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* 3457 AGRICULTURE—FARM ANIMAL DEATHS DUE TO DEHYDRATION—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) This week, it was reported that hundreds of cows and calves died of dehydration in two separate incidents in Queensland in January 2025. Is the Government aware of any incidents of farmed animals, including cows, dying from dehydration at animal agribusiness facilities in the past 12 months?
 - (a) If so, could you please provide details, including any action taken in response to these deaths?
- (2) What action is the Government taking to prevent incidents of farmed animals suffering and dying from dehydration in New South Wales, particularly over the hot summer months?

Answer—

- (1) The Government is not aware of any incidents of farmed animals, including cows, dying from dehydration at animal agribusiness facilities in NSW in the past 12 months.
 - (2) The *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* and its subordinate legislation require that all animals are provided with proper and sufficient water with particular provisions for animals being transported, as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Land Transport of Livestock) Standards 2013.
- * 3458 ROADS—CLOSURE OF WOLGAN VALLEY ROAD—The Hon. John Ruddick to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- (1) The closure of Wolgan Valley Road following extreme rainfall in late 2022 has severely impacted the Wolgan Valley and Lithgow community. The Emirates One&Only Resort in Wolgan Valley is closed and formerly employed about 50 Lithgow locals who have had to find alternate employment. Other tourist operators in the Valley are similarly impacted and have had to close their doors or adjust to reduced business. Tourist access to the area is now limited with no public access to the valley. The timeframe for a new road to be opened has been delayed to early 2031. What is the current State Government expenditure on Wolgan Valley Road since its closure in November 2022?
 - (2) What is the anticipated cost of the new road proposed by Lithgow Council?
 - (3) We understand issues have been raised with the slope risk analysis used to justify the original closure and the proposed new road, and that a recent review of the slope risk analysis found severe deficiencies with the report and methodology used. Given the report is the reason for the closure, will the government be seeking recompense from the consultants responsible?
 - (a) Will the government be offering compensation to affected businesses and property holders for a closure that could have been avoided?
 - (4) Consultants have put the cost to remediate hazards on the old road to a marginal tolerable risk level at about \$50 million. Why was this approach not further explored, given the huge costs involved in constructing a new road which would still be subject to substantial geotechnical risk?
 - (5) Wiseman's Ferry Road suffered similar landslides to Wolgan Valley Road following flooding in 2022. The road has similar geotechnical issues to Wolgan Valley Road but has remained open to public traffic through the period of construction and repair. The total cost of repairs along Wiseman's Ferry Road are running towards \$50 million, including \$18 million for reconstruction of the historic Thomas James Bridge. The works are expected to be completed in 2026. Why was this approach not used for the Wolgan Valley Road?
 - (6) Has the proposed \$500 million plus expenditure proposed for the new Wolgan Valley Road been properly justified, especially since a review of the risk analysis used to close the road has been shown to be flawed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Recovery.
- (2) Transport for NSW is supporting Lithgow City Council to develop and finalise the scope for reinstating access to the Wolgan Valley. This project, being the result of a Natural Disaster, will be funded by the Australian and NSW governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The Estimated Reconstruction Cost to reinstate access will be finalised by 30 June 2025.

- (3) Lithgow City Council has commissioned an independent review of the geotechnical risk assessment that informed the decision to close Wolgan Road. This technical review and assurance process is being undertaken to ensure the assumptions and methodologies applied in the initial report are still appropriate, in consideration of data, environmental conditions and slope performance since the 2022 event. Transport for NSW will continue to work with Lithgow City Council to provide technical support, and to ensure all feasible access solutions are considered.

(a) This is a matter for the Minister for Recovery.

