works under the Government's Essential Health Services Fund:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many additional staff will be allocated to Cowra Hospital?
- (2) Of these additional staff how many will be:
  - (a) Full-time?
  - (b) Part-time?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what areas will these nurses specialise in?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise how long is this commitment?
- (5) Would the Minister please advise when will these new nurses commence work at Cowra Hospital?

3299 BUILDING HOMES FOR NSW PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the Building Homes for NSW program, which will restore and fix over 33,500 social homes to make them safe and liveable:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise of the 33,500 homes across the state, how many additional homes will be restored and fix across the Cootamundra electorate?
  - (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra – Gundagai Region?
  - (e) Hilltops Region?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will these works will be completed and the homes be made available to those in need?

3300 CHILDCARE CENTRES ACROSS THE ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to childcare centres:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many children are currently on waiting lists for childcare centres across the Cootamundra electorate:
  - (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra-Gundagai Region?
  - (e) Hilltops Region?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Junee Shire?
- (2) What is the Government doing to support families who require essential childcare so they can continue to work?
- (3) What is the Government doing to ensure no child is on a waiting list for childcare?

3301 DIGITAL FUTURE FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—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 plan for a secure digital future for New South Wales:

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- (1) Would the Minister please advise how can people be assured that their identity and information will be kept confidential and safe from data breaches?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how will the following people be supported in this space:
  - (a) Those with limited digital connectivity?
  - (b) Those with no digital connectivity?
  - (c) Those unable to afford digital technology?
  - (d) Those unable to use digital technology?
  - (e) Those in isolated communities with no means of transport to a Service NSW Centre?
  - (f) Those who choose not to use digital technology?

3302 DOCTORS IN GRENFELL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Doctors in Grenfell:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise when Weddin Street Medical Practice closed its doors?
- (2) Since the closure of Weddin Street Medical Practice, would the Minister please advise how many Category 4 and Category 5 presentations have been made to Grenfell Multi-Purpose Service since then?
- (3) Since the closure of Weddin Street Medical Practice, would the Minister please advise how many patients have been transferred to:
  - (a) Young Hospital?
  - (b) Cowra Hospital?
  - (c) Orange Hospital?
  - (d) Bathurst Hospital?
- (4) Of these how many were a return trip?
- (5) Would the Minister please advise how these numbers differ from the same period last year?

3303 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to the Domestic Animal Management Plan:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what is being done to address issues caused by cats?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how is the Office of Local Government working with Local Councils to enforce cat curfews?

3304 FUNDING FOR CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

With respect to the \$527 million investment in frontline homelessness services, which will increase funding for crisis accommodation:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many additional crisis accommodation places will be made available for people experiencing homelessness and families in need of access to safe shelter across the Cootamundra electorate?

- (a) Bland Shire?
  - (b) Coolamon Shire?
  - (c) Cowra Shire?
  - (d) Cootamundra – Gundagai Region?
  - (e) Hilltops Region?
  - (f) Junee Shire?
  - (g) Narrandera Shire?
  - (h) Temora Shire?
  - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will these additional crisis accommodation homes be made available to those in need?
- 3305 AUTHORISED POLICE STRENGTH IN THE HILLS COMMAND—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) With respect to the Hills Local Area Command can you please advise:
- (a) What was the authorised strength for the Hills Local Area Command as at 30 June 2024?
  - (b) What was actual strength of the Hills Area Local Command as at 30 June 2024?
- 3306 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Mr Mark Hodges 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:
- (a) The exact payroll tax revenue paid by businesses registered in the following postcodes: 2125, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2765: for each of the following years:
    - (i) 2019/2020?
    - (ii) 2020/2021?
    - (iii) 2021/2022?
    - (iv) 2022/2023?
    - (v) 2023/2024?
  - (b) How many businesses were registered in each of the following postcodes: 2125, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2765 for each of the following years:
    - (i) 2019/2020?
    - (ii) 2020/2021?
    - (iii) 2021/2022?
    - (iv) 2022/2023?
    - (v) 2023/2024?
  - (c) How many businesses registered in each of the following postcodes: 2125, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2765 have a current tax liability for payroll tax?
- 3307 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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Can the Minister advise with respect to the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program:

- (1) Are there any plans for the CBP Program for 2024/2025?
- (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative what are those plans?

