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(Paper No. 63)

* 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?
 - (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?

Answer—

I am advised that information regarding land tax in NSW paid by postcode is publicly available via the Revenue NSW website.

* 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:

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- (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?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that the data has been aggregated to mitigate the risk of inadvertently identifying taxpayers.

Of note, Division 3 Taxation Administration Act 1996 prohibits the disclosure of information obtained under the administration of a taxation law (section 81), except in certain circumstances such as where a taxpayer consents to the disclosure, the disclosure is in accordance with another Act, or the information would not, or would not be likely, to identify a taxpayer.

- (a) \$44,631,278
- (b) 328
- (c) As at 9th August 2024, 17 businesses in the listed postcodes have an outstanding 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The former Government's response to the recommendations made by the Committee were tabled on 4 November 2013 and are available on the Parliament website. Further updates on matters relating to the Valuer General have also been provided at subsequent Joint Standing Committee meetings and associated responses to those hearings have also been tabled in Parliament and are available on the Parliament website.

- * 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health does not centrally hold information on specialty outpatient clinic waiting times. There are no national standards for measuring specialty outpatient clinic waiting times.

* 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 exact 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under this Government, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold data by electoral boundaries. The planning system organises planning generally around local government areas.

* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised that information in relation to senior executives is published in annual reports.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) For the period from 1 March 2024 to 5 August 2024, the number of scheduled services cancelled were:
 - (a) The B Line bus route: 273 (0.50%)
 - (b) 151-bus route: 0 (0.0%)
 - (c) 154X bus route: 169 (3.59%)
 - (d) 155-bus route: 22 (0.28%)
 - (e) 156-bus route: 68 (0.53%)
 - (f) 160X bus route: 784 (2.26%)

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- (g) 182-bus route: 77 (1.06%)
- (h) 190X-bus route: 134 (5.42%)
- (i) 191-bus route: 19 (0.36%)
- (j) 192-bus route: 12 (0.25%)
- (k) 196-bus route: 22 (0.77%)
- (l) 197-bus route: 161 (1.85%)
- (m) 199-bus route: 329 (0.92%)

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Excluding public and school holidays:

- (1) 276
- (2) 380
- (3) 455
- (4) 341
- (5) 398
- (6) 441
- (7) 467
- (8) 803
- (9) 900
- (10) 171
- (11) 41
- (12-15)

Information about timetables is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:
<https://transportnsw.info/documents/timetables/29-156-McCarrs-Creek-to-Mona-Vale-20240804.pdf>

* 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?
 - (o) 2023/24?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The number of recorded crashes on Mona Vale Road from financial years 2009-10 to 2023-24 are as below. The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by the NSW Police Force, in which at least one person was killed or injured, or in which at least one motor vehicle was towed away. Please note that data for 2023 and 2024 are preliminary and subject to change:
- (a) 110.
 - (b) 108.
 - (c) 110.
 - (d) 84.
 - (e) 99.
 - (f) 68.
 - (g) 67.
 - (h) 59.
 - (i) 51.
 - (j) 49.
 - (k) 46.
 - (l) 46.
 - (m) 32.
 - (n) 45.
 - (o) 27.

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- (2) The number of fatalities from these crashes on Mona Vale Road from financial years 2009-10 to 2023-24 are as below. Please note that data for 2023 and 2024 are preliminary and subject to change:
- (a) 0.
 - (b) 0.
 - (c) 2.
 - (d) 0.
 - (e) 3.
 - (f) 0.
 - (g) 2.
 - (h) 1.
 - (i) 3.
 - (j) 0.
 - (k) 1.
 - (l) 1.
 - (m) 0.
 - (n) 0.
 - (o) 0.

* 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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Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has been working with Western Sydney Airport and other authorities to identify a possible fuel pipeline route. Last year, Western Sydney Airport began a process to garner expressions of interest and proposals to develop the pipeline. Once that process is finalised, Transport for NSW will have a facilitative role to assist the process with any successful party. The cost of the fuel pipeline from Western Sydney International Airport is not known by Transport for NSW.

At present, Western Sydney International Airport has not confirmed the volumes of fuel that will be required for Airport operations. For planning purposes, Transport for NSW has referred to the Western Sydney Airport Environmental Impact Statement (2016), which states: "It is expected the proposed airport would initially be serviced by B-double fuel tanker trucks. In 2030, the forecast fuel demand would require the mobilisation of approximately 43 B-doubles per day."

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) I am advised inquiries were made by my office with the Clerks of both Houses.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
- (2 - 5) I am advised the status of the Interim Report on the section 430 investigation has been dealt with in Justice Robson's judgement on legal proceedings in the Land and Environment Court.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Written acknowledgement of receipt is provided for small scale title applications received via email or over the counter. Applications, including those received by mail, receive a Notice of Proposed Decision (NOPD), which in most cases is within 8 days of receipt.

* 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’?

Answer—

- (1) The Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) does not have a "Rights of Review" process.

The RAA has had a Procedural Fairness process in place since 1 July 2023, whereby applicants who are advised of an interim refusal are offered 10 days to show cause as to why their application should not be refused. If supporting documentation is received within 10 days, the application is then re-reviewed taking into consideration all information provided by the applicant, and a final determination is made. As this Procedural Fairness process is in place, this negates the requirement for a review.

Prior to 1 July 2023, applicants could appeal a refused application. In this instance, the RAA had 521 appeals in relation to grants for storm and flood events commencing from February 2021. These included Special Disaster Grants and Rural Landholder Grants. Of these, 305 decisions were upheld, 36 withdrawn by the applicant and 180 overturned due to applicants providing additional information to enable confirmation of eligibility during the appeals process.

The introduction of the Procedural Fairness process by the RAA now provides an opportunity for applicants to provide that additional supporting information prior to a decision being made, rather than as part of an appeal. This shift has meant applicants are no longer required to attend appeal hearings, which may be confronting for some and has provided a better customer experience overall.

Regarding requests from NSW Ombudsman to the RAA, 10 were received in relation to storm and flood recovery grants since March 2021 and 0 were overturned.

Regarding requests for consideration of exceptional circumstances for storm and flood grants since February 2022:

- 7 requests for late applications were received for consideration, of which 5 were approved.
- 9 requests for late claims were received for consideration, of which 0 were approved.

- (a) See Question 1.

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- (2) Individual applicants' circumstances and requests for consideration cannot be disclosed by the RAA due to privacy obligations.

However, to be considered for an exceptional circumstances request, situations typically must be both unavoidable and unexpected. To ensure transparency and support claims for exceptional circumstances, the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA):

- logs all calls received to the 1800 number
- logs all applications received through the online claims system and/or claims that were commenced but not completed.

This enables the RAA to identify when applicants may have experienced unavoidable and unexpected mishaps when lodging a claim.

The NSW Reconstruction Authority considers exceptional circumstances requests in consultation with the RAA and advises if an application could be considered as an exceptional circumstance.

No exceptional circumstance requests were approved.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) Round Two of the Regional Media Fund will open this calendar year and will be published on <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.
- (2) Stakeholder feedback is being considered for the eligibility and guidelines of Round Two.

- * 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—

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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Information on the NSW Government's investment in rural and regional capital works projects can be found in Budget Paper No.03 Infrastructure Statement.

- * 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:

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- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The \$250 million Critical Asset Maintenance Program will be used to assist NSW Health entities, including rural and regional local health districts, to reduce their maintenance backlog.

NSW Health entities are working with the NSW Ministry of Health to prioritise their critical assets.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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Decisions on the distribution of these funds between sites and across staffing groups is determined at the local health district level. Distribution is dependent on population growth, models of care and service demands.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for maintenance and restoration works in the Building Homes for NSW program budget is allocated across the Homes NSW portfolio based on property condition. All properties are subject to individual scoping that assesses the condition of the property and identifies priority maintenance work. Upgrading and restoration works are also undertaken once properties become vacant.

- * 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?

Answer—

Waitlist details for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) services are held and maintained by individual service providers.

The NSW Government is working towards making quality ECEC more accessible and affordable.

The Flexible Initiatives Trial (FIT) is one program being delivered, which is designed to support ECEC services to offer NSW families access to essential early childhood education and care when and where they need it most, allowing parents to re-enter the workforce or increase their hours. Grants will be provided to ECEC services to support new and increased places in areas of low supply, after-hours care, flexible pick-up and drop-off times, and flexibility in enrolments.

In addition, Boorowa Central School in the Hilltops region will receive a public preschool under the Labor Government's election commitment to deliver 100 Public Preschools by 2027.

* 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:

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The NSW Government is committed to strengthening cyber security capability and risk mitigation in the public sector. Through Cyber Security NSW, the Department of Customer Service is taking action to ensure that people's identity and information is kept confidential and safe from data breaches through a range of actions including:
- Updating the NSW Cyber Security Policy, which aims to make sure that government agencies appropriately manage cyber security risks and maintain confidentiality, integrity and availability of government services

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- Mandating the implementation of multi-factor authentication, encryption, access controls and backups across government agencies to improve security and reduce the risk of data breaches
- Rolling out cyber security awareness training for NSW Government employees and contractors
- Delivering support services to assist people impacted by a data breach or identity theft, and assisting NSW Government agencies to respond to data breaches and notify impacted individuals, via ID Support NSW
- Offering free online resources learning modules, tools, and guides to help people protect against data breaches, identity theft and identity-enabled fraud, published on nsw.gov.au.

The NSW Government is also investing an additional \$21.4 million in FY2024-25 to build the NSW Digital Identity and Wallet, to help protect people's personal information and enhance digital customer services.

(2)

- (a - b) The NSW Government is working to improve connectivity for people across NSW, including those with limited or no digital connectivity. The NSW Government continues to partner with industry to deliver improved network coverage and capacity, including through investment in the Regional Digital Connectivity Program, led by Regional NSW. Improving digital connectivity is also a key priority under the NSW Connectivity Strategy. As part of the Strategy, the NSW Government has built the first NSW Digital Connectivity Index to help address connectivity gaps across NSW. Pinpointing areas with connectivity challenges will allow investment in digital initiatives to be prioritised and directed to where resources and assets are needed most.
- (c - d) Through the NSW Connectivity Index, the NSW Government can evaluate the state of connectivity by measuring the presence and performance of mobile and internet coverage, assessing the cost of connectivity relative to income, and considering social factors influencing the ability of residents to use digital tools. The Index provides government agencies, councils, businesses and communities access to reliable and consistent information on the state of digital connectivity across NSW to help provide a roadmap for government to support people unable to afford or use digital technology.
- (e) Service NSW provides mobile Service Centres to people living in isolated communities with no means of transport to a Service NSW Centre. Service NSW has four Mobile Service Centres (MSCs), which provide services to 163 rural and remote communities across NSW. Three MSCs operate on an eight-week roster with towns on each route visited once every eight weeks. The fourth MSC, the Kangaroo Bus, provides services on a ten-week roster to 40 remote communities which have a high Aboriginal population.
- (f) The NSW Government offers a range of in-person services as an alternative to digital services. This includes providing telephone assistance and in-person support through Service NSW service centres.

* 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?

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- (3) Since the closure of Weddin Street Medical Practice, would the Minister please advise how many patients have been transferred to:
- Young Hospital?
 - Cowra Hospital?
 - Orange Hospital?
 - 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- The Weddin Street Practice closed its doors on 1 March 2024.
- Presentations to Grenfell Multi-Purpose Service from March 2024 to July 2024:
 - 209 category 4 presentations
 - 60 category 5 presentations.
- From 1 March and 31 July 2024 there have been:
 - 1 transfer to Young for permanent placement in an aged care facility
 - 5 transfers to Cowra Health Service
 - 68 transfers to Orange Health Service
 - 8 transfers to Bathurst Health Service.

The number of transfers were not impacted by the closure of the Weddin Street Medical Practice.
- 13 patients were transferred back to Grenfell Multi-Purpose Service for care following the acute phase of their illness.
- Presentations over the 5-month period from March 2024 to July 2024 increased by 46 when compared to the same period for 2023.

* 3303 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to the Domestic Animal Management Plan:

- Would the Minister please advise what is being done to address issues caused by cats?
- Would the Minister please advise how is the Office of Local Government working with Local Councils to enforce cat curfews?

Answer—

The Government has made election commitments to reform animal welfare in NSW to provide better outcomes for both endangered native species and companion animals. The issues caused by nuisance cats, stray cats, and feral cats will be addressed through these reforms.

In my capacity as Minister for Local Government, I have referred the matter of cat management to NSW Parliament's Animal Welfare Committee to thoroughly test these issues. The NSW Government will closely consider its recommendations and the evidence it receives in formulating a path forward.

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There are no provisions in the Companion Animals Act 1998 (CA Act) that require an owner to prevent a cat from roaming beyond the owner's property, such as 'cat curfews'. The NSW Government has committed to a review of the CA Act, which will include the issue of cat management and cat containment/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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) program is a key NSW Government response to homelessness. Non-government organisations are funded to deliver a range of services to support people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless, including young people, families, single men, and single women, with or without children. Services may include outreach, case management, links to education and training, crisis, and transitional accommodation.
- In 2023/24, Homes NSW is funding providers of SHS with coverage in the local government areas of Cowra, Bland, Carrathool, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Coolamon, Cootamundra Gundagai Regional, Hilltops, Junee, Lockhart, Snowy Valleys, Temora, Wagga Wagga, Albury, Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume Shire, Murray River, and part of Murrumbidgee.
- The 2024/25 Budget includes a \$527.6 million additional investment in the homelessness service system over four years, including:
 - \$100 million to establish the Homelessness Innovation Fund for initiatives that embed a housing first approach and end the cycle of homelessness, by supporting more people with more stable housing options to avoid or reduce the time spent in temporary accommodation, and/or show service innovation.

- \$260 million to provide homeless people and families who need safe shelter with temporary accommodation and support to move to more stable housing.
- \$120 million to drive localised responses to priority cohorts including Aboriginal people, rough sleepers, young people, and people exiting institutions.
- up to \$46 million to meet fixed wage and operating costs in services to support people experiencing homelessness.
- New funding will be made available through a number of mechanisms. The Homelessness Innovation Fund is where providers can apply for grants to increase services or improve systems. It will be allocated by proposal, not by area. The HIF opens in September 2024.
- Homes NSW will work with homelessness peaks and the sector to ensure this funding is targeted to achieve the best outcomes.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding police officer numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report.

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

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised that the data has been aggregated to mitigate the risk of inadvertently identifying taxpayers.

Of note, Division 3 Taxation Administration Act 1996 prohibits the disclosure of information obtained under the administration of a taxation law (section 81), except in certain circumstances such as where a taxpayer consents to the disclosure, the disclosure is in accordance with another Act, or the information would not, or would not be likely, to identify a taxpayer.

- (1) (a) (i) \$122,780,782
- (ii) \$116,960,445
- (iii) \$115,765,955
- (iv) \$160,886,537
- (b) (i) 1149
- (ii) 1055
- (iii) 1068
- (iv) 1091
- (v) 1022

As at 9th August 2024, 120 businesses in the listed postcodes have a current payroll tax liability.

- * 3307 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2024/2025—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

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?

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.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided, and health information, including salaries, is not collected, on the basis of electorate.

The NSW Government is taking significant steps to recognise the invaluable contributions of nurses and midwives.

Last year the NSW Government abolished the wages cap and delivered the largest pay rise for nurses and midwives in over a decade. This is an important first action in our efforts to retain skilled and experienced professionals such as nurses and midwives.

The NSW Government is also rolling out our significant Safe Staffing Levels. This is what many nurses and midwives have been advocating for many years and why we have committed to roll out this vital reform.

The NSW Government's wages offer also allows a collaborative approach where agencies and unions can identify system changes, productivity outcomes or savings to enhance the baseline wages offer an allows continuing collaborative discussions to provide additional enhancements for employees and improved government services to the public.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) Following a recommendation from the Interim Report of the NSW Vocational Education and Training (VET) Review, TAFE NSW has initiated steps towards implementing a proposed new operating model. The Review highlighted the importance of transitioning from a regional to an industry-aligned, state-wide faculty model and establishing a dedicated community engagement function.

- (a - i) No reduction in teaching roles is proposed; in fact, additional Head Teacher positions are included as part of the proposed changes. The specific impact on employees will be determined after the consultation and placement processes are complete.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised

In the period before Metro City opened, bus passengers were able to connect to Metro stations between Tallawong and Chatswood and also to train stations at Chatswood, St Leonards and North Sydney.

In addition to those services, extra bus services operated in the interim from the North West including route 610x on the M2 from Castle Hill to the City, as well as route 119 on the Pacific Highway between Gore Hill and North Sydney.

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The new bus timetable increases frequency and provides extra capacity for some bus routes, improving connections to other modes of transport including the Metro City and Sydney Trains.

* 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?

Answer—

Following the previous Liberal government's failure to deliver schools where they were needed, the NSW Labor Government is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This includes capacity upgrades at Ryde Secondary College and new schools for Macquarie Park.

The Department of Education consults with other government agencies including the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to plan future schools for growing areas. This engagement involves consideration of many factors including capacity at existing schools, planned housing development and access to transport.

The department will continue to monitor population growth and development as the NSW Government works to rebuild public education.

* 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?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Water.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Hon Stephen Kamper, MP in his capacity as Minister for Lands and Property.

* 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—

Presented separately for each state and territory in Australia, how do New South Wales land tax arrangements compare?

Answer—

I am advised that an annual summary of tax policy across jurisdictions is publicly available.

* 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?

Answer—

Staffing information is reported publicly in the NSW Department of education annual report.

The current report is available online: [Annual reports \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/annual-reports)

* 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?

Answer—

Staffing information for the former Office of Local Government is captured in the Department of Planning and Environment annual report. The current report is available online: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/department-of-planning-housing-and-infrastructure/information-access-governance-and-feedback>

* 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?

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Answer—

I'm advised:

Office for Health and Medical Research	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022	June 2023	June 2024	Grand Total
Resigned or transferred outside of NSW Health		2	2	4	4	12
Medical retirement	1					1
Cessation of a fixed contract		1		2	1	4
Transfer within NSW Health	1			1	3	5
Grand Total	2	3	2	7	8	22

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Information about the services available at Tweed Heads Community Health Centre is available on the Northern NSW Local Health District website at:

<https://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/community-health/tweed-heads-community-health>

- * 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—

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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Data is not routinely collected for health services by electorate or postcode. However, in this case the trial data was collected by local government area and is provided on that basis.

Across the duration of the NSW Government Pharmacy Trial UTI management phase, which closed on 31 May 2024, there were more than 400 occasions of UTI management consultations in the Tweed Shire (comprising the same postcodes listed).

- * 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)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided based on electorates.

Applications for the subsidies were not awarded based on the specific location of their residence or study location.

- * 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?

Answer—

The options released in the Discussion Paper are part of a wider national harmonisation of policy positions relating to container deposit schemes across Australia, which all Australian Environment Ministers have committed to resolve by 2025.

- * 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)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Tweed Urgent Care Service provides an alternate care pathway for patients who would otherwise present to a hospital emergency department with lower acuity non-emergent conditions.

It is a single point of care service that works alongside other hospital services to bridge the gap that sometimes exists between hospital and primary care. It can refer patients seen in their home environment to community-based services to improve their health and keep them out of hospital.

The Rapid Outreach Service, known as the Tweed Urgent Care Service, commenced on 15 April 2024 43 patients have been seen up to end of July 2024.

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

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- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Access to the East Car Park at Tweed Valley Hospital is available to support access for patients having treatment for cancer or renal dialysis. Parking access is arranged by the care team, with eligibility based on the patient's ability to access the Oncology or Renal Units and the type and frequency of their treatment.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) 3 June 2024, with clients funded from 31 May 2024.
- (2) 6 clients between 31 May 2024 to 31 July 2024.
- (3) All referrals have been self-referrals with Northern Sydney Local Health District Drug and Alcohol staff providing clinical assessment.
- (4) The 1300 number is a generalist drug and alcohol intake line. It handles 1,800 calls per year. Calls are assessed and connected to services based on clinical need.
- (5) The program's performance is monitored via client data and budget reports.
- (6) Yes
 - (a) The number of people who have accessed the program, and the annual financial expenditure of people accessing the program.
- (7) Program performance is monitored by the local health district, in line with reporting for all its clinical programs.