- (4) Reinstating access to Wolgan Valley is a priority for Lithgow City Council and the NSW Government. As technical investigations and project development continues, Transport for NSW, the NSW Reconstruction Authority, and Lithgow City Council will ensure all solutions for temporary and permanent access are considered.
- (5) All reconstruction projects under the DRFA are considered on their individual merits, risks and other circumstances.
- (6) I refer to the response to question (2). Additionally, under Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, an Independent Technical Review will be undertaken on the approved project scope and estimate. This Independent Technical Review will be provided to Transport for NSW, the NSW Reconstruction Authority and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for endorsement.

* 3459 ENVIRONMENT—LICENCES TO HARM NATIVE ANIMALS—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In 2024, how many licence to harm applications were:
 - (a) granted?
 - (b) renewed?
 - (c) varied?
 - (d) refused?
 - (e) suspended?
- (2) Broken down by species, what is the total number of animals allowed to be harmed or killed pursuant to licences to harm in 2024?
- (3) Broken down by species, how many animals were reported as killed pursuant to a licence to harm in 2024?
- (4) Broken down by different methods used, what methods were used to harm or kill animals pursuant to licences to harm in 2024?
- (5) How does the Government ensure accurate reporting of the number of animals killed under licences to harm?
- (6) How many site inspections did NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) conduct in respect to licence to harm applications in 2024?
- (7) Are site inspections conducted for every application, or for any applications?
 - (a) If not, why?

- (8) How does NPWS verify claims of serious threats to safety, damage, or economic hardship before issuing licences to harm?
- (9) How does NPWS verify that non-lethal alternatives have been investigated and implemented, or determine that non-lethal alternatives are not suitable or feasible, before granting a licence to harm?
- (10) What compliance and enforcement activities has NPWS undertaken generally regarding licences to harm?
- (11) How are complaints of non-compliance with licences to harm investigated?
- (12) How many complaints were received in 2024 regarding potential non-compliance licences to harm?
 - (a) What action, if any, was taken in response to these complaints and the outcome?
- (13) How does NPWS ensure landholders are not harming protected animals without a licence?
- (14) Does the Government collect data on how many of the native birds listed in clause 2.21 are harmed each year in those areas where licences are not required?
- (15) How is compliance with clause 2.2.1 monitored and enforced by the Government?
- (16) The exemption under section 6A of the Game and Feral Animal Control Act does not apply to the Biodiversity Conservation Act. What actions has the Government taken to ensure that individuals harming or killing native game birds are appropriately licensed under both regimes?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) 2254
 - (b) 16 (extended rather than renewed)
 - (c) 21
 - (d) three
 - (e) nil, a licence application cannot be suspended.
- (2) 302,011. A breakdown of the total by species is provided in the table below:

Common Name	No. of animals authorised
Eastern Grey Kangaroo	210,822
Common Wallaroo	8385
Red Kangaroo	16130
Red-necked Wallaby	4302
Western Grey Kangaroo	12,060
Little Corella	18,117
Common Wombat	264
Sulphur crested Cockatoo	3774
Swamp Wallaby	1229
Australian White Ibis - Nests	785
Brush-tail Possum	176
Australian White Ibis - Eggs	3882
Australian Raven	1269
Galah	4953
Wood Duck	1370
Lone-billed Corella	1757
Emu	1457
Magpie	89
Welcome Swallow	2440
Noisy Miner	3310

Common Name	No. of animals authorised
Great Cormorant	108
Little Black Cormorant	225
Brush Turkey	71
Pacific Black Duck	180
Little Pied Cormorant	207
Rainbow Lorikeet	449
Australian White Ibis	198
Magpie Lark	34
Silver Gull	580
Grey Butcherbird	44
Masked Lapwing	82
Currawong	95
Dusky Antechinus	30
Masked Lapwing - Eggs	7
Masked Lapwing - Nests	3
Pied Butcherbird	41
Pied Cormorant	40
Straw neck Ibis	110
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike	50
Bush Rat	20
Crested Pigeon	60
Eastern Rosella	150
Grey teal	40
Little Wattlebird	50
Noisy Friarbird	200
Red Wattlebird	60
Unidentified Goanna	6
Whip Tail Wallaby	40
White-faced Heron	20
Agile Antechinus	10
Bell Miner	50
Fairy Martin - Nests	18
Mallee Ringneck	30
Plumed Whistling Duck	50
Purple Swamphen	50
Ringtail Possum	1
Striped Marsh Frog	2000
Welcome Swallow - Eggs	30
Welcome Swallow - Nests	1
Total	302,011

- (3) 108,625. A breakdown by species is not available due to system constraints.
- (4) The breakdown of number of licences by method used is provided in the table below. Some licences may authorise more than one method.

