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* 3654 AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PLANNING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) What are the implications of nut plantations on water use in irrigation areas?
- (2) What is the Government planning to do to regulate the nut industry in regard to agricultural land use planning?

Answer—

- (1) If permanent nut plantations increase a greater proportion of irrigated agricultural water demand will be derived from industries with fixed rather than flexible water demands. In NSW, nut plantations occur predominantly in the connected Murray system, Murrumbidgee and to a lesser extent the Lachlan valleys.

The transition to nut production is a significant change from a system that was historically characterised by a large proportion of annual and semi-interruptible irrigated industries like annual cropping and dairy that have more flexible water use requirements, although citrus orchards and grapevines are established industries in south-western NSW.

If we see an increase in permanent nut plantations, it is likely to cause significant impacts on the water market and other water users with both short and long-term increases in water market prices likely to be observed. A shift in water use to nut production may see water move towards a higher value use and trade of account water may be a more profitable and lower risk option for water entitlement holders than growing annual irrigated crops in low allocation years.

- (2) Horticulture in the NSW planning system means the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, nuts, cut flowers and foliage and nursery products for commercial purposes, but does not include a plant nursery, turf farming or viticulture. Horticulture is considered a type of intensive plant agriculture.

This definition of horticulture covers all forms of horticulture from open orchards to controlled environment greenhouse horticulture. Nut species are traditionally grown in open orchards usually without any greenhouse type structures although netting may be used at key growth stages.

Local governments use their Local Environmental Plan to determine whether a particular land use - in this case "intensive plant agriculture" - is permitted with or without consent. Council is the appropriate authority for matters relating to a requirement for development consent or where development is being undertaken without consent. Most local governments in the Murray electorate are not required to assess or approve the establishment of orchards on RU1 Primary Production zoned land.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development are supportive of agriculture however, it is not involved in regulating the location of most agricultural land uses where industries such as the nut industry are being located on appropriately zoned rural lands.

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* 3682 STREAMLINING PLANNING PROCESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to streamlining planning processes:

- (1) What specific steps is the Government taking to reduce delays in the planning approval process, particularly for housing developments?
- (a) How will the Government monitor and measure the impact of these streamlined processes on housing supply and affordability?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to multiple responses to questions without notice in the Legislative Assembly which have detailed the specific steps that the Government has been taking to reform the planning system, reduce delays in the assessment process, and monitor councils' performance in increasing housing supply.

More information is available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing>.

- * 3683 SUPPORT FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION BUSINESSES—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 support for small construction businesses:

- (1) How does the budget provide support to small construction businesses that are crucial to achieving the State's housing and infrastructure goals?
- (a) What measures are in place to ensure these businesses can compete fairly with larger firms?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) The NSW Government launched the Service NSW Business Bureau in October 2023. The Bureau provides small businesses, including small construction businesses, with one front door access to Government information, services and support.

The Bureau was allocated \$30 million for 2024-25 in the NSW State Budget. Since the Bureau's launch in October 2023, the Bureau has supported over 875 small construction businesses.

The Service NSW Business Bureau's services include the following:

- frontline support through Business Concierges
- digital self-service including a Business Profile and Business Bureau Mobile App
- targeted communications including eDMs, social media, promotion campaigns
- stakeholder engagement including local councils and business associations.

The Service NSW Business Bureau also provides free independent advice through its Business Connect program. Business advisors can run a business health check and provide advice on a wide range of operational matters including business planning, financial planning, marketing/promotion, how to grow business capability on tendering.

The Business Connect program includes in person and online events and webinars on topics of interest including those tailored for start-ups.

The Business Connect program currently has 24 business advisors with construction industry experience, supporting small businesses with tailored advice.

- (a) Ensuring small construction businesses have the capability, information and opportunity to procure to Government is a critical factor in ensuring they can compete fairly with larger firms.

The NSW Government released its Charter for Small Business in February 2024 which includes a commitment to boost procurement from small business.

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The Service NSW Business Bureau's Business Concierges help small business to understand NSW Government procurement processes and steps to submit a tender, including registering on the NSW Supplier Hub. Business Concierges can also help small businesses undertake an initial assessment of their tender readiness, and refer them to key tools, training and resources.

The Bureau's Business Connect program which comprises experienced independent advisors, provides tailored advice to small businesses which can include helping them build their capability in selling to Government through specialist procurement advisory services. Information on the Bureau's support for small business procurement can be found at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/business/selling-to-the-nsw-government>

The Bureau is also partnering with other NSW agencies to support key procurement priorities, including for construction businesses. The Bureau is collaborating with the NSW Reconstruction Authority to deliver the Regional Supplier Support Program which aims to build awareness and procurement capability among small to medium and Aboriginal construction businesses in the Northern Rivers. This includes through procurement education, and business planning support.

* 3684 CHANGES TO SYDNEY'S RAIL TIMETABLE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the recent announcement of changes to Sydney's rail timetable, including the reduction of up to four services per hour on key lines such as the T1 North Shore:

- (1) How does the Government justify these service cuts, when this line connects commuters to the new Metro?
- (2) Can the Minister specify exactly which stations along the T1 North Shore line will experience service reductions?
 - (a) How many trains will be cut during peak periods at each affected station?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Now that Sydney Metro is operating from Tallawong through to Sydenham, offering a direct journey to the Sydney CBD, services on the T1 North Shore Line can be rebalanced with demand and restored to a more appropriate and reliable level.

The Opening of the City Section of Metro provides a rapid and frequent public transport service for many of the passengers that once relied on the T1 North Shore Line and Transport for NSW has adjusted services to reflect the ways people are travelling.

Metro delivers 434 extra services from Monday to Thursday and 446 extra services on Friday.

There are an additional 375 extra bus services every day to get more people to those metro services.

45,000 people a day are interchanging between Sydney Trains and Sydney Metro.

14,000 people a day are interchanging between buses and metro.

- (2) During the AM peak one hour period:
 - Hornsby, Gordon, Chatswood, Artarmon, St Leonards, Wollstonecraft, Waverton, North Sydney and Milsons Point will receive four less services. Passengers will still receive a service every 3 to 4 minutes, with 16 trains stopping at these stations during this period.
 - Turramurra will receive four less services. Passengers will still receive a service every 7 to 8 minutes with 8 trains stopping at this station during the period.

During the PM peak one hour period:

- Milsons Point, North Sydney, Waverton, Wollstonecraft, St Leonards, Artarmon, and Chatswood will receive one less service. Passengers will still receive a service every 4 minutes, that is 15 trains in the hour.
- Lindfield will receive five less services. Passengers will still receive a service every 7 to 8 minutes, with 8 trains stopping at this station during this period.

* 3685 PROJECT SUCCESS - WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to ensuring project success and community welfare with regards to Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) and Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU) projects:

- (1) With the workforce increasing as the project continues, what assurances can you provide that community concerns are addressed and disruptions minimised?
 - (a) How will you ensure the project proceeds with transparency and respect for community wellbeing?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 3686 MINISTERIAL CONDITIONS COMPLIANCE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to Ministerial Conditions compliance for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects:

- (1) What specific measures will be enforced to ensure full compliance, particularly concerning safety and parking?
 - (a) How many issues of non-compliance have been raised and addressed?
 - (b) Are there new strategies or timelines to address these ongoing issues?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads.

* 3687 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR THE WILLOUGHBY GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the amended Development Application (DA) for the Willoughby Grounds development:

- (1) How will the government address the concerns raised by local residents, particularly those who have purchased units in the adjoining Nine by Mirvac development, regarding the significant alterations to the approved DA?
 - (a) What steps are being taken to ensure that the Department of Planning's approval process does not set a dangerous precedent by allowing significant amendments to approved DAs?

Answer—

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- (1) Development application, DA2021/300, known as Willoughby Grounds, will be assessed by Willoughby Council and determined by the Sydney North Planning Panel at a public meeting. Submitters will be invited to address the Panel directly.
 - (a) All development applications are assessed on their merits, including compliance with the applicable development standards, amenity impacts and concerns raised by neighbours.

* 3688 SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to small business participation in transport-oriented developments (TODs):

- (1) What opportunities will the Government provide to ensure small businesses are included in TOD projects?
 - (a) How will the Government ensure these projects benefit local economies and support small business growth?

Answer—

I am advised:

The aim of the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Accelerated Precincts is to rezone land to create more housing opportunities for young people, families and key workers in key sites across Greater Sydney. Landowners in these precincts were notified of the proposed rezonings and whether their property or business was within the boundary, to provide feedback through the public exhibition process.

The TOD State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) provides for new buildings to contain ground floor commercial uses and active street frontage so that businesses can grow and provide services alongside new communities, as well as contribute to the creation of vibrant places.

By providing greater capacity for additional housing in these local communities, the Government is providing an opportunity for local small businesses to capitalise on more residents living within the immediate proximity of their business.

It is disappointing that the Liberal-Nationals Opposition remains opposed to the Government's policy agenda to build more housing choices for young people, families and local key workers across the State, including supporting construction jobs and the small and medium sized businesses in the building sector and providing the community with infrastructure.

* 3689 NOISE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CROWS NEST METRO—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to noise complaints about the Crows Nest Metro:

- (1) How many noise complaints have been received concerning the Crows Nest Metro?
- (2) What actions are being taken to address these complaints and mitigate the impact on local residents?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) There have been 137 complaints related to noise and vibration since the commencement of Crows Nest Station construction in August 2021. Twelve of these complaints were found to be unrelated to Sydney Metro work.
- (2) Sydney Metro and its contractor, AW Edwards, communicate regularly with stakeholders via email, phone calls and doorknocks regarding construction activities at Crows Nest Station, including the remaining public domain work being undertaken on Clarke Street. The contractor is taking all measures possible to reduce impacts on local businesses in the area including noise and vibration monitoring, respite periods for certain noisy works, communications ahead of work, staged works

to ensure access to businesses is maintained at all times, signage to direct pedestrians to open businesses, and reimbursement for alternative parking or loss of parking.

- * 3690 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to school infrastructure and planning for new developments:

- (1) With nearly 7,000 new dwellings proposed in the St Leonards/Crows Nest area, what plans are in place to address the need for additional school facilities in this rapidly growing region?
- (2) Can you clarify the current status of the proposed high school at Gore Hill?
 - (a) Previously planned as a K-12 facility, is it now to be limited to K-6.
 - (b) If so, what are the reasons for this change?
 - (c) How will it impact the educational needs of the community?

Answer—

The Department of Education is continuing its work with other agencies to determine the best approach and timing for school projects across the area. Further information about projects in the area will be published on the School Infrastructure website as it becomes available.

The department continues to undertake strategic planning to meet the needs of the area for the long-term. This includes detailed analysis of current and projected enrolment demand, planned housing developments and the capacity of surrounding schools.

- * 3691 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

- (1) Can you please advise what the Government and the departments under your portfolio are doing to combat the 28.3% increase in domestic violence-related assaults?

Answer—

For clarity, the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update does not show a 28.3% increase in domestic violence-related assault under the current NSW Government.

The 28.3% increase referred to in this question is only accurate in the context of comparing rates of domestic violence-related assault over the 10-year period from 2014/2015 to 2023/2024.

The former Coalition government was in office for more than 80% of this 10-year period.

The NSW Government has zero tolerance for all forms of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence and is taking action to address this scourge.

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investing \$245.6 million over four years to enhance support for victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children. More details can be found here:

<https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-06/2024-25-nsw-budget-harrison-support-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-and-family-violence.pdf>

The package includes \$38.3 million to implement the first dedicated Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Strategy in NSW. The Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028 sets out the framework to address the

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underlying beliefs and cultures that tolerate and, in too many cases, condone the use of violence against women and children.

The NSW Government also passed the Bail and Other Legislation Amendment (Domestic Violence) Act 2024 on 6 June 2024. This legislation increased the threshold required for alleged serious domestic violence offenders to be granted bail and requires electronic monitoring in cases where bail is granted. On 27 September 2024, the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 was assented to, targeting serious and high-risk domestic violence offenders .

* 3692 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ASSAULTS - NSW POLICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

(1) Can you please advise what the Government and NSW Police are doing to combat the 28.3% increase in domestic violence-related assaults?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is continuing to prioritise and invest in building safer communities to further improve the safety of victims of domestic and family violence (DFV) and to hold perpetrators to account. The NSW Government's comprehensive approach to DFV includes funding for prevention, early intervention, crisis and legal responses. The investment of \$245.6 million to enhance support for DFV victim-survivors and to expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children.

On 6 June 2024, the NSW Government passed new laws to strengthen community safety by making it harder for alleged domestic violence offenders to get bail, and ensuring all bail decisions are made by magistrates. Under the new law, people charged with serious DFV offences will be required to show cause why they should not be detained until their case is determined - reversing the presumption of bail. This will apply to those charged with offences, in the context of intimate partner relationships, that carry a maximum penalty of 14 or more years jail. These offences include sexual assault, kidnapping and choking to render someone unconscious with intent to commit another indictable offence. If granted bail, these accused offenders will be subject to electronic monitoring by Corrective Services NSW, unless the bail authority is satisfied sufficient reasons exist to justify not imposing the condition.

The NSW Government strongly supports police to address DFV - from victim support, diverse reporting options and educating the public, Domestic Violence Evidence in Chief statements, Domestic Violence High Risk Offender Teams (DVHROTs) and operations such as Amarok which target the most violent offenders.

Operation Amarok is an intelligence-based policing strategy targeting the most violent DV offenders. It is designed to focus on identified offenders where their intent, capability and access to victims is at an elevated level of threat. Operation Amarok VII was most recently deployed between 21 to 24 August 2024 and resulted in 551 arrests with 642 charges, 14,910 ADVO compliance checks and 1,432 bail compliance checks.

Further, in an Australian-first, a specialist policing team, the NSW Police Force Domestic and Family Violence Registry (the Registry) is driving strategies for the prevention, disruption, and investigation into DFV in NSW. Commencing operations in September 2023, the Registry is providing increased oversight, operational guidance, and driving education, training and support to frontline police, including investigative strategies and trauma-informed approaches when dealing with victim-survivors.

In preparation for the commencement of new coercive control legislation on 1 July 2024, the NSWPF was at the forefront in developing comprehensive training for police officers. The new three-phase training package assists in identifying coercive control, capturing evidence, investigating, and prosecuting offenders.

The NSWPF has increased its level of stakeholder engagement to promote sharing of information and utilise the knowledge of experts in the sector. The Registry currently has extensive involvement with working groups, reference groups and taskforces, contributing to the whole-of-government approach to combatting domestic and family violence. The Registry supports collaboration and community engagement through external forums and training days, which benefits all agencies involved and the community.

The NSW Police Force will continue proactive Amarak deployments, along with the use of a sophisticated suite of strategies, to target dangerous DFV offending, protect the community of NSW and hold perpetrators to account.

* 3693 BOCSAR STATISTICS ON SEXUAL OFFENCES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

- (1) Can you please advise what the Government and NSW Police are doing to combat the 107.2% increase in sexual assaults in New South Wales?
- (2) Can you please advise what the Government and NSW Police are doing to combat the 31.5% increase in sexual touching, sexual act and other sexual offences?
- (3) Can you please clarify what initiatives or programs the Government and NSW Police have or are bringing in to combat these increases in regional and metro areas specifically?

Answer—

I am advised:

Addressing sexual violence is a priority for the NSW Government. The NSW Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027 aligns with the National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children 2022-2032, which aims to work towards a shared vision that the community of NSW is free from sexual violence.

The NSW Police Force Sexual Violence Strategy builds upon the significant work and reforms underway in NSW to improve the prevention and response to sexual violence. NSW Police Force initiatives implemented to address sexual violence include:

- Introduction of the Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO) which has led to an increase in sexual assault reporting.
- Introduction of Sexual Violence Liaison Officers (SVLOs) who will be trained in culturally sensitive practice to work specifically with survivors of sexual violence and act as support officers.
- Introduction of the Exceptional Clearance review process across NSW for all adult sexual assault offences to ensure adequacy of investigation and victim-care, irrespective of any criminal action being taken.
- Updates to the NSW Police Victim Pamphlet to outline what happens in an investigation and what victims can expect from police. The Victim Pamphlet has now been translated into 17 different languages in addition to English.
- An Adult Sexual Assault Audit which involved the review of all adult sexual assault incidents reported in 2021 completed. The results have, and will continue to inform recording standards, police databases and improve policies and procedures.

* 3694 STEALING FROM RETAIL STORES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

- (1) Can you please advise what the Government and NSW Police are doing to combat the 30.7% increase in stealing from retail stores?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government strongly supports the NSW Police Force to address the increase in retail theft through numerous prevention, disruption and response strategies.

These strategies include:

- high visibility policing in retail areas.
- identifying and targeting recidivist and cross jurisdiction offenders.
- analysis of crime trends to identify and disrupt future offences.
- providing advice to retailers on responding to retail theft.
- working with industry groups to discuss and partner on the challenges of retail crime, loss prevention and law enforcement; chairing the annual Squad Advisory Council meeting where representatives from retail, hoteliers, banking/finance and logistic industries meet and discuss current issues, trends, crime prevention and disruption strategies; and continuing to work with both the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association NSW & ACT and Australian Service Station and Convenience Store Association to reduce retail crime and workplace violence affecting their workforce.
- promoting best practice crime prevention strategies to retailers by local NSW Police Force Crime Prevention officers; working with retailers to reduce the risk of robbery and information for staff on how to collect evidence to assist investigations.
- ongoing proactive police operations across NSW to target retail crime.

The NSW Police Force will continue to work with industry regarding retail theft and continue to engage in crime prevention activities and targeted operations.

* 3695 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES SUFFERING FROM STEALING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

- (1) Can you please advise what the Government is doing to support small businesses who are experiencing a 30.7% increase in stealing from retail stores?
- (2) What initiatives or programs can business owners use to prevent or recover from incidents of stealing?