- (8) It is managed by the existing Northern Sydney Local Health District Drug and Alcohol clinical team.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details on major infrastructure projects can be found in the 2024/25 Regional Budget Statement, the 2024/25 Budget paper, and within 2022/23 Departmental Annual Reports.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health Infrastructure delivers health capital works with reference to Local Health Districts and Specialty Health Networks, not electorates.

Details on Health Infrastructure projects can be found in the 2024/25 Budget Statement, in the NSW Health 2022/23 Annual Report, or on the NSW Health Infrastructure website -

<https://www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-search>

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

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This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Details on Road projects can be found in the 2024/25 Budget Statement, in the Transport for NSW 2023 Annual Report, or on the Transport for NSW website <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/major-projects-hub#Roads>

- * 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 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details on Homes NSW projects can be found in the 2024/25 Budget Statement, in the Communities and Justice 2023 Annual Report, or on the Homes NSW website - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw>

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details on water infrastructure projects can be found in the 2024/25 Regional Budget Statement, the Department of Environment and Heritage's 2023 Annual Report, or on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website - <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/water-infrastructure-nsw> .

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2023/24 and 2024/25 Budget papers include detailed information on the cost of living measures that have been implemented by the Minns Labor Government.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) All recipients of funding under the Country Shows Support Package are published at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.
- (2) The Country Shows Support Package opened in December 2021 and was closed in April 2022 by the previous Government. Therefore funding was only provided in 2021 and 2022. Recipient funding amounts are published at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.

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* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website at www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/2022-23#data-downloads

* 3334 REVIEW OF PART 4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Submissions from stakeholders who are not private individuals will be published on the Department of Communities and Justice website, unless a stakeholder has requested that the submission not be published.

Submissions received from private individuals will not be published unless the individual asks the Department of Communities and Justice to publish their submission.

- (2) Submissions will be published after the report of the review is tabled in Parliament.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW undertook public consultation via the NSW Government 'Have your say' website between April and June 2024. Transport for NSW received 1,462 submissions with the vast majority (1,440) submitted via two organisations that allow subscribers to utilise online direct email services to add their voice to certain campaigns. In the majority of cases, subscribers used the template submission that these organisations made available to subscribers.

Submissions made by the Human Rights Law Centre, the Law Society of NSW, Australian Democracy Network, NSW Council of Civil Liberties, Amnesty International Australia, and the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association are publicly available on their respective websites. The Government will consider whether to publish the submissions when the final report is tabled in the NSW Parliament later this year.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised

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On 19 April 2024, the NSW Government announced several actions that arose from the February Road Safety Forum, which Transport for NSW immediately started work on. One of these actions was the review of up to 35 school precincts across the State for improved safety on key routes to school. Transport for NSW has also established a preliminary list of schools to form part of the review. This list will be confirmed, and schools contacted as required, in the next phase of the project.

The NSW Government is committed to improving the safety of all road users. NSW school zones have 40 km/h or lower speed limits to help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often present in high numbers. The review is focused on the opportunity for safer speed limits around schools. Lower speed limits around schools reduce the risk and potential severity of a crash. School zones are in force on publicly notified school days. These are available on the NSW Department of Education's website.

The installation of school zone signs, dragon's teeth road markings and flashing lights improve the visibility of school zones and help keep children safe.

Further information about how the NSW Government is improving pedestrian safety around schools is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

- * 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?

Answer—

On 6 December 2023, an Order under section 120 of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 (the Act) was issued to the owners, directing them to undertake a schedule of works, within clear timeframes, to meet minimum standards of maintenance and repair requirements.

Heritage NSW last met with the owners on 21 June 2024 and noted outstanding building security and make-safe works still to be resolved by the September 2024 Order deadline.

On 7 August 2024, the owners advised Heritage NSW that they had engaged professional heritage services to guide all outstanding obligations under the Order. They also advised that they had engaged a legal firm.

Heritage NSW has advised the owners that legal actions are available under the Act for breaches of the Order.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW's Noise Abatement Program (NAP) has to date received a total of 116 applications from 87 different properties. To assess each applicant's eligibility under the NAP criteria, long term noise monitoring at 12 different locations has now been completed. These locations were selected from the applications by a Transport for NSW Noise Specialist as they provide an accurate representation of the noise levels in this locality.

NAP informed eligible applicants during August 2024.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.
- (2) I am advised that since 1 February 2024, 1,468 Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed by families living in postcodes 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2620, 2621 and 2622 which are located in and around the electorate of Goulburn.

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* 3340 ADVICE ON TABLING SECTION 430 INTERIM REPORT—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Did you, your office, or the Office of Local Government seek advice on tabling the Section 430 investigation interim report in either house of Parliament?
- (2) If so, what was the advice received?

Answer—

- (1) Refer to answer 3291

* 3341 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT VIEWING THE INTERIM REPORT INTO LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether any Members of Parliament accessed or viewed the interim report for the Section 430 investigation into Liverpool City Council?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the Section 430 investigation was published on the Office of Local Government website between 18 July and 25 July 2024

* 3342 GUIDELINES FOR INVESTIGATORS INTO A COUNCIL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) What guidelines are given to investigators tasked with a Section 430 investigation into a council?
- (2) What are the minimum standards that are required to fulfill the Section 430 investigation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Investigators who are tasked with a Section 430 investigation undertake their work within the agreed Terms of Reference for the investigation. There is also an internal OLG Section 430 Investigation Guideline that guides the investigators in their work.

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(2) Enquiries are undertaken under the authorised Terms of Reference for the investigation.

* 3343 HUDSON PEAR—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 give an estimated annual cost to date of the impact of the introduced invasive weed Hudson Pear (*Cylindropuntia rosea*), in terms of control methods, loss of productive land, loss of or injury to livestock?
- (2) What is the projected future cost of controlling Hudson Pear, also the cost due to loss of productive land, and the cost of the loss of or injury to livestock if the weed continues to spread across New South Wales at its current rate?

Answer—

- (1) There are no available cost estimates per annum for the impact to production. In 2023/24, approximately \$600,000 was spent directly by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on Hudson pear management and it was also one of several high-risk weeds targeted in the \$12.8M NSW Weeds Action Program.
- (2) LLS determined in 2017 the indicative value of eradicating Hudson pear from NSW would be \$536,318,076 (Net Present Value figure of costs and benefits of eradicating Hudson Pear modelled over 30 years). This is based on the value of future lost production (benefit) with costs associated with an eradication program and a 50% reduction on gross margins. Other benefits not factored into the cost benefit analysis include the protection of biodiversity, particularly local wildlife.

* 3344 SILENCERS FOR FIREARMS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Have any holders of Prohibited Weapons (Silencer) permits issued since 2015 ever been charged or convicted for committing a crime with a firearm with a silencer attached?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) does not hold the information requested.

* 3345 MOBILE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether research conducted for the review of guidelines and funding for the Mobile Preschool program includes liaising with current Mobile preschool operators within regional and rural New South Wales for feedback?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister advise whether any of the Mobile preschool programs in the Barwon Electorate were contacted for their input?

Answer—

The Mobile Preschool Funding program commenced in July 2022, superseding the previous Preschool Mobile funding program, following consultation to better support mobile preschools.

As a part of the consultation undertaken in 2021, consultation with 32 mobile preschool providers was scheduled. Of the 32 mobile preschool providers, four providers operated mobile preschool services/venues in the Barwon electorate.

* 3346 BUS REGION 14 CANCELLATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

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

Answer—

I am advised

- (1)
 - (a) During the period of 1 July 2024 to 14 Jul 2024 (inclusive), there were 107 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.6% of the 17,949 scheduled trips.
 - (b) During the period of 15 July 2024 to 31 July 2024 (inclusive), there were 156 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.7% of the 22,992 scheduled trips.
 - (c) During the period of 1 August 2024 to 14 August 2024 (inclusive), there were 131 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.7% of the 19,622 scheduled trips.
 - (d) Data is not currently available for the period 15 August 2024 to 31 August 2024.

* 3347 POTHOLE REPAIRS—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—

Between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024:

- (1) What work has taken place to fix potholes on the Pacific Highway between Boundary Road at Roseville and Pearce's Corner at Wahroonga?
 - (a) How many pothole(s) were repaired?
- (2) What work has taken place to fix potholes on Mona Vale Road between Forest Way at Belrose and Pacific Highway at Gordon?
 - (a) How many pothole(s) were repaired?
- (3) What work has taken place to fix potholes on Ryde Road between Pacific Highway at Gordon and De Burghs Bridge at West Pymble?
 - (a) How many pothole(s) were repaired?
- (4) What work has taken place to fix potholes on Forest Way?
 - (a) How many pothole(s) were repaired?

Answer—

I am advised

Between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024, ConnectSydney has completed the following number of pothole repair jobs on the referenced sections of road carriageway:

- (1) 82 pothole repair jobs have been completed on Pacific Highway between Boundary Road at Roseville and Pearce's Corner at Wahroonga.
- (2) 69 pothole repair jobs have been completed on Mona Vale Road between Forest Way at Belrose and Pacific Highway at Gordon.

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- (3) 26 pothole repair jobs have been completed on Ryde Road between Pacific Highway at Gordon and De Burghs Bridge at West Pymble.
- (4) 27 pothole repair jobs have been completed on Forest Way.

* 3348 GIPA COMMUNICATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

- (1) Did you and/or your ministerial office have any communication(s) with the Department of Planning's Senior Officer Information Access & Privacy for GIPA application reference: 24-3395?
 - (a) If so, what did you and/or your office communicate with the department?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department's Senior Officer Information Access & Privacy contacted my office on 13 June 2024 as part of third-party consultation on the GIPA application ref: 24-3395 in accordance with section 54A of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act).

My office responded to the Department about the release of information in the GIPA application, in accordance with section 54A of the GIPA Act.

* 3349 HOUSING POLICY - CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to the Government's low-rise and mid-rise housing policy, following changes which took effect commencing on 1 July 2024, which are applicable to R2 zones from 1 July 2024, could the Minister please advise:
 - (a) The exact number of lots in the Castle Hill Electorate which are zoned R2?
 - (b) The exact number of lots in the Hills Local Government Local Government Area which are zoned R2?
 - (c) The exact number of lots in the Castle Hill Electorate which will change as a result of the changes which took effect on 1 July 2024?
 - (d) The exact number of lots in the Hills Local Government Area which will change as a result of the changes which took effect on 1 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under this Government, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold data by electoral boundaries. The planning system organises planning around local government areas.

The exact number of lots in The Hills local government area zoned R2 is 41,863. There are zero lots in The Hills local government area which have had an increase in density permitted as a result of these reforms, as The Hills Local Environmental Plan already permitted dual occupancies in all R2 zones.

* 3350 KELLYVILLE AND BELLA VISTA TOD PRECINCT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) In relation to the rezoning proposal with respect Bella Vista and Kellyville Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Precinct, can the Minister advise:
 - (a) Did the Department obtain a traffic study to assess the impact of the addition dwellings upon the traffic flow within the precinct?

- (b) If the Department did obtain a traffic study, is the traffic study publicly available?
- (i) If so where can the public obtain of copy of traffic study?
- (c) If the Department has not obtained a traffic study, will the Department obtain a traffic study?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a-c) This information is publicly available at <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/under-consideration/kellyville-and-bella-vista-state-led-rezoning-proposal> under 'Documents'.

* 3351 CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND PRECINCT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) With respect to the removal of the dwelling cap which was removed pursuant to the Hills Local Environment Plan (LEP), referred to in the Ministers Media Release dated 15 September 2024, can the Minister advise:
- (a) Did the Minister obtain advice concerning the impact of re-zoning on the local schools prior to making the announcement to remove the dwelling cap?
- (b) If the above answer is in the affirmative, will the Minister make such advice available to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Yes.
- (b) Schools Infrastructure NSW proposed to continue working with Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to plan for the need of schools in the area as a result of any additional demand generated from lifting the cap.

* 3352 REGIONAL AIRLINE USE BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS—Dr Joe McGirr to ask the Premier—

- (1) What proportion of Government employee and contractor travel (including those providing fly-in-fly-out health services) on regional airlines is allocated to Rex and Qantaslink and other airlines on regional and rural routes that are serviced by more than one airline?
- (a) What is the total amount of spending on this travel in these routes?
- (2) What steps can the Government undertake to ensure that there is a fair and equitable split of Government business on regional airlines where regional communities are serviced by more than one airline?
- (3) What other methods of support can the Government provide to ensure there remain viable regional airline services in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised;

Government Sector travel is managed through the whole-of-government Travel Management Services Contract, in alignment with the NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy issued by Procurement NSW. Selection of fares (flights) is independent of airline (carrier) choice and takes into consideration value for money by seeking the lowest fares available to meet the logistical needs for the travellers.

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NSW Health is a large contributor to regional travel. For the FY 2023-24 financial year 35% of ticket sales were undertaken by flights with REX. This equates to 40% of the total ticketed travel spend of flights with REX. As a comparison Qantas Jetstar and Virgin received 63% of ticket sales and 58% of the total ticketed travel spend. (For the purpose of this response Regional travel excludes all capital city to capital city flights.)

The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for all NSW Government travelling employees to ensure travel-related expenditure is transparent and cost-effective whilst delivering an acceptable level of service and quality. All domestic airlines are provided with the same opportunity to access Government business.

The Government is closely monitoring the situation with Rex to prevent interruption to essential care and services and to determine the next steps to support regional communities.

The Federal Government has guaranteed flight bookings for Rex customers throughout the voluntary administration process, and has protected Rex's NSW regional slots at Sydney Airport until March 2026. The NSW Government will continue to work with the Federal Government throughout the ongoing sales process.

* 3353 ACTIVE TRANSPORT STRATEGY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Transport for NSW Active Transport Strategy:

- (1) What progress has been made in delivering the strategy?
- (2) What plans does the Government have, if any, to publish details and/or analysis of the measures and indicators being used to evaluate the strategy?

Answer—

I am advised

The Active Transport Strategy was released in December 2022 and contains five priority moves as well as 64 supporting actions, with a number of desired outcomes to measure progress contained in the Strategy.

Transport for NSW continues to compile and analyse available active transport data sets and will undertake review and evaluation of the strategy and its progress.

* 3354 SHORE POWER AT WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

Regarding the Government's commitment to install facilities allowing cruise ships to plug into shore power at White Bay Cruise Terminal by the end of 2024:

- (1) When will shore power be available at White Bay Cruise Terminal?
- (2) What steps have been taken, if any, to alert cruise line operators to the availability of shore power at the end of 2024?
- (3) What plans does the Government have, if any, to make the use of shore power mandatory at White Bay Cruise Terminal?
- (4) What plans does the Government have, if any, to ensure cruise liners with vessels that are not equipped to plug into shore power facilities will be required to become so equipped within a reasonable time?
- (5) What plans does the Government have, if any, regarding development of a policy for monitoring and compliance regarding the use of shore power?
- (6) What plans does the Government have, if any, to include White Bay Cruise Terminal berth 4 in the roll out of shore power facilities within a reasonable time?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The shore power infrastructure at White Bay Cruise Terminal (Stage 1 of the shore power project for the Bays Port) will not be available in 2024.
- (2) Port Authority of New South Wales has consulted regularly with cruise industry representatives on shore power planning for the White Bay Cruise Terminal.
- (3) All options will be considered to ensure that, when installed, shore power must be utilised by vessels that are able to connect.
- (4) Port Authority will continue to work with the shipping industry to maximise the uptake of shore power once it is available.
- (5) Monitoring options and any compliance requirements will be considered during the project's development.
- (6) Provision is being made as part of the concept design stage to allow additional physical space in electrical substations and trenches to accommodate potential future shore power installations at White Bay 4.

* 3355 EMPLOYMENT TRANSFERS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS—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) When the Roads and Maritime Service was dissolved in 2019, which strategic decision-making roles, if any, were transferred across to Transport for NSW?
- (2) Were any employees of the WestConnex Delivery Agency subsequently employed by the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
 - (a) If so, how many?
 - (b) If so, in what capacity?
- (3) Have any current Transport for NSW employees at a managerial and/or strategic decision-making level previously been employed by, provided consultancy services to or otherwise engaged in a similar capacity with:
 - (a) WestConnex Delivery Agency?
 - (b) Sydney Motorway Corporation?
- (4) Have any former Roads and Maritime Services or Transport for NSW employees, at a managerial and/or strategic decision-making level, subsequently been employed by, provided consultancy services to or otherwise engaged in a similar capacity with:
 - (a) WestConnex Delivery Agency?
 - (b) Sydney Motorway Corporation?
- (5) Have any former New South Wales Ministerial staff subsequently been employed by, provided consultancy services to, or otherwise engaged in a similar capacity with Sydney Motorway Corporation?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) 17 Strategic decision-making roles transferred to Transport for NSW when Roads and Maritime Services was dissolved.

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(2-5) Transport for NSW does not hold this information.

* 3356 ROBERTSON PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to Robertson Public School, what works are planned to address the following issues:
- (a) Stormwater damage?
 - (b) Aged water pipe replacement?
 - (c) Student bathroom upgrades?
 - (d) Accessibility?
 - (e) Insufficient lighting?
 - (f) Deteriorating roof of A-block?
 - (g) Structural issues across heritage buildings?
 - (h) Providing a school hall?

Answer—

To address the school infrastructure backlog inherited from the previous government, the NSW Government has allocated record funding for maintenance and local upgrades which will be prioritised to deliver critical maintenance, improved accessibility and to begin addressing the backlog of works promised by the previous government but never delivered.

The Department of Education has advised that the local Asset Management team has visited the school several times this year to speak with the Principal, inspect the items raised and determine what work is required.

The department has further advised that works on stormwater drainage, tree maintenance, student bathroom repairs, gutter cleaning, mould remediation, roof replacement and repairs to structural issues in Block A, have been completed. Further, it has advised that remediation and roof replacement are currently being undertaken, and repair works to Block B are expected to commence shortly. Works to upgrade lighting and water pipes are currently being undertaken.

The department is also supporting the school in nominating projects for planned maintenance, capital and integration works. Projects nominated for funding are assessed statewide on a needs basis.

* 3357 MOSS VALE HIGH SCHOOL HALL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to the rapid growth in the Southern Highlands and the increase in student enrolment, what plans does the government have to address the outgrown capacity of the current school hall?
- (2) What specific challenges does the current Moss Vale High School hall present for sports and performing arts purposes?
- (a) What impact do these challenges and limitations of the current school hall have on the overall educational experience of the students?
- (3) Considering the age of the school hall and its poor accessibility for students with disabilities, how much funding does the school allocate towards ongoing maintenance issues such as repairs, equipment rentals, and transportation expenses for co-curricular activities requiring offsite venues?
- (a) How does the school's use of offsite venues for co-curricular activities affect its budget and resources?

- (4) How have the ongoing maintenance costs of the current school hall affected the allocation of resources for other educational facilities within the school?

Answer—

To address the school infrastructure backlog inherited from the previous government, the NSW Government has allocated record funding for maintenance and local upgrades which will be prioritised to deliver critical maintenance, improved accessibility and to begin addressing the backlog of works promised by the previous government but never delivered.

The Department of Education will continue to engage with school principals to ensure that their schools' needs can be met. Projects nominated by school principals are assessed for funding statewide on a needs-basis.

The department has advised that over recent years more than \$2 million in maintenance and upgrades have been delivered across the school, including on roof replacement works, an upgrade for food technology facilities, resurfacing the sports court, solar power facilities and flooring upgrades.

