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- 5031 EPPING LIFT ON BEECROFT ROAD - REPLACEMENT COSTS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
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- 5037 LAND OPPOSITE CHERRYBROOK METRO STATION—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5038 M1 (SECTION ADJACENT TO EXCELSIOR ROAD) - NOISE POLLUTION—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

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- 5039 RECREATIONAL AND GROUND SHOOTING AS PART OF INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL PROGRAM—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) Noting the Natural Resources Commission’s recently released final report on their review of invasive species management in New South Wales, does recreational hunting and ground shooting contribute to integrated pest control programs when used in conjunction with other control techniques?
- (a) If so, will the minister consider increasing opportunities for primary producers to participate in “authorised campaigns” co-ordinated by Local Land Services?

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5040 SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE AND REGIONAL PROCUREMENT POLICY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Can the Treasurer please advise if the Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy is still active?
 - (a) If yes, can the Treasurer please advise how it is incorporated in contracts and tenders in the Barwon electorate and if it is mandatory?

5041 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME FLEXIBILITY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Regarding the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), which provides students with subsidised travel on NSW Translink services to and from their residential address:

- (1) Are there any circumstances where students are allowed to use the scheme if they are travelling to anywhere other than their home address?
 - (a) If not, can the Minister consider providing flexibility for logical changes students may have to make to their travel destinations?
 - (i) If not, why?

5042 DRUG COURT FOR GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—

With respect to the recommendations under the Report on the 2024 New South Wales Drug Summit:

- (1) Are drug related offences in Griffith above the New South Wales average rate?
 - (a) If so, does the Government plan to expand the Drug Court into Griffith?

5043 PATIENT TRANSPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What policies or guidelines are in place to ensure that patients transported via the Patient Transport Service (PTS) to a hospital for a medical procedure are guaranteed a return journey?
- (2) Under what circumstances can a patient be denied a return trip via PTS after receiving treatment or undergoing a procedure?
- (3) What recourse or support is available to patients who are stranded at a hospital due to a lack of return transport provided by PTS?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any recent instances where patients were left waiting for extended periods at hospitals without access to return transport?
 - (a) If so, how many cases have occurred in the last 12 months, and what steps are being taken to address this issue?
- (5) Will the Minister consider a review of the PTS system to ensure that patients from rural and regional areas are not left stranded at metropolitan hospitals?

5044 MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FOR FITNESS TO DRIVE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the requirements for undertaking a medical assessment for fitness to drive testing:

- (1) Would the Minister advise:
 - (a) Were Commercial Standards applied to licence classes Medium Rigid and above?
 - (i) If so, when?

- (b) What communication and consultation has taken place to educate medical professionals on these standards?
- (c) What consideration was given to farmers who drive Medium Rigid vehicles for private use?

5045 SAFE HAVEN FUNDING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the Final Report on the 2024 New South Wales Drug Summit and the highlighting of integrated support and social services. Would the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether additional funding may be considered for services like Safe Haven to increase days and hours of operation?
- (2) Whether additional locations may be considered in rural areas?

5046 AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER—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—

With respect to the appointment of the new Agriculture Commissioner in February 2025. Would the Minister advise:

- (1) If the Commissioner has met with you in relation to water security and access dealing issues?
- (2) If the Commissioner is aware of the impact policy changes is having on farming and land productivity?
- (3) If not, why?

5047 AMBULANCE FIGURES - MOAMA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What was the average ambulance response time in Moama for Priority 1 (life-threatening) callouts in each of the past three calendar years?
- (2) What was the longest recorded response time for a Priority 1 callout in Moama during the same period?
- (3) How many ambulance callouts occurred in Moama in each of the past three calendar years?
- (4) Of those callouts, how many were categorised as:
 - (a) Priority 1?
 - (b) Priority 2?
 - (c) Non-urgent?
- (5) How many complaints were made regarding ambulance services in Moama in each of the past three years?
- (6) What were the most common categories of complaint (e.g. delays, conduct, clinical care)?