Answer—

I am advised the Service NSW Business Bureau was launched in October 2023 and provides one front door access to government information, services and support to NSW businesses. The Bureau offers frontline support through a team of Business Concierges, providing connection and navigational support to other agencies' information and services, including assisting small business combat retail theft.

Such information includes that provided by the NSW Police Force on the following strategies for small businesses to reduce the potential for shoplifting:

- Prevent theft through store layout and design, by having an open, well-lit and visible store. Price tickets should be secured to goods and expensive portable goods are locked in cabinets near staff. Warning signs should be clearly displayed with the consequences of theft and businesses should limit the entry and exit points of their store.

- Educate employees, to ensure employees understand expectations of them and procedures in relation to shoplifting and bag searches. Staff should be encouraged to acknowledge and approach customers, while also being vigilant and never leaving cash registers unattended. Staff are to check if goods are tampered or mislabelled.
- Detection, by watching for nervous, agitated customers, customers that have been in the store for lengthy periods, and organised distractions.
- Apprehension. Retail employees have a lawful right to apprehend if they have witnessed theft committed in their store. The employee must witness the goods being taken, where the goods have been placed, not lose sight of the suspect, and the item is not dumped or paid for after the last point of payment.

Small businesses can find this information at [NSW Police Brochure -Bizsafe](#).

The Department of Communities and Justice also has the following tips and resources to assist owners in protecting their businesses from retail theft:

- Staff to maintain clear views of their most at-risk products throughout the store
- Staff to approach customers to deter shoplifters that do not want attention
- Secure storerooms with a swipe card or pin code for staff only
- Report shoplifting to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444
- Use visible security measures such as mirrors and/or CCTV cameras and lock up premises with an activated alarm before leaving.

This information can be found at [NSW Gov -Protecting your business -Retail theft](#).

SafeWork NSW offers a SafeWork small business rebate 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 small businesses purchase safety items, such as a CCTV camera, which can assist with retail theft prevention.

Service NSW Business Bureau Business Concierges are available over the phone and in person, throughout metropolitan and regional NSW to help small businesses understand what supports are available to mitigate the risks of retail theft.

* 3696 BOCSAR STATISTICS - WOMEN'S SAFETY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update:

- (1) Can you please advise what the Government and the departments under your portfolios are doing to combat the 107.2% increase in sexual assaults in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the Government doing to ensure women feel safe in this state?

Answer—

For clarity, the latest Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research statistics quarterly update does not show a 107.2% increase in sexual assaults under the current NSW Government.

The 107.2% increase referred to in this question is only accurate in the context of comparing rates of sexual assault over the 10-year period from 2014/2015 to 2023/2024.

The former Coalition government was in office for more than 80% of this 10-year period.

The NSW Government has zero tolerance for all forms of sexual violence and is taking action to address this scourge.

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The NSW Government is determined to draw a line in the sand on the unacceptable status quo when it comes to Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence. That's why we are delivering an emergency \$245.6 million package to enhance support for victim-survivors and expand programs that work to reduce rates of violence.

The package includes \$38.3 million to implement the first dedicated Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Strategy in NSW. The Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028 sets out the framework to address the underlying beliefs and cultures that tolerate and, in too many cases, condone the use of violence against women and children.

The full strategy can be found here: <https://dej.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/supporting-family-domestic-sexual-violence-services/domestic-family-sexual-violence-plans-and-strategies/nsw-strategy-for-the-prevention-of-domestic-family-and-sexual-violence.html>

More information on this emergency package is available here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/support-for-victim-survivors-of-domestic-and-family-violence>

The NSW Government is also implementing actions identified in The Sexual Violence Plan 2022-2027, which sets out the framework for preventing and responding to sexual violence in NSW.

The plan contains 62 actions across primary prevention, early intervention, response, recovery and healing, and system enablers. The plan takes a multi-year approach to implementation, with actions deliberately phased across five years.

Of the 62 actions in the plan, 41 are currently complete or in progress.

* 3697 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to increasing violence and crime related to illegal tobacco:

- (1) How many crimes or incidents have been reported in New South Wales related to robberies related to tobacco each year for the last five years?
- (2) Can you provide any insights and a breakdown of this data?
- (3) How is the Government dealing with the increase in prevalence of illegal tobacco and cigarettes?
- (4) How many illegal cigarettes have been seized in New South Wales each year for the last five years?
- (5) How many tobacconists or other businesses have been firebombed in New South Wales each year for the last three years?
- (6) How does your Ministry work with the Department of Health to enforce the law concerning illegal tobacco?
- (7) Do you have any plans to move the enforcement function from Health to another agency such as police or fair trading?
- (8) Does the Government plan to place a pause on raising the price of legal tobacco to deal with this phenomenon?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of tobacco-related robbery incidents reported in NSW in the last five years as at 1 October 2024:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 1 Oct)
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Incidents	77	66	54	58	41	29
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Note: It cannot be guaranteed that these robbery incidents are specifically related to tobacco (either as the item stolen or as the reason for the robbery), only that a tobacco object was recorded in the same incident.

- (2) Further information describing the nature of insights or breakdown requested is required to answer this question.
- (3) The management and investigation of illicit tobacco remains the function of the Federal Government and NSW Health. The NSW Police Force continues to closely monitor illegal tobacco and is involved in a support role, assisting with the development of strategies for all areas of law enforcement, including data and information exchange from other agencies and police forces.
- (4) The table below shows the number of illegal cigarettes seized in NSW each year for the last five years as at 1 October 2024:

Event Reported Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 1 Oct)
Incidents where tobacco was taken into Police possession	156	100	117	85	232	244
Unique "Cigarette" or "Rolled Tobacco" Objects Recorded for Incidents Where Tobacco was Taken into Police Possession	259	111	150	94	266	264

Note:

Note: Because "cigarette" was used in the wording of this question, only cigarettes and roll your own tobacco was used. All other tobacco products, accessories and e-cigarettes are excluded .

Note: We cannot provide a count of individual cigarettes seized by NSW Police. The data provided is a count of incidents and objects for relevant incident types where cigarettes/rolled tobacco were taken into police possession. This could be because of the legality related to the type or quantity of the cigarette/rolled tobacco, or because they were stolen. It is not possible to differentiate between these reasons. The individual count of objects does not necessarily reflect individual cigarettes and may refer to multiple packets, cartons etc.

- (5) The table below shows the number of 'Intentional Fire' incidents linked to 'Tobacconist' premises in the last three years as at 1 October 2024:

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (to 1 Oct)
Incidents Where "Tobacconist" Premises Linked to Intentional Fire	0	0	2	7

Note: It is not possible to determine if a tobacconist was specifically 'firebombed', only that it was intentionally set alight in some capacity.

- (6) The Ministry of Health provides policy and direction for agencies to ensure appropriate enforcement of laws concerning illegal tobacco. The NSW Police Force works with the Australian Border Force, Department of Health and the Therapeutic Goods Administration to target and dismantle illegal tobacco operations.
- (7) This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- (8) Excise duty rates for tobacco are a matter for the Federal Government.

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OR Involved Object Involvement: Illegally Possess/Used

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Note : We cannot provide a count of individual cigarettes seized by NSW Police. The data provided is a count of incidents and objects for relevant incident types where cigarettes/rolled tobacco were taken into police possession. This could be because of the legality related to the type or quantity of the cigarette/rolled tobacco, or because they were stolen. It is not possible to differentiate between these reasons .The individual count of objects does not necessarily reflect individual cigarettes and may refer to multiple packets, cartons etc.

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Note:

Data as at 01/10/2024.

Count: Distinct Incidents.

Date Range: 01/01/2021 to 01/10/2024

Premises Further Subtype: Tobacconist.

Incident Category: Fire > Structure (Not Bushfire Related).

Note: It is not possible to determine if a tobacconist was specifically 'firebombed', only that it was intentionally set alight in some capacity.

- (6) The Ministry provides policy and direction for agencies to ensure appropriate enforcement of laws concerning illegal tobacco. It brings together resources from the Australian Border Force, Department of Health and the Therapeutic Goods Administration to target and dismantle illegal tobacco operations.
- (7) This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- (8) Excise duty rates for tobacco are a matter for the Federal Government.

* 3698 RAILCORP AND RMS OVERTIME—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With respect to overtime at RailCorp and Roads and Maritime Services:

- (1) What is RailCorp's overtime cost each year for the last five years?
- (2) What is Roads and Maritime Services overtime cost each year for the last five years?
- (3) In relation to (1) and (2), how does this compare to industry benchmarks and other data available on these costs in other jurisdictions per capita?

Answer—

I am advised

RailCorp and Roads and Maritime Services were dissolved as entities on 1 July 2020 and 1 December 2019 respectively.

- * 3699 GOODSAM AND AED STATISTICS—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 your recent announcement on Good Samaritans and automated external defibrillators (AEDs):

- (1) How many automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have been added to the NSW Public Access Defibrillator Registry each year since its inception?
- (2) How many additional AEDs will be added to the 4,300 AEDs already listed on the GoodSAM AED Registry following your announcement on 14 August 2024?
- (3) How many volunteers have joined the GoodSam App each year since its inception and how can the Government increase participation in the program?
- (4) Is a target of 50,000 users for the GoodSAM App achievable and how will you do this?
- (5) Since the 2022 funding of \$2.5 million by the previous government, how much have you invested in AEDs, GoodSAM and or related projects?
- (6) How many out-of-hospital cardiac arrests have been reported across New South Wales each year for the last three years?
- (7) In relation to (6), can you provide a breakdown between regional and metro, by electorate, or otherwise?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1-2) The NSW Ambulance GoodSAM registry officially launched in August 2024 and now has over 4,400 AEDs registered.
 - (3-4) Over 35 lives have already been saved thanks to the assistance of GoodSAM volunteers. Since GoodSAM's inception in May 2023, there are now more than 8,000 people registered to be responders across NSW. NSW Ambulance actively works with a broad range of partner organisations, stakeholders and community groups to promote participation in the GoodSAM program and encourage organisations and individuals with an AED to enter them into the registry.
 - (5) NSW Health does not provide individual grants for AEDs but is engaged more broadly in work to reduce premature cardiac death in NSW. In 2022, NSW Ambulance agreed to a \$2.5 million partnership, over 4 years, with GoodSAM. All NSW ambulances are staffed with qualified and registered paramedics and, all necessary equipment for treating an out of hospital cardiac arrest. The NSW Ambulance budget for FY25 was \$1.6b. Information about the NSW Ambulance budget is publicly available in the NSW Ambulance Service Level Agreement (FY24/25).
 - (6-7) Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest data is publicly available on the NSW Ambulance website.
- * 3700 GAMBLING ADVERTISING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

With respect to calls for tighter regulation and the banning of gambling advertisements:

- (1) To what extent is the Government considering a complete ban on gambling advertisements?
- (2) Are there any plans to act on the suggestion by the Grattan Institute for limits on how much people can bet?
- (3) Can you provide an update on the New South Wales gambling trials and programs since Labor came to govern the State?

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Answer—

- (1) The Australian Government is the primary regulator of media in Australia. It is responsible for placing restrictions on gambling advertising streamed over the internet and broadcast on television and radio.

While primary responsibility for gambling advertising rests with the Commonwealth, the NSW Government has, where possible, taken action to restrict particularly harmful forms of advertising (such as inducements to gamble and live odds during sport). These restrictions are actively enforced by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

The NSW Government, along with all state and territory governments, has engaged with the Australian Government on proposed reforms to gambling advertising, in response to the You Win Some, You Lose More report recommendations.

The NSW Government looks forward to continuing to work with the Australian, State and Territory governments on next steps once it has announced its response to the report recommendations.

- (2) The Independent Panel on Gaming Reform will consider the findings and recommendations of the Grattan Institute report as part of developing its Roadmap to Gaming Reform.
- (3) The NSW cashless gaming trial commenced in March 2024 and is overseen by the Independent Panel on Gaming Reform. Since its election in March 2023, the Government has:
- reduced the cash input limit from \$5,000 to \$500 for all new gaming machines from 1 July 2023
 - capped the number of gaming machine entitlements in circulation
 - banned all external gambling signage in venues, from 1 September 2023
 - banned political donations from clubs with gaming machines, from 1 July 2023
 - provided an additional \$20 million {in 2023/24 and 2024/25} to the Responsible Gambling Fund to develop and deliver harm reduction initiatives, which are led by the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling
 - established an independent panel of experts to oversee a cashless gaming trial and provide a gaming reform implementation roadmap for the state
 - introduced Responsible Gambling Officers into pubs and clubs with more than 20 gaming machine entitlements from 1 July 2024
 - introduced mandatory gambling incident registers and gaming plans of management for all venues with gaming machines from 1 July 2024
 - strengthened requirements to ensure ATMs are not located in areas of hotels and clubs that have gaming machines from 1 January 2025.

* 3701 NSW BIGGEST POLLUTERS—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 ongoing calls to reduce emissions:

- (1) Does the Government plan to broaden the scheme enforcing emissions cuts on biggest polluters?
- (2) Can you list the ten biggest polluters in New South Wales?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (3) What is the Government's plans regarding cutting emissions by 75 per cent in the next decade to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees?
- (4) Will the Government consider carbon offsets?

- (a) If not why not?
- (5) Can you provide a broad update on how the Environment Protection Authority, in accordance with s 9(1)(a) of the Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991 (NSW), has progressed environmental quality objectives, guidelines and policies to ensure environment protection from climate change since the decision and Order of Preston CJ in *Bushfire Survivors for Climate Action Incorporated v Environment Protection Authority* [2021] NSWLEC 92?
- (6) Does the Government have any plans to take action regarding the recent acquisition of four large sheep and cattle properties in New South Wales by an energy company and the growth of carbon farming?

Answer—

- (1) The "scheme" has been interpreted as the Safeguard Mechanism Scheme. The Australian Government is responsible for the Safeguard Mechanism scheme.
- (2) The largest emitters in NSW are publicly available on the Commonwealth's Clean Energy Regulator website, as part of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting scheme and Safeguard Mechanism.
- (3) The NSW Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023 has a legislated emissions reduction target of 70% on 2005 levels by 30 June 2035. Initiatives in the Net Zero Plan Stage 1: 2020-2030 are designed to reduce emissions in NSW while supporting economic growth. The NSW Government has also set up an independent Net Zero Commission to keep current and future governments on track to achieve the State's emissions reduction targets.
- (4) The NSW Government will continue to prioritise emissions reductions over the use of offsets. NSW's net emissions are calculated by determining the State's direct greenhouse emissions in line with the Australian National Greenhouse Accounts.
- (5) In January 2023, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) released its Climate Change Policy and Climate Change Action Plan 2023-2026, which sets out a comprehensive regulatory approach and suite of actions that the EPA can take to address the causes and consequences of climate change in NSW.
- (6) No.

* 3702 NEW FIRE STATION FOR BROUGHTON VALE BERRY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to the Broughton Vale Berry Rural Fire Service and current site:

- (1) Will Broughton Vale Berry RFS be getting a new station?
- (2) Can larger tankers fit in the existing RFS station?
- (3) Are the toilet facilities inadequate at the existing station?
- (4) Are changing facilities inadequate at the existing station?
- (5) Are training facilities inadequate at the existing station?
- (6) If the answer to any of the above is no, can you please explain why that is the case?
- (7) What discussions have you or your department had with Shoalhaven City Council about progressing this matter?
- (8) What discussions have you or your department had with other government agencies about finding land for a new station?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The RFS continues to work with the Broughton Vale Rural Fire Brigade, government agencies and Shoalhaven City Council to address the future infrastructure needs of the community.
- (2) The Brigade has a Category 2 bush fire tanker which is the second largest vehicle category in the RFS fleet.
- (3) The station has male and female toilets.
- (4) The station does not have changing facilities and members use the existing amenities.
- (5) The Brigade has a training/meeting room and can also use the tanker bay area for training. The Brigade also has access to District training facilities in Nowra.
- (6) Please refer to previous answers.
- (7) Senior RFS District personnel meet Council representatives each quarter to discuss projects.
- (8) Please see answer to question 1.

* 3703 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHOALHAVEN—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the major upgrades to water and wastewater infrastructure to support the development of the Mundamia and Cabbage Tree Lane Urban Release areas in West Nowra:

- (1) As Shoalhaven City Council is responsible for all aspects of project delivery, how will the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure oversee program delivery and compliance with the funding agreement?
- (2) Is there a document relating to this oversight and can you direct me to it?
- (3) How is the Department factoring in increased traffic related to this project?
- (4) In relation to (3) is there similar funding to deal with roads and other infrastructure deficits?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure oversees program delivery and compliance with the funding agreement via an agreed project plan with council and monthly progress reports. An interagency committee provides overall program oversight.
- (2) Yes, the Supplementary Guideline Note - Accelerated Infrastructure Fund Round 3 – Tranche 3 Regional is publicly available on the Department's website at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-05/supplementary-guideline-note-aif-round-3-tranche-3-regional.pdf>
- (3) Shoalhaven City Council is responsible for all aspects of program design and delivery including the management of traffic impacts related to the project.
- (4) Shoalhaven City Council previously received a grant of \$550,000 under round 3 of the Low Cost Loans Initiative for road works to enable the release of land in the Mundamia Urban Release Area.