- * 3358 MARULAN HIGHWAY WORKS UPDATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to QON 1826 Marulan Highway Works, can you please provide an update on this project?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has replaced just over 400 of the more damaged concrete slabs. Across 2023 and 2024, 214 slabs have been replaced north bound and 194 slabs replaced south bound in the Marulan bypass section of the Hume Highway. This work is critical to the long-term repair and restoration of service levels and improved safety outcomes.

The most recent works were completed on the northbound lanes between 23 February 2024 and 22 March 2024, and a reduced speed of 60km/h and a contraflow arrangement was in place 24 hours a day from 26 February 2024 to 22 March 2024.

Transport for NSW is undertaking further assessment and planning work to support a multi-year program of maintenance work. An industry and community engagement strategy will be developed once the work program is established.

Transport for NSW is continuing to monitor the condition of the road surface and undertake maintenance intervention as required while alternative delivery methods are considered.

- * 3359 PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACQUIRED BY EDDIE OBEID—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What action has been taken since the NSW Crime Commissioner committed in 2021 to revisiting its investigation into the confiscation of the proceeds of crime acquired by Eddie Obeid and his family?
- (2) What is the current estimated value of those proceeds of crime?
- (3) Will the Government, with advice from the NSW Crime Commissioner, consider special legislation to recover those proceeds of crime?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Police.

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* 3360 PRESCHOOL DRIVE SUBSIDY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the trial for the Preschool Drive subsidy has concluded?
 - (a) Will the Preschool Drive Subsidy be implemented permanently across regional and rural areas in New South Wales?
 - (b) If so, when?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 3361 INCENTIVES AND INITIATIVES FOR RETAINING VISITING SPECIALISTS IN REGIONAL AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister please provide details of what incentives and initiatives are provided by NSW Health to encourage and retain visiting specialists to rural and remote communities in Barwon?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Government has a number of initiatives and incentives including:

- The Welcome Experience
- Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme
- Dental Officers Rural Incentive Scheme
- Rural and regional health career scholarships
- NSW Health Deployment Program.

Information about rural and remote health workforce incentive programs is available on the NSW Health website at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/careers/imagine-rural>

* 3362 SMART AND SKILLED PROGRAM IN TAFE CAMPUSES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if funding cuts to the Smart and Skilled Program have occurred in rural and remote communities in July of this year?
- (2) If yes, can the Minister please advise why these cuts have occurred and what measures are in place to ensure rural and remote communities are still able to access courses through TAFE campuses?

Answer—

- (1) Smart and Skilled contract allocations have returned to pre-COVID levels with the end of additional funding from the Australian and NSW Governments to respond to the pandemic.
- (2) TAFE NSW continually reviews and assesses the demand for courses and strives to align them with the needs of industry and local communities.

TAFE NSW continues to deliver courses across a range of locations and delivery modes. Information regarding course offerings and availability is publicly available on the TAFE NSW website.

* 3363 MANDATING TEACHING LANGUAGES AT SCHOOLS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) Does your Government have plans to mandate the teaching of languages to schoolchildren from kindergarten to year 12?
 - (a) If yes, what work is underway and what languages?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning.

* 3364 REDUCING UNION CONTROL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

As the Government has a direct policy and rules platform structure at your annual conference:

- (1) Does your Government have plans to reduce union control?

Answer—

Nurses, paramedics, hospital workers, teachers, police, firefighters, prison officers and indeed all workers have a right to join and be represented by unions. Unions who represent public sector workers and the NSW Government will have reasonable disagreements from time to time, however this Government respects our workers and the unions who represent them.

* 3365 SIGNAL PASSED AT DANGER ON HEAVY RAIL NETWORK—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) on the heavy rail network:

- (1) Have you received official written briefings of SPAD between 28 March 2023 and the present?
 - (a) If so, what actions is the Government taking?

Answer—

I am advised

- Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink have several systems in place to protect the safety of staff and passengers on the rail network, including train stops which automatically apply a train emergency brake if it passes a red signal.
- Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink share information about Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) occurrences and educate their train crew so they can learn from others and be alert for risks. Monthly meetings are held at depots where information is presented to train crew to raise awareness about SPADs and other safety incidents.
- For Signal Passed at Danger incidents caused by signaling functional failures, Sydney Trains has undertaken targeted signaling upgrade works to replace unreliable equipment with newer systems.
- Future action to address the occurrence of Signal Passed at Danger incidents is the deployment of European Train Control System Level 2 work as part of the Digital Systems program.

* 3366 MINISTERIAL DIARY DISCLOSURES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) Given ministerial diary disclosures do not include all meetings and provide exceptions to disclosures, since 28 March 2023, how many individual meeting(s) have you had with each of the following individuals and on what date(s):

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- (a) Kristina Keneally?
- (b) Nathan Rees?
- (c) Morris Iemma?
- (d) Bob Carr?
- (e) Barry Unsworth?

Answer—

I am advised;

In accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings:

- meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions)
- meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political
- social or public functions or events
- meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Memorandum), and
- matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.

Minister's diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/the-cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>

* 3367 GIPA APPLICATION AVAILABILITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA) application "Costs - Ministerial international and domestic travel" determined by the Premier's Department on 19 July 2024:

- (1) When will the final determination of the GIPA application, which is not currently available on the Premier's Department disclosure log, be uploaded to the disclosure log?
- (2) Why has the final determination of the GIPA application (as at 8 August 2024) not yet been uploaded to the disclosure log?
- (3) Did the Premier and/or Premier's Office receive a copy of the final determination of the GIPA application?
- (4) If yes to question 3, what date and time?
- (5) If yes to question 3, did the Premier and/or Premier's Office give this final determination of the GIPA application to a journalist(s)?
- (6) If yes to question 5, did the Premier and/or Premier's Office give this final determination of the GIPA application to a journalist(s) before or after the applicant received the final determination of the GIPA application?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) application "Costs - Ministerial international and domestic travel" determined on 19 July 2024 was uploaded to the Premier's Department disclosure log on 8 August 2024.

Under section 25 of the GIPA Act, an agency must keep a disclosure log that records information about access applications made to the agency that the agency decides by deciding to provide access (to some or all of the information applied for) if the information is information that the agency considers may be of interest to other members of the public. Section 26 of the GIPA Act prescribes the information about an access application that is required to be recorded in an agency's disclosure log.

The GIPA Act provides that agencies are not subject to the direction or control of any Minister in the exercise of the agency's functions in dealing with a particular access application under the Act (subsection 9(2)). The Act also contains offences prohibiting agency officers from acting unlawfully, and prohibiting persons (such as Ministerial staffers) from directing agencies to make an unlawful decision in relation to an access application (sections 116 and 117 of the Act). It is, however, generally appropriate for agencies to inform the responsible Minister where documents are to be released under the Act, for the Minister's information.

Under section 7 of the GIPA Act, an agency is authorised to make any government information held by the agency publicly available unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the information, and the information that an agency decides to make publicly available is to be made publicly available in any manner that the agency considers appropriate.

* 3368 PATYEGARANG PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the current status of the Patyegarang planning proposal (formerly known as Lizard Rock)?
- (2) Will you confirm that any final determination will be made first to the public before informing or briefing stakeholders?
- (3) As Minister, will you make the final determination for the planning proposal?
 - (a) If no, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requested further information from the proponent in July 2024. Once received, this material will be reviewed, and a post-exhibition report will be provided to the Sydney North Planning Panel for its consideration. The post-exhibition report and associated material will be made publicly available on the NSW Planning Portal.

The Panel will hold a public meeting due to the community interest and number of submitters. The Panel will subsequently make a recommendation as to whether the proposal should proceed to finalisation. The final decision on whether the proposal is approved will be made by me, as the Minister, or my delegate within the Department as is standard practice. A report will be publicly released outlining the reasons for the final decision.

* 3369 SALE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTIES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) On the sale of Government-owned property, are there any plans to reinvest the proceeds of the sale into social housing in the local area in which the property is located?

Answer—

I am advised that when assets are divested by the NSW Government the proceeds can be put towards a variety of purposes. This can include social housing in the local area.

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Further questions related to specific social housing plans are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Housing.

- * 3370 MOAMA AMBULANCE STATIONS STATISTICS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding Moama's reliance on Echuca's Ambulance Services, can the Minister please provide:

- (1) Statistics surrounding the percentage of calls received by Echuca Ambulance Station that are from New South Wales?
- (2) Average time taken for a call out from Echuca to a patient in Moama?
- (3) Average time taken for a call out from Echuca to a patient in Womboota?
- (4) Average time taken for a call out from Echuca to a patient in Mathoura?
- (5) Average time taken for a call out from Echuca to a patient in Bunnaloo?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance does not have statistics on the percentage of calls received by Echuca Ambulance Station. Ambulance Victoria is the data custodian for this information.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au.

- * 3371 JERILDERIE WIND TURBINE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - LOCUSTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) What specific provisions have been implemented to address the control and spraying of plague locusts within the reported 33,000 hectares designated for the Jerilderie wind turbine industrial development and its northern vicinity?
- (2) Can the Government outline the proposed measures to address the spraying of locusts at the hopper stage within the Jerilderie wind turbine industrial development area?
- (3) Who has been officially designated with responsibility for the control and management of locusts within the specified area?
 - (a) What concrete measures have been enacted to ensure efficient and effective locust management?

Answer—

- (1) LLS is not aware of any specific or additional provisions for the Jerilderie wind turbine industrial development and its northern vicinity. The landholder or manager is required to adhere to the Biosecurity Act, 2015.

Landholders, including public and private land managers have the following responsibilities in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act, 2015 regarding the three notifiable locust species:

- Report the presence or suspected presence of any of the three notifiable locust species to an LLS Authorised officer within 24 hours.
- Control locusts on the land they own or manage, meeting legislative requirements.

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- (2) Landholders, including public and private land managers have the following responsibilities in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act, 2015 regarding the three notifiable locust species:
- Report the presence or suspected presence of any of the three notifiable locust species to an LLS Authorised officer within 24 hours.
 - Control locusts on the land they own or manage, meeting legislative requirements.
 - Local Biosecurity Officers are responsible for investigating locust reports, as well as providing support and assistance to landholders and managers.
 - LLS provide advice and assistance to landholders, including the supply of insecticide to eligible ratepayers. Eligibility is based on a number of factors, including locust identification, densities, life-cycle stage, location and possible environmental constraints.
 - LLS will activate and coordinate larger scale campaign response activities if required.
 - Various control methods may be used including aerial and/or ground control methods as required. These are determined by a variety of factors including level of infestation, population density and environmental factors.
- (3) LLS is not aware of any specific designation of responsibility for the control and management of locusts within the Jerilderie wind turbine industrial development and its northern vicinity. The landholder or manager is required to adhere to the Biosecurity Act, 2015.
- (a) LLS is not aware of any specific measures enacted for the control and management of locusts within the Jerilderie wind turbine industrial development and its northern vicinity. The landholder or manager is required to adhere to the Biosecurity Act, 2015.

* 3372 WESTERN DIVISION STUDENTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What provisions are in place to ensure that students in the New South Wales Western Division receive the same standard of education as their counterparts, despite having an additional week off school at the beginning of the year?

Answer—

Public Sector conditions of employment provide an additional week of leave for all public sector employees who are located in in the Western Division of NSW as determined by the Crown Lands Act 1913.

The Department of Education's goal for regional, rural and remote students is for every child in regional NSW to have access to the same quality of education as their metropolitan counterparts.

All NSW public schools meet the requirements set out by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) when delivering the curriculum and this includes minimum hours. Regardless of location, schools meet this requirement through various timetabling structures, so students are not disadvantaged.

The department's school Resource Allocation Model provides targeted funding to remote and/or isolated schools through the location allocation in the base school allocation.

* 3373 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS (TOD) PRECINCTS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to each of the Transport Orientated Development (TOD) precincts, and specifying the name of each precinct, please advise

- (1) What is the current number of dwellings in each precinct?
- (2) What is the current number of dwellings which will be permitted to be built in each precinct as a result of the TOD Program?

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- (3) What is the number of persons who currently reside in each of the TOD precinct?
(4) What is the number of persons who the Government expects to resident in each precinct as a result of the TOD program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current number of dwellings in each precinct:

Bankstown	6,877
Crows Nest	8,500
Homebush	6,800
Hornsby	181
Kellyville & Bella Vista	6,391
Macquarie Park Stage 2	0
Bays West	0

Expected dwelling numbers for each TOD Accelerated Precinct is publicly available, and the rezoning proposals have recently come off public exhibition and will be finalised by the end of 2024.

The Department does not hold population data.

- (2) The projected population in each TOD Accelerated Precinct is being finalised by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in line with the final dwelling capacity as part of the rezoning process.

- * 3374 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW FORECAST AS TO STUDENT ENROLMENTS DEMAND, CASTLE HILL SHOWGROUND OR NORWEST—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to Registration of Interest for Delivery Opportunities for Future Schools in Castle Hill and Norwest, 2021DPIE0096 can the Minister please advise:

- (1) What steps have been taken by Property NSW to progress the Tender referred to within RFT 2021DPIE0096 which was published on 30 May 2022?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Education.

- * 3375 SINSW FORECAST FOR STUDENT ENROLMENTS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) With respect the Castle Hill Electorate can the Minister advise:

(a) Does School Infrastructure NSW have a forecast as to the student enrolment demands for the following locations:

- (i) The Castle Hill Showground Precinct?
 - (ii) The Norwest Precinct?
 - (iii) The West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook Precinct?
- (2) If the above answer is in the affirmative, please provide details of the forecast for each of the mentioned precinct for the following periods
- (a) The school year commencing January 2025?
 - (b) The school year commencing January 2026?
 - (c) The school year commencing January 2027?
 - (d) The school year commencing January 2028?

Answer—

Following 12 years of neglect under the previous Liberal Nationals government, the Department of Education is monitoring population and development trends so it can meet enrolment needs in schools across NSW. These projections are informed by data including census data, housing and population forecasts provided by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and consultation with local councils.

This includes ongoing consultation relating to the dwellings growth that will assist the department to identify enrolment projections anticipated to result from precinct planning.

The Minns Government's work to meet enrolment demand in the area includes upgrades at Castle Hill Public School and Matthew Pearce Public School which are currently underway.

- * 3376 STRATA MANAGEMENT LICENCES—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 Strata Management Licenses:

- (1) How many investigations have been conducted into strata managers' misconduct?
 - (a) Of those investigations how many have resulted in the loss of license?

Answer—

I am advised it is not possible to answer this question as no timeframe is specified.

- * 3377 CROWS NEST METRO—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the Crows Nest Metro:

- (1) When will the Crow Nest Metro be opening?

Answer—

I am advised

It's open.

- * 3378 REALLOCATION OF GREEN SPACE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the reallocation of green space, post construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel:

- (1) How many hectares of green space will be returned to the Willoughby community?

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- (a) Where will the location of green space be returned?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

- * 3379 WORKERS' COMPENSATION - SIRA POLICY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to workers' compensation claims and the State Insurance Regulatory Authority's (SIRA's) policy interpretation:

- (1) Can the Minister explain the rationale behind SIRA's interpretation that allows employees to remain on benefits indefinitely if they resign after being offered a return-to-work plan?
- (2) What steps is the Government taking to address these issues, as businesses are being affected by this policy interpretation, particularly regarding the financial impact on premiums and the potential manipulation of the system by employees?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is better directed to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

- * 3380 PROPERTY FRAUD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to property fraud:

- (1) How many cases of property fraud have been investigated by NSW Police in the past two years?
 - (a) Of those cases, how many have resulted in a conviction?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The data is unable to be provided. Fraud incidents are recorded in NSW Police Force databases, however, a statistical enquiry to determine if a fraud incident specifically involves 'property fraud' is not available.

- * 3381 BUILDER'S LICENSES—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 Builder's Licenses:

- (1) How many investigations have been conducted into breaches of the Home Building Act over the past 2 years?
 - (a) Of those investigations, how many have resulted in the suspension or cancellation of builder licenses?

Answer—

I am advised information relating to Building Commission NSW enforcement action is contained in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

- * 3382 SMALL BUSINESS CLOSURES—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 small business closures across New South Wales:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to combat the rapid rise in small business closures?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Government understands the tough economic environment currently facing small businesses and is providing support for small businesses through the work of the Service NSW Business Bureau and the implementation of the NSW Small Business Charter.

For context, during 2021-22 there were 1,903 corporate insolvencies -an increase of 20 per cent on the previous year. In 2022-2023 there were 3,282 insolvencies -an increase of 72 per cent on the previous year, and for the 2023-2024 financial year -there was 4,634 insolvencies, an increase of 41 per cent.

It should also be noted that insolvencies were dramatically reduced during the COVID-19 pandemic due to business support such as JobKeeper. As such, businesses that otherwise may have gone insolvent during this time could have been kept afloat due to the high amount of financial government assistance.

During 2023-24 financial year, the number of small businesses rose from 871,000 in July 2023 to 896,000 in June 2024, and while there were small businesses exiting the industry, there were 149,000 new small businesses.

In October 2023, the NSW Government launched the Service NSW Business Bureau to provide navigational and advisory support to NSW businesses. The Service NSW Business Bureau provides one front door access to government information, services and support to NSW businesses through the following services:

- Frontline support through Business Concierges and independent business advisors
- Digital self-service including a Business Profile and Business Bureau Mobile App
- Targeted communications including eDMs, social media and promotional campaigns
- Stakeholder engagement including local councils and business associations.

The Service NSW Business Bureau has a dedicated frontline team servicing all NSW, which assists small businesses over the phone or in-person to navigate and interpret regulatory requirements and promote awareness of relevant Government services and financial support.

This includes, for example, the Small Business Debt Helpline originally funded by the Commonwealth government, and the Rural Financial Counselling Service, a Commonwealth program for farmers and associated businesses. Service NSW Business Concierges are available in metro and regional NSW and conduct mobile outreach to assist businesses who are time-poor by coming to them. Business Concierges can also be available at local Service NSW service centres by appointment.

In addition to providing guidance and information, Business Concierges can liaise with councils on behalf of businesses and provide businesses with assistance making applications for either regulatory requirements or financial support. Business Concierges provide a case management service so businesses can establish a relationship with Service NSW and continue to be supported throughout their business lifecycle.

Throughout the year, the Service NSW Business Bureau has worked closely with local councils and NSW Government agencies to provide targeted rapid-response support to small businesses, including:

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- providing intensive case management to 11 small businesses impacted by the Rockdale sinkhole
- partnering with iCare and SafeWork to create a business hub at the Bondi Junction Westfield complex to provide over 145 small businesses with information and assistance on claims, assessments and mental health services
- support for meat retailers impacted by the closure of a major meat renderer in Riverstone, which impacted over 1,000 retailer outlets
- liaising with small businesses in northern NSW to ensure awareness and compliance with emergency procedures to combat fire ant and Varroa mite infestations
- providing customer care support to 65 small businesses, 58 primary producers and 106 individuals impacted by flood and storm events in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The Service NSW Business Bureau also provides free independent advice through its Business Connect program. Business advisors are able to run a business health check and provide advice on a wide range of operational matters including business planning, financial planning, marketing/promotion, and growing business capability to participate in tendering processes. The Business Connect program includes in-person and online events and webinars on topics of interest including those tailored for start-ups.

Business Connect advisors can assist businesses to test the financial and operational resilience of their small business, and then tailor their advice accordingly. This includes providing advice on financial and business planning, managing cash flow, working out if the business (or a component of the business) can recover or find new income streams, and creative ways to exit, for example, moving from a small business to a community owned partnership.

Businesses can self-service on the Service NSW Business Bureau digital platform, including use of a Business Profile, which is a personalised account where businesses can manage their interactions with NSW Government business services in one place. This also includes functionality to help businesses manage their licences and compliance and apply for grants and rebates.

The Service NSW Business Bureau mobile app was launched in November 2023 and enables small businesses to manage their business on the go, including managing licences and permits, applying for rebates and grants, scanning and redeeming vouchers and tracking the progress of transactions and applications. Businesses are kept informed of the latest information and programs through regular eDMs and social media campaigns, as well as through notifications via their Business Profile.