5048 WATERNSW SUPPLEMENTARY WATER ACCESS—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, and Minister for Youth—

Would the Minister advise:

- (1) How many regulated river (general security) access licence holders have accessed supplementary flows during the current water year?

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- (2) How many megalitres have been accessed by regulated river (general security) access licence holders under these supplementary flow notices?
- 5049 HAY HOSPITAL STAFFING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What are the current staffing ratios at Hay Hospital, broken down by shift?
- (2) How many nursing and clinical staff at Hay Hospital are employed through:
- (a) Agency contracts?
- (b) Locally based, permanent or casual employment?
- (3) Of the total number of nursing and clinical staff:
- (a) How many work across multiple hospitals or health facilities?
- (b) What percentage of Hay Hospital staff share roles with another health service?
- (4) What is the total number of Nurse Practitioner hours rostered at Hay Hospital per week?
- (5) Of the designated Nurse Practitioner position:
- (a) How many are currently filled?
- (b) How many have been vacant for more than three months?
- 5050 BIOSECURITY COMMISSIONER—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—
- In relation to the appointment of the Biosecurity Commissioner in July 2024, would the Minister advise:
- (1) How many meetings or briefings you have had with the Commissioner since her appointment?
- (2) What advice has been received in relation to issues with European Carp?
- (3) Given Dr Healy's PhD in molecular genetics, has advice been received in relation to release of the carp virus?
- 5051 NOISE CAMERA TRIAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) When will the trial noise camera detection system in the Bayside and Wollongong Local Government Areas (LGAs) end?
- (2) Will a report be published by the Government following outcomes of the trial?
- (3) Will the Government consider adding additional LGAs to the trial and if so, what is the criteria for this?
- 5052 ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR WOMEN—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- What financial support is available from the Government for women without their own bank accounts who are trying to leave their partners, marriages or in the event of domestic violence?
- 5053 SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT ORGANISATION MAP—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) Is there an organisational map of the Sydney Local Health District that is current and publicly available?

- (a) If so, could you please provide the link?

5054 TEACHER VACANCIES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What are the current teacher vacancies in public schools in the Drummoyne electorate in 2025 at:
- (a) Abbotsford Public School?
 - (b) Concord Public School?
 - (c) Concord High School?
 - (d) Concord West Public School?
 - (e) Drummoyne Public School?
 - (f) Five Dock Public School?
 - (g) Lucas Gardens School?
 - (h) Russell Lea Public School?
 - (i) Mortlake Public School?
 - (j) Strathfield North Public School?
 - (k) Victoria Avenue Public School?

5055 VICTORIA ROAD TRAFFIC—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Is the Government considering banning fishing at the following wharves:
- (a) Abbotsford Wharf?
 - (b) Drummoyne Wharf?
 - (c) Chiswick Wharf?
- (2) If not, why not?

5056 VICTORIA ROAD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address traffic on Victoria Road?
- (2) How is Transport for NSW working to ease traffic congestion along Victoria Road in Drummoyne?

5057 RHODES FERRY WHARF—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Does the Government plan to include the Rhodes Ferry Wharf in the upcoming New South Wales Budget?
- (a) If so, when will the project begin?

5058 RHODES FOOTBRIDGE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is Transport for NSW delaying the delivery of the Rhodes Footbridge?

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- (2) Is Transport for NSW seeking to be reimbursed (in the form of rent, a one-off or regular payment or otherwise) for the installation of the Rhodes Footbridge?
- (3) Is there a delay in the delivery of the Rhodes Footbridge over Walker St, connecting Rhodes Station to the shopping centre?
 - (a) If so, what are the main reasons for this delay?

5059 BOAT LICENCE CHANGES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

What changes is Transport for NSW considering from 1 July 2025 in relation to the way boat licences are awarded?

5060 SYDNEY METRO - CROWS NEST STATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to the Sydney Metro:

- (1) Do some metro services during the weekday peaks arrive at Crows Nest station full leaving commuters unable to board?
 - (a) If so, what measures are under consideration to resolve the situation?
- (2) Has Sydney Metro modelled the impact on patronage at Crows Nest of future surrounding population growth through the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development program?
 - (a) Is the capacity of metro services when they arrive at Crows Nest sufficient to meet future demand from Crows Nest commuters?
 - (b) Is the Government planning proactive capacity increases including the ordering of additional rolling stock to ensure future demand can be met?