* 3704 BOATING NOW AND MARITIME PLANNING—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—

With respect to the now complete review into the Boating Now Program, independent recommendations and Government response:

- (1) Can the Minister list acknowledged high priority infrastructure projects identified in the Maritime Infrastructure Plan (MIP) that have not been delivered under the Boating Now program due to delivery partners not applying for funding for these projects (e.g. sewage pump-outs)?
- (2) What opportunities are there to promote additional investments for high priority infrastructure as identified in the Maritime Infrastructure Plan?
- (3) Noting Transport did not agree to a desktop review of current and future demand for facilities, excluding the NSW Recreational Boating Survey, how is Transport ensuring future investment in boating facilities is aligned and prioritised to future boating needs?
- (4) What opportunities is Transport exploring to improve data on asset capacities, conditions and use over time as part of commitments in the Maritime Safety Plan 2026?
- (5) Can the Minister list and detail the four deidentified variation requests outlined on page 46 of the Boating Now Review?
- (6) Can the Minister provide a timeline for the MIP review?
- (7) Can the Minister list the key locations for the allocation of \$16 million for dredging under the new Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme?
- (8) In which month of 2024 will the registration of interest open for the four sub-programs under the new Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

* 3705 NSW MARITIME FEES AND OPERATIONAL COSTS—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—

With respect to NSW Maritime operations and fees:

- (1) Can the Minister detail how NSW Maritime is investing more money into improving boating safety programs and services across the state?
- (2) Can the Minister provide the rationale for the recent increase in jet ski and boating fees?
- (3) How much have registration fees increase each year for the last five years?
- (4) Can the Minister outline and detail current boating safety programs in the Kiama electorate, the Illawarra and Shoalhaven?
- (5) How many drownings in the State each year for the last year were related to boating accidents?
- (6) How many staff comprise the NSW Maritime organisation and can you provide a breakdown in terms of officers, administration, management and contractors?
- (7) What is NSW Maritime's projected budget for capital works and how does this compare to the last five years?
- (8) How many fines have NSW Maritime issued each year for the last five years?

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- (9) Can the Minister justify the levels of NSW Maritime jet skis, boats and staff compared to other States?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

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- * 3706 TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR GIRLS TRAVELLING OUTSIDE BARWON TO PLAY SPORTS—Mr Roy Butler 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—

Given that there are approximately 120 girls (aged 12- 18 years), currently travelling to outside the Barwon electorate to participate in rugby league, can the minister advise of any subsidies or travel assistance available to families travelling up to 700 km every weekend for 20 weeks of the year?

Answer—

I am advised that:

In 2023, New South Wales Rugby League (NSWRL) was awarded funding through the Election Commitments Fund 2023/24 for their project titled 'Far West Rugby League community competition funding'. This funding commitment was awarded to NSWRL to provide financial and management support to the Barwon Darling and outback Rugby League communities, and to assist them in covering the costs of registration and insurance fees, junior transport, and match day expenses (including referee and referee travel costs).

- * 3707 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Can the Minister advise of the availability of mental health support in a face-to-face capacity in public schools in the Barwon electorate?
 - (2) Can the Minister advise if every public school in the Barwon electorate has access to a visiting or permanent school counsellor?

Answer—

Each of the 68 public schools in Barwon electorate receive a school counselling service allocation.

Each school has access to mental health support from a school counsellor, school psychologist, Senior Psychologist Education or the dedicated telehealth service School Counselling and Telepsychology Rural and Remote Schools (SCATRRS) which combines telehealth with face-to-face services that operate in rural and remote schools across NSW, including those in the Barwon electorate.

- * 3708 GOVERNMENT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION MODELS—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) Can the Minister advise when the ASGS-RA and the Modified Monash models, used to determine Government funding, were developed?
 - (2) Would the Minister consider reviewing these models and their application to ensure that they are accurately informing funding decisions?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Australian Statistical Geography Standard -Remoteness Area (ASGS-RA) was developed by the ABS and first introduced in 2011. Information is publicly available on the ABS' website:

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/statistical-geography/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs>.

The Modified Monash Model was first developed by the Commonwealth's Department of Health in 2015. Information on the model is publicly available at <https://www.health.gov.au/topics/rural-health-workforce/classifications/mmm>.

- (2) The NSW Government did not develop these models, but I understand they are periodically reviewed and updated in line with Census data.

* 3709 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS HEALTH SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services for the following Local Government Areas:
- (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 how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care workers are employed in these areas?
- (a) How many are full-time / part-time / casual?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care worker positions are currently vacant across these Local Government Areas?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who do not have a health care worker where they live?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on a local government area basis.

* 3710 FIRE PERMITS IN NSW—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 Fire Permits issued in New South Wales:

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- (1) Would the Minister please advise what advice is there for the community to understand who is the primary agency to issue fire permits, when some areas permits are issued by the NSW Rural Fire Service and other areas permits are issued by NSW Fire and Rescue?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many call outs have NSW Rural Fire Brigades received and attended across the Cootamundra electorate, where an 'approved' fire permit has been issued?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is being done to ensure the fire permit software between NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Fire and Rescue works together?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what is being done to help support our NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers who often receive a number of call out's where they have not been notified of a Pile Burn approved permit issued by NSW Fire and Rescue?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Both the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) and Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) can issue permits in their respective jurisdictions. Individuals applying for a permit through the RFS website are required to enter the address of the planned burn. If the location is within FRNSW jurisdiction, a red banner appears, directing the applicant to the FRNSW website to complete the application.
- (2) The RFS will respond to a Triple Zero report of a fire, whether or not a permit has been issued, to ensure any threat to life or property is addressed.
- (3) Both FRNSW and RFS can access the other agency's fire permit system. Both agencies can also share incident information through ICEMS which connects the FRNSW Computer Aided Dispatch system with the RFS ICON system for coordinated incident management.
- (4) The response to an incident in a Fire District will be determined by FRNSW. If additional assistance is required, FRNSW can call on RFS resources in line with existing Mutual Aid Agreements (MAA).

* 3711 FIRE TRAILS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—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 Fire Trails across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of fire trails throughout the Cootamundra electorate?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when is maintenance scheduled for these fire trails?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what other areas across New South Wales will also see funding to better protect communities from Bushfires, such as the \$1.15 million for upgrades to fire trails at Hanging Rock?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Fire trails are listed in the publicly available Fire Trail Register at <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/fire-trails/fire-trail-register>.
- (2) Fire trails are a multi-agency responsibility with individual agencies working to separate program schedules. The RFS is collaborating with other agencies for RFS Mitigation Crews to carry out vegetation management along fire trails.
- (3) The RFS has allocated fire trail funding for 2024-25 to functional maintenance works on trails across NSW. Questions about fire trail works by other agencies should be directed to the responsible Ministers.

- * 3712 NSW DRUG SUMMIT—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 NSW Drug Summit, regional forums:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what are the top 10 regional locations across New South Wales where substance abuse, such as drugs is a major concern to the community?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise why only Griffith and Lismore have been selected as areas to host the regional forums?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise when will the findings of this Drug Summit along with the recommendations be released?

Answer—

(1 - 3) I am advised that:

The upcoming Summit will comprise of 2 days of regional forums (one in Griffith on 1 November 2024, and the other in Lismore on 4 November 2024) and 2 days of forums in Sydney on 4 and 5 December 2024. The office would have received a formal invitation welcoming your participation and attendance at the forums in Sydney.

The regional forums will provide a dedicated space to ensure the unique and valuable experiences and perspectives of people in regional NSW are heard.

The Drug Summit process will build consensus on the way NSW deals with drug-related harm state-wide.

More information about the Drug Summit is on the NSW Health website (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/summit/Pages/default.aspx>).

- * 3713 ENERGY SAVING SCHEME—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the New South Wales Energy Saving Scheme:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise which areas / postcodes are excluded from the Energy Saving Scheme?
 - (a) Why are they excluded?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when was the accredited supplier list, by region which is located on the Government energy website last updated and cross referenced with suppliers and postcodes?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise if residents who reside in Kamarah NSW 2665, which is listed as an eligible postcode, are advised by service providers who are listed as an accredited supplier list, by region, they do not cover this area?
 - (a) Why is this the case?

Answer—

- (1) All areas / postcodes in NSW are eligible for the Energy Savings Scheme (ESS).
- (2) The Accredited Certificate Provider (ACP) list was last updated in April 2024. Each ACP nominates to be listed on the NSW Climate and Energy Action website for specific regions and upgrades.
- (3) ACPs have the discretion to choose the areas they operate in and services they provide. This typically depends on factors like nature of the work required, availability of sub-contractors in the area, volume of work they already have and overall demand from different areas. I can advise that

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Ecovantage and National Carbon Bank of Australia have completed residential upgrades in Kamarah (postcode 2665) in the last year.

* 3714 ROAD FUNDING ALLOCATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

With respect to Road Funding allocation:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise are there any considerations being made to provide funding for road repairs per kilometre rather than an amount per local government area?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise what considerations are being made to provide funding for road repairs to improve road safety for now and into the future, rather than funding which only allows for replacement or like for like?

Answer—

I am advised

Under the 2023-24 Budget, the [Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund](#) (RERRF) delivered \$390 million directly into the hands of regional and rural councils for urgent road and pothole repairs, expanding on Regional and Local Road Repair Program (RLRRP) taking the total fund for road repairs to \$670 million. Councils in Cootamundra electorate received over \$62 million which was calculated on a per kilometre basis.

Council	RLRRP Funding Awarded (Feb 2023)	RERRF Funding Awarded (Oct 2023)	Total Funding Awarded (RLRPP + RERRF)
Bland Shire Council	\$ 4,623,796	\$ 6,481,778	\$ 11,105,574
Coolamon Shire Council	\$ 2,552,095	\$ 3,575,713	\$ 6,127,808
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council	\$ 2,491,307	\$ 3,491,368	\$ 5,982,675
Cowra Council	\$ 2,319,228	\$ 3,251,113	\$ 5,570,341
Hilltops Council	\$ 5,008,505	\$ 7,021,075	\$ 12,029,580
Juncie Shire Council	\$ 1,598,163	\$ 2,241,530	\$ 3,839,693
Narrandera Shire Council	\$ 2,836,998	\$ 3,976,990	\$ 6,813,988
Temora Shire Council	\$ 2,430,501	\$ 3,407,023	\$ 5,837,524
Weddin Shire Council	\$ 1,966,645	\$ 2,755,267	\$ 4,721,912
		Electorate Total	\$ 62,029,095

While the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program does not fund road repair, it does fund a road safety infrastructure upgrade and speed management program aimed at delivering sustainable and long-term reductions in road trauma across the NSW road network by addressing high risk locations.

Under Round 2 of the Toward Zero Safer Roads Program, \$202 million has been allocated to deliver vital safety upgrades to regional roads across the state to reduce the New South Wales road toll and reduce the tragic impact of road trauma on communities across the state. Delivered as part of the New South Wales Government's \$2.8 billion road safety budget, round two of the Towards Zero-Safer Roads Program, will support 72 separate road safety projects across regional, rural and remote parts of the state.

In addition, the NSW Government is continuing work to improve road safety in regional NSW with \$45 million to be provided to council-nominated road safety projects across regional areas. To be provided over three years, this funding will allow for the delivery of 23 road safety projects and to progress the implementation of three 40 km/h High Pedestrian Activity Areas on roads maintained by local councils in regional NSW.

The NSW Government is working with Transport for NSW to consider how to improve funding for local government to ensure the road network across NSW meets the needs of communities and industry. The NSW government provides a range of financial assistance to local government in the form of 'Grants' to assist Councils to maintain and improve their road network. A list of all Grant programs is available at <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/business-and-industry/partners-and-suppliers/local-government/grant>.

- * 3715 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With respect to Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres across Regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres there are across the Riverina?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise of these centres how many are targeted specifically for women and children?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions are matters for the Minister for Health and Minister for Regional Health.

- * 3716 WEST WYALONG HEALTH WORKER ACCOMMODATION—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 new West Wyalong Health Worker Accommodation:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise when will this accommodation be constructed / installed?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise when will this accommodation be ready for the first residents?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The key worker accommodation units for West Wyalong (Murrumbidgee Local Health District) were delivered in August 2024, and installation works are almost complete. The units will be available for occupation in the coming months.

- * 3717 OUTCOME BUDGETING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to the previous Government's 'Outcome Budgeting' for the NSW Budget:

- (1) Why has the current Government not continued 'Outcome Budgeting'?
- (2) What framework has the current Government replaced 'Outcome Budgeting' with?

Answer—

- (1) The Performance and Wellbeing Framework provides robust and meaningful information for the public; matching government expenditure with indicators to ensure the people of NSW have clarity on the performance of the public services they rely on.

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(2) Further information on the Performance and Wellbeing Framework is publicly available.

* 3718 SERVICE NSW POP UP CENTRES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What Service NSW pop up centres have opened between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 in:
 - (a) Northern Beaches Local Government Area?
 - (b) Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area?
- (2) Are there Service NSW pop up centres scheduled between 1 July 2024 and 31 December 2024 in:
 - (a) Northern Beaches Local Government Area?
 - (b) Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area?
- (3) If yes to (1), what are the details?
- (4) If no to (1), will you consider a pop up centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

Service NSW operates two service centres located within the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA) at Brookvale and Warriewood. Service centres are also located at Chatswood, Hornsby and Ryde, adjacent to the Ku-ring-gai LGA.

Service NSW regularly participates in local community events including expos, group presentations and attendance at libraries and shopping centre events to support people to access government services. Details of these events are as follows:

LGA	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024 Completed	1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024 Completed and Planned
Northern Beaches LGA	14	13
Ku-ring-gai LGA	19	2
Suburbs bordering Ku-ring-gai LGA	57	22

* 3719 RAISING THE TAX-FREE THRESHOLD OF PAYROLL TAX—Mr Matt Cross 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 Government consider raising the tax-free threshold of payroll tax from 1 July 2025?

Answer—

As this question pertains to tax policy, this question is best directed to the Treasurer.

* 3720 PAYROLL TAX REBATE SCHEME (JOBS ACTION PLAN) ACT 2011—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

In relation to the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme (Jobs Action Plan) Act 2011:

- (1) How many individual rebates were provided in:
- (a) 2018-19?
 - (b) 2017-18?
 - (c) 2016-17?
 - (d) 2015-16?
 - (e) 2014-15?
 - (f) 2013-14?
 - (g) 2012-13?
 - (h) 2011-12?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of rebates provided under the Jobs Action Plan scheme for the following financial years were:

- (a) 2018-19 = 29,729
- (b) 2017-18 = 68,773
- (c) 2016-17 = 84,881
- (d) 2015-16 = 137,728
- (e) 2014-15 = 37,557
- (f) 2013-14 = 21,216
- (g) 2012-13 = 5,425
- (h) 2011-12 = 0

Note: Numbers may differ from previously provided figures due to the timing of anniversary payments, not all businesses receiving both anniversary payments where they didn't maintain the increase in staffing numbers or following compliance activity.

* 3721 SUPPORTING APPRENTICESHIPS IN SMALL BUSINESS—Mr Matt Cross 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 support apprenticeships in small business?

Answer—

I am advised ...

- (1) The Service NSW Business Bureau is the one front door for small businesses to access Government information, services and supports. It has an extensive stakeholder engagement program with agencies and education providers, including Registered Training Organisations, TAFE NSW and universities. The aim of the Bureau's engagement is to build relationships with government partners to promote service offering for small businesses, understand the services offered by education providers and make connections and contacts.

At a local level, this engagement establishes referral pathways for Service NSW Business Concierges to refer small businesses to education providers and relevant programs to assist with employing staff.

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Since 1 January 2024, the Service NSW Business Bureau has made 152 referrals for small businesses to TAFE NSW where they can engage in a range of supports including sourcing and offering apprenticeships.

- * 3722 INTEGRATED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM - 375 NEW BUSES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to the question without notice that I asked on Thursday 19 September, in which you stated, "our Government's commitment to an integrated public transport system that works as a whole, we have added 375 new bus services":

- (1) Are the 375 new bus services exclusively service the Davidson electorate?
- (2) If no to (1), what electorates and/or bus regions does 375 include?

Answer—

I am advised

The uplifted services were provided in operating regions 1 and 4 (North-west) and 7 (Ryde and Lane Cove).

- * 3723 DEVELOPING HOUSING ON THE SYDNEY WATER SITE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to develop housing on any part of the Sydney Water site at West Ryde?
 - (a) If none, can your Department rule out any future or sale or development of the site during this term of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

- * 3724 LAND AUDIT FUTURE TRANCHES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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:

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

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

The NSW Government will announce particular sites as and when they are identified as suitable for housing.

* 3725 FARE EVASION OFFENCES - FINES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (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:

Information relating to fines for fare evasion offences is available via Revenue NSW website: <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/help-centre/resources-library/statistics>

* 3726 FINES FOR FARE EVASION NOT PAID—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The number of fines not paid were:
 - (a) 30 June 2020 - 49,997
 - (b) 30 June 2021 - 33,135
 - (c) 30 June 2022 - 37,621
 - (d) 30 June 2023 - 41,241

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(e) 30 June 2024 - 50,669

Note: The data provided is at the 10 October 2024 for fines at that point in time. Data may change retrospectively as the fines progress through the fines life cycle.

* 3727 UNCLAIMED FINE REVENUE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (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—

It is unclear what is meant by the expression "unclaimed fine revenue". However, in the spirit of transparency, please refer to the data below showing total value of outstanding fines for fare evasion offences.

I am advised:

The total value of outstanding fines for fare evasion offences were:

- (a) 30 June 2020 = \$9,482,000
- (b) 30 June 2021 = \$6,258,150
- (c) 30 June 2022 = \$7,219,550
- (d) 30 June 2023 = \$7,893,300
- (e) 30 June 2024 = \$9,628,950

Note: The data provided is at the 10 October 2024 for fines at that point in time. Data may change retrospectively as the fines progress through the fines life cycle.

* 3728 COST OF ENFORCING FARE EVASION OFFENCES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (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:

Revenue NSW undertakes compliance and enforcement activities for a broad range of infringement types. Accordingly, the precise cost of compliance and enforcement activities is not broken down by specific infringement types.

* 3729 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL REPORT - STAFF CEASING EMPLOYMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) On what page(s) of the Department of Planning and Environment annual report is staffing information related to the former Office of Local Government found, that will address how many staff ceased employment for any reason 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—

The Annual Reports from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure are public documents.

* 3730 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT - STAFF CEASING EMPLOYMENT—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) On what page(s) of the NSW Department of Education annual report is staffing information related to the Department of Education found, that will address how many staff ceased employment for any reason 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—

The Annual Reports from the Department of Education are public documents.