Method	No. of licences
Shooting	2487
Trap/euthanise	22
Catch and release	35
Air gun use to scare	1
Monitoring	1

- (5) It is a condition of a licence to harm to provide completed return forms containing the number of animals harmed, including a nil response where no animals were harmed.
- (6) 112 site inspections.
- (7) Site inspections may be conducted, but are not undertaken for every application.
 - (a) The decision whether to conduct a site inspection is made on a case-by-case basis, balancing risk and resources available.
- (8) NPWS assesses claims of serious threats to safety, damage, or economic hardship on a case-by-case basis before issuing licences to harm. Information considered may include site inspections, local knowledge, the nature of the impact, the extent of those impacts, and details of what non-lethal methods have been used.
- (9) On a case-by-case basis using information gained through site inspections (if undertaken), interviewing the applicant, use of local knowledge and knowledge of the species proposed to be harmed.
- (10) NPWS undertook six investigations in 2024.
- (11) If a report of non-compliance is received by the Department, it is referred to the relevant NPWS area office to investigate and take appropriate action.
- (12) 17.
 - (a) Actions include referral to the NSW Police, undertaking investigations, providing verbal and written advice to reinforce requirement to comply with licence conditions, strengthened licence conditions, including for example, requirement for additional reporting, and requiring inspections be undertaken prior to extensions or new licences being granted for some applicants.
- (13) Where non-compliance is reported or identified, NPWS investigates and takes appropriate action. In some cases, the matter may be referred to another authority such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) or NSW Police.
- (14) No.
- (15) Where non-compliance is reported or identified the relevant NPWS area investigates and takes action as deemed appropriate.
- (16) The exemption applies through the savings, transitional and other provisions of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

* 3460 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COMPANION ANIMALS FUND—The Hon. Emma Hurst to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Providing a breakdown per council, per year, how much did each council in New South Wales receive from the Companion Animals Fund in the last three years?

Answer—

I am advised:

Companion Animals Fund Registration Payments made to each council for the last three financial years are outlined as in [Attachment A](#).

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3587 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) hubs are currently onsite at public schools?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (2) How many OSHC services are currently operated across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (3) How many Before and After School Care (BASC) services are currently onsite at public schools?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (4) How many BASC services are currently onsite at Catholic schools?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (5) How many BASC services are currently onsite at independent schools?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (6) How many BASC services are currently operated across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (7) How many vacation care services are currently operated across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?

- (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (8) How many occasional care services are currently operated across New South Wales?
 - (a) How many are operated by for-profit providers?
 - (b) How many are operated by parent-managed, not-for-profit providers?
 - (c) How many are operated by P&C Association not-for-profit providers?
 - (d) How many are operated by other not-for-profit providers?
- (9) Since the Government's policy change to OSHC licences announced on 13 December 2021, which limited Category A providers to P&C Associations, how many parent-managed services have transitioned operation to P&C Associations?
 - (a) Since December 2021, what support has been provided to parent-managed providers seeking to transition to a P&C Association?
 - (b) Of the affected parent-managed providers whose OSHC licences were due to expire before 30 June 2025, how many had their licence extended to 30 June 2025?
 - (c) Of the parent-managed providers whose licences expire on 30 June 2025, how many have successfully transitioned to a P&C Association?
 - (d) How many services with parent-managed providers have been replaced instead with for-profit providers or not-for-profit providers other than those operated by P&C Associations since 13 December 2021?
- (10) How much funding has the Government allocated to the P&C Transition Grant Program, in each financial year since 2021-22?
 - (a) How many providers have received funding under this grant program, in each financial year since 2021-22?
- (11) If a provider has been prosecuted for safety, child protection or compliance breaches, is this taken into account during the tender process for OSHC licences?