5061 LOT 4B HERBERT STREET, ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to Lot 4B Herbert Street, St Leonards:

- (1) Does the Government plan to reinvest any of the proceeds from the sale of Lot 4B in the hospital or local health services?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does the Government plan to direct the proceeds to any specific purpose or will it form part of consolidated revenue?

5062 LOT 4B HERBERT STREET, ST LEONARDS - AFFORDABLE HOUSING—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to Lot 4B Herbert Street, St Leonards:

- (1) What is the requirement for affordable housing?
 - (a) Is this temporary or in perpetuity?
 - (b) Was this reduced from 75% previously proposed at the site?
 - (i) If so, why?

5063 CATCHMENT CHANGES TO CAMMERAYGAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What consultation was conducted on catchment changes to Cammeraygal High School including the creation of the Lower North Shore Enrolment Zone?
 - (a) Was the school leadership consulted?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Was the school's Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association consulted?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (c) Was the school community consulted?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (d) Was the wider community consulted?
 - (i) If not, why not?

5064 COMPENSATION OPTIONS FOR BUS COMMUTERS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to offer a fare free day or fare refunds to bus commuters affected by the bus shortage in contract regions 7 and 8?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) Are there any alternate plans to compensate commuters for the significant disruption commuters have faced for an extended period?

5065 AVAILABILITY OF CHARTER BUSES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Is the current bus shortage affecting the availability of charter buses to schools for sports and excursions?
 - (a) If so, what is being done to alleviate impacts on schools?

5066 ILLEGAL USE OF FIREWORKS - ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to the enforcement of laws concerning the illegal use of fireworks:

- (1) How many compliance actions has SafeWork NSW undertaken in each of the past three financial years (including to date in 2024-25)?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of these actions by:
 - (a) Type of compliance action (e.g. provisional improvement notices (PINs), prosecutions, written warnings, etc.)?
 - (b) Local government area or region where these actions were taken?
- (3) What proportion of these actions originated from:
 - (a) Public complaints or incident reports?
 - (b) Referrals from NSW Police, Fire and Rescue NSW, or the Rural Fire Service?
 - (c) Proactive compliance efforts by SafeWork NSW?

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- (4) What role does SafeWork NSW play in coordinating enforcement with other agencies, including NSW Police, emergency services and local councils?
- (5) What strategies are currently in place, if any, to improve detection, reporting and deterrence of illegal fireworks activity, particularly during high risk periods such as public holidays and local celebrations?

5067 UNAUTHORISED USE OF FIREWORKS - ADEQUACY OF PENALTIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to the adequacy of penalties issued for the unauthorised use of fireworks:

- (1) What is the current maximum provisional improvement notice (PIN) amount that can be issued for offences related to the illegal use, possession, or sale of fireworks?
- (2) Since 2019, how many PINs have been issued for such offences?
 - (a) How many of those were for the maximum penalty available?
- (3) In how many cases has SafeWork NSW referred matters for prosecution instead of issuing a PIN?
- (4) Has the Minister or SafeWork NSW undertaken any review into the effectiveness of current penalty levels and enforcement tools in deterring illegal fireworks use?
 - (a) If so, what were the outcomes or findings of that review?
 - (b) If not, are there plans to review these measures?
- (5) What consideration has been given to:
 - (a) Increasing the value of penalties to reflect the risks posed to public safety and emergency services?
 - (b) Implementing or expanding public awareness campaigns to highlight the dangers and legal consequences of unauthorised fireworks use?
 - (c) Strengthening legislative or regulatory provisions to support more effective compliance and enforcement?

5068 WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL'S CATCHMENT AREA—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Has consideration been made to expand Willoughby Girls High School's catchment area to include parts of Naremburn and Cammeray to match the new Lower North Shore Enrolment Zone?