* 3731 EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR PET-OWNERS—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—

Under current Government policy, what are the differences between how a pet-owning person requiring emergency housing is treated, compared to a non-pet owning person?

Answer—

We know how important pets are to people. Unfortunately, not all temporary accommodation providers allow pets, however, Homes NSW has a range of providers in place to ensure pet owners can be accommodated in temporary accommodation. We will always work with people who need support to ensure they can access safe and secure accommodation. All temporary accommodation providers are

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expected to accommodate certified assistance animals, in accordance with their obligations under legislation.

- * 3732 TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION CONTRIBUTIONS—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—

In relation to the Temporary Accommodation Contributions scheme that started on 18 September 2024:

- (1) What studies, reviews, or policy documents guided the creation of the scheme?
- (2) Specifically, what informed the selection of 25% and 15% respectively as the proportion of weekly assessable income and family tax benefits that will be used to calculate Temporary Accommodation Contributions?
- (3) What will Temporary Accommodation Support Plans under the scheme entail, and what actions will they require of:
 - (a) Homes NSW or Community Housing Provider staff?
 - (b) People accessing Temporary Accommodation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The requirement of clients having to make financial contributions toward their temporary accommodation costs is not a new concept, being a HomesNSW policy requirement for over a decade. The changes introduced on September 18, 2024, relate to making this extant system fairer and equitable as it is uniformly applied across the state.

In June 2024, the Homes NSW Chief Executive Officer held a workshop with Homelessness NSW, Community Housing Provider (CHP) representatives and Dr Gregory Smith as a lived experience contributor to guide the uniform application of the method of calculating temporary accommodation contributions.

- (2) The application of 25% and 15%, as the proportion of weekly assessable income and family tax benefits respectively, is the current social housing tenancy rental charges.
- (3) The new Temporary Accommodation Support Plan (the 'Support Plan') applies to clients receiving temporary accommodation through Homes NSW. CHPs can use or adapt the Support Plan, when assisting homeless clients.

The Support Plan sets out steps the responsibilities of both clients and Homes NSW. These include:

- (a) Responsibilities of Homes NSW/CHPs:
 - Assist the client with their Application for Housing Assistance (AHA).
 - Refer the client to supports, including Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS).
 - Advise the client of their rental affordability rental products and options, which they may be eligible for.
 - Assess the client, with regards to their contribution toward temporary accommodation.
- (b) Responsibilities of clients accessing temporary accommodation:
 - Provide evidence/documentation currently outstanding, to have their AHA assessed.
 - Contact support services, including Specialist Housing Service provides (SHS), medical services, and other supports.

- Take certain actions toward securing a private rental, such as seeking rentals from the private rental market.
- Adhere to certain rights and responsibilities, whilst residing in temporary accommodation.
- Contributing toward the cost of temporary accommodation.

* 3733 NSW NURSES AND MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION INDUSTRIAL ACTION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Is the Government aware of any directives made by NSW Health regarding industrial action taken by the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association in September 2024?
- (2) Is the Government aware of any directives to give preferential treatment to nurses or midwives who did not participate in industrial action during September 2024, or if there have been any instances of this practice in September 2024?
- (3) If such a directive has been made will the Government apologise to nurses and midwives in New South Wales?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) On 23 September 2024, an information sheet advising of responsibilities and obligations during a period of industrial action was distributed to NSW Health staff and managers. The information sheet acknowledged the importance of advocacy for industrial interests and reminded staff of NSW Health's commitment to patient safety, health outcomes and the public interest.
- (2) The Government is not aware of such a directive. The information sheet distributed to NSW Health staff and managers included a reminder that employees cannot be victimised for either participating, or not participating, in industrial action.
- (3) The Government is not aware of such a directive being made.

* 3734 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY VACANCIES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many Land & Housing Corporation owned properties are currently vacant in the suburbs of:
 - (a) Annandale?
 - (b) Balmain?
 - (c) Balmain East?
 - (d) Birchgrove?
 - (e) Forest Lodge?
 - (f) Glebe?
 - (g) Leichhardt?
 - (h) Lilyfield?
 - (i) Rozelle?
 - (j) Camperdown?
 - (k) Ultimo?

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- (2) For each of the areas listed in response to question (1), how many properties are vacant due to outstanding maintenance or repairs being required before that property will be allocated to an applicant on the social housing waiting list?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Homes NSW are undergoing vacant restoration of the following properties before being relet:
- (a) Annandale 1
 - (b) Balmain 4
 - (c) Balmain East 0
 - (d) Birchgrove 0
 - (e) Forest Lodge 0
 - (f) Glebe 20
 - (g) Leichhardt 6
 - (h) Lilyfield 6
 - (i) Rozelle 0
 - (j) Camperdown 11
 - (k) Ultimo 1

In addition, there are five properties in Glebe where the future use is yet to be determined due to structural damage or requiring major refurbishment works.

Since coming into Government we have been working hard to restore public homes left vacant (and ready to sell) by the former Government.

One of the first things I did as Minister was bring 35 vacant homes in Glebe back online. We have also brought over 300 vacant homes back in use under the Social Housing Accelerator Fund.

This is on top of the record investment in public housing maintenance in this year's budget where we are, for the first time in a long time, directly funding maintenance.

- (2) Please see response to question (1).

- * 3735 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 2466—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 2466 (regarding Lilli Pilli Public School lower site upgrades)?

Answer—

The Department of Education has confirmed that upgrades to bathroom facilities at Lilli Pilli Public School have been funded as part of the government's record \$1.5 billion investment in maintenance and local upgrades. Updates will be provided as this work progresses.

- * 3736 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - 434—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 434 (regarding land owned by Besmaw Pty Ltd on Kurnell peninsula)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This site has been announced as part of the State Significant Rezoning Policy. This was based on recommendations of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's State Significant Rezoning Evaluation Panel, who found that the site was of State significance and had been unreasonably delayed in the planning system.

* 3737 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - 640—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 640 (regarding an aquaculture precinct at Woollooware Bay)?

Answer—

I am advised

The response to LA 640 remains current.

* 3738 ROAD ACCIDENTS IN GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Within the Goulburn electorate, since 1 January 2024, how many road accidents have occurred?
- (2) How many of these have been fatalities?
- (3) How many Highway patrol officers positions are deployed in the Hume Police District, or Goulburn electorate?
- (4) How many positions are currently not filled?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force does not hold the information requested by electorate. This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport responsible for Transport for NSW (NSW Centre for Road Safety).
- (2) Refer to the answer to Question 1.
- (3) As of 6 October 2024, there are 22 authorised police positions assigned to The Hume Police District. Highway Patrol officers deployed within The Hume Police District belong to the Traffic and Highway Patrol Command's Traffic South sector.

Highway Patrol police positions are flexible resources available for deployment, based on operational needs and are utilised across boundaries to fulfil operational requirements and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.
- (4) As of 6 October 2024, there are four vacant authorised police positions.

* 3739 WALLAROO SOLAR FARM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Can the Minister provide details on why the Government refused to respond to representations on the 27th of July regarding Wallaroo Solar Farm?

Answer—

I reject the premise of your question.

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I provided a response to your correspondence on 26 September 2024. The correspondence was provided to your office on 27 September 2024.

My Ministerial Office receives a very large volume of correspondence, including from Members of Parliament. All correspondence is read, considered, referred for appropriate advice to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as many matters raised are of a complex nature, and responded to as quickly as possible.

- * 3740 BARTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$138.7 million to continue improvements on the Barton Highway:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Stage 2 of the Barton Highway duplication is currently in planning. Transport for NSW is currently finalising the concept design. Transport for NSW is also working through environmental investigations to assess the impacts the duplication will have on the surrounding environment. The findings from these investigations will be presented in the Review of Environmental Factors report which is anticipated to go on display for community feedback next year.

- (2) Transport for NSW is expected to complete Business Case assurance in the 2024/25 financial year and display environmental assessment documents for public consultation. Detailed design is also expected to be progressed and property acquisition has commenced.

The project is expected to cost \$3.3 million in the 2024/25 financial year, including \$500,000 for environmental assessment, \$500,000 in design, \$800,000 in project management and business case, and the remaining \$1.5 million estimated for property acquisition.

- (3) A construction timeline will be determined upon completion of the concept design phase.

- * 3741 GOULBURN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—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 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$165.0 million Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Construction of the final stage of the Goulburn Hospital Redevelopment was completed in June 2024.

Southern NSW Local Health District is refurbishing the Transitional Living Unit, and this work is expected to be completed in 2024-25.

As noted in the Budget Papers, completion dates provided in Budget Papers are the expected financial completion of a project and physical completion may occur prior. A project's financial completion may occur 12-18 months after the practical or construction completion of a project.

- * 3742 GOULBURN POLICE ACADEMY FACILITIES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line items of: \$5.5 million for the Goulburn Academy Gym and Recreation Centre, \$4.0 million for the Police Driver Training Upgrade, and \$3.0 million project for Goulburn Academy Critical Incident Response Training Upgrade:

- (1) What is the scope of work for each of these line items for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to each of the total project costs for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of each of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2024-25 State Budget includes:

- \$5.5 million for the construction of a new gymnasium at the Goulburn Police Academy
 - as at the end of Q1 2024-25 financial year, a total of \$0.793 million has been incurred, leaving a balance of \$4.707 million to be spent until completion.
 - construction commenced in September 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q1 2025-26 financial year.
- \$4.0 million for the construction of a new Police Driver Skidpan facility at the Goulburn Police Academy to replace the existing driver training facility.
 - as at the end of Q1 2024-25 financial year, a total of \$2.324 million has been incurred, leaving a balance of \$1.676 million to be spent until completion.
 - construction commenced in August 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q3 2024-25 financial year.
- \$3.0 million for the construction of a new Active Armed Offender training facility.
 - as at the end of Q1 2024-25 financial year, a total of \$0.847 million has been incurred, leaving a balance of \$2.153 million to be spent until completion.
 - construction commenced in August 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q4 2024-25 financial year.

- * 3743 GOULBURN POLICE STATION UPGRADES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$25.0 million project for major upgrades to the Goulburn Police Station:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Commencement of construction of a new police station.

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- (2) Costs estimated to be incurred by the end of 2024/25 financial year are \$11 million for the design, appointment of a successful tenderer and commencement of structural works.
- (3) On-site works are expected to commence by December 2024. The expected completion date is the end of December 2026.

* 3744 KEY HEALTH WORKER ACCOMMODATION—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 2024/2025 State Budget's line item of \$15.0 million for Key Health Worker Accommodation in Southern New South Wales:

- (1) What is the scope of work for this line item for 2024/25?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown of the funding, and milestones, in relation to the total project cost for 2024/25?
- (3) What is the expected start and completion date of the funded works for 2024/25?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Key worker accommodation units and communal shared spaces will be delivered at Cooma Hospital as part of the \$15 million Key Health Worker Accommodation - Southern NSW region project. The units are currently being manufactured off-site and are expected to be delivered and installed in late 2024 and completed in early 2025.

Information about 2024-25 budget allocation is available in the NSW Budget Papers.

* 3745 HUME HIGHWAY AT MARULAN—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) Will the Government address the road conditions of the Hume Highway both southbound and northbound for Marulan residents?
- (2) Has this project progressed as promised?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) When can residents expect the road to be repaired?
- (4) What are the reasons for this delay and the specific challenges that are preventing the project from moving forward?
- (5) What measures are being taken to address the impact of these heavy vehicles on road conditions, and what is the plan to ensure road safety and maintenance?

Answer—

I am advised

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

* 3746 PLASREFINE DEVELOPMENT MOSS VALE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Plasrefine development in Moss Vale:

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the current status of the assessment process?

- (2) When did the department issue the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), alternatively how many years has it been since the project commenced?
- (3) Could you please clarify the reasons for the extended timeline and what further steps are required to progress the assessment?
- (4) The project site currently indicates 'Assessment' with a status of 'More Information Required', what additional information is needed and the expected timeframe for the completion of this stage?

Answer—

I am advised:

The SEARs for this project were issued on 15 October 2020. The Department of Planning, Housing and Industry has completed its assessment, and a recommendation on the development application has been made to the Independent Planning Commission who is the consent authority for the proposal.

The Department has worked to make sure appropriate information was provided by the Applicant in response to concerns raised by the Department and other NSW Government Authorities, Wingecarribee Shire Council and the community.

Further information on the status for this project can be found at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/moss-vale-plastics-recycling-facility>.

- * 3747 DISASTER READY FUND PROJECTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to Round One and Two of the Disaster Ready Fund to support New South Wales communities to be better prepared for and protected from future natural disasters:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the Round One projects?
 - (a) How many EOIs were submitted?
 - (b) In relation to 1(a), how many were from the Kiama electorate:
 - (i) Kiama LGA?
 - (ii) Shoalhaven LGA?
 - (iii) Shellharbour LGA?
 - (c) How many final proposals were submitted?
 - (d) How many final proposals were unsuccessful?
 - (e) Which projects from Round One have been completed?
- (2) Can the Minister provide an update on the Round Two projects?
 - (a) How many EOIs were submitted?
 - (b) In relation to 2(a), how many were from the Kiama electorate:
 - (i) Kiama LGA?
 - (ii) Shoalhaven LGA?
 - (iii) Shellharbour LGA?
 - (c) How many final proposals were submitted?
 - (d) How many final proposals were unsuccessful?
 - (e) Have all unsuccessful final proposals been notified?

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- (3) Can the Minister detail Kiama electorate specific components, details, stakeholders timelines and locations, related to the five projects being delivered under Round Two?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 119 EOLs were submitted, with 2 received from the Shoalhaven Local Government Area (LGA) and none received from the Kiama or Shellharbour LGAs. The former government submitted 25 final proposals, of which 6 were unsuccessful. All successful projects remain in progress.
- (2) I am advised 194 EOLs were submitted, with 3 received from the Shoalhaven LGA and none received from the Kiama or Shellharbour LGAs. 58 final proposals were submitted, of which 31 were unsuccessful. These projects have been notified.
- (3) Details of successful projects are available online at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/disaster-ready-fund/faqs-round-2>

- * 3748 BUSHFIRE FUEL LOADS AND RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With reference to scientific studies and research on bushfires, the relationship between fuel load and ROS (rate of spread), and government policies based on scientific evidence:

- (1) Can the Minister advise the extent to which New South Wales prescribed burning policy and targets are guided by theoretical modelling using Phoenix RapidFire?
- (a) What justification is provided for using this model that predicts bushfire rate of spread from fuel load, when the theoretical influence of fuel load on rate of spread was disproved 25 years ago?
- (b) Is this modelling used to quantify risk to identified assets in the Bushfire Risk Management Planning (BFRMP) process?
- (c) What capacity is there for managers or members of a Bush Fire Coordinating Committee to override guidance derived from this modelling if local knowledge, measurements, or new findings provide conflicting guidance?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the policy of prescribed burning in New South Wales has been informed or influenced by the south-west Australian experience of prescribed burning?
- (a) Has there been any response to the peer-reviewed analysis of WA records showing that prescribed burning has increased bushfire risk in the southwest?
- (3) Has the Minister met with experts related to the above to discuss these concerns?
- (a) If so, when?
- (b) If not, will you?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Local Bush Fire Management Committees (BFMCs) create Bush Fire Risk Management Plans (BFRMP) to help reduce the risks that bush fires pose to people, property, infrastructure, and the environment. To develop the plan, BFMCs employ fire behaviour modelling using Phoenix Rapidfire, along with their local knowledge and experience.
- (a) The premise of this question is incorrect.

- (b) Yes. It is one of several inputs to determine bushfire risk, with local fire knowledge and community expertise playing a critical role in refining the assessment of bushfire risk.
 - (c) The BFRMP process involves input from key agency stakeholders through BFMC representatives. The BFMC will receive modelled bush fire risk data and analyse it alongside local experts to identify Focus Areas, Treatment Strategies and a Fuel Management Register. The committee will use local knowledge and expertise to review the risk maps and assess whether these maps demonstrate the bush fire risk to assets in the BFMC area. The BFMC will be aware of the methodology used to produce the maps and will take into account that the quantitative process does not consider social factors (social vulnerability, behaviour and preparedness) or operational factors (building standards, access/egress etc.) and that it should be used at a landscape scale. The CSIRO Spark wildfire simulation toolkit also is being introduced to provide more accurate predictions for differing fuels.
- (2) NSW's prescribed burning policy has been informed by a broad scientific consensus on the effectiveness of prescribed burning in reducing bush fire risks to life, property, and the environment across Australia.
 - (3) I am regularly briefed by Rural Fire Service in-house experts.

* 3749 REGULATING ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY DOCUMENTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With reference to Question 3275 and the Minister's answer on 24 July 2024:

- (1) Are there plans to support changes to better regulate Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA) documents in New South Wales?
- (2) Are you considering formalising mechanisms to register, update or verify EPOAs?
- (3) Given that Power of Attorney documents must be registered where real estate decisions are required, is it appropriate that no such register exists for other estate matters?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As reform to powers of attorney laws is a priority item for the Standing Council of Attorneys General, this question should be directed to the NSW Attorney General.
- (2) Please refer to the answer to Question 1.
- (3) Any person can choose to register any power of attorney in the General Register of Deeds maintained by NSW Land Registry Services. Under the Powers of Attorney Act 2003 and property legislation, there is a statutory requirement to register all general and enduring powers of attorney if they are used to effect land dealings.

Registration does not guarantee that the power of attorney is in force or is valid and does not remove the need to inspect each enduring power of attorney, which may contain limitations or conditions in its terms. Organisations need to check the specific terms to make sure the person they are dealing with is authorised to act and has met any specified requirements. Inspecting the power of attorney document is also an important safeguard to prevent financial abuse and fraud.

* 3750 BUDGET IMPACTS ON VETERAN SUICIDE—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 Question 3270 answered on 26 July 2024:

- (1) By what rate did veterans suicide increase or decrease for the years 2022 and 2023?