There are also a number of financial supports currently available to small businesses which include:

- The Toll Relief Rebate scheme providing 40% cash back of their toll spend, for eligible sole traders with a personal, business, or mixed toll account who spend more than \$402 on tolls in NSW a year. This only applies to tolls accrued from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. Eligible sole traders can claim up to \$1,605, and claims need to be submitted prior to 30 June 2025.
- The SafeWork small business rebate is available for small business owners and sole traders who have an ABN and less than 50 full time employees. It is a \$1,000 rebate to help businesses purchase safety items to improve workplace health and safety.

In February 2024, the Small Business Charter was released and reflects the Government's commitment to NSW small businesses. The charter's action plan includes specific actions that aim to increase the small business economy by making it easier to do business including reducing red tape. Key progress under the charter includes:

- Making procurement easier for small businesses. The NSW Procurement Board issued 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.

- Supporting small business export opportunities, by establishing a triage and referral pathway between the Business Bureau and Investment NSW to support small businesses seeking advice on selling their goods and services overseas.
- Streamlining licence management, by digitising amendments to sell takeaway liquor and supporting motor vehicle repairer compliance through a new self-checking tool.

* 3383 SMALL BUSINESS DATA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can the Minister provide data indicating the number of small businesses that have opened in New South Wales over the last 2 years?
- (2) Can the Minister provide data indicating the number of small businesses that have closed in New South Wales over the last 2 years?

Answer—

I am advised the latest available data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for NSW indicates there were, for businesses with fewer than 20 employees:

- 142,839 entries and 104,771 exits in 2021-22, and
- 137,623 entries and 119,940 exits in 2022-23.

* 3384 HOUSEHOLD ENERGY PRICE DATA—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to energy prices:

- (1) Can the Minister provide data indicating the average rise in household energy prices in New South Wales over the last 2 years?

Answer—

- (1) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) provides an annual report on the electricity and gas retail markets in NSW, including prices and movements. All reports are available on the IPART website:

- For 2021-22: www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Monitoring_the_retail_energy_markets_2021-22
- For 2022-23: www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/review/energy/monitoring-retail-energy-markets-2022-23-0

* 3385 PATIENT TRANSPORT VEHICLES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to patient transport vehicles:

- (1) How many patient transport vehicles are in the following local government areas:
 - (a) Armidale Regional?
 - (b) Glen Innes Severn?
 - (c) Gwydir?
 - (d) Inverell?

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- (e) Moree Plains?
 - (f) Uralla?
 - (g) Walcha?
- (2) Do you have any plans to boost the number of patient transport vehicles in the Northern Tablelands?
- (3) What steps are being taken to adequately staff Hospitals in the Northern Tablelands?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided based on local government areas or electorates.

HealthShare NSW has 45 patient transport vehicles based in the Hunter New England Local Health District and is working on a further expansion of patient transport services into regional districts.

Hunter New England 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 the District. This includes the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme, which supports the recruitment and retention staff in eligible positions at health services across regional and rural NSW.

* 3386 TEACHER VACANCY RATES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to teacher vacancy rates across the Northern Tablelands:

- (1) What is the teacher vacancy rate in the following local government areas:
- (a) Armidale Regional?
 - (b) Glen Innes Severn?
 - (c) Gwydir?
 - (d) Inverell?
 - (e) Moree Plains?
 - (f) Uralla?
 - (g) Walcha?
- (2) What is the New South Wales state-average teacher vacancy rate?
- (3) What steps are you undertaking to ensure staffing vacancies are filled as priority?

Answer—

Schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate began Term 3 of 2024 with 16.6% fewer teacher vacancies than the same time in 2023.

The most significant step taken by the Minns Labor Government was to abolish the former Liberal National Government's wages cap and deliver teachers the most significant uplift in NSW teachers' salaries in generation, taking them from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. I note the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council said the suppression of wages was a "very good decision".

It is disappointing this fair pay rise for teachers is opposed by the Liberal Party and National Party.

The Minns Labor Government has also expanded the Priority Recruitment Support Program, which now includes Glen Innes High School, Macintyre High School and Uralla Central School along with Armidale Secondary College, Boggabilla Central School, Inverell High School, Moree East Public School, Moree Secondary College and Toomelah Public School.

- * 3387 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to funding announced for the New England Highway just north of Armidale:

- (1) Will it be used for a turning bay off the New England Highway onto Puddledock Road?
- (2) If not, what steps are you undertaking to ensure the safety of residents turning onto Puddledock Road from the New England Highway?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has made an application for funding to the Australian Government's Road Safety Program to upgrade the turning bay off New England Highway onto Puddledock Road. Next steps for the upgrade will be determined once the outcome of the funding application is known.

- * 3388 ANZAC DAY TRADING HOURS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to proposed changes to the ANZAC Day trading hours:

- (1) Will the proposed changes impact the ability of community organisations such as the Annual Moree Show to operate on Anzac Day as it has done for many years?
- (2) Will the proposed changes impact the ability of vendors including food and drink vendors to operate on the morning of Anzac Day during the Annual Moree Show?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Anzac Day trading restrictions will apply to shops in all local government areas within NSW unless the shop is a type that is exempt under the Act.

Section 7 of the Act outlines that businesses of a kind specified in Schedule 1 of the Act are exempt from trading restrictions. Under Schedule 1, bazaars, fairs or markets are exempt from trading restrictions if they are conducted for charitable or public fundraising purposes.

If the Annual Moree Show is held for the purposes of charitable or public fundraising purposes it can operate on Anzac Day. If the Annual Moree Show is not held for a charitable or public fundraising purpose, an application can be made to the Secretary under Section 10 of the Act to be exempt from the requirement to remain closed on Anzac Day. The decision to grant an exemption will take into account the effect on tourism, small businesses and the local economy, among other criteria.

- (2) Schedule 1 of the Act also lists a number of food and drink shops that are exempt from the trading restrictions. These include:

- restaurants, cafes and kiosks
- cake and pastry shops
- cooked provision shops
- fruit and vegetable shops
- seafood shops
- takeaway food and drink shops

If the food and drink vendors at the Annual Moree Show are a kind as outlined in Schedule 1, they are exempt from the trading restrictions and can operate on Anzac Day.

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- * 3389 BINGARA FIRE AND RESCUE STATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to the Bingara Fire and Rescue Station:

- (1) Do you have any plans to close this station?
- (2) What steps are you undertaking to recruit on-call firefighters?

Answer—

- (1) This question was addressed in response to QON 64 -Bingara Fire and Rescue NSW Station.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) held an information session for the community in June. FRNSW has also engaged with media outlets, visited Bingara Central High School and attended Bingara Orange festival in July to promote recruitment efforts.

- * 3390 NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to disability access to the New England Conservatorium of Music which is located within the Old Teacher's College building in Armidale:

- (1) Are there plans to reinstate the decommissioned stair chair to enable disabled patrons' full access to the building?
- (2) Are there plans to construct a lift inside the building?

Answer—

I am advised the old stair chair is being replaced with a new compliant chair lift.

Property and Development NSW is principally responsible for such work in consultation with other agencies, with updates to be provided to occupants and other stakeholders as a matter of course.

- * 3391 OLD WALCHA HOSPITAL SITE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Old Walcha Hospital site:

- (1) Are there plans for Health Infrastructure to clear the asbestos in the Old Walcha Hospital site so that it can be demolished and repurposed for something else?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Hunter New England Local Health District continues to maintain the Old Walcha Hospital site.

The District and the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council are discussing options on the transfer of land in accordance with the Aboriginal land claim.

The District will determine future use options for the site once the land claim is determined.

- * 3392 ARMIDALE URGENT CARE SERVICE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the temporary closure of the Armidale Urgent Care Service:

- (1) Why has the Armidale Urgent Care service temporarily closed?
- (2) What steps are you undertaking to ensure medical practitioners are recruited as early as possible?
- (3) What factors prevented the service from being suitably staffed at the time of its opening?

- (4) What timeframe do you anticipate the service will reopen?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) Armidale Urgent Care Service has temporarily paused operations to address unexpected workforce challenges that impact the capacity of the service to deliver urgent care.
- (2) Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network is working closely with the provider to recruit a more permanent workforce.
- (3) Attracting and retaining the required healthcare staff, particularly to rural and remote areas, remains a long-standing challenge for NSW and every other state and territory across Australia.
- (4) Armidale Urgent Care Service is working towards reopening to patients in the coming months.

- * 3393 POLICE HOLDING YARD IN GUYRA—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the police holding yard in Guyra, used to store vehicles required for forensic examination, and the recent spate of break and enters:

- (1) Has there been a recent spate of break and enters on this facility?
 - (a) How many break and enters have occurred?
- (2) What steps are you undertaking to ensure that security concerns, including fences and lighting, are adequately addressed?
- (3) Do you have any plans to relocate the police holding yard to the adjacent large parcel of vacant land?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Four break and enters have occurred between May 2023 and July 2024.
- (2 - 3) Security at the existing holding yard is being reviewed in conjunction with consideration for the relocation of the facility.

- * 3394 GLEBE PUBLIC SCHOOL 'WISHING TREE' FUNDRAISER—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the Glebe School P&C's 'Wishing Tree' fundraiser, which aims to provide teachers 'what they need in their classrooms, from stationery and books to educational aids and classroom equipment':

- (1) Why have these essential classroom items not been funded by the state budget?
- (2) What plans, if any, does the government have to address funding shortfalls in the public education system to ensure that public schools are adequately equipped without the need for community fundraisers?

Answer—

NSW Public Schools have been provided with record funding to support the teaching and learning needs of students. School budget allocations include a variety of funding allocations to support day-to-day school operations, including the purchase of teaching and learning resources and equipment.

The NSW Labor Government has delivered an increase to public school budgets in 2024 of more than \$700 million, which included an increase of nearly 10% for Glebe Public School.

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In keeping with its election commitment, the NSW Government is increasing the State's funding of public schools to 75 percent of the Schooling Resource Standard and is continuing to negotiate for the Commonwealth Government to increase its share to 25 percent.

* 3395 WOMBEGAN CAVES ROAD DAMAGE—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—

- (1) What specific damage has been identified on the Wombeyan Caves Road that necessitates the warnings and restrictions?
- (2) How has the estimated 3-6 months of repair work been determined, and what are the specific challenges involved in this process?
- (3) What funding sources are available for Council to pursue to address the lack of funding for the necessary road repairs?
- (4) Are there any interim measures being considered to improve road safety and accessibility while waiting for the full repairs to commence?
- (5) How will the logistical challenges of material and plant movements be addressed during the repair process?
- (6) What criteria will be used in the tender process to select contractors for the storm damage repair works?
- (7) How will the Government monitor and ensure the quality and timeliness of the repair works once they commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

* 3396 MEALS ON WHEELS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With respect to Meals On Wheels in New South Wales:

- (1) What funding has the Government provided to Meals on Wheels programs in New South Wales each year for the last four years?
- (2) What restrictions does the Government currently place on funded operators with respect to people accessing their services?
- (3) How much funding has the Government provided to Meals on Wheels that service the Goulburn Electorate each year for the last four years?
- (8) How much funding has the Government provided to Meals on Wheels which service regional New South Wales each year for the last four years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Funding for Meals on Wheels in NSW is not a funding responsibility of the NSW Government. However, under the NSW Government's Community Build Partnership Program, grants have been rewarded to multiple Meal on Wheels services within NSW. Information on recipients and the amount received is publicly available.

Meals on Wheels across Australia receives funding through the Commonwealth Government and Commonwealth Department of Health where delivery of more than two thirds of meal services are provided under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, a program that supports Australians to live independently in their homes.

Information on the funding received by Meals on Wheels is available in their annual report.

* 3397 REGIONAL 500 AMBULANCE ENHANCEMENT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 specifically to:
 - (a) Goulburn?
 - (b) Vass?
 - (c) Moss Vale?
 - (d) Crookwell?
- (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 applies a Clinical Capability Assessment as well as a service planning methodology to determine the placement of clinical resources in geographical areas. NSW Ambulance has met the first-year target of the regional 500 and has also commenced consultation for the second phase of the rollout. NSW Ambulance continues to consult with unions and staff at locations proposed to receive additional paramedics as part of the rollout.

Roster changes planned to occur vary based on service planning and demand patterns of the community. NSW Ambulance varies staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need.

NSW Ambulance uses Rostering Best Practice which considers multiple factors such as patient needs, staff needs, fatigue management, organisational needs, the workforce and skills required to deliver services, with the overarching principle of providing services to patients as the highest consideration.

NSW Ambulance no longer uses Minimum Operating Levels and instead uses the concept of Planned Ambulance Rosters when rostering paramedics. If the number of paramedics on duty for any shift falls below what is required, absences are filled using all available methods, including casuals, part timers, flexible working arrangements and overtime.

* 3398 EMBEDDED NETWORK ENERGY PROVIDERS—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

Considering residents in strata schemes and retirement villages:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to bring forward legislation around Embedded Networks these types of residences?
 - (a) If not why not?
- (2) Is the Government drafting Strata Embedded Network Legislation and if so when will it be brought to the floor?

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- (3) Is the Government drafting Retirement Village Embedded Network Legislation and if so when will it be brought to the floor?

Answer—

(1 - 3)

The Statutory Review of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 and Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 ('the Report') was tabled in Parliament in November 2021.

The previous government did not introduce legislation to implement the recommendations of the Report, which included recommendations relating to embedded networks.

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

The Government will continue to engage with industry stakeholders on policy development within the retirement village sector.

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- * 3399 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - BERTHING AREA—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does Maritime, through Transport for NSW have jurisdiction to approve or validate a 'berthing area' or any vessel configuration at the Gladesville Bridge Marina?
- (a) If not, which Government entity has this jurisdiction?

Answer—

I am advised

The environmental planning instrument controlling development on Sydney Harbour and its tributaries is the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021. Transport for NSW does not have jurisdiction over this function.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 delegates the consent authority for commercial marina berths to the local council of the adjacent dry land.

- * 3400 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - EP&A ACT MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) With reference to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, is a renewed long term lease for the Gladesville Bridge Marina in the public interest?

Answer—

I am advised

On 22 May 2024, a development application was made to Transport for NSW seeking approval for a subdivision for the purpose of a lease exceeding five years over the part of the Parramatta River being occupied by Gladesville Bridge Marina.

Transport for NSW considers whether the proposal is in the public interest when undertaking its role as the consent authority for subdivisions or when it is making a tenure arrangement. However, Transport for NSW is not the consent authority for all development proposals on this waterway. Council retains its role

as the consent authority for commercial marinas under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

As this application is currently under assessment and has not yet been determined, no further comment can be made regarding the specifics of this application.

* 3401 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - EP&A ACT MINISTER FOR PLANNING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) With reference to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, is a renewed long term lease for the Gladesville Bridge Marina in the public interest?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the relevant council or planning panel (where the proposed development exceeds \$5 million) as the consent authority and would be considered during assessment.

In deciding whether to grant development consent in Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways Area, the consent authority must consider the following principles:

- Sydney Harbour is a public resource, owned by the public, to be protected for the public good.
- The public good has precedence over the private good.
- The protection of the natural assets of Sydney Harbour has precedence over all other interests.

* 3402 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - SEPP BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

(1) With reference to (Clause 6.28(1)(a)(i) of the State Environmental Planning Policies (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021), is the granting of a long-term lease to the Gladesville Bridge Marina consistent with protecting Sydney Harbour for the public good?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 3400.

* 3403 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - SEPP BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION MINISTER FOR PLANNING—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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* 3404 GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA - SEPP BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION MINISTER FOR LANDS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) With reference to (Clause 6.28(1)(a)(i) of the State Environmental Planning Policies (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021), is the granting of a long-term lease to the Gladesville Bridge Marina consistent with protecting Sydney Harbour for the public good?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has responsibility for managing the lease for the Gladesville Bridge Marina. Any questions regarding this lease should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure - Crown Lands (Crown Lands) is reviewing a licence application for a parcel of Crown land adjacent to Gladesville Bridge Marina, for the purposes of access.

The Department must consider the objects of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and the principles of Crown land management when assessing all licence applications.

* 3405 SYDNEY HARBOUR STRATEGIC PLAN—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to establish an oversight body and legislation to protect Sydney Harbour, the Parramatta River and associated Crown Lands?
- (2) Does the Government have a current strategic plan for Sydney Harbour Sydney Harbour, the Parramatta River and associated Crown Lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No. There are 20 councils within the Greater Sydney Harbour catchment collaborating with state agencies, including the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure -Crown Lands, to develop a Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Greater Sydney Harbour. These councils are represented by the Sydney Coastal Councils Group and the Parramatta River Catchment Group, who have partnered together to develop the CMP.
- (2) The CMP will provide a long-term coordinated strategy for Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River (to tidal limits) and inform the management of any relevant Crown land located within the scope of the CMP.

Further information regarding the development of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP can be found at the following website: www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au/projects/greater-sydney-harbour-coastal-management-program/

* 3406 EXTENSION OF LEASE - GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has your department been approached about an extension to the long term lease of the Gladesville Bridge Marina?
- (2) What are the Government's plans to address this matter?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a question for the Minister for Transport.

* 3407 EXTENSION OF LEASE - GLADESVILLE BRIDGE MARINA—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Has your department been approached about an extension to the long term lease of the Gladesville Bridge Marina?
- (2) What are the Government's plans to address this matter?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 3400.

* 3408 PARKES SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT FEASIBILITY STUDY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you advise if any feasibility study has been conducted regarding investment and development of warehousing infrastructure at the Parkes Special Activation Precinct?

Answer—

In July 2018, the NSW Government announced Parkes to be investigated as a freight and logistics focused Special Activation Precinct (SAP). The Parkes SAP was nominated to capitalise on the area's endowments in freight and logistics - notably Parkes' unique position at the intersection of North-South and East-West rail routes, the Newell Highway and the planned investment in the Inland Rail line and the Newell Highway Parkes Bypass.

The Parkes SAP is suited to warehousing development and is an identified land use in the precincts Master Plan. Infrastructure including utilities, to support land development in the Parkes SAP has been delivered.

It is intended that development in the Parkes SAP, including any warehousing, will be privately led. As such, feasibility studies associated with investment and development of future warehousing will be undertaken by the private sector as part of project planning.

* 3409 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can you please advise with respect to Active Kids Vouchers in the 2023/2024 Financial Year:
 - (a) How many families or alternatively, how many school-aged children, were eligible for the vouchers?
 - (b) How many vouchers were created with ServiceNSW?
 - (c) How many vouchers were redeemed?
 - (d) Can you please provide a breakdown of vouchers redeemed by electorate?
 - (e) If the above data is not available by electorate, can you please provide a breakdown of vouchers redeemed by postcode?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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- (1) The data collected for Active Kids is only up to 31st January 2024 when the original Active Kids program closed.
- (a) The eligible population based on the Census 2021 data was 1,351,658 children aged 5-18.
 - (b) There were 673,912 vouchers created with ServiceNSW in the 2023/2024 financial year.
 - (c) There were 514,963 vouchers redeemed with ServiceNSW in the 2023/24 financial year.
 - (d) No. The breakdown of vouchers is by postcode.
 - (e) The breakdown of data by postcode is provided below*. Postcode is determined via address validation when child's home address is entered. Where no postcode is given, then the address may have been entered with an incorrect or unidentified postcode, or be outside NSW.

*Please see Attachment A for data by postcode in Questions and Answers Tracking on the Parliament's website.