5069 MOREE AMBULANCE STATION—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 Ambulance Station:

- (1) How much money has been secured for renovations?
- (2) What will the renovations involve?
- (3) When will the renovations be completed?

5070 ONE-OFF FUNDING BOOST TO LITTLE WINGS—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 \$600,000 one-off funding boost to Little Wings:

- (1) Has this funding been cut?
 - (a) If yes, why?

- (b) If yes, by how much?
- (2) How will the Government continue to support air transportation for medical services to rural, remote, and regional areas?
- 5071 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS - NEW APPLICATIONS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) What is the total number of new applications for Working with Children Checks in the following calendar years:
- (a) 2025 so far?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2021?
- (f) 2020?
- 5072 OFFICE OF REGIONAL YOUTH—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, and Minister for Youth—
- In relation to the Office of Regional Youth:
- (1) Are there plans to restore the Office of Regional Youth?
- (a) If not, why?
- (2) Are there plans to reinstate the Youth Taskforce?
- (3) How will you support young people in regional areas to meet their educational goals as well as improve social, mental, and physical wellbeing?
- 5073 INVERELL AMBULANCE STATION—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 Inverell Ambulance Station:
- (1) How much money has been secured for renovations?
- (2) What will the renovations involve?
- (3) When will the renovations be completed?
- 5074 TURNING LANE INTO PUDDLEDOCK ROAD—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- Will roadworks on the New England Highway, just north of Armidale, include a turning lane into Puddledock Road?
- 5075 POLICY REFORMS - BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION TRUST—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—
- Is the Minister considering policy reforms that would allow for the propagation and planting of native flora species in nursery settings to be used as offsets under the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT)?

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5076 LISTED GRASSLAND ECOSYSTEMS PURCHASED FOR CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS—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—

- (1) Are any listed grassland ecosystems Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) or Critically Endangered Ecological Communities (CEECs)?
- (2) Does the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) consider it to be an offence under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (or any other Act) when listed grassland ecosystems are being purchased for carbon sequestration projects that involve intensive tree planting?
 - (a) If yes, what enforcement actions or policy responses is the Minister considering to address this apparent contradiction between carbon and biodiversity objectives?

5077 BLACK-MARKET TOBACCO AND VAPES - NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What are you doing to address the selling of black-market tobacco and vapes across the Northern Tablelands?
- (2) How will you help support teenagers who are addicted to these products?

5078 LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) As it relates to the Learn to Swim program, please provide the following information:
 - (a) By local government area, how many swim providers applied to participate in the program?
 - (b) By local government area, how many swim providers were unsuccessful in their application to participate in this program?
 - (c) What information did the Office of Sport rely on when determining target areas with people born overseas and those living in the most disadvantaged areas?
 - (d) What additional efforts were undertaken by the Office of Sport to promote the program to target areas with people born overseas and those living in the most disadvantaged areas?
 - (e) Are new providers still able to apply to take part in the program?

5079 FLOODING AT COCKLE CREEK TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

What is the Government doing to address flooding at Cockle Creek train station during periods of heavy rainfall and, if relevant, what are the timelines?

5080 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) By local government area, how many mobile speed camera locations are there as at 1 May 2025?
- (2) By local government area, how many infringement notices have been issued in the 2024/25 financial year as at 1 May 2025?
- (3) By local government area, how much revenue has been generated as a result of the infringement notices issued in the 2024/25 financial year as at 1 May 2025?

5081 PENTARCH'S KOOLKHAN SAWMILL - WORKER SUPPORT—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) What support is on offer for timber industry workers currently stood down at Pentarch's Koolkhan sawmill?
- (2) How many have taken up these support measures?
- (3) How many timber industry workers are affected by this stoppage?

5082 PENTARCH'S KOOLKHAN SAWMILL - SUPPLY OF TIMBER—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) What factors have affected the supply of timber to Pentarch's Koolkhan sawmill?
- (2) Will Forestry Corporation consider re-establishing log supplies to North Coast sawmills to protect jobs?