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- (2) Has the 2024-25 budget impacted funding allocations for “towards zero suicide initiatives” as outlined in the strategy?
- (3) Can you detail how the Ministry of Health is working to support Veterans and reduce veterans suicide?
- (4) Can you provide data for the Kiama electorate on rates of veterans suicide?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) How does the Government work with the Commonwealth Government to reduce veterans suicide in New South Wales, the Illawarra/Shoalhaven and the Kiama Electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised:

These issues are a matter for the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast.

* 3751 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN FEES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—

With respect to service fees charged by the NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSW T&G):

- (1) How many complaints each year for the last five years have been received in relation to fees and services by the NSW T&G?
- (2) Can you total the amount of fees charged by the NSW T&G each year for the last five years for:
 - (a) Will fees ?
 - (b) Power of Attorney fees?
 - (c) Enduring Guardianship fees?
 - (d) Deceased estate administration fees?
 - (e) Trust fees?
 - (f) Financial management fees?
 - (g) Private financial management fees?
 - (h) Additional fees?
- (3) How do the current fees associated with deceased estate administration fees compare with other services?
- (4) Can the Attorney General report on costs recovered by summary application to Court each year for the last five years?
- (5) Will the Attorney General review these fees as set and regulated by the NSW Trustee and Guardian Act 2009 and the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2017?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information on complaints is available in NSW Trustee and Guardian's annual reports.
- (2) Information on revenue from fees is also available in NSW Trustee and Guardian's annual reports. There are no fees for guardianship services.

- (3) NSW Trustee and Guardian's fees are available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/trustee-guardian/about-us/our-fees>. NSW Trustee and Guardian's fees are competitively priced when compared to fees charged by commercial organisations providing comparable services and by public trustees in other jurisdictions around Australia.
- (4) It is unclear what the Member's question relates to. NSW Trustee and Guardian charges fees on assets under management or administration.
- (5) NSW Trustee and Guardian periodically reviews the fees charged to customers to ensure that it can continue to meet the needs of customers in a financially sustainable way. Any changes to the fees charged to customers aim to balance fairness, equity and market relativity with ongoing financial sustainability of the agency. When NSW Trustee and Guardian prepares wills where they are appointed executor, full details of the fees are provided to the will maker, and they agree to the fee which will be charged against their estate on death. Further, when NSW Trustee and Guardian is asked to act as administrator of a deceased estate, full disclosure of fees are provided before they take on the role.

* 3752 GRANTS AND SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE AND DAIRY - EMERGENCY GRANTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With reference to Question 3276 and the Minister's response on 26 July 2024:

- (1) When were you referred Question 2?
- (2) Have you answered Question 2?
- (3) If not, Does the Government have plans to provide grants rather than flood recovery loans?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The matters raised in QoN 3276, Question 2 fall within my portfolio and should be directed to me in my capacity as Minister for Emergency Services.
- (2) Please see the answer to (1).
- (3) With respect to financial assistance provided to farmers affected by flooding, the NSW Government adopts scheme designs that have regard to a range of factors including sustainability. Recovery grants are typically made available through Category C assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and must be approved by the Prime Minister.

* 3753 PAYROLL TAX LIABILITY—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 respect to Payroll Tax liability and recent changes to employment agency provisions:

- (1) Given the Court's new interpretation of the employment agency provisions, will the Government promptly legislate to minimise impacts on long-standing contributors to the New South Wales economy affected by this change?
- (2) If not, will the Government terminate all retrospective enforcement actions and only apply this change of Court interpretation prospectively?
- (3) Was Revenue NSW retrospectively enforcing a new Court interpretation?
 - (a) If so, when did this begin and when was the Government made aware?

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- (4) Is the outcome of such enforcement contrary to the legislation's intention and the governments interpretation?
- (5) How is the Government supporting businesses affected by this change?
- (6) Has the Minister had any briefings from Revenue NSW on the new Court interpretation being enforced by Revenue NSW?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (7) Noting the Government's recent decision to waive \$104 million in historical payroll tax liabilities for clinics, will you extend this waiver to other sectors?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided to [QON 2688](#).

* 3754 WEBCAMS FOR COASTAL BARS AND ALPINE WATERS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—

With reference to Transport for NSW coastal and alpine webcams:

- (1) How much does each webcam cost to:
 - (a) Install?
 - (b) Operate on an annual basis?
- (2) Which webcams currently installed are accessed the least and most and can you provide any data or statistics on usage?
- (3) What support or funding is available for Councils or Electorates to install these devices?
- (4) When was the last webcam in relation to this program installed?
- (5) Will you consider extending this program to stream hazardous areas such as the Kiama Blow Hole, rocky fishing areas, or beaches?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1 - 2) Transport for NSW is currently undertaking a procurement process, so this information is not available.
- (3) Transport for NSW provides webcam vision of coastal bars and alpine waters to help boaters and skippers prepare for a safe crossing. Councils can visit the NSW Grants and Funding website if they wish to seek funding for the installation of these devices or other initiatives.

Transport for NSW recently announced it will invest \$44 million into improving waterway accessibility and safety under its new Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme (BID Scheme).
- (4) The most recent camera site to be included in the network was Lake Eucumbene in 2013.
- (5) Transport for NSW provides live webcam vision of coastal bars and alpine waters to help boaters and skippers prepare for a safe crossing. Transport for NSW currently do not monitor or have a program in place for non-boating locations.

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* 3755 INVASIVE WEED CONTROL FUNDING—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) How much funding is available for the Unincorporated Area to control cactus – mainly Hudson Pear and Mesquite?
- (2) What are the existing funding options for the control of these weeds?
- (3) What control measures are available?

Answer—

- (1) There is currently no public funding allocated to control Hudson Pear and Mesquite on privately managed land in the Unincorporated Area. The control of these weeds is the responsibility of private landholders as part of their General Biosecurity Duty under the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015. Local Land Services is available to provide advice to landholders on best practice control measures.

Public entities such as Transport for NSW undertake control of weeds on public roadsides within the Unincorporated Area, generally engaging contractors for this work.

- (2) Managing the costs associated with controlling these weeds sits with the landholder. Local Land Services can facilitate grant funding applications, when they are available, to seek funds to assist with weed control.
- (3) Control measures for these weeds include chemical control, mechanical removal, and biological control. More detailed information is located on the NSW WeedWise site:
 - (a) Hudson Pear: <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/HudsonPear>
 - (b) Mesquite: <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Mesquite>

* 3756 CONTROL OF HUDSON PEAR CACTUS AND MESQUITE—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 of the high-risk areas for the spread of Hudson Pear across Barwon have received chemicals and assistance under the Hudson Pear Control Program?
- (2) Is there scope within this program to employ full time local positions for the management and control of Hudson Pear?

Answer—

- (1) The Hudson Pear Program focuses resources on high-risk spread areas and new incursions in the North West LLS region primarily near the locations of Lightning Ridge, Angledool, Cumborah, Grawin and Colrose Road (south of Come By Chance).

To date, 46 landholders at these locations have received assistance under the program:

- 16 Landholders have accessed free chemical supply,
- 20 Landholders have received control works undertaken by contractors, and
- 10 additional Landholders received both chemical and contractor support.

Hudson Pear identified outside of this area within the Barwon electorate, such as the incursion near Broken Hill, are managed by the associated land manager and/or local government with access to assistance through the NSW Weeds Action Program.

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- (2) The Hudson Pear Program currently employs two full time local staff focusing on strategic inspections, community engagement and on-ground control. The two full time roles are fully budgeted for through to 30 June 2027.

* 3757 COST OF INCARCERATION OF YOUTH IN BARWON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Minister advise of the cost of incarceration of each youth held in institutions in Barwon or youth remanded from Barwon?

Answer—

I am advised that the average cost per day for a young person held in a Youth Justice NSW centre in 2022-23 was \$2,759.13.

* 3758 CANCER THERAPY ACCOMMODATION—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 Cancer Therapy Accommodation for regional and remote patients:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many residents across the Cootamundra electorate are currently receiving cancer therapy treatment?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise where Cancer Therapy Accommodation is available for patients across the Cootamundra electorate?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support patients receiving cancer treatments throughout regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

There are 9 public comprehensive cancer care centres in regional NSW, in addition to 5 private centres. All public centres provide comprehensive services such as radiotherapy, medical oncology, clinical haematology, palliative care and rehabilitation. These public centres also provide access to other essential services such as diagnostic imaging, nuclear medicine, pathology, intensive care and pharmacy services, and have the skilled workforce necessary to provide a quality sustainable cancer service.

The Cancer Institute NSW publishes information about support for cancer patients on its website at <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/>. Cancer Council NSW has accommodation services to support patients who travel from regional and remote areas for cancer treatment. They can help with finding affordable accommodation in cities and regional towns. There are accommodation services located in Wagga Wagga, Albury and Canberra.

Assistance for cancer patients is also available through the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS). IPTAAS is a NSW Government scheme where patients who travel 100km one way or more than 200km in a week can receive financial assistance for travel and accommodation costs when accessing specialised healthcare that is not available locally.

* 3759 WORKERS COMPENSATION COVER—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) In relation to workers' compensation, why are workers over the age of 67 limited to a maximum of 12 months of workers compensation?
- (2) For the following local government areas, what is the total number of incidents involving these age groups in the past five years:

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- (a) Kempsey Shire?
 - (b) Bellingen Shire?
 - (c) Port Macquarie Hastings Shire?
 - (d) Nambucca Shire?
- (3) Given that obtaining specialist appointments and identifying necessary treatments can take time, how does the Government address the potential issue of support being terminated before retirement aged workers can receive recommended treatments, such as surgery?
- (4) What steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that all workers, regardless of age, have access to necessary protections and support in the workplace?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions (1) and (3) are better directed to the Minister for Customer Service.

I am advised that it is not possible to provide accurate workers compensation data by local government area.

The Government has taken a range of steps to improve SafeWork NSW's approach to ensuring worker health and safety in NSW, including committing to making SafeWork a standalone regulator. Additionally, the NSW Government has committed to reform of the workers compensation system in NSW.

I am happy to meet with the Member to discuss how we can support workers in his community.

* 3760 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many First Lap vouchers have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2023-24?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

* 3761 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many Creative Kids vouchers have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2023-24?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
- (a) This data is not available by electorate. Between 1 February and 8 October 2024, 5,542 Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been issued to residents in postcodes located in and around the Tweed electorate.
 - (b) Questions relating to the previous Creative Kids program should be directed to the Minister for the Arts.

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* 3762 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest 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 have been issued to residents of the Tweed Electorate in the following years:
- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2023-24?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that:
- (a) With respect to the combined Active and Creative Kids voucher program launched on 1 February 2024, as at 8 October 2024, 5542 Active and Creative Kids vouchers have been issued to residents in postcodes located in and around the electorate of Tweed.
- (b) Questions relating to the previous Active Kids program should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

* 3763 PENSIONER TRAVEL VOUCHERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many holders of a NSW Pensioner Concession Card or a NSW Veteran Gold Card marked 'war widow' who reside in the Tweed Electorate used a Pensioner Travel Voucher for free travel (between one and four trips) on NSW Trainlink Regional services in the following years:
- (a) Calendar year to date?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2022?

Answer—

I am advised

NSW TrainLink does not collect residential address details and is unable to provide data based on geographic location.

The following reflects the number of journeys made using a NSW/ACT pensioner voucher:

- (a) Calendar year to date: 215,940
- (b) Calendar year 2023: 255,647
- (c) Calendar year 2024: 215,940

The following shows the journeys made using a WW1 Veterans Wives concession:

- (a) Calendar year 2022: 45
- (b) Calendar year 2023: 59
- (c) Calendar year to date 2024: 46

Noting that the Anzac and Ex Member of Defence force passes can sometimes include family members (attendants)/spouses. These numbers have been included below for reference.

Passenger Type	2022	2023	2024(YTD)
ANZAC NSW	1	2	0
EX MEMBER OF THE DEFENCE FORCES	940	1196	1164

PASS HOLDER			
WW1 VETERANS WIVES	45	59	46

- * 3764 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

How many students living with disability who are enrolled in school in the Tweed Electorate are receiving assistance with travel through the Assisted School Travel Program (ATSP)?

Answer—

As at Term 3, 2024 approximately 30 students with disability were being supported by the Assisted School Travel Program in the Tweed electorate.

- * 3765 NSW GAS REBATE—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—

(1) How many residents of the Tweed Electorate (or residents of postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490 if data is not held by Electorate) have received the NSW Gas Rebate in the following years:

- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2023-24?
- (c) 2022-23?

Answer—

(1) This information is publicly available in the Energy Social Programs Annual Reports on the Energy NSW website at www.energy.nsw.gov.au/nsw-plans-and-progress/regulation-and-policy/nsw-social-programs-energy-code/social-programs-energy

- (a) Data for July to December 2024 will be published in Quarter 3 2025.
- (b) 2023-24 data will be published in Quarter 1 2025.
- (c) 1089.

- * 3766 SHARED EQUITY HOME BUYER SCHEME—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) Noting that the New South Wales Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper pilot scheme closed on 30 June 2024, what pilot program evaluation is taking place, when will it be complete and will it be publicly available?

(2) How many people successfully bought a home using the New South Wales Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper Pilot?

(a) How many of them are key workers?

(3) What were the barriers to participation in the New South Wales Shared Equity Home Buyers Helper Pilot?

(4) When will the Government decide whether to continue with a shared equity scheme for home buyers?

(5) Has the Government considered how to support private investment in shared equity schemes for essential workers?

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Answer—

- (1) NSW Treasury in consultation with the panel lenders and Revenue NSW evaluated the NSW Shared Equity Scheme Home Buyer Helper pilot which informed Government's decision to invest in more effective housing policy areas in the 24-25 budget.
- (2) I am advised that 1,106 people have participated in the Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper Pilot as at 15 October 2024.
 - (a) I am advised that of the 1,106 people who have participated in the Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper Pilot as at 15 October 2024, 468 are key workers.
- (3) Participation in the Shared Equity Home Buyer Helper pilot was contingent on participants meeting specified eligibility criteria, including the conditions listed in the table below which over time became not suitable and well designed for prospective home buyers.

Eligibility Criteria	Description
Income threshold	The gross income of participating household on entry to the Scheme must be no more than <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$93,200 for singles and ○ \$124,200 for couples with ongoing eligibility assessed against this gross income indexed to the NSW Wage Price Index.
Property price threshold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$950,000 in Sydney and major regional centres (Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Illawarra, Central Coast, North Coast of NSW), ○ \$600,000 in other regional areas.
Assets test	Participant financial assets must be no more than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 per cent of the property purchase price for joint applicants with a combined gross annual income more than \$93,200 ○ 45 per cent of the property purchase price for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ single applicants aged 18 to 49 ○ joint applicants with a combined gross annual income up to \$93,200 ○ 65 per cent of the property purchase price for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ single applicants aged over 50 ○ Domestic and family violence (DFV) victim-survivors.
Eligible cohorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A single parent with a non-adult child or children ○ A single person aged 50 years or over ○ A first home buyer who is a nurse, midwife, teacher, early childhood educator, paramedic, or police officer (also referred to as 'key workers') ○ DFV victim-survivor (since December 2023).
Other	Eligible participants are required to have a minimum 2 per cent deposit, apply to an approved panel lender for a home loan and maintain occupancy as a principal place of residence.

- (4) In August 2023, the Australian Government and the state and territory governments reached an in-principle agreement to progress a national Help to Buy shared equity scheme which will be broader than the NSW pilot.

Help to Buy is the Australian Government's proposed shared equity scheme to support Australian households to purchase a new or existing home with an equity contribution from the Australian Government, subject to Commonwealth and State legislation. Help to Buy is being considered in the Australian Parliament. Subject to the Australian Parliament passing legislation, the New South

Wales Parliament will also need to pass legislation as an adopting state and the NSW Government sign an Intergovernmental Agreement before the scheme can be made available in NSW.

In addition to the passing of Federal and State legislation, the commencement of Help to Buy is also contingent on the Australian Government's implementation of the Help to Buy program directions and the delivery of the scheme through Housing Australia and its lending partners.

Details here: [Federal Government Support & Help For Home Buyers | Housing Australia](#)

- (5) I am closely monitoring the work of the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing and look forward to reading its findings in March 2025.

* 3767 PUBLIC LAND AUDIT FOR 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 specific steps, timeframes, decision makers and possible pathways for a specific site moving through the public land audit for housing process, all the way to a final development outcome?
- (2) What is the criteria and assessment framework used to decide whether a site identified in the public land audit for housing is:
 - (a) prioritised for delivering housing?
 - (b) developed by a Landcom/ HomesNSW or sold to a private developer?
- (3) Will the Government specify the proportion of affordable housing that must be included in the development of sites selected through the public land audit before transferring land to Landcom or selling it to a private developer?
 - (a) If so, how will this proportion be decided?
- (4) Will Labor's policy of 30% social and affordable housing on public land be applied to all sites or an average across sites?
- (5) Does the prioritisation process in selecting sites to develop with a high percentage of affordable housing consider the following factors, and if so, how are they weighted in decision making?
 - (a) Planning status (i.e: already rezoned to accommodate desired type of residential development)?
 - (b) Existing amount of affordable housing in the Local Government Area where the site is located?
 - (c) Demand for affordable housing, including for essential workers, in the Local Government Area where the site is located?
 - (d) Likely number of future developments that include significant amounts of affordable housing in the Local Government Area where the site is located taking planning constraints into account?
 - (e) Scale of the project (i.e: number of dwellings)?
- (6) When transferring land between Government entities, for example from Department of Education to Landcom, is market value used for the purposes of assessing project costs and government accounting?
 - (a) If so, what policies dictate this practice?
- (7) Is there any other publicly available information about the land audit other than the webpage titled 'NSW Government property audit for housing':

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- (a) If so, what and where is it?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

* 3768 PUBLIC LAND AUDIT FOR HOUSING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What are the specific steps, timeframes, decision makers and possible pathways for a specific site moving through the public land audit for housing process, all the way to a final development outcome?
- (2) What is the criteria and assessment framework used to decide whether a site identified in the public land audit for housing is:
 - (a) prioritised for delivering housing?
 - (b) developed by a Landcom/ HomesNSW or sold to a private developer?
- (3) Will the Government specify the proportion of affordable housing that must be included in the development of sites selected through the public land audit before transferring land to Landcom or selling it to a private developer?
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- (7) Is there any other publicly available information about the land audit other than the webpage titled 'NSW Government property audit for housing':
 - (a) If so, what and where is it?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Property Audit carries out a comprehensive review of NSW Government properties that fall within key strategic areas for housing, or are nominated as surplus by landowning agencies.