* 3410 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can you please advise with respect to First Lap Vouchers in the 2023/2024 Financial Year:
- (a) How many families or alternatively, how many school-aged children, were eligible for the vouchers?
 - (b) How many vouchers were created with ServiceNSW?
 - (c) How many vouchers were redeemed?
 - (d) Can you please provide a breakdown of vouchers redeemed by electorate?
 - (e) If the above data is not available by electorate, can you please provide a breakdown of vouchers redeemed by postcode?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1)
 - (a) The eligible population based on the Census 2021 data was 282,420 children aged 3-5.
 - (b) There were 101,942 vouchers created with ServiceNSW in the 2023/2024 financial year.
 - (c) There were 73,341 vouchers redeemed with ServiceNSW in the 2023/24 financial year.
 - (d) No.
 - (e) The breakdown of data by postcode is provided*. Postcode is determined via address validation when child's home address is entered. Where no postcode is given, then the address may have been entered with an incorrect or unidentified postcode.

*Please see Attachment A for data by postcode in Questions and Answers Tracking on the Parliament's website.

* 3411 LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Can you please advise the status of the Level the Playing Field Program 23/24 Grant of \$2,000,000 given to Shoalhaven City Council for the Francis Ryan Amenities Upgrade (“the project”)?
- (2) Can you please advise whether the project will proceed?

- (3) Can you please advise if the \$2,000,000 grant was returned by Shoalhaven City Council?
- (4) Can you please advise if the \$2,000,000 grant was withdrawn by the Office of Sport?
- (5) Can you please advise if the \$2,000,000 grant has been reallocated to another project?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Shoalhaven City Council formally withdrew its application under the Level the Playing Field Program 2023/24.
- (2) This is a matter for Shoalhaven City Council.
- (3) As Council withdrew its application, a funding agreement was not executed, therefore, funding was not provided to Council.
- (4) Shoalhaven City Council formally withdrew its application.
- (5) An assessment of other applications that were considered to be meritorious is being undertaken.

* 3412 PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION SCHEME - BATTERY INCENTIVE PROGRAM—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) In relation to the inclusion of incentives for homes and businesses to install battery storage as part of the Peak Demand Reduction Scheme, as announced on the 25th May:
 - (a) Why did the Minister announce the program in May with a start date of November 1?
 - (b) Did the Minister consult with renewables industry businesses about the possible impacts of a delay of over 5 months on the sector?
 - (c) Has the Minister met with renewables industry businesses who are impacted by this delay in rolling out the program?
 - (i) If so, who and when?
 - (d) What is the expected loss of revenue expected by the renewables industry in NSW as a result of the delay in the start date of the program?
 - (e) Are there any plans to bring the start date of the program forward?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) In May 2024, the Government announced that the installation of battery storage systems would be eligible for incentives under the existing Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (PDRS) from 1 November 2024. At the same time, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) published the revisions to the PDRS Rule that enables this to occur.

This allowed the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), the scheme administrator, to develop accreditation requirements, update its systems, develop guidance for accredited certificate providers and update information for consumers. This would not be possible without the rules being publicly available.

Businesses who wish to participate in the scheme also need to understand the methods for passing on the incentives, the products that are eligible, and the evidence collection

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processes. They then need to apply for accreditation and on-board installers. Again, this cannot occur without the details of the incentives being available through the publication of the scheme rules and IPART's guidance.

- (b) DCCEEW publicly consulted on introducing new activities to the Rule between October and November 2023. The briefing session was attended by over 160 stakeholders. DCCEEW received 27 submissions and held further meetings with stakeholders in early-2024 on their consultation responses.

Similar times between rule gazettal and commencement have occurred for the introduction of any new technology to the schemes and is inherent to the way a scheme like this works.

- (c) DCCEEW has been contacted by a range of stakeholders. My office met with John Grimes, CEO of the Smart Energy Council – an industry body representing the renewable energy industry – to discuss these concerns, on 30 August 2024. DCCEEW has also met with a range of industry groups and businesses, including the Smart Energy Council and Natural Solar – the largest solar and battery installer in Australia.
- (d) This has not been calculated.
- (e) No. The date was set after consultation and informed advice.

- * 3413 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS FUNDING—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In the Budget the Government funded 11 school crossing supervisors in the Vaucluse electorate:

- (1) Which schools / crossing have they been allocated to?
(2) Is this funding for existing roles or are these new positions?

Answer—

This Question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

- * 3414 SPATIAL SERVICES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many employees does Spatial Services have for the following calendar years:
- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?
(d) 2023?
(e) 2024 as of 31 July?
- (2) Of these employees, how many Spatial Services employees are based in Bathurst in the following calendar years?
- (a) 2020?
(b) 2021?
(c) 2022?
(d) 2023?
(e) 2024 as of 31 July?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) 262
- (b) 261
- (c) 279
- (d) 294
- (e) 289 (as of 31 July 2024)

(2)

- (a) 218
- (b) 226
- (c) 225
- (d) 236
- (e) 237 (as of 31 July 2024)

* 3415 BLAYNEY MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE UPDATE—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 redevelopment of Blayney Multipurpose Service (MPS):

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on this project?
- (2) Has there been a stall in progress?
- (3) When can constituents expect to see construction take place on site?
- (4) When can constituents expect to see this project complete?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Preliminary site investigations and design finalisation are currently underway.

Construction timeframes will be confirmed once a main works contractor has been appointed.

* 3416 HEALTH SERVICE STAFFING RATIOS—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 staffing ratios at health services in the Bathurst Electorate:

- (1) When will staffing ratios be introduced in the following health services:
 - (a) Bathurst Hospital?
 - (b) Lithgow Hospital?
 - (c) Blayney MPS?
 - (d) Oberon MPS?
 - (e) Kandos Rylstone MPS?
- (2) Can you please outline at what expense this will come at for each health service?
- (3) Can you please outline what the ratio at each health service will be?

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- (4) Will these ratios be permanent once introduced?
(5) What happens when a health service cannot find enough staff to meet ratio requirements?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government is rolling out a major staffing reform set to boost the number of frontline nurses through the implementation of Safe Staffing Levels (SSL) in NSW public hospitals. In May 2023, the SSL Taskforce was established with key leaders from the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, the Ministry of Health, and local health districts. The Taskforce has been working collaboratively to implement the government's commitment of 2,480 full time equivalent staff towards minimum staffing levels (through to June 2027).

The Taskforce has started to implement Safe Staffing Levels in level 5 and 6 emergency departments. This will be progressively rolled out across other hospitals and departments in a staged approach.

- * 3417 BLAYNEY POLICE STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to Blayney Police Station,

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on the Blayney Police Station upgrade?
(2) Is this project going ahead?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Blayney Police Station upgrade is in the design phase.
(2) Yes.

- * 3418 CROSSLEY BRIDGE AT SOFALA—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the upgrades of Crossley Bridge at Sofala:

- (1) What is the scope of works?
(2) When will works begin?
(3) How long will the works take to complete?
(4) What funding has been allocated to this work?

Answer—

I am advised

The project is currently in the development phase which includes investigation of options for a possible full replacement of the existing structure.

The project is included in Transport for NSW's forward program for construction once the development phase is complete.

- * 3419 HAWTHORNDEN CREEK BRIDGE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the upgrades of Hawthornden Creek Bridge at Bathurst:

- (1) What is the scope of works?

- (2) When will works begin?
- (3) How long will the works take to complete?
- (4) What funding has been allocated to this work?

Answer—

I am advised

The project is currently in the development phase which includes the investigation of options for a potential replacement of the existing structure.

The project is included in the forward works program for construction, once the development phase is complete.

* 3420 BACK IN THE GAME PROGRAM—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

In relation to the Back in the Game (BIG) program,

- (1) What is the aim of the BIG program?
- (2) Can you please list the electorates in New South Wales in which BIG program is currently running?
- (3) If any electorates are missing, can you please list them and specify why the program is not available to young people in these areas?

Answer—

The primary aim of the Back in the Game (BIG) is to support young people aged 15 to 19 to engage or re-engage with school, participate in training or find pathways to meaningful employment. The program supports young people to get the best start in life by providing meaningful postschool pathways, strengthening wellbeing and advancing equitable outcomes.

BIG is currently available in 148 schools (with secondary enrolments) that participate in the Educational Pathways Program (EPP). BIG has a footprint across 49 NSW electorates as per the table below. It should be noted that BIG services offering is planned to expand to a further 21 EPP participating schools in January 2025.

BIG is one of eight initiatives offered by the EPP to help students explore and pursue careers through vocational education and training.

EPP participating schools (171) represent around a third of public schools with secondary enrolments. EPP regions and service delivery have been designed to align with the school needs and not state government electorates.

State Electorates with BIG*	State Electorates without BIG
Ballina	Albury
Bankstown	Auburn
Barwon	Badgerys Creek
Bega	Balmain
Blacktown	Bathurst
Cabramatta	Blue Mountains
Campbelltown	Camden
Canterbury	Castle Hill

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Cessnock	Coogee
Charlestown	Cootamundra
Clarence	Cronulla
Coffs Harbour	Davidson
Epping	Drummoyne
Fairfield	Dubbo
Gosford	East Hills
Goulburn	Hawkesbury
Granville	Heffron
Heathcote	Holsworthy
Keira	Hornsby
Kiama	Kellyville
Lake Macquarie	Kogarah
Leppington	Lane Cove
Lismore	Macquarie Fields
Liverpool	Manly
Londonderry	Maroubra
Maitland	Miranda
Mount Druitt	Monaro
Myall Lakes	Murray^
Newcastle	Newtown
Northern Tablelands	North Shore
Oxley	Oatley
Parramatta	Orange
Penrith	Pittwater
Port Stephens	Port Macquarie
Prospect	Rockdale
Riverstone	Ryde
Shellharbour	Strathfield
South Coast	Summer Hill
Swansea	Sydney
Tamworth	Vaucluse
Terrigal	Wagga Wagga
The Entrance	Wahroonga
Tweed	Wakehurst

Upper Hunter	Willoughby
Wallsend	
Winston Hills	
Wollondilly	
Wollongong	
Wyong	

*Note 1. BIG is available in at least one school in the 49 listed electorates, but not all schools.

"Note 2. Murray electorate has one school (Coomella High School) that is in the EPP but do not yet have BIG access.

* 3421 JENOLAN CAVES FACILITIES UPGRADES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) In relation to the 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:
 - (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?

Answer—

- (1) In relation to the budget line Environment and Tourism Funding: Jenolan Caves Visitor Facilities Upgrade:
 - (a) The works, which have been varied since first approved, include:
 - (i) Upgrades to the Blue Lake area which includes removal of accumulated sediment and weeds, upgrades to the walking track, and construction of a boardwalk, bridge and observation platform.
 - (ii) Design of the Jenolan Gateway Centre.
 - (b) The project is in delivery and is currently scheduled to be completed this financial year.
 - (c) Restart NSW funding (Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund): \$8,480,000.
- (2) In relation to the budget line Environment and Tourism Funding: Jenolan Caves House Revitalisation Project:
 - (a) Works include upgrades to Jenolan Caves House, including to guest accommodation, bathrooms, services, public spaces and restaurant.
 - (b) The project is in delivery and is currently scheduled to be completed in 2025/26 financial year.
 - (c) Restart NSW funding (Regional Growth Environment & Tourism Fund): \$10,397,500.

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* 3422 FERAL DEER POPULATIONS IN THE ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to deer populations in the Illawarra and the South Coast:

- (1) What steps and actions have you taken since managing the Illawarra and South Coast portfolio to reduce feral deer population in the region?
- (2) When was the Minister last briefed on the matter by Local Land Services?
- (3) What discussions have you had with responsible Ministers about the increase in feral deer in the Illawarra?
- (4) Do current estimated numbers of feral deer in the Illawarra and South Coast continue to grow annually?
- (5) When did Local Land Services last conduct a cull of feral deer in the Illawarra and the South Coast?
- (6) How many deer were culled in the Illawarra in each year for the last five years?
- (7) How many deer have been culled by Local Land Services so far this year in the Illawarra (as at 9 August 2024)?
- (8) What are the target locations in the Illawarra and South Coast for culling this year?
- (9) What actions have you taken to reduce the number of feral deer in the regions?
- (10) What future actions are planned or being considered to address the above?
- (11) How much has the Government invested in deer management / control in the:
 - (a) Illawarra?
 - (b) South Coast each year for the last five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Illawarra Wild Deer Management Program is the responsibility of the Minister for Agriculture, Regional NSW and Western NSW and you should direct your numerous questions to the relevant Minister.

The Illawarra Wild Deer Management Program is delivered by Local Land Services in collaboration with Local Governments, NSW Government Agencies, private entities and local land holders. The Program removes on average 700 deer per year through professional shooters on risk assessed holdings on the frontline of the deer incursion.

Deer populations are documented in the 2023 NSW pest animal distribution maps: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/vertebrate-pests/publications/distribution-maps-for-vertebrate-pests>

* 3423 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With reference to Question on Notice 3273 - PAYROLL TAX REVENUE:

- (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 that the data has been aggregated to mitigate the risk of inadvertently identifying taxpayers.

Of note, Division 3 Taxation Administration Act 1996 prohibits the disclosure of information obtained under the administration of a taxation law (section 81), except in certain circumstances such as where a taxpayer consents to the disclosure, the disclosure is in accordance with another Act, or the information would not, or would not be likely, to identify a taxpayer.

- (1) (a) (i) \$39,836,518
- (ii) \$25,896,210
- (iii) \$27,567,362
- (iv) \$27,933,127
- (v) \$33,199,495
- (b) (i) 416
- (ii) 417
- (iii) 399
- (iv) 432
- (v) 426
- (c) As at 13 August 2024, 32 businesses in the listed postcodes have a current payroll tax liability.

* 3424 WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES - HOUSING—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 reference to Question on Notice 3004 - WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES:

- (1) What is the average wait time (i.e. before being connected with a person) for a call to Linked2Home this month?
- (2) How does this compare to earlier monthly and yearly averages for the last five years?
- (3) Can you provide the same information for the Housing Contact Centre Aboriginal Enquiry Line

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- (4) In relation to (1) through (3), how many staff are employed to answer these calls on any given day?
- (5) In relation to (1) through (3), how many calls are made to these help lines on any given day?
- (6) Can you provide any information on how many calls are made to these services from the Kiama Electorate and or Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, and Kiama LGAs respectively?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW does not yet have complete data for the month of August 2024. The average wait time for a call to Link2home in July 2024 was 0:46:43 (H:MM:SS).
- (2) I refer the member to question on notice LC 2477. The average wait time of 46 minutes in July 2024 reflects the current strain on the service, which has seen a 45% increase in calls in FY 2023-2024 compared to FY 2022-2023.
- (3) The Aboriginal Enquiry Line is a callback service which is available Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

In July 2024, the average time taken for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff member to return the call was less than 60 minutes. From 2020 to 2023, the average time taken ranged from 34 minutes to 6 hours.

There has been a substantial increase in Aboriginal Enquiry Line callback requests. Comparing call back requests in July 2023 to July 2024, there has been a 20% increase.

- (4) As at 1 September 2024, the number of staff trained in delivering the Link2home service was 254. This is a substantial increase.

As of the same date, the number of identified staff trained in delivering the Aboriginal Enquiry Line service was 23.

Staff trained in delivering Link2home services and Aboriginal Enquiry Line services are spread across a 24/7 roster and are multi-skilled, working to provide a number of services that the Housing Contact Centre offers.

- (5)
 - In July 2024, Link2home received between 406 and 1460 calls per day.
 - In July 2024, the Aboriginal Enquiry Line received between 2 and 42 calls per day.
- (6) At this time statewide reporting is only available as the focus is on getting people into safe accommodation.

* 3425 WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES - ATTORNEY GENERAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With reference to Question on Notice 3004 - WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES:

- (1) What is the average wait time (i.e. before being connected with a person) for a call to the Aboriginal (Victim Services) Contact Line (1800 019 123)? this month?
- (2) How does this compare to earlier monthly and yearly for the last five years?
- (3) In relation to (1) and (2), how many staff are employed to answer these calls on any given day?
- (4) In relation to (1) and (2), how many calls are made to these help lines on any given day?
- (5) Can you provide any information on how many calls are made to these services from the Kiama Electorate and or Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, and Kiama LGAs respectively?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average wait time for a call to the Victim Services Aboriginal Contact Line (ACL) in July 2024 was 39 seconds.
- (2) The average wait time for a call to ACL in June 2024 was 49 seconds. The average wait time for a call to the ACL from 6 December 2023 30 June 2024 was 59 seconds. DCJ does not hold wait time information specifically related to the ACL prior to 6 December 2023.
- (3) The average number of staff employed to answer calls to the ACL on any given day is one.
- (4) On average, 37 calls were made to the ACL on any given day during 2023/24.
- (5) DCJ does not hold this information.

* 3426 WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES - DV AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With reference to Question on Notice 3004 - WAIT TIMES - INCOMING CALLS TO HELP LINES:

- (1) What is the average wait time (i.e. before being connected with a person) for a call to the Domestic Violence Line this month?
- (2) How does this compare to earlier monthly and yearly averages for the last five years?
- (3) In relation to (1) and (2), how many staff are employed to answer these calls on any given day?
- (4) In relation to (1) and (2), how many calls are made to these help lines on any given day?
- (5) Can you provide any information on how many calls are made to these services from the Kiama Electorate and or Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, and Kiama LGAs respectively?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government's \$230 million emergency package to reduce the rate of violence against women and children includes investment in the Domestic Violence Line.

- (1) The average wait time (i.e. before being connected with a person) for a call to the Domestic Violence Line in August 2024 was one minute and fifty seconds.
- (2) Comparison to earlier monthly and yearly averages for the last five years:

Time Frame	DV Line
August 2024 average wait time	00:01:50
July 2024 average wait time	00:02:08
June 2024 average wait time	00:01:57
2023/24 average wait time	00:01:57
2022/23 average wait time	00:01:49
2021/22 average wait time	00:01:55

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2020/21 average wait time	00:01:34
2019/20 average wait time	00:01:52

- (3) An average of 6.14 (8.8 per weekday and 5 on weekends) staff are employed to answer these calls on any given day.
- (4) From 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024, an average of 51 calls were made to the DV Line on any given day.
- (5) The Domestic Violence Line does not collect data regarding the location a call is being made from.

* 3427 SOCIAL PRESCRIPTIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With reference to social prescribing where health professionals can link patients with social services:

- (1) Can you provide an update on how the Government is implementing and managing social prescriptions?
- (2) What services are currently linked to social prescriptions in New South Wales?
- (3) How much has these services cost the Government each year for the last three years?
- (4) How many social prescriptions have General Practitioners prescribed (or referred) each year for the last three years?
- (5) How are you monitoring and measuring this data?
- (6) What community services and groups contribute to the social prescribing scheme in the Kiama electorate?
- (7) How much has the Government invested in social prescriptions each year for the last three years?
- (8) What initiatives are currently available for:
 - (a) The Arts?
 - (b) Sports?
 - (c) Green social prescribing?
 - (d) Low-income communities
 - (e) Other?
- (9) How does New South Wales compare with other States in implementing these initiatives?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Social prescribing mainly occurs in primary care which is responsibility of the Australian Government NSW Health does not hold information or data covered in these questions.

* 3428 BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the proposed Kangaroo Valley Battery Storage System:

- (1) Have you met with Firm Power?

- (a) If so, when?
- (2) Are there plans to support the proposal for a battery energy storage system (BESS) in Kangaroo Valley?
- (3) What consultation has taken place in relation to this project?
- (4) More broadly, and unrelated to the four projects earlier announced (Warratah, Lidell, Orana and Richmond) can you provide an update on other BESS projects in the State?

Answer—

- (1) No
 - (1a) N/A
- (2) Under the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, AEMO Services Limited, operating as the Consumer Trustee, designs and conducts tenders to accelerate project plans into built generation, storage and firming infrastructure. These tenders are for financial derivative contracts known as Long-Term Energy Service Agreements (LTESA). As of 30 July 2024, Kangaroo Valley BESS has not been awarded an LTESA.
- (3) The proposed Kangaroo Valley Battery Storage System has not submitted its development application with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. There are requirements around consultation for the proponent when preparing an Environmental Impact Statement as part of the development assessment process.
- (4) As of July 2024, there are 47 large scale standalone BESS projects in the NSW planning pipeline, totalling over 14 GW. Of these:
 - Four projects are under construction, totalling around 2100 MW / 6580 MWh,
 - 16 projects have planning approval, totalling around 3,500 MW / 9,700 MWh and
 - 27 projects are seeking approval, totalling around 8,800 MW / 43,100 MWh.Projects under construction include:
 - Eraring BESS (700 MW / 2,800 MWh).
 - Broken Hill BESS (50 MW / 100 MWh).
 - Waratah Super BESS (850MW / 1,680MWh).
 - Liddell Battery (500 MW / 2,000 MWh).