5083 TOTAL SUPPLY OF TIMBER TO NEW SOUTH WALES NORTH COAST SAWMILLS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the total supply of timber to New South Wales North Coast sawmills in:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025 as at 1 May 2025?

5084 NSW TRAINLINK DISCOVERY PASSES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the total number of three month and six month NSW Trainlink Discovery Passes issued in each electorate in New South Wales in:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025 as at 1 May 2025?

5085 ADDITIONAL INTENSIVE AND EXTENDED CARE PARAMEDICS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the election commitment for an extra 500 intensive and extended care paramedics in regional New South Wales, can the Minister advise:

- (1) As at 1 May 2025, how many intensive care paramedics have entered service in regional New South Wales?
- (2) As at 1 May 2025, how many extended care paramedics have entered service in regional New South Wales?
- (3) As at 1 May 2025, how many intensive care paramedics have left service in regional New South Wales?

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- (4) As at 1 May 2025, how many extended care paramedics have left service in regional New South Wales?

5086 CENTRAL WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Dugald Saunders 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 Minister advise:

- (1) As of May 8, 2025, what is the total land mass of projects applied for within the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone?
- (2) As of March 25, 2023, what was the Department's estimate of land mass required for projects within the Central West Orana Renewable Energy Zone to meet the targeted generation output?

5087 CRIME DATA - PERPETRATORS AGED UNDER 14 - DUBBO—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) In the 2024 calendar year, how many crimes within the Orana Mid-Western Police District were committed by perpetrators aged under 14?
 - (a) What was this figure in 2023?
 - (b) What was this figure in 2022?
- (2) In the 2024 calendar year, how many crimes within the Central North Police District were committed by perpetrators aged under 14?
 - (a) What was this figure in 2023?
 - (b) What was this figure in 2022?
- (3) In the 2024 calendar year, how many crimes within the New England Police District were committed by perpetrators aged under 14?
 - (a) What was this figure in 2023?
 - (b) What was this figure in 2022?

5088 COST OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) Has the Department carried out any modelling or analysis on the potential impacts of reducing the cost of public transport fares across the New South Wales network?
 - (a) What assumptions were used in these models (e.g. fare reduction percentages, projected ridership increases, behavioural shifts)?
- (2) Has the Department assessed the impact of reduced public transport fares on road traffic congestion in Sydney?
 - (a) If so, what were the findings in terms of projected changes in car use, peak-hour congestion, and travel times?
- (3) What effect is expected or has been observed on public transport patronage in response to lower fares or fare-free trial periods?
 - (a) How does the Department model shifts in modal choice (car vs public transport) based on fare elasticity?

- (4) Has any modelling been done to assess the impact of reduced fares on fossil fuel emissions or air quality in New South Wales?
 - (a) Could you please provide estimates of greenhouse gas emissions reductions, if available, under various fare-reduction scenarios?
- (5) Has the Department analysed how reduced public transport costs may alleviate cost of living pressures for low-income households?
 - (a) Are there models assessing the distributional effects of fare reductions across different demographics and regions?
- (6) Has the Department reviewed or drawn on evidence from other jurisdictions (domestic or international) where public transport fare reductions or free-fare policies have been introduced?
 - (a) If so, what lessons or outcomes have informed New South Wales policy settings?
- (7) What is the estimated cost to the state budget of various levels of fare reduction (e.g. 25%, 50%, fare-free)?
 - (a) Has the Department considered how increased patronage might offset losses through reduced congestion costs or environmental benefits?
- (8) Is the Department currently considering or planning any trials, pilots, or policy proposals related to public transport fare reductions?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline for such initiatives and what metrics will be used to evaluate them?

5089 LOCATION OF TOBACCONISTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Are there any laws, rules or policies that affect the location of a Tobacconist?
- (2) Has the Department carried out an analysis on the current locations of Tobacconists?
 - (a) If so, how many tobacconists are located within 500 metres of a school in:
 - (i) New South Wales?
 - (ii) Each of the following postcodes:
 - (A) 2101?
 - (B) 2102?
 - (C) 2103?
 - (D) 2104?
 - (E) 2105?
 - (F) 2106?
 - (G) 2107?
 - (H) 2108?
 - (I) 2084?
 - (J) 2097?