Properties are subject to an initial high level assessment that applies a set of criteria such as zoning, heritage status, access to services and transport links, flood and bushfire risks, contaminated and ecological values to determine whether they should proceed for further analysis.

Properties that pass this initial high level assessment are subject to more detailed desktop due diligence. If they pass this desktop due diligence they are subject to more detailed analysis, including being informed by advice from planning and contamination experts.

At the completion of each review point, the property is considered by the Land Audit Working Group (LAWG), which comprises representatives from Property and Development NSW (PDNSW), The Cabinet Office, NSW Treasury, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, Homes NSW and Landcom. The LAWG determines whether the property should proceed and is ultimately suitable for the delivery of housing.

Properties that are determined by the LAWG to be suitable for the delivery of housing are first offered for sale to Homes NSW for the delivery of social, affordable and market housing, and then Landcom for delivery of affordable and market housing. In the event Homes NSW and Landcom decline to purchase the property, they are sold on the open market for housing. These sales are carried out by PDNSW or the landowning agency.

- (3) Landcom or the open market is best placed to determine the proportion of affordable housing to be delivered on specific properties having regard to government policy and planning controls on the sites.
- (4) The NSW Government's focus is on delivering up to 377,000 new well-located homes across the State by 2029, with up to 30,000 new homes being delivered on surplus government land. The policy of 30% social and affordable housing will be delivered as an average across these sites.
- (5) Homes NSW and Landcom are responsible for determining the level of affordable housing to be delivered on their properties.
- (6) In accordance with the Treasurer's Directions market value must be realised on the sale of government assets.
- (7) Yes

www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/building-homes-for-new-south-wales-first-sites-identified

www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/property-audit-delivers-more-sites-for-over-1100-new-homes

* 3769 FURTHER INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT SCHOOLS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) At which public schools in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas is further air conditioning scheduled to be installed:
- (a) In 2024-25?
- (b) In 2025-26?
- (2) For each such school, in which part of the school is air conditioning scheduled to be installed?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to work with schools on a case-by-case basis to address their heating and cooling needs.

The department's maintenance program and other works, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools.

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- * 3770 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - QON 2003—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—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 2003 (regarding land owned by Transport for NSW in Gymea)?

Answer—

I am advised

The response to LA 2003 remains current.

- * 3771 ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LIGHTS—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—

What additional traffic lights in the Sutherland Shire, Georges River and Bayside Local Government Areas are being investigated or planned for installation prior to 30 June 2026?

Answer—

I am advised

Traffic lights will be installed in Bayside Local Government Area at President Avenue, Kogarah, as part of the M6 Stage 1. The project is anticipated to be open to traffic in late 2025.

- * 3772 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE FOR HELENSBURGH COAL—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What is the latest status of the environment protection licence held by Helensburgh Coal Pty Ltd?

(2) Will further changes be made to that licence, including cancellation?

Answer—

(1) Metropolitan Collieries Pty Ltd holds the current environment protection licence number 767, issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for operations at its Helensburgh coal mine. The licence was reviewed by the EPA in 2023, which included a public comment process. Various changes to the licence conditions were made following this review.

(2) The company is presently implementing the requirements of a series of pollution reduction measures required by the licence. Further changes to the licence will likely be needed at the completion of these works as the next steps to improve wastewater management at the site.

- * 3773 PROTECTION FOR SWIMMERS—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) Will all existing protections for swimmers along the coastline of the Cronulla electorate that were in place for the 2023-24 swimming season remain in place for the 2024-25 swimming season?

(a) If not, which protections will no longer be in place?

(2) What, if any, additional protections for swimmers along the coastline of the Cronulla electorate will be in place for the 2024-25 swimming season?

Answer—

- (1) As I announced on 31 July 2024, the NSW Government is continuing to prioritise the safety of beachgoers this summer by continuing its world-leading Shark Management Program.

This continues to include the 15 SMART drumlines, 6 shark nets, 2 drones, and 1 tagged shark listening station in the Sutherland local government area.

- (2) As previously stated, the NSW Government is continuing to implement its \$21.4 million per annum, world-leading Shark Management Program throughout 2024/25. At the same time, we will be consulting local governments and communities, and considering the best available evidence, as we map the future of the shark program to ensure we are striking the right balance at our beaches.

- * 3774 HUNGRY POINT RESERVE CRONULLA—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

Apart from the new walkway which has been announced, what plans are there for changes to the built structures on the Hungry Point Reserve Cronulla?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no known changes currently planned to the built structures on Hungry Point Reserve at this time.

- * 3775 UPDATE TO RESPONSE - QON 1288—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 1288 (regarding electric vehicle charging stations)?

Answer—

As of 2 October 2024, there are 33 public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging plugs installed across 12 locations in the Sutherland Shire.

The projected number of EV charging plugs required for the Sutherland Shire local government area out to 2030 remains the same.

- * 3776 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 222—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 222 (regarding upgrades or maintenance scheduled for the Cronulla Fire Station)?

Answer—

I am advised that Fire and Rescue NSW renovated the kitchen amenities at Cronulla Fire Station as part of the repairs and maintenance program for the 2023-24 financial year.

- * 3777 UPDATE ON RESPONSE - QON 223—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Transport—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to question on notice 223 (regarding the Gannons Road to Cronulla segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link)?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW has undertaken a detailed corridor options assessment to ascertain feasibility to locate Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link alignment within the rail corridor. This option was assessed as being unviable due to impacts to access, safety and security, and higher capital cost and ongoing maintenance costs.

Transport for NSW is in discussion with Sutherland Shire Council, on Stage 3 of the project to confirm collaboration and completion.

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* 3778 RIVERWOOD FIRE STATION—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many times was the Riverwood Fire Station temporarily offline in:
 - (a) January 2024?
 - (b) February 2024?
 - (c) March 2024?
 - (d) April 2024?
 - (e) May 2024?
 - (f) June 2024?
 - (g) July 2024?
 - (h) August 2024?
 - (i) September 2024?
- (2) Does the Government have plans to redevelop and/or expand the Riverwood Fire Station?
- (3) Are the following issues present at the Riverwood Fire Station:
 - (a) PPE uniforms which are stored in the engine bay in contact with diesel particulate?
 - (b) The lack of a diesel extraction air system?
 - (c) The gymnasium being located in a storeroom adjacent to the engine bay?
 - (d) The lack of privacy for firefighters to change and lack of facilities for male and female firefighters to have separate and private recline facilities?
 - (e) The need for a breathing apparatus cleaning station in an open-air area and away from access to the engine bay?
 - (f) That Firefighters must enter clean areas to access ablution facilities while contaminated after fires?
 - (g) Insufficient recline areas for fatigue management?
 - (h) Rising dampness and mould issues?
- (4) Will the Minister consider upgrades for Riverwood Fire Station which will address the abovementioned issues?
 - (a) If yes, when will they be implemented?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Riverwood Fire Station was temporarily taken offline on the following occasions:
 - (a) 9 instances including one instance lasting 11.9 minutes
 - (b) 2 instances including one instance lasting 65.37 minutes
 - (c) 6 instances including one instance lasting 11.88 minutes
 - (d) 5 instances including one instance lasting 7.1 minutes
 - (e) 5 instances including one instance lasting 38.28 minutes
 - (f) 4 instances including one instance lasting 14.42 minutes
 - (g) 3 instances including one instance lasting 33.58 minutes
 - (h) 10 instances including one instance lasting 14.62 minutes
 - (i) 7 instances including one instance lasting 24.08 minutes.
- (2 - 4) Fire and Rescue NSW carries out regular and ongoing assessments of all its fire stations to determine current and future priorities for capital works and enhancements to firefighter facilities.

* 3779 REVIEW OF SPEED LIMIT - WEST HEAD ROAD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the Transport for NSW review into the speed limit of West Head Road:

- (1) Is the report publicly available?
 - (a) If yes, what is the URL?
 - (b) If no, why?
- (2) What were the reasons to keep the speed limit at 80km/h?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 3166.

* 3780 CYCLEWAY BEYOND CHATSWOOD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—

In relation to a cycleway on Transport for NSW land:

- (1) Are there any plans for a cycleway on Transport for NSW land beyond Chatswood travelling north?
 - (a) If no, would you consider Transport for NSW investigating the feasibility of a cycleway?

Answer—

I am advised

Strategic cycleway corridors have been identified for the Eastern Harbour City. The network map includes connections between Chatswood, Gordon and Hornsby and is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website

https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2023/Strategic_cycleway_corridors_Greater_Sydney_Summary.pdf).

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Transport for NSW is currently undertaking planning work to determine priority strategic cycleway corridors from those identified. Key stakeholders and communities will be consulted as each corridor is developed to ensure local needs and outcomes are captured.

- * 3781 VANDALISM IN SCHOOLS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to vandalism:

- (1) What was the total reported number of acts of vandalism in schools in:
 - (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2022-23?
 - (c) 2021-22?
 - (d) 2020-21?
- (2) What is the total cost of vandalism in schools in:
 - (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2022-23?
 - (c) 2021-22?
 - (d) 2020-21?
- (3) What five schools reported the largest number of vandalism in 2023-24?
 - (a) What was the number for each school?

Answer—

Please see answers to supplementary questions 71 and 72 from Budget Estimates Hearing 27 August 2024.

- * 3782 SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Separately for each public primary school in the Murray electorate:

- (1) How many learning support officers FTE are engaged at each primary school as at the nearest date for which data are available, specifying that date?

Answer—

The number of learning support staff in each school varies according to student enrolments and student need. Schools provide information on their staffing in their annual reports. Across the Murray electorate, approximately 392 learning support staff are currently employed in public primary schools.

- * 3783 RESTRICTIONS ON FIREWOOD COLLECTION IN MILLEWA NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is there an extension system for firewood collection permits in the Millewa National Park for unforeseen circumstances?
- (2) When was the accessibility and quality of firewood collection areas in the Millewa National Park last assessed, and what steps are being taken to ensure sufficient wood supply and more frequent rotation of collection areas?

- (3) Given the financial burden on pensioners, particularly in colder climates, will the National Parks and Wildlife Service reconsider the current fee structure to allow for further reduced or waived fees for pensioners and low-income households?

Answer—

This question is taken to relate to Murray Valley National Park (MVNP) as Millewa campgrounds is within its boundary.

- (1) There is no extension system for firewood collection permits in Murray Valley National Park.
- (2) The accessibility and quality of firewood collection areas in Murray Valley National Park are assessed annually. A series of flooding events have impacted the quality and volumes of wood available, and at this stage there are no additional firewood areas available in Murray Valley National Park.
- (3) Concession card holders, including pensioners, pay a reduced fee for firewood collection permits. At this stage, there are no plans for a review of the pricing structure which is in line with other NSW Government agencies.

* 3784 NSW GOVERNMENT SECTOR WORKPLACE PRESENCE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

- (1) Has the Premier considered the effect on rural and regional jobs where an approved office isn't available?
- (2) How many formal agreements have been requested by Government Sector agencies to continue to allow employees to work from home?
- (3) How many have been approved?
- (4) Will the Government clarify their requirements to allow for rural and regional remote workers to continue these working arrangements to ensure there is no loss of jobs in rural and remote areas?

Answer—

I am advised;

Government Sector agencies, in consultation with staff and unions, are developing their own policies to implement the NSW Government Sector workplace presence circular. Government sector agencies are expected to have flexible work policies that meet reasonable requests of employees and meet the needs of the agency, teams, and community. Individual agreements are a matter for the employee and their agency.

There is no intention for this policy to lead to public sector employees with regionally based roles being required to re-locate from regional communities. It is the expectation of the NSW Government that under flexible work arrangements, regional based employees will continue to live and work in their communities. This was reaffirmed in the NSW Budget 2024-25, which included focuses on supporting the economic development and wellbeing of regional communities through new hospitals and preschools, bringing more frontline workers to the regions and increasing housing supply.

* 3785 LANDHOLDER NEGOTIATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise why the public exhibition for the Landholder Negotiation Scheme Regulatory Amendment is only being advertised using radio, newspaper and newsletters?
- (2) Why was social media not used to consult with Stakeholders?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Water Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water undertook extensive communications to ensure landholders were advised of the draft Landholder Negotiation Scheme (LNS) Regulation public exhibition.

This included advertising in print and radio as well as using owned channels such as email. Emailed information was also shared with key member organisations to support them in sharing information with their members.

- (2) The Water Group conducted a customer experience survey this year in which strong feedback was received from the community that they prefer more traditional modes of communication such as emailed newsletters. Recent campaigns have also demonstrated comparatively lower engagement with stakeholders through social media.

For these reasons, Water Group proceeded with using traditional and direct channels to engage with the community.

- * 3786 NSW INVASIVE SPECIES PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise why a report prepared by the Natural Resources Commission titled Reducing Risk, Security the Future NSW Invasive Species Management Review identified that the NSW Invasive Species Plan 2023-2028 is missing important information, in particular, priority pest animals including carp?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Invasive Species Plan 2023-2028 identifies overarching strategies to help prevent new invasive species incursions, eliminate or contain existing populations and effectively manage already widespread invasive species.

I understand that the Plan is not intended to provide strategies for individual invasive species. This detail is addressed by other documents such as Regional Strategic Pest Animal Management Plans.

- * 3787 PALM SCHEME WORKERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) How many people are currently in New South Wales under the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme?
- (2) How many of these are located in the Murray electorate?
- (3) How many PALM Scheme workers in the Murray electorate have absconded from the scheme due to poor and unsafe working conditions?

Answer—

Every worker deserves a safe workplace.

I am advised:

Seasonal workplaces, and businesses employing itinerant workers in peak periods, have higher risk profiles and present unique work health and safety challenges due to the nature of their industries.

SafeWork NSW continues to undertake compliance visits to address seasonal workplace issues as part of its routine work.

SafeWork NSW remains focused on protecting the health and safety of itinerant workers in seasonal workplaces given the high-risk nature of their work. SafeWork NSW engages with regional seasonal labour hire companies to ensure ongoing compliance with work health and safety laws.

I am advised by SafeWork NSW that the NSW Government does not hold this information the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme, and that the information would be better sought from Border Force.

I am happy to meet with the Member to discuss how the NSW Government can support workers in her community.

- * 3788 ELECTRIC VEHICLE DESTINATION CHARGING GRANT—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Electric Vehicle Destination Charging Grant:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Electric Vehicle Destination Charging Grant currently available through the Service NSW website?
 - (a) How many small businesses have received funding through this program in the past two years?
 - (b) Of those businesses, how many are located in the Willoughby electorate?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) To date, 121 regional small businesses have received funding for their successful installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers under rounds 1 and 2 of the EV destination charging grant program.
 - (b) The EV Destination Charging grant is only available for eligible applicants in regional NSW.

- * 3789 NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF LOANS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Natural Disaster Relief Loans for Small Businesses:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the status of the Natural Disaster Relief Loans for Small Businesses currently available through the Service NSW website?
 - (a) How many small businesses have received funding through this program in the past two years?

Answer—

Information on Natural Disaster Relief Loans for Small Businesses status can be found at [Declarations | NSW Rural Assistance Authority \(RAA\)](#).

- * 3790 DROWNINGS IN NSW—Mr Tim James 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—

In relation to drownings in New South Wales:

- (1) How many drowning fatalities have occurred in New South Wales over the last 2 years?
 - (a) Of those drownings, how many took place outside of public beaches?

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Answer—

I am advised that:

- According to the National Drowning Report 2024 (Royal Life Saving) there were 128 drowning deaths that occurred in NSW between 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
- According to the National Drowning Report 2023 (Royal Life Saving) there were 107 drowning deaths that occurred in NSW between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023.
 - (a) Based on these reports 72% of these drowning fatalities were not at a beach.

* 3791 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 License:

- (1) How many investigations have been conducted into strata managers' misconduct over the past 2 years?
 - (a) of those investigations how many have resulted in the loss of license?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to NSW Fair Trading compliance and enforcement is available in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.

* 3792 SOLAR INDUSTRY FRAUDULENT PRACTICES—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 investigations into fraudulent practices in the solar installation industry:

- (1) How many investigations into fraudulent practices, including but not limited to unlicensed operations and phoenixing, have been conducted in the solar installation industry over the past two years?
 - (a) Of these investigations, how many have resulted in sanctions being imposed?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, the Hon Anoulack Chanthivong MP.

* 3793 REALLOCATION OF GREEN SPACE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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

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

Answer—

I am advised

Land at Cammeray Park is being temporarily leased for the construction of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel projects.

Following completion of the project, any land at Cammeray Park not required for the operation of Western Harbour Tunnel will be returned to the community as public open space. North Sydney Council will be appointed the Crown Land Manager. The final operational footprint of Western Harbour Tunnel is currently being finalised.

- * 3794 ELECTRICAL TRADE UNION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relations to the impact of ongoing industrial action by the Electrical Trade Union (ETU):

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to address the delays and cost overruns in housing and infrastructure projects caused by the ongoing industrial action by the ETU?

Answer—

The Government is closely monitoring the industrial action.

- * 3795 ELECTIVE SURGERY IMPACTED BY INDUSTRIAL ACTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to elective surgeries:

- (1) How many elective surgeries were delayed as a direct result of the nurses' industrial action on Tuesday 24 September 2024?