* 3429 BOMADERRY AND MOSS VALE ROAD—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to increased housing in Cambewarra and the Shoalhaven:

- (1) What traffic modelling or planning has been done to account for the additional homes scheduled for Cambewarra and Bomaderry?
- (2) Where can the public find this information?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to improve safety at the intersection of the Princes Highway and Moss Vale Road?
- (4) How many accidents have occurred at this intersection since my Question on Notice 8647 – Bomaderry Roundabout Traffic Lights?
- (5) Can your department provide concept designs for this intersection (currently a roundabout and any future plans?

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- (6) Can you report on partial signalling operations and how often the traffic lights have been operating since its implementation in 2022?
- (7) How long will this system remain in use and what long-term improvements being planned and implemented to replace this interim solution?
- (8) Can you provide the independent road safety audit of this roundabout (June 2022)?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW makes use of the NSW Government's Common Planning Assumptions. These include population and employment projections agreed on by NSW departments and local governments. The Moss Vale Road Urban Release Area and other known developments are included in these Assumptions.
- (2) Information about the NSW Common Planning Assumptions are available on the NSW Treasury website: <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/information-public-entities/nsw-common-planning-assumptions>. Though Transport for NSW's modelling is not publicly available, the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan is set to be delivered in 2025 and is focused on capturing the heart of what makes the Illawarra-Shoalhaven unique, ensuring its transport infrastructure supports every resident's way of life.

The public is encouraged to provide their feedback on the transport services and infrastructure across the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region by 31 December 2024 at <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp/illawarra-shoalhaven>.

- (3) Transport for NSW is actively investigating longer term solutions for the Princes Highway, Moss Vale Road, and Cambewarra Road intersection. Objectives include improving road safety for all users, including pedestrians and cyclists, and improving the traffic efficiency of the intersection now and in the future.
- (4) Between 13 September 2022 and 31 December 2023, on Bomaderry Roundabout, intersection of Moss Vale Road and Princes Highway, there have been a total of three crashes reported (one moderate injury crash, one minor/other injury crash and one non-casualty (towaway) crash resulting in one moderate and one minor/other injury).

Preliminary data for 2024 indicates that no fatalities have been reported on this roundabout.

- Data for 2023 and 2024 is preliminary and subject to change.
 - The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by the NSW Police Force in which at least one person was killed or injured or at least one motor vehicle was towed away.
- (5) Transport for NSW has not sufficiently progressed development of the intersection upgrades to share designs at this time.
- (6) The queue on Moss Vale Road must reach the detector located 60 metres from the roundabout before the traffic signals activate and northbound traffic receive a red display. Since its implementation in 2022, the red signal has operated approximately 6,000 times.
- (7) The partial signalisation of the roundabout will remain in place until a longer-term solution is implemented.
- (8) A pre-opening Road Safety Audit was completed for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade of the Princes Highway, including the intersection with Moss Vale Road. This Road Safety Audit did not identify any specific issues with the signage or layout of the intersection. This Road Safety Audit was undertaken by an independent Road Safety Auditor.

* 3430 CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE STATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to children in the care of the State

- (1) Can the Minister provide an average number of children in Alternative Care Arrangements (ACAs) each month for the last 24 months?
- (2) In addition to ACAs, what other short term care options does the department utilise and can you provide by care category the average number of children in these care arrangements each month for twelve months?
- (3) In the last four years, what month had the lowest number of children in an ACA and what was that number?
- (4) How many foster carers are there in New South Wales?
- (5) What is the shortfall in foster carers to foster care placements?
- (6) Can the Minister provide the number of foster carers each year for the last four years?
- (7) Can the Minister provide the number of children in the care of the State each year for the last four years?
- (8) Can the Minister also provide separate data on the number of aboriginal children in the care of the state each year for the last four years?
- (9) How many children with active files in ChildStory have disabilities and how many of these have NDIS plans?
- (10) How many children in the care of the State have applied for a NDIS plan but are yet to receive one?
- (11) How many children in ChildStory have been reported as missing in the 24 months?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 3) In contrast to your time as Minister, monthly data is published online on the Quarterly Statistical Report dashboard.

(4) As at 30 June 2024, there were 10,304 carer households in NSW¹.

(5) It is difficult to quantify the exact shortfall in the number of foster carers, as children and young people are placed in authorised carer households, which may consist of one, two or more authorised carers. Analytic modelling completed by Family and Community Services Insights, Analysis and Research (FACSIAR) projects the demand for new foster care households to be around 1,000 in 2024/25.

(6) The number of carer households each year for the last four years is²:

	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24
Carer Households	11,849	11,625	11,156	10,304
Note: some carers may be authorised with one or more agencies				

(7 - 8) This Information is available online on the Quarterly Statistical Report dashboard.

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(9 – 10) Historically, DCJ has not been able to use NDIS data from ChildStory for the purposes of state-wide statistical analysis. This is currently being rectified but the data is not yet available.

(11) There were 287 children and young people in out-of-home care reported as missing in the 24 months during 2021-22 and 2022-2023.

¹OCG Carer Register Data <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-home-care-and-adoption/carers-register/key-statistics-nsw-carers-register>

²Ibid

* 3431 E-TOLL CHARGES BY ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

(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: 2088, 2089, 2060, 2061, 2065, 2090 for the following periods:

(a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?

(b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?

(c) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 or the latest date for which data is available?

(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: 2088, 2089, 2060, 2061, 2065, 2090 for the following periods:

(a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?

(b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?

(c) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 or the latest date for which data is available?

(3) Could you please advise the exact dollar figure paid in respect of Eastern Distributor toll charges to an e-toll registered to an address in the following postcodes: 2088, 2089, 2060, 2061, 2065, 2090 for the following periods:

(a) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022?

(b) 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023?

(c) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 or the latest date for which data is available?

Answer—

(1)

(a) \$4,713,179.50.

(b) \$5,520,346.30.

(c) \$5,756,204.42.

(2)

(a) \$1,889,675.05.

(b) \$2,254,563.25.

(c) \$2,345,135.54.

(3)

(a) \$4,270,216.14.

- (b) \$5,516,827.95.
- (c) \$5,617,024.14.

* 3432 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) 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?
- (2) What is the exact number of vacancies for school crossing supervisors which exist in the North Shore electorate as at the most recent date for which records are kept?
- (3) What is the exact number of school crossing supervisors currently engaged or employed in New South Wales as at the most recent date for which records are kept?
- (4) What is the exact number of school crossing supervisors currently engaged or employed in the North Shore electorate as at the most recent date for which records are kept?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) As at 19 August 2024, there are 311 vacancies across the whole School Crossing Program: 222 Casuals, 1 Fixed Term Part Time, and 88 Permanent Part Time.
- (2) As at 19 August 2024, there are no vacancies in the North Shore Electorate. Casual positions are excluded from vacancies as they are not attached to a specific site.
- (3) As at 19 August 2024, there are 1507 School Crossing Supervisors (SCS) employed.
- (4) As at 19 August 2024, there are 21 SCS employed in the North Shore Electorate.

* 3433 NON-DIGITAL ACCESS FOR TOLL RELIEF REBATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister advise whether residents in New South Wales will be able to access a non-digital method for the toll relief rebate?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

* 3434 BUS CHANGES RELATING TO SYDNEY METRO—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Given the recent bus changes to the North and Northwest bus routes going ahead without the opening of the Sydney Metro, can the Minister advise on the following:
 - (a) How many complaints has Transport for NSW received since the changes came into effect on Monday 5 August?
 - (b) How many buses have been cancelled since the changes came into effect on Monday 5 August?
 - (c) How many passengers have ultimately needed to make alternative travel arrangements since the changes came into effect on Monday 5 August?

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Answer—

(1)

- (a) From 5 to 13 August 2024, 209 complaints were received by Transport for NSW.
- (b) From 5 to 15 August 2024, 107 bus services were cancelled (0.44 per cent).
- (c) The new bus timetable has increased frequency for some bus routes, improved reliability and provided extra capacity for busy services across our network, as well as provided greater connections to other modes of transport, including the Metro City Line and Sydney Trains. Bus, train and metro options are available for all customers who have experienced changes to their bus route. For routes operating along the M2, high-capacity buses have been deployed at peak demand times.

* 3435 BUDGET CUTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NORTH SHORE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Given the New South Wales Government is cutting New South Wales public school budgets by \$150 million, can the Minister advise how much is being cut from the following public schools in the North Shore electorate?

- (a) Middle Harbour Public School?
- (b) Beauty Point Public School?
- (c) Mosman Public School?
- (d) North Sydney Demonstration School?
- (e) Mosman High School?
- (f) North Sydney Boys High School?
- (g) North Sydney Girls High School?
- (h) Cammeraygal 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 North Shore electorate, as part of a record investment in rebuilding public education.

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

* 3436 SANITARY PADS AND TAMPONS ACCESS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Can the Minister confirm that sanitary pads and tampons are provided on each ward and clinic across the following locations:

- (a) All NSW Health services and clinics across the Northern Sydney Local Health District?
- (b) All wards and clinics within Royal North Shore Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (a) Sanitary pads and tampons are available across services and clinics in Northern Sydney Local Health District, and the Affiliated Health Organisations, HammondCare and Royal Rehab Ryde. These items are available in individual wards or are accessible on request or requirement.

- (b) Sanitary pads and tampons are available in all inpatient wards and clinics within Royal North Shore Hospital.

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- * 3437 HEATHCOTE ROAD UPDATE—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 stretch of Heathcote Road between Junction Road and the M5 Motorway in Moorebank:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the investigation to upgrade this section of road?
- (2) What actions have been undertaken by the government since February 2022?
- (3) How many traffic incidents have occurred along this stretch of road since February 2022?
- (4) How many traffic incidents have occurred at the Heathcote Road - Junction Road intersection since February 2022?
- (5) How many traffic incidents have occurred at the Heathcote Road - M5 Motorway intersection since February 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

(1 - 2) Transport for NSW has undertaken investigations to complete a Strategic Business Case and strategic design for an upgrade of Heathcote Road, Moorebank, between Junction Road and the M5 Motorway, in February 2023.

(3 - 5) Information about the crash statistics is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics>.

Please note data for 2023 and 2024 is preliminary and subject to change. The Centre for Road Safety only reports on crashes recorded by the NSW Police Force in which at least one person was killed or injured or at least one motor vehicle was towed away.

- * 3438 GAP FILLERS IN THE HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to install platform gap fillers at the following stations:
 - (a) Holsworthy?
 - (b) Casula?
 - (c) Liverpool?
 - (d) East Hills?
- (2) Has the Government observed a decline in platform-related safety incidents as a result of the installation of platform gap fillers?
- (3) How much funding in the 2024-25 State budget is allocated to the Platform Gap Filler Program?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Platform gap filler has been installed on selected platforms at the following stations: Circular Quay, Town Hall, Wynyard, Chatswood, Bondi Junction, Redfern, Wolli Creek, Martin Place and Central.

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Over the next 12 months it is proposed to install platform gap filler on selected platforms at Central, Redfern and Wolli Creek. All of the approximately 500 platforms on the Sydney Trains network have different designs and conditions. Each platform, track, train type and operating conditions must be assessed for the suitability for fitment of gap fillers. Sydney Trains will examine these areas and review in the next round of priorities for the Platform Gap Filler program.

- (2) There has been no fall in the gap incidents recorded post installation of the solution at platforms where the platform gap filler has been installed.
- (3) \$3,421,038.

* 3439 ORGANISATIONS CONTRACTED TO DELIVER COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Can the Minister please advise of how organisations contracted to deliver Community Transport in Barwon communities, including transport to larger centres for medical appointments, are monitored to ensure they are delivering the agreed service and are continually meeting the needs of the communities as well as meeting their contractual obligations?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW monitors the performance of Community Transport contracted organisations using monthly performance reports that are comprehensively discussed at bi-annual Governance Meetings between Transport and its contracted Community Transport Providers.

Community Transport Providers monitor eligible customers through ongoing interaction during their regular requests for transport and respond to their needs for transport accordingly.

* 3440 ACCESS TO CRISIS ACCOMMODATION AND SHORT TERM AND EMERGENCY HOUSING—Mr Roy Butler 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) Can the Minister please advise, of the 12 local government areas and the Unincorporated area of the Barwon electorate, which communities have access to the following:
 - (a) Domestic Violence Crisis Accommodation?
 - (b) Homelessness short term housing?
 - (c) Homelessness emergency housing?
 - (d) Youth homelessness emergency housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) There are seven women's and two men's refuges providing crisis accommodation supporting women, children, men and families in the Bourke Shire, Brewarrina, Walgett, Narrabri, Central Darling and Broken Hill Local Government Areas (LGAs).
 - (b) There are 13 crisis-transitional properties supporting women, men, children and families accessing Specialist Homelessness Services across the areas specified above. Properties are located in: Narrabri, Broken Hill and Lightning Ridge.
 - (c) As above.

(d) As above.

- * 3441 RURAL AERIAL HEALTH SERVICE MINISTERIALLY APPROVED GRANT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
Given that the Rural Aerial Health Service Ministerially Approved Grant appears to be finished, can the Minister confirm if another subsidy or incentive will be provided for visiting medical specialists to rural and remote communities in Barwon?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Rural Aerial Health Service Ministerially Approved Grant is continuing in 2024-25.

- * 3442 SOCIAL HOMES AVAILABLE FOR VICTIM SURVIVORS—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 \$6.6 billion investment in social housing and homelessness service, in particular homes built for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise of the 8,400 social homes across the state, how many additional homes will be made available for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence 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 homes be made available to those in need?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government will deliver an historic \$6.6 billion investment in new public housing properties and homelessness services of which at least half of the new built homes will be for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence. This is the largest investment in NSW history.

This investment will deliver 8,400 new social homes over four years for people in need, including 2,200 replacement homes.

As part of this record investment, Homes NSW continues to deliver more public homes each year that meet the needs of current and future tenants and the communities they live and work in.

It is important that this is done in a consistent and coordinated manner. Homes NSW is working to deliver homes where and when they are needed, including the areas in and around Cootamundra electorate. Homes

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NSW continues to review the portfolio to deliver housing that addresses the needs of our tenants and victim-survivors of family and domestic violence. This review considers high housing demand, growth opportunities, areas of low environmental risk and locations with good access to services.

* 3443 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS INITIATIVE—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 Safe Staffing Levels initiative, which involves the introduction of minimum staffing levels on every shift:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what is the Level rating of the following hospitals in 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?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what are the current minimum staffing levels for the following hospitals in the Cootamundra electorate (hospitals listed in Q1)?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise when will the hospitals in the Cootamundra electorate see staffing levels equivalent to Lismore Base Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

The NSW Government is rolling out a major staffing reform set to boost the number of frontline nurses through the implementation of Safe Staffing Levels in NSW public hospitals.

In May 2023, the Safe Staffing Levels Taskforce was established with key leaders from the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association, the NSW Ministry of Health, and local health districts. The Taskforce has been working collaboratively to ensure the implementation of the government's commitment of 2,480 full time equivalent staff towards minimum staffing levels (through to June 2027).

NSW Health has started to implement Safe Staffing Levels in level 5 and 6 emergency departments and is planning a staged roll out across other hospitals and departments.

The Taskforce will continue to discuss, monitor, and plan rollout schedules through to June 2027.

* 3444 LIMITED REGIONAL TRANSPORT—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to limited or no transport available to residents needing transport to get to a from locations:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise, does the money given to bus operators for School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS) also include supplying a service to the local community?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how residents who live in regional New South Wales and do not have access to transportation get to and from appointments, get their groceries or just get out for their own mental health?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Bus services are delivered by the operator as part of a bus service contract which may incorporate both regular and dedicated school services. Students may utilise both as part of their journey to/from school, likewise members of the public may travel on both.
- (2) Community transport is a service for eligible seniors, pensioners, those with accessibility needs and is especially designed to help eligible persons access to medical appointments, social activities, shopping and maintain independent living at home.

Community Transport is not available to the general public. To receive Community Transport, persons must meet program specific eligibility criteria.

The NSW Government has recently completed The Bus Industry Taskforce. A key recommendation of the taskforce was to undertake a Medium Term Bus Plan to guide bus service improvements over the next 10 years.

The NSW Government is also committed to developing Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans (SRITPs). These will expand on the previous work of the former Regional Transport Plans, and Integrated Transport Plans, to better reflect the needs of regional communities, including detailed evaluations of communities' transport needs, now and in the future.

Transport is currently trialling 'One Demand' shared services in regional communities where there is no public transport service available. These trials are being funded by the Transport Access Regional Partnerships (TARP) Grants Program. TARP provides funding to support initiatives to improve services for communities. TARP also provides funding for people who are affected by specific circumstances that leave them with limited or no access to private transport. The program supports initiatives to improve services and outcomes for transport disadvantaged groups in rural and regional NSW.

* 3445 SOCIAL MEDIA AGE LIMITS—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 age limits on social media platforms:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to ensure there are age limits on social media platforms, to ensure the safety of our youth?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how this is monitored or enforced? Are there ways around it?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how your department is working together with the Minister for Youth in this space?

Answer—

I am advised that:

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The Australian Government has announced it will legislate to introduce age limits for children accessing social media platforms. The NSW Government is partnering with the South Australian Government to host a Social Media Summit in October to explore ways to minimise social media harms with international experts, young people and the community. The Department of Customer Service is supporting a community consultation on social media use and impacts to help inform these discussions.

- * 3446 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS—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 \$30.4 million to expand Community Mental Health Teams, including in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many mental health positions are many currently allocated to:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (c) Of these positions how many are vacant?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise of the 35 additional mental health positions how many will be allocated to:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise when will these additional positions be filled?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Local Health Districts vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. The districts have mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care.
 - (2) In relation to the 35 additional mental health positions, Murrumbidgee Local Health District has been allocated 2 FTE. At this stage Western NSW Local Health District has not been allocated any of these additional positions.
 - (3) The local health districts that have been allocated these positions have been directed to fill them as a matter of priority. Proper process and hiring will now take place with vacancies expected to be filled as soon as possible.
- * 3447 INVESTMENTS IN FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS—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 into frontline health workers across the regions:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise of the \$274.7 million to boost staffing as part of the Essential Health Services Fund, how many additional funding will benefit Cowra Hospital?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise of the \$200.1 million to delivery accommodation to house health workers in regional New South Wales, how many units will be constructed for Narrandera?
- (3) When will these units be ready for vital health workers to use?

Answer—

I'm advised

Decisions on the distribution of these funds between sites and across staffing groups is determined at the local health district level. Distribution is dependent on population growth, models of care and service demands.

Narrandera Hospital was prioritised for 3 key health worker accommodation self-contained units. The pods are due for completion in late 2024.

* 3448 SAFE LIGHTING AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to adequate and safe lighting at our railway stations:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise which railway stations across the Cootamundra electorate are scheduled to undergo works and maintenance in relation to safe lighting?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will these works be carried out and completed?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how the New South Wales Government is working with the Commonwealth Government in improving lighting on trains to ensure passenger safety?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1 - 2) The stations maintained by Sydney Trains in the Cootamundra electorate have adequate lighting. There are no plans to upgrade the lighting at these stations.

The 'safe lighting' technology is about improving lighting at railway crossings. This is the responsibility of ARTC, UGL/CRN and Transport for NSW's Regional and Outer Metropolitan Division, in this area of NSW.