5090 WAKEHURST PARKWAY—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) When were contractors last brought in to clean the following roads:
 - (a) Wakehurst Parkway?

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- (b) Mona Vale Road?
- (2) What is the frequency of cleaning of the following roads:
- (a) Wakehurst Parkway?
- (b) Mona Vale Road?
- 5091 NOISE MONITORING AT PROPERTIES IN ANNANDALE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- Regarding noise monitoring that was undertaken at properties in Annandale in October 2024 in response to complaints from residents about increased traffic noise:
- (1) When will Transport for NSW finalise and publish a report?
- (2) When and where will the report be published?
- (3) What action will the Government consider, if any, in response to the findings in the report?
- (4) What further steps will the Government consider, if any, to assist residents of Annandale who have complained about increased traffic noise since the opening of the Rozelle Interchange?
- 5092 OFFICER NUMBERS - MAY 2025—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) As of the 31 May 2025, what is the headcount of sworn officers in the NSW Police Force?
- (2) On the 31 May 2025, how many officers are currently on:
- (a) Sick leave?
- (b) Maternity / Paternity leave?
- (c) Injured?
- (d) Long service leave?
- (e) Any other forms of leave?
- (f) Suspended with pay?
- (g) Suspended without pay?
- 5093 ABORIGINAL ORGANISATION AND BUSINESS FUNDING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) Can you please provide further information on \$5.6 million allocated to help develop Aboriginal organisations and businesses across New South Wales?
- (a) What will this funding be used for?
- (2) How much funding was allocated to the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation?
- (3) What will the Mingaan Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation use the funding for?
- (4) When will the group receive the funding?
- (5) What is the project timeline?
- 5094 BUS CONNECTIONS IN EPPING—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In relation to Bus Connections in areas between Carlingford Road and Terry Road in Epping:

- (1) Are there any plans to provide more bus connections from stops located between areas between Carlingford Road and Terry Road to Epping Train Station?
- (2) Has any consideration been given to the demand for and feasibility of these additional bus connections?
- (3) If so, how has the Minister considered addressing the infrequency of bus connections to Epping Train Station from stops in areas between Carlingford Road and Terry Road, Epping?
- (4) How has the Minister addressed bus service gaps for the increasing number of Epping commuters from areas between Carlingford Road and Terry Road to Epping Train Station?

5095 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL WORKLOADS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

With respect to the Shellharbour hospital:

- (1) Based on budget projections, what is the Full-Time Equivalent at the hospital for the financial years:
 - (a) 2025-2026?
 - (b) 2026-2027?
 - (c) 2027-2028?

5096 SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCTS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With respect to the Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) Kickstart Grant Program (2024-2025):

- (1) How many councils applied for the program, and can you provide a list of the applicants?
- (2) How many applications were deemed ineligible?
- (3) How many councils were successful, and can you provide a list of the recipients?
- (4) How many councils now have a SEP?
- (5) How is the Government supporting councils, particularly regional councils, that have a clear intent to develop a SEP but are limited in resources to develop strategic documents?
- (6) What support is the Government providing to make it easier and cheaper to establish vibrant precincts and support local events for councils that are ineligible for the program?
- (7) When will the next round of funding for the program commence?

5097 PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can you provide monthly statistics on Patient Transport Service (PTS) usage for the Kiama, Shellharbour and South Coast for the last twelve months?
- (2) For the same interval and period, how many bookings were:
 - (a) Cancelled?
 - (b) Rescheduled?
- (3) Has the management and co-ordination of these services moved from the Shoalhaven to Wollongong Health District?
 - (a) If so, what was the rationale for this decision?

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- (4) How is your department improving communication and co-ordination (particularly with the patient and medical service provider) of these services?