Answer—

I'm advised:

545 planned surgical patients were rescheduled.

- * 3796 COVID-19 MICRO BUSINESS GRANTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In relation to investigations into the COVID-19 micro business grant:

- (1) How many investigations have been conducted into fraudulent cases related to the COVID-19 micro business grant from March 2023 September 2024?
- (a) Of these investigations, how many have resulted in the requirement for the grant to be repaid?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Between 1 March 2023 and 30 September 2024, Service NSW referred 732 cases, relating to 2,360 potentially fraudulent applications, to law enforcement agencies for investigation.
- (a) This data is not available. Across the COVID-19 Micro-business Grant compliance program, Service NSW is aware of at least 206 people convicted of fraud and 306 court-ordered payments.

- * 3797 BRUCE HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

In relation to upgrades planned for the Bruce Highway:

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- (1) Are substantial upgrades planned for the Bruce Highway within Queensland which terminates at Mungindi on the Queensland/New South Wales border?
- (2) Is it expected that the upgrades will result in increased traffic movements into Mungindi?
 - (a) If yes, what steps will the Government take to ensure that the Carnarvon Highway from Mungindi to Moree will be upgraded to cope with the increased traffic movements?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW does not have plans to carry out any upgrade works on the Carnarvon Highway in the near future.

Transport for NSW has advised the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads that the Carnarvon Highway in NSW has a low traffic volume due to the Highway being prone to flooding and accordingly is not considered suitable to accommodate additional traffic.

Transport for NSW suggests the connection to the Newell Highway at Goondiwindi is a more sustainable option for travel between Queensland and NSW.

* 3798 NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In relation to the New England Weeds Authority:

- (1) What are the reasons for the New England Weeds Authority being placed into administration?
- (2) Were there any alternatives other than administration available to the Government?
- (3) Can you please provide an update in relation the administration of the New England Weeds authority?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 17 May 2024, the board of the New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) was suspended and Mr John Rayner appointed as interim administrator under section 438M of the Local Government Act 1993. The decision to place NEWA in administration followed serious concerns about the financial position and governance of the organisation, including referred concerns from other agencies over accounts and budget position. Mr Rayner was appointed to undertake a review of NEWA's financial position and governance arrangements.
- (2) The advice of the Office of Local Government (OLG) was administration was necessary given that NEWA's financial management and governance issues were of such significant concern. OLG was concerned the financial dysfunction of NEWA was having an ongoing impact on its capacity to meet financial obligations and could detrimentally impact its four member councils which help fund its operations. Immediate action was required to suspend the Board and appoint an interim administrator, take control of the operation and financial management of the organisation, give confidence to staff and restore proper and effective functioning to the organisation.
- (3) On 19 August 2024, the appointment of the interim administrator was extended for a further three months to enable him to continue to work with the member councils to identify and agree on a way forward for the organisation. At the conclusion of this period a formal report will be delivered, at which time I will decide what, if any, further action may need to be taken.

- * 3799 'BLACKLISTING' OF TENANTS—Mr Brendan Moylan 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 the 'blacklisting' of tenants:

- (1) Are tenants blacklisted for a maximum of 3 years?
- (2) How do you ensure that tenants who are blacklisted do not relocate to other states?
- (3) How does the New South Wales Government work with the Commonwealth Government to share information on the National Tenancy Database?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tenant databases are operated by private companies, not the NSW Government. Information on tenant databases can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/rules/tenancy-databases>.

- * 3800 MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to forensic patients as determined by the Mental Health Review Tribunal:

- (1) Can forensic patients leave the country?
- (2) Are details made available to victims when a forensic patient relocates or leaves the country?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Are current processes set by this Tribunal adequate for victim and community safety?

Answer—

This question falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Mental Health and should be directed to her.

- * 3801 TOMATO BROWN RUGOSE FRUIT VIRUS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus:

- (1) What steps will the Government take to ensure this virus is contained in South Australia?
- (2) How can you minimise the risk of this virus on agricultural businesses across the Northern Tablelands and regional New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) A Biosecurity Control Order regulating movement of material potentially carrying Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (ToBRFV) into NSW has been in place since 17 September 2024. The Order was updated on 20 September 2024.
 - (a) The Order was drafted and published following extensive consultation with national and international experts and aims to prevent the introduction of ToBRFV into NSW while allowing producers whose businesses do not pose a risk to continue trading.
 - (b) The Order primarily applies to tomato, capsicum and chilli plant material including fruit, seedlings and seeds.
 - (c) The Order essentially applies regulation at three levels proportionate to the risk posed by movement of material into NSW.

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- (i) Currently all properties/holdings at which infected materials have been confirmed (Infected Premises) are located in the Northern Adelaide Plains, South Australia (SA). Moving host plant fruit from an infected holding into NSW is prohibited.
- (ii) A linked holding is all of the land and facilities on the property which has been connected to an infected holding either by
- Sharing a boundary with an infected holding
 - Water from an infected holding, such as irrigation water or a stream, has been moved or flows onto the holding
 - A person who has been in contact with a ToBRFV carrier on an infected holding, such as a person working on a tomato crop, is in contact with host plants on the holding
 - A ToBRFV carrier, such as contaminated seed or equipment, fruit for packing, has been moved onto the holding.
- (d) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) has communicated widely with NSW businesses impacted by the Order including representative bodies such as NSW Farmers Association, producers and supply chain players including supermarkets, Bunnings and wholesalers at the Sydney Markets.
- (e) Through its statutory role as a member of the Consultative Committee for Emergency Plant Pests and the National Management Group, the Department has played an important role in the nationally coordinated response to date.
- (2) Tomato production makes a major contribution to the Northern Tablelands regional economy.
- The Department has met with the Costa Group on several occasions since the incursion was announced to provide updates.
- I am advised that Costa has provided information on the biosecurity controls they have in place controlling movement of materials onto their Guyra facilities.
- Further information can be found here: [Tomato brown rugose fruit virus \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/tomato-brown-rugose-fruit-virus).

* 3802 ESSENTIAL ENERGY REPAIR WORK—Mr Brendan Moylan 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 defect and repair work carried out by Essential Energy:

- (1) Does Essential Energy ask customers to engage their own private contractors to undertake repair work?
- (a) If yes, why?
- (b) Do customers get reimbursed for these costs?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Essential Energy installs, operates and maintains power poles, powerlines and other electrical network assets up to the connection point on a customer's property. Essential Energy routinely inspects private poles free of charge and notifies property owners of rectification works and the timeframes required.

The Australian Energy Regulator's Ring-Fencing Guidelines, applicable from January 2018, restrict Essential Energy from providing contestable services meaning customers are

required to engage an appropriately qualified electrician to undertake defect and repair work on private poles.

- (b) Customers are responsible for the repair of private poles. If a customer cannot meet the required timeframe, Essential Energy is permitted to undertake the defect and repair works and pass on the cost to the customer. Essential Energy has hardship policies to help customers who may lack the means to fund the upfront cost of such work.

* 3803 UPDATE ON MOREE SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT—Mr Brendan Moylan 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 you provide an update on the Moree Special Activation Precinct (SAP)?

Answer—

Updates on the Moree Special Activation Precinct are posted on the Department's website: [Moree Special Activation Precinct | NSW Government](#).

* 3804 MOREE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—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 Moree Hospital redevelopment:

- (1) How much funding has been secured for this redevelopment?
(2) What are the details of the revised design plans?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Government has committed \$105 million to redevelop Moree Hospital.

Information about the project is available at <https://www.hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/moree>.

* 3805 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS—Mr Brendan Moylan 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—

In relation to this week's statistics on drowning deaths in New South Wales, particularly of young children:

- (1) Will the Government reinstate First Lap vouchers?
(2) How will the Government help support children to learn to swim, particularly in regional areas, where access to pools and swimming lessons are limited?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The decision to end the First Lap voucher program has not been taken lightly, given the importance of vital water safety skills in reducing the risk of drowning. We are working closely in partnership with the aquatic sector to support access to learn to swim lessons for the most vulnerable members of our community, with a budget commitment of \$6M across 2024/25 and 2025/26.

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- * 3806 EXPANDING AND REDEVELOPING SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—

Excluding the property at 25-27 Boyd Street, Tweed Heads, does the Government have any plans to redevelop and expand any social housing sites within the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes, Homes NSW will deliver 47 new social homes in the Tweed Electorate by 2027. Additionally, Homes NSW is conducting due diligence on other opportunities to provide more social housing throughout the Tweed Shire local government area and the broader Northern Rivers region.

- * 3807 BREASTSCREEN NSW CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) How many people have been seen at the BreastScreen NSW clinic in Tweed Heads in the following years:

- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2022?

Answer—

Breast Screening statistics are available at <https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/cancer-data-and-statistics/data-available-now/cancer-statistics-nsw/breastscreen-nsw> and are shown as both participation rate and number of screens.

- * 3808 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to demountable classrooms in the Tweed Electorate:

(1) How many demountable classrooms were in use at schools in the Tweed Electorate in the following years:

- (a) 2024?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2022?

(2) At which schools are demountable classrooms currently in use and how many demountable classrooms are at each school?

Answer—

Information about demountables is publicly available on the Department of Education's website.

- * 3809 ESSENTIAL WORKER ELIGIBILITY FOR AFFORDABLE 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) Would the following essential workers qualify for affordable housing on the Northern Beaches under the eligibility specified in the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines:

- (a) A single public school teacher earning:
 - (i) \$85,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$107,474 per annum?
 - (iii) \$129,948 per annum?
- (b) A couple consisting of two public school teachers together earning:
 - (i) \$170,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$214,948 per annum?
 - (iii) \$259,896 per annum?
- (c) A single early childhood educator earning:
 - (i) \$60,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$63,000 per annum?
 - (iii) \$70,000 per annum?
- (d) A couple consisting of two early childhood educators together earning:
 - (i) \$120,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$126,000 per annum?
 - (iii) \$140,000 per annum?
- (e) A single bus driver earning:
 - (i) \$70,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$87,500 per annum?
 - (iii) \$105,000 per annum?
- (f) A couple consisting of two bus drivers together earning:
 - (i) \$140,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$175,000 per annum?
 - (iii) \$210,000 per annum?
- (g) A single nurse earning:
 - (i) \$75,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$79,999 per annum?
 - (iii) \$95,000 per annum?
- (h) A couple consisting of two nurses together earning:
 - (i) \$150,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$159,998 per annum?
 - (iii) \$190,000 per annum?
- (i) A single paramedic earning:
 - (i) \$69,102 per annum?
 - (ii) \$88,089 per annum?
 - (iii) \$107,075 per annum?

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- (j) A couple consisting of two paramedics together earning:
 - (i) \$138,204 per annum?
 - (ii) \$176,178 per annum?
 - (iii) \$214,150 per annum?
- (k) A single police officer earning:
 - (i) \$81,517 per annum?
 - (ii) \$86,899 per annum?
 - (iii) \$92,281 per annum?
- (l) A couple consisting of two police officers together earning:
 - (i) \$163,034 per annum?
 - (ii) \$173,798 per annum?
 - (iii) \$184,562 per annum?
- (m) A single cleaner earning:
 - (i) \$55,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$65,000 per annum?
- (n) A couple consisting of two cleaners together earning:
 - (i) \$110,000 per annum?
 - (ii) \$130,000 per annum?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
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This answer is publicly available on page 18 of the NSW Affordable Housing Guidelines.

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/providers/housing/affordable/about/chapters/how-is-eligibility-for-affordable-housing-determined>

The initial eligible maximum income for a single person in the Sydney metropolitan area is \$77,600 and \$116,400 for a couple.

Affordable housing tenants are able to earn 25% over the maximum access limit and still remain eligible. Ongoing eligibility limits are singles \$97,000 and couples \$145,000 for Sydney.

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- 3810 FRAUD AND SCAMS REPORTED—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3811 AVERAGE EMERGENCY WAIT TIMES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3812 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 3813 BARRIER LOCAL AREA COMMAND VACANCIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3814 VIRTUAL ALLIED HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3815 LADY GAME DRIVE—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—
- 3816 PARK&RIDE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3817 CYCLING IN THE DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—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—
- 3818 RIVERCAT FERRIES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3819 MORTLAKE SLIPWAY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3820 BIRKENHEAD POINT FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3821 FAST FERRY SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3822 E SCOOTERS AND BIKES ON METRO—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3823 PROPOSED CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 3824 PERMISSIBLE IN STRATA LIVING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 3825 ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR SYDNEY METRO—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3826 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3827 EMBEDDED ELECTRICITY NETWORKS—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—
- 3828 CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR NETBALL—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 3829 CONCESSION CARDS FOR NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3830 PARKING SPACES AT METRO STATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3831 INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL TRANSPORT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3832 PORT STEPHENS ROAD UPGRADES—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3833 THORNTON ROAD AND RAIL BRIDGE UPGRADE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3834 ALPHADALE CROSSROADS PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3835 CARTERS ROAD-LAKE MUMMORAH TRAFFIC STUDY—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3836 BRIDGES IN KYOGLE SHIRE LGA—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3837 GOLDEN HIGHWAY NEW OVERTAKING LANE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3838 UPPER HUNTER SHIRE FUNDING DEED—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3839 GOSFORD BYPASS BUSINESS CASE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 3840 TRUCK DIVERSION ROZELLE INTERCHANGE—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—
- 3841 MOYROAL OFFICE AND COUNCILLOR ENTITLEMENTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 3842 WHITE BAY CRUISE TERMINAL BY LATE 2026—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3843 ENHANCED POLICE SUPPORT SCHEME—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3844 STAFFING NUMBERS OF NSW POLICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3845 ROAD ACCIDENTS AND POLICE PATROLS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3846 YASS VALLEY WATER TREATMENT PLANT—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—
- 3847 PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACQUIRED BY EDDIE OBEID—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 3848 ANIMAL WELFARE GRANT—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—
- 3849 CLINICAL EARLY INTERVENTION ASSESSMENTS FOR 4-5 YEAR OLDS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3850 AERIAL PLATFORMS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3851 DIABETES CLINICAL SERVICES IN COWRA—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3852 COOTAMUNDRA PATHOLOGY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3853 SUPPORTING REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—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—
- 3854 JUGIONG POLICE OFFICERS RESIDENCE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 3855 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3856 NSW SHERIFFS STRIKE ACTION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Attorney General—
- 3857 INCREASED DEMAND ON RENTAL PROPERTIES—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—
- 3858 SEVERE FROST EVENTS—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—
- 3859 KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM—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—
- 3860 LICENSED FIREARM HOLDERS IN TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3861 LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 3862 OUTSTANDING LIQUOR LICENSES—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 3863 AMBULANCE VEHICLES AND PARAMEDICS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3864 AMBULANCE RESPONSES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3865 ELECTIVE SURGERY WAITLIST TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3866 CONDUIT FOR SHORE POWER—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3867 FERAL DEER REDUCTION PRACTICES—The Hon. Leslie Williams 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—
- 3868 PAUSE ON SALE OF EXCESS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3869 PORT MACQUARIE COURTHOUSE UPGRADES—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Attorney General—

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- 3870 WATER SHARING PLAN REVIEW—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—
- 3871 SENIOR POLICE OFFICER SALARY COMPARISON—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3872 WESTERN LANDS LEASEHOLDERS - PROCESSING TIMES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3873 BUS REGION 14 CANCELLATIONS SEP-OCT 20204—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3874 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM—Mr Matt Cross 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—
- 3875 TWO-WAY TOLLING—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—
- 3876 TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3877 YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3878 STAKEHOLDER SUBMISSIONS FOR BUDGET 2025-26—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 3879 PROTECTING BOARDING HOUSE RESIDENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 3880 LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3881 OUTBREAK OF TROPICAL SODA APPLE—Mr Brendan Moylan 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—
- 3882 AMBULANCE HELICOPTER FEES—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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- 3883 GUYRA MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3884 WATER QUALITY IN GUYRA—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—
- 3885 SMALL BUSINESS MONTH—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3886 COVID-19 MICRO BUSINESS GRANTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3887 HOME SCHOOLED CHILDREN IN TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3888 SUSPENDED LICENCES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3889 MOBILE PHONE AND SEATBELT DETECTION CAMERA INFRINGEMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 3890 DESIGN WORK FOR SHORE POWER—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3891 STATE SIGNIFICANT REZONING SITE IDENTIFICATION—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3892 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT ST LEONARDS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3893 SYDNEY METRO USAGE DATA—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3894 BERRYS BAY PRECINCT - STATE HERITAGE REGISTER—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—
- 3895 RAIL NOISE ALONG T1 LINE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3896 SERVICE CUTS - T1 SERVICE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3897 TWO-WAY TOLLING—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—
- 3898 EMPLOYMENT AGENCY PAYROLL TAX PROVISIONS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 3899 PARTY BOATS ON SYDNEY HARBOUR—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 3900 RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRICITY GRID IN THE FAR WEST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3901 TRANSFER OF INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3902 COST OF MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR DRIVERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3903 BILLABONG CREEK FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3904 COMPENSATION UNDER CONSTRAINTS PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3905 ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW INSURANCE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3906 FLOWS UNDER CONSTRAINTS PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3907 LANDHOLDER NEGOTIATION SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3908 DRAFT NATIONAL WATER AGREEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 3909 DISTANCE EDUCATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3910 BAYVIEW PARK FERRY SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3911 FERRAGOSTO 2025—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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- 3912 FISHING MUSEUM - AGRICULTURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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—
- 3913 FISHING MUSEUM - ARTS—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—
- 3914 OPAL CARD DATA—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3915 NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARANCE—Ms Julia Finn 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—
- 3916 RESIDENTIAL TENANCY CONDITIONS—Ms Julia Finn 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—
- 3917 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim James 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—
- 3918 SERVICE DELIVERY BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3919 STUDENT WELFARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3920 TENANT PROTECTIONS AND RENTAL REGULATIONS—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—
- 3921 WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—
- 3922 URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3923 TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION—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—
- 3924 SUPPORTING MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3925 REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3926 ACTIVE KID VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- 3927 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3928 POLICE AREA COMMAND STAFFINGS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3929 VACANT AUTHORISED POLICE POSITIONS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3930 FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 3931 AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDE AND VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3932 CREATIVE KID VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3933 PRINT MEDIA SPEND—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- 3934 FIRST LAP VOUCHERS REDEEMED—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3935 ABERCROMBIE CAVES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3936 BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3937 REGIONAL MEDIA FUND—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—
- 3938 REGIONAL 500 PARAMEDIC ROLL OUT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3939 BARTON HIGHWAY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3940 GOULBURN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3941 BUDGET LINE ITEMS - FACILITY UPGRADES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3942 HUME POLICE DISTRICT CRIME—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3943 VIOLENCE AND CRIME RELATED TO ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 3944 YASS HOSPITAL MATERNITY—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3945 SA3 GOULBURN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3946 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—
- 3947 FIREARM LICENCES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3948 JAMBEROO AND MINNAMURRA SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3949 HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 3950 NEW AVIATION COURSES AND FUTURE AIRCRAFT MECHANICS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 3951 RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 3952 TOURISM BOOST AND STRATEGY—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—
- 3953 THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Attorney General—
- 3954 WATER RESILIENT ILLAWARRA—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—