- (3) Sydney Trains is not currently undertaking any initiatives around front or side lighting on the NSW Trainlink Regional Fleet or the Intercity Endeavour and Hunter Cars.

On the current standards for train lighting, Transport for NSW already has in place requirements for headlights, ditch lights activated by horn activation and reflective delineators on all rolling stock that uses its network.

As a rail infrastructure manager, Transport for NSW also applies a number of additional lighting and visibility requirements for rolling stock operating on the metropolitan rail network, including reflective delineators, visibility lights and safe working operational rules for train crew on approach to all level crossings.

The benefits of additional lighting on trains (above existing requirements for headlights, ditch lights activated by horn activation and reflective delineators) is currently being independently reviewed and evaluated through trials being conducted by the Rail Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB), Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) and Monash University.

Infrastructure and Transport Ministers asked ONRSR to develop a code of practice for train illumination to reflect findings from the train lighting trials. A code of practice will set out best practice to the industry and is admissible in a proceeding as evidence of whether or not a rail operator has complied with a duty or obligation under the Rail Safety National Law. A draft code is expected to be presented to Ministers in 2024 for their consideration and approval.

Transport for NSW is committed to safety and will work collaboratively with RISSB and ONRSR following the outcome and recommendations arising out of these trials with respect to additional lighting in improving safety.

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- * 3449 PARAMEDIC INTERNS—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 82 new paramedic interns which were officially inducted into the service in July this year:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many of these new paramedics will be placed across the Cootamundra electorate:
 - (a) Cowra Ambulance Station?
 - (b) Grenfell Ambulance Station?
 - (c) Ardlethan Ambulance Station?
 - (d) Boorowa Ambulance Station?
 - (e) Coolamon Ambulance Station?
 - (f) Cootamundra Ambulance Station?
 - (g) Gundagai Ambulance Station?
 - (h) Harden Ambulance Station?
 - (i) Junee Ambulance Station?
 - (j) Narrandera Ambulance Station?
 - (k) Temora Ambulance Station?
 - (l) West Wyalong Ambulance Station?
 - (m) Young Ambulance Station?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Ambulance does not deploy its workforce based on an electorate.

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

Paramedic interns are deployed to identified locations across NSW with a caseload that supports the development of entry-level paramedic interns during their first 12 months of employment prior to receiving a permanent posting location.

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

- * 3450 SOILS FOR FUTURE PRODUCTIVITY 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 Local Land Services, Soils for Future Productivity program:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many people participated in this program?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what is the turnaround time for attendees to receive their detailed report and analysis of the results from their soil testing?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise when will all soil samples been completed?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise who is conducting the soil testing?

- (5) Would the Minister please advise how is the follow up to discuss the results with soil scientists and agronomists is being managed?
- (6) Would the Minister please advise what is the projected costs to date and budgeted for this program?

Answer—

- (1) 23 Riverina landholders participated in the Soils for Future Productivity program.
- (2) Upon completion of soil testing, landholders received the report within 6 -8 weeks.
- (3) Soil sampling was completed in early July 2024.
- (4) The service provider for this project was Precision Pastures Pty Ltd, a private consultancy.
- (5) The agronomist from Precision Pastures Pty Ltd provided a detailed report which included comprehensive soil analysis and lime application recommendations. The agronomist emailed the report to each landholder and provided a summary on the results. Landholders also had the opportunity to contact the agronomist to discuss further.
- (6) \$95,300 was the total budget for this project. This covered the cost of contracting Precision Pastures Pty Ltd. This was comprised of the following works:
 - Soil testing 23 properties and analysis of 372 samples using Zonal Sampling method based on satellite imagery.
 - Preparing 23 reports and advising landholders regarding the soil results.
 - Individually, this was equivalent to approximately \$4,000 per property.

* 3451 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the Mental Health sector in the Oxley electorate:

- (1) How many people have accessed mental health services in the year 2023 in the following local government areas:
 - (a) Bellingen shire?
 - (b) Nambucca valley?
 - (c) Kempsey shire?
 - (d) Port Macquarie Hastings?
- (2) What was the average wait times for individuals seeking mental health services in 2023 in the following local government areas:
 - (a) Bellingen shire?
 - (b) Nambucca valley?
 - (c) Kempsey shire?
 - (d) Port Macquarie Hastings?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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Health services are not provided, and health data is not collected, on the basis of electorate or local government area. Health service data is collated based on local health districts.

- * 3452 SOCIAL HOUSING IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What is the current vacancy rate for social housing units in the following local government areas:
- (a) Kempsey Shire?
 - (b) Bellingen Shire?
 - (c) Port Macquarie Hastings Shire?
 - (d) Nambucca Shire?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW is unable to provide the current vacancy rate for all social housing residential dwellings by LGA as vacancy data is not available for Community Housing and Aboriginal Community Housing at the LGA level.

Vacancy rates for the whole of NSW current as of 30 June 2023 are published in the Report on Government Services at <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2024/housing-and-homelessness/housing>.

- * 3453 WEST RYDE MULTI-SPORT FACILITY DELIVERY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Is the Department of Education committed to delivering the West Ryde Multisport Facility?
- (a) If so, when will construction activities recommence?
 - (b) If so, when will these construction activities conclude?
 - (c) If not, what plans does the Department have for the site?
- (2) What/if any non-demolition activities have occurred on site since demolition commenced?
- (a) Are any further changes to the project predicted, that will require additional community consultation?
- (3) Are there any plans to hand over deliver of this project to another organisation or agency, including but not limited to:
- (a) The Office of Sport?
 - (b) PCYC?

Answer—

The tender process to deliver this project is underway.

Updates relating to work on-site are available on the department's website.

- * 3454 WEST RYDE MULTI-SPORT FACILITY HANDOVER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Is the Office of Sport planning to take carriage of the delivery of the West Ryde Multisport Facility?

- (a) If so, when is this handover planned to take effect?
- (b) If not, what support is the Office of Sport providing to the Department of Education on the project's delivery?
- (c) What contingency plans exist for ongoing netball activities in the Ryde electorate, should the project not be concluded in time for planned competition in forthcoming season?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) No, the Office of Sport is not planning to take carriage of the delivery of the West Ryde Multi-Sport Facility.
 - (a) N/A.
 - (b) Through awarded grants, the Office of Sport funds PCYC to complete the projects at West Ryde Multi-Sport Facility and monitors progress of the project delivery.
 - (c) This is a matter for PCYC who have been awarded the grants and the Department of Education who owns the land, Netball NSW, and the local netball association.

* 3455 FARE EVASION OFFENCES - FINES AND CAUTIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, how many fines were issued for committing a fare evasion offence:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?
 - (c) 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 30 June 2023?
 - (e) 30 June 2024?
- (2) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, how many cautions were issued for committing a fare evasion offence:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?
 - (c) 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 30 June 2023?
 - (e) 30 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 3456 FARE EVASION OFFENCES - FINES NOT PAID—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, how many times were fines for fare evasion never paid:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?

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- (c) 30 June 2022?
- (d) 30 June 2023?
- (e) 30 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 3457 UNCLAIMED FINE REVENUE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, what is the quantum of unclaimed fine revenue due to non-payment on fare evasion offenses:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?
 - (c) 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 30 June 2023?
 - (e) 30 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 3458 COST OF COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, what is the cost of compliance and enforcement of fare evasion offenses:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?
 - (c) 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 30 June 2023?
 - (e) 30 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 3459 SYDNEY FERRIES FREE WI-FI—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, how many customers have accessed free Wi-Fi on Sydney Ferries:
 - (a) 30 June 2020?
 - (b) 30 June 2021?
 - (c) 30 June 2022?
 - (d) 30 June 2023?

- (e) 30 June 2024?
- (2) For the 12 months to each of the following dates, how many times and how much money have customers paid to access Wi-Fi with longer browsing sessions or higher data limits on Sydney Ferries:
- (a) 30 June 2020?
(b) 30 June 2021?
(c) 30 June 2022?
(d) 30 June 2023?
(e) 30 June 2024?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) (a) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(b) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(c) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(d) 173,229
(e) 319,542
- (2) (a) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(b) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(c) Not available from Transdev Sydney Ferries due to change in their portal administrator.
(d) No cost.
(e) No cost.

* 3460 CENTRAL COAST LINE FREE WI-FI TRIAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) For each year the Central Coast line free Wi-Fi trial has been in operation, how many people have accessed the service?
- (2) Broken down by train station, how many people have accessed free Wi-Fi as part of the Central Coast line trial, for each year the trial has been in operation?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) That the weekly average unique users (across all 19 stations covered by the wi-fi trial) from June 2023 to April 2024 are as follows:
- June 2023: 1,274
 - July 2023: 1,243
 - August 2023: 1,476
 - September 2023: 1,402
 - October 2023: 1445
 - November 2023: 1,556

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- December 2023: 1,293
 - January 2024: 1,337
 - February 2024: 1,753
 - March 2024: 1,729
 - April 2024: 1,178
- (2) Transport for NSW does not hold data broken down by train stations for how many people have accessed the free Wi-Fi.

* 3461 MOBILE DEVICE CHARGING AT PUBLIC TRANSPORT STATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

- (1) Which train stations, ferry wharves and bus stands currently offer mobile device charging?
- (2) For each of these locations, how many times has the service been utilised, presented as an annual figure for every year the service has been in operation?
- (3) For each of these locations, what is the average utilisation time, presented as an annual figure for every year the service has been in operation?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Power spot charging stations are currently available at Campbelltown, Liverpool, Town Hall and Lidcombe train stations and Bondi Junction train station and bus stand.
- (2 - 3) Annual utilisation data is not available. Initial feedback from Transport station staff indicates the units are being well utilised and that customers are using the power spots for around five minutes at a time.

* 3462 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE DESIGN DECISIONS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Regarding the design decisions that led to the Rozelle Interchange:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to investigate the involvement of staff or employees from:
 - (a) Offices of the Premier, Deputy Premier and Government Ministers throughout the project's history?
 - (b) Roads and Maritime Service?
 - (c) Transport for NSW?
 - (d) Sydney Motorway Corporation?
 - (e) WestConnex Delivery Agency?
- (2) If no action has been taken in relation to the above, what plans does the Government have, if any, to investigate these matters further?

Answer—

I am advised

The NSW Government is currently considering its response to the recommendations of the Committee for the Parliamentary inquiry into the Impact of the Rozelle Interchange. The Government response is due to the Committee on 15 October 2024.

* 3463 ROAD TUNNEL AIR QUALITY—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What progress has been made on the review of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer's findings on road tunnel air quality?
- (2) When will the review be published?
- (3) Where will the review be published?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Three independent experts, Professors Bin Jalaludin, David Carslaw and Arnold Dix, have been engaged and are working on the review.
- (2) It is anticipated the review will be complete by November 2024.
- (3) The review will be published on the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer website.

* 3464 OXLEY HIGHWAY STAGE 2 UPGRADE—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With the 2024-25 NSW Budget containing \$44.5 billion for regional transport and roads, are there plans to reinstate the funding for the Oxley Highway Stage 2 upgrade in Port Macquarie?

Answer—

I am advised

The government acknowledges the significant growth for the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council area, particularly around the Health and Education precinct near Wrights Road and Lake Road in Port Macquarie.

Transport for NSW has worked in collaboration with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to develop a multi-modal Integrated Transport Plan which has recently been endorsed by Council.

This planning work will help guide and inform where infrastructure and further investment are needed over the next ten years to support growth in the area, including a focus on capacity upgrades to the Lakes Road and Wrights Road roundabouts with the Oxley Highway.

Transport will continue to work with key stakeholders to source funding pathways to deliver upgrades to this critical access corridor.

Recent Towards Zero funding for the Oxley Highway includes:

\$6.5 million for the Oxley Highway - King Creek Intersection Upgrade

\$542 thousand for the Oxley Highway - Widderson Street Port Macquarie School and Pedestrian Crossing Development

\$482 thousand for the Pacific Highway and Houston Mitchell Drive intersection improvements, Lake Innes (Port Macquarie)

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- * 3465 NETWORK CHARGE TARIFF—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Australian Energy Regulator’s decision to approve a new network charge (tariff) on consumers for generating excess solar into the grid as of 1 July 2024 for new customers of solar and 1st July 2025 for existing customers:

- (1) Does the Government have plans to offset the tariff?
(a) If not why not?

Answer—

- (1) No.
(a) Many customers with solar in NSW will not face any new solar export charges from 1 July 2025. Export charges will only apply to some customers with solar, depending on their distribution network, when they installed their solar system, and if they exceed the charge-free export threshold in their region.

The national rule change which allows two-way export pricing was introduced in 2021 under the former Government. Two-way pricing reflects the changing use of the grid by consumers, from buying energy in one direction to selling it back in the other direction.

These tariffs are intended to encourage customers with solar to use more of their solar during the day when grid demand is low. This is important because excess solar exports when demand is low can lead to grid instability, and raise costs for all customers. Customers with solar will also benefit from new export rewards in the afternoon and evening. These new export rewards will offset some export charges for solar customers.

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- 3466 NSW PRESUMPTIVE CANCER LAWS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 3467 AUSTRALIAN PLAGUE LOCUST CONTROL—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—
- 3468 HILLS LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3469 CASTLE HILL TAFE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3470 BAULKHAM HILLS TAFE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3471 BUILDER COMPLIANCE WITH RECTIFICATION ORDERS—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—

3472 BUILDER CONDUCT AND CLIENT INTIMIDATION—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—

3473 TRACKING OF CERTIFICATES IN THE FAIR TRADING PORTAL—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—

3474 PARKING AVAILABILITY DURING THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL WORKS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

* 3475 BAN ON ENGINEERED STONE SUPPORT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to the recent ban on engineered stone:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to provide support for businesses in the stone industry that have been severely impacted by this ban?
 - (a) Is there consideration for developing an industry support package that includes low-interest recovery loans, retraining programs, grants for machinery retooling, and assistance with the disposal of banned stock?
- (2) How does the Government plan to address the widespread confusion among consumers and industry professionals regarding the ban, particularly in relation to new compliant products that contain less than 1% respirable crystalline silica content?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to protecting workers from the risk posed by exposure to deadly respirable crystalline silica, and supports the ban on engineered stone.

While the NSW Government acknowledges that the introduction of the ban represents a challenging time for the engineered stone industry, protecting the health and safety of workers is paramount and cannot be compromised.

A transition period has been implemented to assist businesses to fulfil any existing contracts that were entered into prior to the announcement of the ban. The transition period applies to engineered stone contracts that were entered into before 31 December 2023, with installation to occur prior to 31 December 2024.

I am advised SafeWork NSW is committed to working with industry stakeholders to support compliance and will provide education tools and programs to support impacted industries.

I am advised impacted small businesses may be eligible for the SafeWork NSW Small Business Rebate of up to \$1,000 to support them to implement the controls required as result of changing work processes arising from the ban.

I am advised that SafeWork NSW has developed a comprehensive communications plan that includes two webinars, media releases, a video series, a kit for businesses and general industry engagement to provide advice to industry about the operation of the new legislation.

To further assist consumers to understand the ban and the types of stone they can still use in their homes, SafeWork NSW is developing a fact sheet that will be available on its website.

Additionally, guidance material in relation to the ban is available on the SafeWork NSW and Safe Work Australia websites. This includes FAQs on banned products and a specific guidance on the definition of engineered stone.

SafeWork NSW will continue to work with industry to inform and educate businesses on their WHS obligations to keep all workers safe from the harms of respirable crystalline silica.

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- 3476 SMALL BUSINESS FINANCIAL HEALTH—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3477 STUDENT OUTCOMES AND RESOURCES—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3478 CRIME RATES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3479 FUNDING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3480 HEAD LEASING OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—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—
- 3481 PROPERTY SALE PRICE GUIDES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3482 REGULATION OF NO-KILL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3483 NORTHERN RIVERS AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE RESET PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3484 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM BUY-BACK APPLICANTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3485 ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT GRANTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3486 MOBILE PHONE AND SEATBELT DETECTION CAMERA INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3487 RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3488 AMBULANCE INFLATABLE RESCUE BOATS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3489 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS - UPDATE TO QON 2540—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3490 CROWN LAND RENT INCREASES - UPDATE TO QON 2539—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3491 SUPPORT FOR FIRST HOMEBUYERS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 3492 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

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- 3493 BUILDING HOMES FOR NSW PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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—
- 3494 CAR THEFTS AND BREAK-INS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3495 SCHOOL COUNSELLOR AND PSYCHOLOGIST POSITIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3496 TAX REVENUE FROM POKER MACHINES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3497 PAYROLL TAX REVENUE BY POSTCODE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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- 3498 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING RESURFACING PROJECT - 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—
- 3499 NARRABEEN NORTH BUSINESS COMMUNITY GROUP - CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3500 5KM RULE - REGISTERED CLUBS ACT 1976—Mr Rory Amon 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—
- 3501 AVERAGE PASSENGER NUMBERS - B1—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3502 AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF TRIPS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3503 REGION 8 FULL TIME EMPLOYED DRIVERS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3504 VACANCIES FOR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—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—
- 3505 SERVICE NSW WARRIEWOOD FULL TIME STAFF—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3506 WATER SAMPLES - BEACH WATCH TESTING STATIONS—Mr Rory Amon to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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- 3507 SUSPECTED ABUSE AT SCHOOLS REPORTING—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3508 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3509 LAND RATES IN WALGETT SHIRE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3510 BEVERLY HILLS COMMUTER CAR PARK—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3511 AGED CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3512 MOU WITH MULTICULTURAL NSW—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3513 MULTICULTURAL LIAISON OFFICERS—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3514 UPDATE TO QON 2671 - ILLEGAL TREE REMOVAL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3515 COMMONWEALTH MINISTER FOR CITIES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 3516 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURE LOG - STATIONERY AND OFFICE SUPPLIES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3517 PERSONALISED NUMBER PLATES—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—
- 3518 BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3519 ILLEGAL POISONING OF TREES IN KILLARA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3520 GIPA APPLICATION - FUND PROCESSING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 3521 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURE LOG - TAXIS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 3522 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT DISCLOSURE LOG - CATERING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3523 TERRIGAL POLICE STATION—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 3524 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION - REMAINING FUNDS—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3525 FUNDING FOR THE RE-DEVELOPMENT OF GOSFORD TAFE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3526 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLEANER CONDITIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3527 ACCESS TO SPECIALISED MAMMOGRAM SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3528 ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3529 STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3530 WENTWORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3531 WENTWORTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL - YEAR 8 2025—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3532 RHODES FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3533 RHODES TRAIN STATION UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3534 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—
- 3535 439 BUS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3536 BUS LANE CAMERA - GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—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—
- 3537 PILOT PIG BOUNTY PROGRAM—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 3538 HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Premier—
- 3539 GLEN INNES HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3540 NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC LEASE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3541 NURSE VACANCY RATES ACROSS THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 3542 PROPOSED DAM SAFETY LEVY—Mr Brendan Moylan 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—
- 3543 WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3544 FLOODING IN PRIVATE FARMLAND—Mr Brendan Moylan 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—
- 3545 APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES - INVERELL AND MOREE CIRCUIT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—
- 3546 LAWNMOWING AND GARDEN SERVICES CONTRACT - ARMIDALE AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3547 SOUTHERN CROSS DISTANCE EDUCATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3548 EXTENDED CARE PARAMEDICS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3549 BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DREDGING SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3550 SEDIMENT RUN-OFF POLLUTION FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES—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—
- 3551 FEDERALLY FUNDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT WORKERS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 3552 STAFF NUMBERS - LOCAL LANDS SERVICES—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—
- 3553 RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE INCENTIVE SCHEME - NURSES ASSISTED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3554 POLICE OFFICER NUMBERS IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3555 TEACHER VACANCY RATES IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3556 CAMPERDOWN DIVE SITE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- 3557 PARRAMATTA ROAD REVITALISATION—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—
- 3558 VICTORIA ROAD REVITALISATION—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—
- 3559 REPORTED ASSAULTS ON NSW HEALTH EMPLOYEES—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3560 REPORTED ASSAULTS ON PATIENTS IN NSW HOSPITALS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3561 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES QUITTING—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3562 NUMBERS OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT NURSES—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3563 HAZARD REDUCTION TARGETS FOR EACH RURAL FIRE SERVICE COMMAND—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3564 HAZARD REDUCTION TARGETS COMPLETED IN 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3565 RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEER NUMBERS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3566 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE VOLUNTEER NUMBERS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3567 MARINE RESCUE NSW VOLUNTEER NUMBERS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3568 SCABIES OUTBREAK - ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3569 ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS - SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3570 ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS - SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3571 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) - STATE SUPPORT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3572 JAMBEROO PRESCHOOL RELOCATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 3573 SCHOOL WAIT LISTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3574 LOGGING ACTION PLAN—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—
- 3575 WEBCAMS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TOURISM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3576 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS - EFFICACY AND TARGETS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3577 24-HOUR POLICE STATION IN LAURIETON—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3578 PACIFIC HIGHWAY - HARRINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3579 FERAL DEER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

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(Paper No. 70)

- 3580 COST OF THE SECTION 430 INVESTIGATION INTO LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Can the Minister advise the cost of the Section 430 investigation interim report into Liverpool City Council by Centium Group?
- 3581 CHANGES IN PROCESSES FOR FUTURE SECTION 430 INVESTIGATIONS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Can the Minister advise how the Office of Local Government will change their processes to ensure any future Section 430 investigations into councils afford procedural fairness?
- 3582 CROWN RESERVES IMPROVEMENT FUND—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- (1) When will applications for the 2024-25 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund be open?
- (2) Will the guidelines for the 2024-25 round be the same as the 2023-24 round?
- 3583 TRAINING FOR PHARMACISTS WITH EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- New South Wales Pharmacists will soon be able to provide prescription medication in certain circumstances rather than general practitioners:
- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the mandatory training that will be required by community pharmacists will be able to be conducted virtually.