3308 PAY INCREASE FOR NSW NURSES AND MIDWIVES—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the average annual salary for a registered nurse or midwife in the Oxley electorate?
- (2) Does the Government plan to fulfil the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association's request for a 15% pay increase for all nurses and midwives in New South Wales?
  - (a) If not, what steps is the Government taking to improve pay conditions for nurses and midwives?
  - (b) Can you provide a timeframe for improving pay conditions for nurses and midwives?

3309 TAFE RESTRUCTURE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Is the Government planning to restructure TAFE NSW?
  - (a) If so, how many jobs are under review, whether teaching or non-teaching roles?
    - (i) Of these, how many are based in the Ryde electorate?

3310 BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES REVERSAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

What plans does the Government have to reverse bus timetable changes in the Ryde electorate, given delays to the opening of Sydney Metro, which were the catalyst for these timetable changes?

3311 THRESHOLD FOR NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is there a threshold of any kind that exists for the Department of Planning to require the construction of a new school in a given precinct or region?
  - (a) If so, what is this threshold and how is this calculated or determined?
  - (b) If not, why not?

3312 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SYDNEY WATER - WEST RYDE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to develop housing on any part of the Sydney Water site at West Ryde?
  - (a) If none, can your Department rule out any future or sale or development of the site during this term of Parliament?

3313 GOVERNMENT'S LAND AUDIT - SYDNEY WATER SITE AT 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—

- (1) Will any future tranches of the Government's Land Audit identify any part of the Sydney Water site at West Ryde for new housing development?

3314 LAND TAX IN NSW COMPARED TO OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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Presented separately for each state and territory in Australia, how do New South Wales land tax arrangements compare?

3315 STAFF CEASING EMPLOYMENT - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) For any reason, how many staff ceased employment with the Department of Education in the 12 months to:
- (a) 30 June 2024?
  - (b) 31 June 2023?
  - (c) 31 June 2022?
  - (d) 31 June 2021?
  - (e) 31 June 2020?

3316 STAFF CEASING EMPLOYMENT - OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) For any reason, how many staff ceased employment with the Office of Local Government in the 12 months to:
- (a) 30 June 2024?
  - (b) 31 June 2023?
  - (c) 31 June 2022?
  - (d) 31 June 2021?
  - (e) 31 June 2020?

3317 STAFF CEASING EMPLOYMENT - OFFICE OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—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—

- (1) For any reason, how many staff ceased employment with the Office of Health and Medical Research in the 12 months to:
- (a) 30 June 2024?
  - (b) 31 June 2023?
  - (c) 31 June 2022?
  - (d) 31 June 2021?
  - (e) 31 June 2020?

3318 TWEED HEADS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE - CURRENT SERVICES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can you provide a list of the healthcare services currently operating at the Tweed Heads Community Health Centre as well as a list of the healthcare services planned to be provided here in the future?

3319 PHARMACY TRIAL FOR UNCOMPLICATED URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS—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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Under the 12-month New South Wales pharmacy trial, how many women in postcodes in the Tweed Electorate (2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2788, 2489, 2490) accessed treatment from their local community pharmacist for uncomplicated urinary tract infections?

3320 TERTIARY HEALTH STUDY SUBSIDY PROGRAM—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 first 1300 nursing graduates and students who have received offers under the Tertiary Health Study Subsidy Program:
  - (a) How many of the 473 new nursing students offered the \$4000 per year scholarship are located within postcodes in the Tweed Electorate (2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2788, 2489, 2490)?
  - (b) How many of the 840 graduating nursing students who have commenced employment with NSW Health offered the \$8000 one-off payment are located within postcodes in the Tweed Electorate (2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2788, 2489, 2490)?

3321 FURTHER TO RESPONSE #2807—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the answer to QON # 2807, when does the Government expect to finish considering the feedback received on the Driving NSW's Circular Economy Discussion Paper?

3322 RAPID OUTREACH SERVICE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the Rapid Outreach Service providing care to the Tweed, Byron and Murwillumbah communities:

- (1) What date did this service become operational?
- (2) How many patients have accessed this service since it became operational?
- (3) How many patients who have access this service were from postcodes within the Tweed Electorate (2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2788, 2489, 2490)?

3323 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING PASS - EAST CAR PARK 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—

What are the eligibility requirements for patients to obtain a parking pass/security gate fob for the East Car Park at Tweed Valley Hospital?