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- 3955 JOB ADVERTISEMENTS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES—Mr Roy Butler 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—
- 3956 ASSISTANCE FOR RECRUITMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3957 GROWING THE VISITOR ECONOMY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 3958 PALLIATIVE CARE UNITS IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 3959 RENTAL PROPERTY CRISIS—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—
- 3960 SMALL BUSINESSES RENTING A PREMISES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3961 LACK OF TRADES PEOPLE IN REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 3962 LOCAL YOUTH ARTS ORGANISATIONS—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—
- 3963 INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SHIRLEY, AND CLANVILLE ROADS IN ROSEVILLE—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—
- 3964 INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF BRIDGETTE 'BIDDY' PORTER—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—
- 3965 STATISTICS ON MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS ABSCONDING—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- 3966 WHEALY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Philip Donato 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—
- 3967 WENTWORTH POINT CONTAMINANTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3968 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY - MELROSE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 3969 PRIVATE FEE ON THE AIRPORT LINE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 3970 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TARGETS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3971 AIR CONDITIONING IN NSW HEALTH FACILITIES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 3972 TAFE FACILITIES WITH AIR CONDITIONING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

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- 3973 AIR CONDITIONING IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3974 CLIENT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—
- 3975 COMPUTERISED OPERATIONAL POLICING SYSTEM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 3976 AT-PROPERTY NOISE MITIGATION—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—
- 3977 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE INVESTIGATIONS—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—
- 3978 WESTCONNEX TRAFFIC MODELLING AND IMPACTS—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—

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- 3979 ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION—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—
- 3981 ACCESSING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—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—
- 3982 GOVERNMENT GRANT FUNDING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- 3983 NATIONAL WATER GRID FUNDING—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—
- 3984 SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3985 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 3986 SEPP DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3987 SEAT BELT DETECTION CAMERAS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 3988 MOBILITY PARKING SCHEME—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3989 LITTERING FROM A VEHICLE—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—
- 3990 50 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON LICENCE RENEWAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3991 COASTAL DREDGING STRATEGY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3992 SELF FUNDED RETIREES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3993 SCHOOL ADMIN REDUCTION PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 3994 ACTIVE ADULTS CAMPAIGN—Mr Geoff Provest 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—
- 3995 FLOOD AFFECTED PROPERTIES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3996 INFORMAL VOTES IN THE 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS—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—
- 3997 POWER UP FESTIVAL AT WHITE BAY POWER STATION—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 3998 CARRIAGEWAY KILOMETRES OF STATE ROADS—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 3999 MENTAL HEALTH SECTOR IN MYALL LAKES ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4000 CROWN LANDS AND GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY IN MYALL LAKES—Mrs Tanya Thompson to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—

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- 3980 SHEPI HOMES—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—

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- 4001 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS - MONA VALE AND BELROSE—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—
- 4002 MONA VALE ROAD ACCIDENTS - PYMBLE AND BELROSE—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—
- 4003 MONA VALE ROAD WEST UPGRADE—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—
- 4004 DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4005 FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT PLANS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 4006 IMPACT OF DRAFT NATIONAL WATER AGREEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4007 NSW FLOOD PRONE LAND POLICY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4008 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4009 CONSTRAINTS TERMS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4010 WATER AND AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4011 WATER QUALITY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4012 CONCORD HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 4013 RHODES PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4014 FRAUDS AND SCAMS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4015 NO LEFT TURN AT VICTORIA AND LYONS ROADS, DRUMMOYNE—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—
- 4016 GAP FILLERS AT TRAIN STATIONS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4017 PARRAMATTA RIVER FERRY SERVICE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4018 FERRY SERVICE REVIEW—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4019 FISHING ON WHARVES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4020 GYNAECOLOGY AT CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4021 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- 4022 ROADS ACT 1993 PART 9 DIVISION 7 REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4023 NITROUS OXIDE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4024 STUDENT ATTENDANCE—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4025 TREE VANDALISM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4026 YOUTH CRIME RATES IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 4027 HOUSING APPROVALS IN WILLOUGHBY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4028 PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NORTHBRIDGE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4029 PARKING FACILITIES NEAR TRANSPORT HUBS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4030 ARTARMON STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Transport—

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- 4031 SERVICE NSW WAIT TIMES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4032 CONSUMER PROTECTION IN WILLOUGHBY—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—
- 4033 MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL SUPPORT - REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4034 TIMEFRAME FOR REPLACING DENMAN BRIDGE—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4035 MACHINE LEARNING CAMERAS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4036 STATE ROAD MODIFICATIONS FOR OSOM COMPONENT TRANSPORT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4037 CORRIDOR DETERMINATION - MUSWELLBROOK BYPASS COMPLETION—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4038 OPERATIONAL STRATEGY FOR WINDFARM COMPONENTS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4039 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JUST TERMS ACT—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4040 MUSWELLBROOK BYPASS—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4041 COMMUNITY HOUSING IN NSW—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—
- 4042 SOCIAL HOUSING BY NSW LGA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4043 FUNDING SOURCES FOR INCREASED SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT—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—
- 4044 PAEDIATRIC SERVICES IN 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—
- 4045 DETERIORATION OF ROADS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 4046 WAITING PERIODS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING—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

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- for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 4047 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 4048 GRAFFITI AT FOREST WAY AND WARRINGAH ROAD—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 4049 SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION ATHLETICS TRACK—Mr Michael Regan 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—
- 4050 ARTWORK ON WESTCONNEX EXHAUST STACKS—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—
- 4051 HOMELESSNESS—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—
- 4052 ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST PORTFOLIO SERVICE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4053 STAFFING THE ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4054 INTERCITY FLEET FOR SOUTH COAST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Transport—
- 4055 ILLEGAL TOBACCO—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4056 HAZARD REDUCTIONS (CONTINUED)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 4057 RESIDENTIAL CARAVAN PARKS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 4058 HELIPADS AND HOSPITALS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 4059 CONSULTATION, IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPENDITURE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 4060 CAMDEN HEAD PILOT STATION—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Sport—
- 4061 CAMDEN HAVEN BREAKWALL REPAIRS—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Transport—

4062 MAMMOGRAM SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY—The Hon. Leslie Williams to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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4063 DENGUE FEVER—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether NSW Health record and publish identified cases of dengue fever?
- (2) A summary of dengue fever case numbers since 1 July 2024 in:
 - (a) South-East Sydney Local Health District?
 - (b) South-West Sydney Local Health District?
- (3) Whether NSW Health have any preventative health measures to help prevent the prevalence of mosquito-borne viruses?

4064 COONABARABRAN TEACHERS - RENTAL SUBSIDIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are rental subsidies available to teachers who reside in the remote town of Coonabarabran?
 - (a) If not, why?
 - (b) Will the Minister consider allocating funding in the future?

4065 ESSENTIAL ENERGY - SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether Essential Energy is required to postpone scheduled maintenance if the outside temperature is set to rise e.g. above 38 degrees?
 - (a) If not, can the Minister investigate implementing a regulation for extremely high temperatures?

4066 MANDATORY STAMP DUTY PAYMENT GST—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Is GST charged on mandatory Stamp duty payments following a GST inclusive purchase?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Does this mean the purchaser has paid tax on the same item twice?

4067 REGIONAL JOB CREATION FUND—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many jobs were created across the Cootamundra electorate from the allocation of this funding program?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise if alternative initiatives are provided by the Government to support growth and job creations throughout regional New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what are these initiatives?

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- (3) Would the Minister please advise how is the Government ensuring sustainable employment and a strong regional economy?

4068 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING REZONING PATHWAY—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to Social and Affordable Housing Rezoning Pathway:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what Council-owned land has been identified across the Cootamundra electorate under this program?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many homes are expected to be delivered across these areas and of these homes how many have been identified as affordable housing?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support suitable housing opportunities across the Cootamundra electorate?

4069 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services:

- (1) Would the Minister please provide a list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health / medical services for the following Local Health Districts:
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (b) Western Local Health District?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care workers are employed in these Local Health Districts?
- (a) How many are full-time / part-time / casual?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care worker positions are currently vacant across these Local Health Districts?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who do not have a health care worker where they live?

4070 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES—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 Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres across Regional New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how many Drug and Alcohol Treatment centres there are throughout regional New South Wales?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise of these centres how many specifically support Women and Children?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support those who don't have access to a Drug and Alcohol Treatment centre?

4071 INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS REGIONAL NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to infrastructure across Regional New South Wales:

- (1) Would the Treasurer please outline what are the current infrastructure priorities across regional New South Wales?

- (2) Would the Treasurer please advise what is the current status of these infrastructure priorities and when will they be completed?
- (3) Would the Treasurer please advise how is the Government working with communities in rural and regional areas to ensure they have fit for purpose infrastructure not only for now but into the future?

4072 COUNCIL WASTE LEVIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to Council Waste levies:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how much money is the Government withholding from the nine councils across the Cootamundra electorate in relation to the waste levy?
 - (a) Bland Shire?
 - (b) Coolamon Shire?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai Region?
 - (d) Cowra Shire?
 - (e) Hilltops Region?
 - (f) Junee Shire?
 - (g) Narrandera Shire?
 - (h) Temora Shire?
 - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise if this money is being withheld then why?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what systems are in place to help support councils to manage waste more sustainably?

4073 GRENFELL PRE-SCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Grenfell Pre-School and Early Learning Centre:

- (1) Is the Centre's Starlight room still closed?
- (2) How many families are affected by this closure during the harvest season the busiest time of the year?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what steps are being taken to ensure that these families have childcare for the remainder of the term?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise what steps are being taken so Grenfell Pre-School is able to take enrolments for 2025?

4074 CASE MANAGEMENT FOR INMATES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

With respect to Case Management for inmates:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise how is Case Management for inmates carried out at Junee Correctional Centre?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how will Case Management for inmates be carried out at Junee Correctional Centre after March 2025?

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4075 AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS—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 Agricultural research stations across the electorate of Cootamundra and the state:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise if up to 75 % has been cut from the budget for 2023/24 for Agricultural Research Stations such as Boorowa, Cowra, Orange, and Narrandera?
 - (a) Why have these cuts been made?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise how these funding cuts as well as staffing cuts will not affect the vital work done by these research stations across the state?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how many jobs will be lost due to the cut into Agricultural Research Stations funding?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise if the budgetary cuts to these stations will not diminish the state government's ability to respond to a Biosecurity outbreak such as Avian Flu or Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD)?
- (5) Would the Minister please advise what the Government is doing to ensure Agricultural Scientists are not discouraged from entering this vitally important scientific field for our agriculture sector?

4076 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) In relation to demountables at New South Wales public schools, how many are there at the following public schools in 2024:
 - (a) St Ives High School?
 - (b) St Ives Public School?
 - (c) Lindfield Public School?
 - (d) Killara High School?
 - (e) Beaumont Road Public School?
 - (f) Cromehurst School?
 - (g) Sir Eric Woodward Memorial School?
- (2) Does the Department of Education have plans for additional demountables at the schools in question 1 in 2025?
- (3) If yes to question 2, what schools and how many additional demountables?
- (4) Does the Department of Education have plans for removing demountables at the schools in question 1 in 2025?
- (5) If yes to question 4, what schools and how many demountables will be removed?

4077 PAYROLL TAX - RAISE TAX-FREE THRESHOLD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

Will the Government consider raising the tax-free threshold of payroll tax from 1 July 2025?

4078 AGENCY HIRE RECRUITMENT CONTRACTORS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to whole-of-government spending on agency hire recruitment contractors in the general government sector (minus service delivery workers):

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- (1) Has there been an overall reduction in spending since 2022-23?
- (2) If yes to question 2, what was the reduction in spending in 2023-24?
- (3) If yes to question 2, what is the forecast reduction in spending for 2024-25?
- 4079 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR CONSULTANTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- In relation to consultants in the New South Wales general government sector:
- (1) Are you on track in relation to this election commitment?
- (2) If no to question 1, why not?
- 4080 SCHOOLING RESOURCE STANDARD FUNDING 2025—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- In relation to New South Wales reaching 75% of Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) funding for the 2025 school year:
- (1) Are you on track in relation to this election commitment?
- (2) If no to question 1, why not?
- 4081 COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- In relation to the election commitment, "Community Commitments":
- (1) Can you provide an update?
- 4082 COP29—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) Is there a New South Wales delegation and/or New South Wales public servants attending COP29?
- (2) If yes to question 1:
- (a) How many public servants?
- (b) What is the total budget to attend?
- 4083 SYDNEY METRO - EXPENDITURE CAP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- In relation to the final business cases to extend the Sydney Metro, do you have a cap on the expenditure for:
- (1) Western Sydney Airport Line from St Mary's to Tallawong via Marsden Park and Schofields?
- (a) If yes, what is the cap?
- (2) Western Sydney Airport Line from Bradfield to Macarthur via Oran Park and Narellan?
- (a) If yes, what is the cap?
- 4084 RECRUITMENT - ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What number of full-time equivalent nursing staff vacancies exist in each Theatres and Emergency Department of the Orange Health Service?

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- (2) What steps are being undertaken to recruit nursing staff in Orange Health Service's Theatres and Emergency Department to 100% employment capacity, and eliminate nursing staff fatigue?
- 4085 SAFE STAFFING LEVELS ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
Can you please advise when the Emergency Department at the Orange Health Service can expect 1:3 nurse-to-patient ratios will be implemented and maintained, to provide safe staffing levels and improve delivery of patient safety and care?
- 4086 MOBILE PHONE BAN - LEARNING HOURS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
(1) Have you quantified the number of learning hours saved as a result of the mobile phone ban in schools?
(a) If so, what methodology has been used?
- 4087 RYDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - 2028 COMPLETION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
When did your Department determine that the main entry, demolition of former buildings and landscaping components of the Ryde Hospital redevelopment would be scheduled for completion in 2028?
- 4088 MACQUARIE PARK HIGH SCHOOL - OPENING DATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
What is the projected opening date for the new Macquarie Park High School?
- 4089 OLD MEADOWBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
(1) Does the appointment of a construction contractor for the demolition of the Old Meadowbank Public School site mean that a commencement date is known by your Department?
(a) If so, what is this date?
(b) When does the Department expect demolition to conclude?
- 4090 WEST RYDE MULTISPORT FACILITY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
(1) Does the release of a tender for the construction of the West Ryde Multisport Facility mean that commencement date is known by your Department?
(a) If so, what is this date?
(b) When does your Department expect construction to conclude?
- 4091 METROPOLITAN CARSHARE SPACES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Transport—
(1) How many private car spaces does your Department estimate are saved for every carshare space approved in metropolitan Sydney?
(2) What is the methodology used for quantifying this figure?
- 4092 ORANGE HOSPITAL - ISSUED DIRECTIVE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
What prompted Orange Hospital's executive to issue a directive that limited patient access to termination of pregnancy services?

4093 TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SERVICES - RESTRICTED ACCESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) At any point in time in the last two years, have any hospitals or Local Health Districts in New South Wales restricted access to termination of pregnancy services, for any reason?
 - (a) If so, where and when?
 - (b) If so, what was the cited reason?

4094 TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SERVICES - CONSEQUENCES OF SERVICE REFUSAL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Does any New South Wales policy, regulation or legislative instrument provide for consequences if a person refused termination of pregnancy services is not transferred to or provided information on how to contact a provider that offers the service?
 - (a) If so, what are these consequences and under which policy, regulation or legislative instrument do they originate?
 - (b) If not, how does the Government ensure access to termination of pregnancy services is unobstructed?
- (2) Beyond an individual registered health practitioner's conscientious objection, under what other circumstances could a termination of pregnancy service be legally refused in New South Wales?

4095 PROTECTIONS FOR VETERINARIANS WHO ASSIST NSW POLICE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can NSW Police request help from individuals and organisations such as veterinary services to assist with urgent matters?
- (2) What protections are in place to protect those veterinarians who agree to provide services, ensuring they are not held financially responsible for requests made of them?

4096 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT CLASSES—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With the announcement of additional support classes in mainstream schools this year, what efforts are being made to provide these schools with adequate support, including school counsellors and specialised teaching staff?

4097 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT PROPOSED ROUSE HILL HOSPITAL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister provide an update on the inclusion of Mental Health Services within the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital?

4098 REVIEW OF DIVISION 7 OF THE ROADS ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Roads, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Noting the Minister's response to LA QONs 1496, 3071 and 3335:

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

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4099 REVIEW OF PART 4AF OF THE CRIMES ACT—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Attorney General—

Noting the Attorney-General's response to LA QONs 1495, 3070 and 3334:

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