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- (2) Can the Minister advise if this training will have any subsidies or allowances available for rural and remote pharmacies to participate.
- 3584 VEHICLES FOR PATIENT TRANSFER AVAILABLE TO LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) Could the Minister advise the current number of vehicles available to local health districts for patient transfer in the Barwon electorate?
- (2) Could the Minister advise what the current annual average of patient transfers is for the Barwon electorate?
- 3585 PROTECTION OF HERITAGE AND CULTURE—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—
- (1) With respect to ensuring our states heritage is protected and maintained, would the Minister please advise:
- (a) How the Government is assisting the promotion and conservation of our heritage and culture?
- (b) When will the Heritage Grants Program be open for applications?
- 3586 COUNCIL WASTE LEVIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- With respect to Council Waste Levies, would the Minister please advise:
- (1) How much money is the NSW Government withholding from the nine councils across the Cootamundra electorate in relation to the waste levy?
- (2) The details as to why this money is being withheld?
- (3) What systems are in place to help support councils to manage waste more sustainably?
- 3587 INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- With respect to Infrastructure across Regional New South Wales, will the Minister please advise:
- (1) What are the current infrastructure priorities across regional New South Wales?
- (2) Understanding project delivery timeframes are of the utmost importance, what are these project delivery timeframes?
- (3) The Government's efforts around infrastructure to support employment priorities across regional areas of New South Wales?
- (4) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing in relation to infrastructure to support housing priorities across regional New South Wales?
- (5) What is the Government doing in relation to supporting the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap across regional New South Wales?
- 3588 FIT FOR PURPOSE POLICE STATION IN YOUNG—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 the long-term plan of reinvesting in our essential services including physical infrastructure, to ensure police have the facilities and resources they need:

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- (1) Would the Minister please advise, is the Government planning to provide a new fit for purpose Police Station in Young?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

3589 RURAL FIRE SERVICE TRUCK ROLLOUT—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 new Rural Fire Service trucks rolled out, including cutting edge technology:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise a list of where the 143 new and 69 refurbished firefighting tankers were delivered to brigades across the state?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise which brigades are still awaiting new or upgraded appliance?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many of the following vehicles are there across the state:
 - (a) Category 1 Tanker?
 - (b) Category 6 Tanker?
 - (c) Category 7 Tanker?
 - (d) Category 9 Tanker?
 - (e) Category 13 Tanker?
 - (f) Category 10 Pumper?
 - (g) Category 11 Pumper?
 - (h) Category 12 Personal Carrier?
 - (i) Category 13 Tanker?
 - (j) Category 17?
 - (k) Category 19 OCV?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise of these vehicles how many have now been equipped with Vehicle as a Node technology?
 - (a) Where are they based?

3590 BUS SERVICE AVAILABILITY ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to regular bus services across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many bus services are available across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many bus driver shortages are there across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is being done to provide more regular bus services across the Cootamundra electorate?

3591 REPAIR AND RESTORE MAINTENANCE BLITZ—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 Government's \$1 billion Repair and Restore Maintenance blitz:

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- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many homes have been identified across the Cootamundra electorate to be part of this blitz:
 - (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 homes undergo repairs and restore maintenance across the Cootamundra electorate?
 - (3) Would the Minister please advise what is the estimated completion date for these works to be carried out for those in need to have access to these homes across the Cootamundra electorate?

3592 STATE-WIDE MEDIUM TERM BUS PLAN—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the \$23.9 million allocated to a State-Wide Medium Term Bus Plan which includes supporting service improvements to bus routes in regional areas:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what improvements and additional bus routes will the Cootamundra electorate receive as a result of this funding:
 - (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?

3593 STRATEGIC REGIONAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLANS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what council areas make up the nine planning regions across New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise when does Transport for NSW plan to meet with stakeholders including relevant councils to help guide investment in transport infrastructure?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise when will the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plans be publicly available?

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3594 BUS REGION 14 CANCELLATIONS - AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024—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 August 2024 to 31 August 2024?
 - (b) 1 September 2024 to 14 September 2024?

3595 MANDATING TEACHING LANGUAGES AT SCHOOLS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to mandate the teaching of languages to schoolchildren from kindergarten to year 12?
 - (a) If yes, what work is underway and what languages?

3596 STOPPING ANTISEMITISM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What actions have you and the Department of Education taken to stop antisemitism in our public schools?

3597 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT - LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP):

- (1) Is it self-repealing when a council undertakes local strategic planning and makes relevant amendments to their Local Environment Plan?

3598 NATIVE FISH FINGERLINGS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you please advise the number native fish fingerlings released into the Lachlan River, by species and by year, for the past twenty years?

3599 NESA FUNDING MODEL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Why is funding NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) part of the New South Wales' public schools budget when NESA services are accessed by schools across all sectors?
- (2) Does the Government have a plan to rectify this so the cost of running NESA is counted separately to public school funding?

3600 TEACHER SHORTAGES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In addressing our state's teacher shortage:

- (1) Does the Government plan to continue to raise the wages of teachers to ensure they are competitive to like professions?
- (2) What is the State Government's plan to ensure it is able to attract and retain teachers and school counsellors to ensure no child is without a qualified teacher in their class?

3601 FULLY FUNDING SCHOOLS TO MINIMUM RESOURCE STANDING—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What is the Government's plan to fully fund our schools to 100% of the minimum resource standard?

3602 RELEASE FROM FACE-TO-FACE TIME—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Given the increasing complexity of teaching in the 21st Century, does the Government plan to increase teachers' release from face-to-face time by an additional 2 hours, to support the retention and attraction of teachers to the profession?

3603 FERAL ANIMAL SHOOTING CONTRACTS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Having regard to your answer to Q.2985, can you please advise why private sector service procurement is not being applied by the Local Lands Services to allow regionally-based professional aerial shooting contractors to tender for NSW Government-funded feral animal aerial shooting contracts?

3604 DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Regarding Dolly Parton's Imagination library, in the following local government areas, how many children are registered with the Imagination Library.

- (a) Kempsey Shire?
- (b) Bellingen Shire?
- (c) Port Macquarie Hastings Shire?
- (d) Nambucca Shire?

(2) Can you confirm any plans to provide continued funding for the Imagination Library program beyond the fourth year (2024-25)?

(3) If not, what alternative strategies or programs does the government intend to implement to support the early literacy development of children.

(4) What measures does the Government plan to take to support the families and communities that will be affected by the potential early termination of the Imagination Library program?

3605 GIG WORKER REFORMS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

(1) What is the status of the gig worker reforms announced by the Government prior to the last election?

- (a) Does the Government plan to introduce a Bill to Parliament in relation to these reforms?
- (b) If yes, when?

3606 SAME DAY ALCOHOL DELIVERY DATA—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to data gathered under the same day alcohol delivery data reporting requirements:

(1) What does the Government do with this information?

(2) Are there thresholds to identify potential problematic alcohol consumption?

- (a) If so, what are these thresholds?
- (b) If so, what happens once these thresholds are met?

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- (c) If so, how many times have enforcement measures been taken?
- (3) Are there any other uses for this data?
- 3607 PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2 IMPACT ON MELROSE PARK COMMUNITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- In relation to Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2, the proposed bridge across the Parramatta River, and its impact on the Melrose Park community:
- (1) Did Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) remove heavy metal and hydrocarbon contaminants from the Wentworth Point site prior to the sale to a developer?
- (a) What quantity was removed?
- (2) What timeframe is the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Transport for NSW and or Parramatta City Council operating with regarding responding to health & safety questions from Melrose Park and surrounding communities of contaminated dust being blown from Wentworth Point?
- (3) Did any reports include either the 1980 Environmental Impact Statement historical dredgings on this exact site or the dioxin found and treated during the Sydney Olympic on this exact site, in any reports on the land by either RMS or the developer?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Did the ground testing results documented by any organisations, on behalf of the RMS and the developer, show a concentration of heavy metals and hydrocarbons dumped into the sediment pond at Wentworth Point?
- (a) Can the EPA verify the results of these tests?
- (5) Was dioxin tested for by any organisations on the Wentworth Point site?
- (a) If yes, are tests available to the public?
- (i) If not why not?
- (6) Were the Stockholm Conventions followed when RMS or the current owner remediated/excavated the site?
- (7)
- (a) Was 300,000 m3 of contaminated river dredging dumped by RMS in the 1980's at the site for the landing of the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 bridge?
- (b) Does the bridge traverse the exact site at Wentworth Point that was the sediment pond for the above-mentioned dumping?
- 3608 INCORPORATING CHILDREN'S VOICES IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT—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) In what ways does the Government incorporate children's voices in the development of government policy?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase or expand the opportunities for children to provide input to policy development?
- 3609 RYDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - HEALTH—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What plans does the Government have as part of the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment to improve access to the hospital from Denistone Train Station?

3610 RYDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—

What plans does the Government have as part of the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment to improve access to the hospital from Denistone Train Station?

3611 FINAL CONCLUSION DATE - RYDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What is the final conclusion date for the Ryde Hospital Redevelopment?

3612 BRAILLE BALLOT PAPERS - 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—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—

In relation to the 2024 Local Government Election:

- (1) Were braille ballot papers able to be posted to electors?
 - (a) If so, how many were issued for this election?
- (2) How were these ballot papers applied for?
- (3) If this application process was in writing, did the application component of the process include braille?
 - (a) If not, how is this an accessible process for those with low or impaired vision?
- (4) Are there any plans to improve access to ballot papers or the application process for braille ballot papers for those with low or impaired vision?

3613 SUPPORT FOR PET OWNERS FLEEING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

What plans does the government have to better support pet owners who are escaping family and domestic violence?

3614 PATYEGARANG PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) The answer to Question on Notice 3201 - Patyegarang Planning Proposal (PP-PP-2022-3802), states that the department is in the process of granting an extension until the 31 March 2025 for the proposal, and then then says the Sydney North Planning Panel will consider the proposal later in 2025.
 - (a) Has this extension been formally processed?
 - (b) What specifically is the 31 March 2025 extension for?
 - (c) Who is receiving this extension and for what?
 - (d) Is there a date specified in the extension by when the Sydney North Planning Panel should make their determination on the proposal?
 - (i) If so, what is this date?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

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- (e) Does the updated documentation, including the above extension, specify a date by when the Local Environment Plan should be complete, as the original gateway determination did ('12 months from the 9th June')?
- (i) If so, what is this date?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (2) When will the public submissions and Government agency comments on the Patyegarang Planning Proposal be publicly released on the planning portal?
- (3) How many public submissions were received during the exhibition period on the Patyegarang Planning Proposal?
- (4) How many government agency comments/ submissions were received during the exhibition period on the Patyegarang Planning Proposal?
- (5) What are the remaining steps in the process from the current status of the Patyegarang Planning Proposal to a determination being made by the Sydney North Planning Panel?
- (a) What is the indicative timing for each of these steps?
- (b) Is it possible that there will be further public consultation on the planning proposal, for example, if the proposal is substantially amended by the proponent?
- 3615 MODULAR HOUSING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- (1) What are the barriers to greater use of modular housing in New South Wales as a cost effective solution to deliver desperately needed new housing?
- (2) How mature is the modular housing market in New South Wales?
- (a) How many suppliers are there and who are they?
- (b) What is the extent and geographic distribution of demand?
- (3) What steps is the Government taking to overcome the barriers to increase modular housing supply and uptake?
- 3616 WAITING LISTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT CLAUSES IN HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) What is the waiting time for children transitioning to High School to be granted access to special needs Support Classes, for:
- (a) The Northern Beaches of Sydney?
- (b) The state of New South Wales?
- (2) How many children are currently waiting for access to special needs Support Classes to be granted?
- (a) The Northern Beaches of Sydney?
- (b) The state of New South Wales?
- (3) What criteria are used in prioritising children waiting to be assessed for access to special needs Support Classes?
- 3617 F10 BLACKWATTLE BAY FERRY SERVICE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—

With regard to the integration of the F10 Blackwattle Bay Ferry service onto the Opal network:

- (1) What environmental and planning requirements, if any, are being carried out on the wharves that are used by the service?
 - (a) What are the timeframes for completion?
- (2) Which additional wharves, if any, are being considered as part of any related environmental and planning requirements?

3618 LINDT CAFE SIEGE - NON-DISCLOSURE ORDER—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Premier—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to seek the lifting of, or to override, the non-disclosure order (order number 7) made by the State Coroner as at 13 July 2016 in the inquest into the deaths arising from Lindt Cafe siege, insofar as it applies to the disclosure of the name, physical likeness or any other information that would tend to reveal the identity of the person known in those proceedings as “Officer A”?
- (2) If yes to 1 above, what are those plans?
- (3) If no to 1 above, why not?

3619 M6 EXTENSION STAGE 1 UPDATE—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 answers to questions on notice 435 and 3186 (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?
- (3) If there is a delay in the dates given in the answer to question on notice 435, what action is the Government taking to prevent further delay?

3620 HUME POLICE DISTRICT RESIGNATIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many police have resigned from the Hume Police District since 1 June 2023
- (2) How many positions have been filled since 1 June 2023?

3621 BUILDING HOMES FOR NSW PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 Building Homes for NSW program, how will the allocation of new market affordable homes, social homes, and rental homes for key workers be specifically addressed in the Goulburn electorate?
- (2) Has the Government identified locations for new social and affordable homes within the Goulburn electorate?
- (3) What is the timeline for determining and announcing the locations for the new key worker rental homes within the Goulburn electorate?
- (4) How does the Minister for Housing plan to ensure that the allocation of new affordable and social homes meets the specific needs of the Goulburn electorate?
- (5) Are there any community consultations or stakeholder engagements planned for the Goulburn electorate to discuss the implementation of the Building Homes for NSW program?

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- (6) What criteria is being used to decide which areas within the Goulburn electorate will receive new affordable, social, and key worker homes?
- (7) Can you provide details on any specific initiatives or projects within the Goulburn electorate that are part of the \$527.6 million allocated for emergency housing in the 2024-25 Budget?
- 3622 TOTAL TAX REVENUE COLLECTED FROM POKER MACHINES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- (1) What was the total tax revenue collected from poker machines in the following postcodes, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2611, 2618, 2620, 2621, 2622 during:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2019-20?
 - (c) 2020-21?
 - (d) 2021-22?
 - (e) 2022-23?
 - (f) 2023-23?
 - (g) This financial year - to date?
- 3623 WOMBEYAN CAVES ROAD WARNINGS AND RESTRICTIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) What specific damage has been identified on the Wombeyan Caves Road that necessitates the warnings and restrictions?
 - (2) How has the estimated 3-6 months of repair work been determined, and what are the specific challenges involved in this process?
 - (3) What funding sources are available for Council to pursue to address the lack of funding for the necessary road repairs?
 - (4) Are there any interim measures being considered to improve road safety and accessibility while waiting for the full repairs to commence?
 - (5) How will the logistical challenges of material and plant movements be addressed during the repair process?
 - (6) What criteria will be used in the tender process to select contractors for the storm damage repair works?
 - (7) How will the Government monitor and ensure the quality and timeliness of the repair works once they commence?
 - (8) After spending \$9 million on redeveloping Wombeyan Caves, is repair of the access to the Caves a priority for this Government?
- 3624 GOULBURN CRESCENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- In relation to QoN 607
- (1) Can you provide details on any recent or planned improvements to the existing facilities at Goulburn Crescent School?
 - (2) Which of these projects were initiated by the Department of Education and which were initiated by the P&C?

3625 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPALS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to QoN 3035:

- (1) What process is followed to address maintenance requests from Principals?
- (2) Can you provide examples of recent maintenance needs raised by Principals in Goulburn and how they were addressed?
- (3) What criteria are used to determine the allocation of maintenance funds to schools?
- (4) How are urgent maintenance issues identified and prioritised compared to non-urgent maintenance requests?
- (5) What is the typical response time for addressing maintenance needs once they are reported by Principals for:
 - (a) urgent requests?
 - (b) non-urgent requests?
- (6) How does the Department of Education ensure that Principals' input is adequately considered in the maintenance planning process?
- (7) Are Parents & Friends contributing to school maintenance costs in the Goulburn electorate?
- (7) Are there any formal mechanisms or appeal processes for Principals if their maintenance needs are not fully addressed or if there is a disagreement with the Asset Services Officer?
- (8) What role do local communities play in supporting school maintenance needs in Goulburn?
- (9) What measures are in place to ensure transparency and fairness in the allocation of maintenance funds?

3626 NEW REGIONAL RAIL FLEET DELIVERY TIMELINE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the timeline for the delivery of the new Regional Rail fleet of trains to replace the current XPT, Endeavour and Xplorer services across the Goulburn electorate?
- (2) Will local rail infrastructure need to be upgraded to accommodate the new fleet?
 - (a) If so, what is the scope of this work relevant to the Goulburn electorate?

3627 COVID DEBT RECOVERY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to COVID Debt Recovery in the Goulburn electorate:

- (1) How many small businesses have been sent notices of review of their 2021 COVID-19 Micro-business Grant?
- (2) What quality assurance has been applied to ensure that the debt recovery notices are accurate?
- (3) How many debt recovery notices have been overturned?
- (4) How many debt recovery notices have been issued/ or how many small businesses have been required to repay the funds provided?
 - (a) Through JobSaver?
 - (b) The Micro-Business grants?
- (5) How many requests for review have been received from businesses or business groups that have been asked to repay, separately, JobSaver and Micro-Business grant money?

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- (6) What is the process for review?
- (7) If the small business wasn't eligible for JobSaver, was it then retrospectively assessed and deemed eligible for the Micro Business grant?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (8) What assistance is available for those businesses that would have been eligible for Micro-Business grants and have instead been issued a demand to repay JobSaver money?
- (9) What policies are currently in place to support small business that are on the brink of closing?
- (10) What policies in place to support small business who may be significantly affected financially after COVID-19 assistance payments are recovered?

3628 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS - GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport representing the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many Active Kids Vouchers were accessed by families living in the 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?