3588 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—Ms Abigail Boyd to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many principals and education support managers working in public schools currently have a verified Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance?
 - (a) How many do not?
- (2) How many employees, contractors and volunteers working in public schools currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
 - (a) How many do not?
- (3) How many staff within the Department of Education's Education and Skills Reform division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
 - (a) How many do not?
- (4) How many staff within the Public Schools division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
 - (a) How many do not?
- (5) How many staff within the Teaching, Learning and Student Wellbeing division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
 - (a) How many do not?
- (6) How many staff within the Early Childhood Outcomes division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?

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- (a) How many do not?
- (7) How many staff within the People Group division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
- (a) How many do not?
- (8) How many staff within the Operations Group division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
- (a) How many do not?
- (9) How many staff within the School Infrastructure NSW division currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
- (a) How many do not?
- (10) How many staff within the Office of the Secretary currently have a verified WWCC clearance?
- (a) How many do not?
- (11) When was the most recent audit conducted by the Department's Audit branch to determine the level of compliance with renewed and verified WWCC clearances for all relevant Department and public school employees?
- (a) What were the outcomes of the audit?
- (12) In the last five years, how many employees who interact with children in the course of their work have faced disciplinary action for not having a renewed and verified WWCC clearance?
- (a) How many were immediately suspended without pay until they were cleared to work by the Probity Unit?
- (b) How many were investigated by the Professional and Ethical Standards (PES) unit?
- (c) How many had their contract immediately terminated?
- (d) How many were dismissed?
- 3589 TRANSPORT—INCREASES IN TRANSPORT LEGAL EXPENDITURE—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) Can you confirm the veracity of the evidence provided to the Budget Estimates hearing in Portfolio Committee No. 6 – Transport and the Arts on 11 March 2025, during which Mr Josh Murray stated in relation to increases in the legal spend, "I know that, as part of the Government, we have got specific targets in reducing the cost of legal representation. We are working on that through Transport. But also we have achieved a number of great results through the use of that government-wide panel, which is run through Transport", which is on page 65 of the transcript of the above-mentioned Budget Estimates hearing?
- (2) I refer to the tabulated data in the NSW Legal Services Panel Annual Reports for the Financial Years 2023-2024 and 2022-2023, titled "Total Panel Billings (\$m) by Portfolio, Agency and Sub Panel" and ask:
- (a) Do you accept that total billing in legal services for Transport increased from \$37,839,327 in Financial Year 2022-2023 to \$38,828,260 in Financial Year 2023-2024, noting that the figure for Financial Year 2022-2023 is the combined legal spend figures that appear under "Transport" and "Transport and Infrastructure" in the report for that year?
- (b) How do you reconcile the discrepancy between Mr Murray's evidence at Budget Estimates that the legal spend has been reduced, with the data which appears in the Annual Reports showing an increase in legal spend?
- 3590 EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING—COMPLAINTS AGAINST TEACHERS OR OTHER SCHOOL STAFF FOR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT—The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Can you update the House on the following:

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- (a) How many complaints have been made, whether by students or parents, against teachers or other school staff with access to children for unprofessional conduct, including harassment and bullying, for the years:
 - (i) 2020?
 - (ii) 2021?
 - (iii) 2022?
 - (iv) 2023?
 - (v) 2024?
 - (vi) 2025 to date?
 - (b) How are these complaints dealt with by the Department?
 - (c) How many teachers or other school staff have received disciplinary treatment in the same period?
 - (i) What was the form of this disciplinary treatment?
 - (d) Were any teachers or other school staff dismissed from employment in this period?
 - (i) If so, how many and for what conduct did they get dismissed?
 - (2) Is it the case that parental consent is required before a student is exposed to sex education in class?
 - (a) If so, how is this consent obtained?
 - (b) How are parental objections to sex education dealt with by the Department?
 - (3) What policies and systems are in place to ensure that young students' vulnerabilities are taken into account when they exposed to sex education material?
 - (4) Are you aware of any cases or complaints in which a parent expresses concern about their student being bullied or harassed by a transgender teacher?
 - (a) If so, what are the details of these complaints?
 - (b) How does the Department plan to address these complaints?
- 3591 PREMIER—ONLINE VOTING ON PROPOSAL OF ROSEHILL GARDENS RACECOURSE SALE—
The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage representing the Premier—
- (1) After 12 March 2025, on which dates and from which individuals did you receive updates on the progress tally for the online voting of the Australian Turf Club members on the proposal to sell Rosehill Gardens racecourse?
- 3592 GAMING AND RACING—RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD OF RACING NSW POSITIONS—
The Hon. Mark Latham to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—
- (1) In relation to your announcement on 18 December 2024 reappointing Garry Charny and Michael Crismale to the Board of Racing NSW, who was on the selection panel to make recommendations to you?
 - (2) Who did the selection panel recommend for these two Board positions?
 - (3) Why was Mr Charny reappointed for just one year and Mr Crismale for two years when in April 2024, without a public announcement, George Souris was reappointed for four years?
 - (4) Who, outside the Government, was made aware of the recommendations in relation to (2) above by your office?
 - (a) Why did you seek this feedback?

3593 HERITAGE—INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER FOR ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH AND HALL IN BANKSTOWN—The Hon. Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Given that correspondence between Heritage NSW and Canterbury-Bankstown Council, which are DOC22/623810 and DOC22/533582, recognises the local and state heritage value of St Paul's Anglican Church and Hall in Bankstown, will you use your powers under section 24 of the Heritage Act 1977 and place an interim heritage order for St Paul's Anglican Church and Hall in Bankstown to save it from being demolished?

(a) If not, then why?

3594 ENERGY—CATL AND MODERN SLAVERY—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) According to the answer provided to Question Without Notice 331, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL) is involved in a project that has been awarded a Long-Term Energy Service Agreement (LTESA) under the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap. What is this project?

(a) When did CATL become a party to the project?

(b) What role is CATL playing in the project?

(c) Apart from self-attestation from CATL about "compliance with Commonwealth and NSW modern slavery laws", what other steps, if any, have been taken to address modern slavery concerns given the assessment by the independent organisation Globalworks Lund AB that there is a "Very high" risk that CATL causes or contributes to the use of Uyghur forced labour in China and forced labour in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?

(d) Has any advice on CATL's involvement in this project been sought from the Anti-slavery Commissioner?

3595 FINANCE—COURT FINE AND DEBT COLLECTION—The Hon. Damien Tudehope to ask the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) The Minister for Work Health and Safety has, in answer to Question on Notice 3441, advised that an unpaid fine of \$450,000 on Metsquare Pty Ltd, for breaches of section 32 and section 19(1) of the Work Health and Safety Act 1911, has been referred to the State Debt Recovery Office, that is, Revenue NSW. When was this debt referred to Revenue NSW?

(a) What steps have been taken to collect this debt?

- (2) Noting that Metsquare Pty Ltd and its phoenixed successor company Metsquare 2 Pty Ltd, which was subsequently renamed Precision Cut Services Australia Pty Ltd, have both been wound up, what steps, if any, are being taken:

(a) to recover this debt from the director and owner of both companies, Mr Kyriakos Tsihlis?

(b) to ensure that any other company Mr Tsihlis controls in whole or part is not given any contracts to supply goods, services or construction to the Government either directly or as a subcontractor?

Steven Reynolds
Clerk of the Parliaments