3324 NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT DRUG AND ALCOHOL RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION BROKERAGE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) When did the Northern Sydney Local Health District Drug and Alcohol Residential Rehabilitation Brokerage Program formally commence?
- (2) Since formally commencing, how many consumers have used the Brokerage Program?
- (3) Since formally commencing, how many clinical professionals (i.e: GPs and NGOs) have used the Brokerage Program?
- (4) How many calls have been received on the 1300 number for the Brokerage Program?
- (5) What measures are in place to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Brokerage Program?

- (6) Are there Key Performance Indicators for the Brokerage Program?
  - (a) If so, what are they?
- (7) Will any information about the outcomes of the program be made routinely publicly available through annual reporting?
  - (a) If so, where and how regularly?
- (8) What are the staffing arrangements for the operation of the Brokerage Program?

3325 MAJOR PROJECTS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Premier—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all major projects:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3326 HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all Health Infrastructure projects, including new developments, redevelopments and upgrades that are:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3327 TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Transport—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all Transport projects:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3328 REGIONAL TRANSPORT AND ROAD PROJECTS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all Transport Road projects:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3329 HOMES NSW PROJECTS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister



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

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all Homes NSW Projects, including their cost and amount of dwellings, that are:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3330 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders 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—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list all Government led or supported Water Infrastructure projects, including their cost and location, that are:

- (1) Completed in the past two years?
- (2) Due to be complete in 2024?
- (3) Under construction?
- (4) In planning, which commenced 2023 onward?

3331 COST OF LIVING MEASURES IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

For each electorate in regional New South Wales, could you list what cost of living measures are available to members in that community and for each program how many individuals claimed support and the total amount of support given out for:

- (1) Financial year 2024/25?
- (2) Financial year 2023/24?
- (3) Financial year 2022/23?
- (4) Financial year 2021/22?
- (5) Financial year 2020/21?

3332 COUNTRY SHOWS SUPPORT PACKAGE—Mr Dugald Saunders 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 Country Shows Support Package, which supports agricultural shows with increased funding certainty and provides economic stimulus to boost local businesses and regional communities, for each electorate in regional New South Wales, please list:

- (1) Shows that have received funding under this package?
- (2) The support they have received in:
  - (a) 2021?
  - (b) 2022?
  - (c) 2023?

(d) 2024?

3333 POPULATION CHANGES ACROSS REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to population changes across regional New South Wales, could the Minister advise:

(1) The amount of people that have moved or relocated to regional New South Wales since 2022

(2) The change in population in the following electorates since 2022:

- (a) Albury?
- (b) Ballina?
- (c) Barwon?
- (d) Bathurst?
- (e) Bega?
- (f) Cessnock?
- (g) Clarence?
- (h) Coffs Harbour?
- (i) Cootamundra?
- (j) Dubbo?
- (k) Goulburn?
- (l) Kiama?
- (m) Lake Macquarie?
- (n) Lismore?
- (o) Maitland?
- (p) Monaro?
- (q) Murray?
- (r) Myall Lakes?
- (s) Northern Tablelands?
- (t) Orange?
- (u) Oxley?
- (v) Port Macquarie?
- (w) Port Stephens?
- (x) South Coast?
- (y) Tamworth?
- (z) Tweed?
- (aa) Upper Hunter?
- (bb) Wagga Wagga?
- (cc) Wollondilly?

3334 REVIEW OF PART 4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

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- (1) Does the Government have plans to make submissions to the review of Part 4AF of the Crimes Act available for the public to review?
- (2) If so, where and when will the submissions be published?
- 3335 REVIEW OF DIVISION 7 OF THE ROADS ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- (1) Does the Government have plans to make submissions to the review of Division 7 of the Roads Act available for the public to review?
- (a) If so, where and when will the submissions be published?
- 3336 PEDESTRAIN SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- Regarding reports of a wide-ranging audit to increase safety for students travelling to school:
- (1) What progress has been made towards conducting such an audit?
- (2) If such an audit has been undertaken, what were its findings?
- (3) What plans does the government have to improve pedestrian safety around schools?
- 3337 KENMORE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL - UPDATE—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—
- In relation to QON 1953 Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital, can you please provide an update on the progress of the matter?
- 3338 BERRIMA NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM - UPDATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- In relation to QON 1951 Berrima Noise Abatement can you please provide an update on the progress of this matter?
- 3339 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS - GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) How many Active Kids Vouchers were accessed by families living in the Goulburn Electorate in:
- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (2) Since 1 February 2024, how many Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been accessed by families living in the Goulburn Electorate?