5098 SCHOOL TRAVEL PASS REFUSALS (REDIRECT)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With reference to Question 4649, the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), and answer on 22 April 2025:

- (1) How many of the following have been issued this year:
- (a) Free school travel passes?
 - (b) School Opal cards?
 - (c) Both?
- (2) Can you provide a breakdown by each school for the Kiama electorate?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (3) For the Kiama electorate, how many applications for each category were refused (2024-25)?
- (4) For the Kiama electorate, how many requests were made for a review of any decision and how many decisions were upheld?
- (5) In relation to (1) to (4), how does this compare each year for the last five years?
- (6) What support is there for parents who cannot afford a bus pass and have been refused the subsidy scheme?
- (7) How many Ministerial interventions in relation to the granting of subsidies have you approved since coming to office?

5099 LUNG HEALTH MOBILE CLINIC (REDIRECT)—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With reference to Question 4647, protecting workers from dust diseases through the Lung Health Mobile Clinic, and answer on 22 April 2025:

- (1) Is the schedule published on the icare website, last updated 15 October 2024, currently accurate?
- (2) How many appointments have been requested through the icare website, broken down by month and electorate or region?
- (3) How many employers requiring lung screening for 30 or more workers have applied for the service?
- (4) Could you please provide a list of the locations visited by the mobile clinic to date, including the duration of each stay?
- (5) How many appointments and visits were conducted by the service during its most recent period in Sydney?
- (6) Could you please advise the scheduled dates and locations for the mobile clinic's visits to the following local government areas:
- (a) Shellharbour?
 - (b) Kiama?
 - (c) Shoalhaven?

5100 HAMPDEN BRIDGE – KANGAROO VALLEY—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the Government's recent decision to reduce the load limit from 42.5 to 23 tonnes by 30 May 2025:

- (1) Why did you decide to reduce the load limit on Hampden Bridge?
- (2) Was there any report or review affecting this decision and, if so, can you provide it?
- (3) What consultation did you undertake before making this decision?
- (4) Do you plan to pause the proposed reduction to consider any feedback and impacts on primary producers, small business, council and residents?
- (5) Are there local exemptions for vehicles over 23 tonnes, like the current provisions for emergency services?
 - (a) If not, would the Government consider this?
- (6) Can you outline the "regular maintenance" that is to continue whilst you explore a long-term solution that balances the protection of the heritage bridge and the interest of all road users?

5101 NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the Noise Abatement Program (NAP):

- (1) Can you provide a list of the last twenty NAP mitigation treatments completed, including their locations, completion dates and budgets?
- (2) How many applications have been made to the NAP each month for the last three months?
- (3) What is the average wait time for a NAP application?
- (4) How many applications are currently active in the NAP?
- (5) How much has Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) spent on the program since April 2023 in the electorates of:
 - (a) Kiama?
 - (b) South Coast?
 - (c) Wollongong?
 - (d) Wollondilly?
 - (e) Shellharbour?
- (6) Will the Government consider reviewing the NAP to facilitate requests for groups such as retirement villages?
- (7) Has the Government responded to representations of residents of the Arbour Retirement Village in Berry concerning noise abatement?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (8) What steps would residents at The Arbour have to undertake to secure noise abatement measures?

5102 MEROO ROAD – PRINCES HIGHWAY – SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Are you aware of recent accidents on Meroo Road/Princes Highway intersection?
- (2) Noting the most recent accident on 10 April 2025, are there ongoing safety concerns at the exit and entry ramps at Meroo Meadow on the Princes Highway?

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- (3) Can you provide an update on the feasibility study to install an acceleration lane for southbound traffic from Meroo Road onto the Princes Highway?
- (4) Can you provide an update on other potential safety measures being considered for the accident-prone site and a timeframe for remediation?
- (5) More broadly, will the Government consider a safety review of entry and exit ramps on the M1 Motorway and Princes Highway?

5103 E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER HOSPITALISATIONS—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 e-bike and e-scooter hospitalisations:

- (1) Can you provide hospitalisations and emergency statistics for e-bike and e-scooter injuries for the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Local Health District for the past two years?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If not, what health data can you provide concerning e-bikes and e-scooters?

5104 CREMORNE POINT FERRY WHARF - ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE CLOSURE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

Given the recent announcement that the Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf will be closed for essential maintenance from 26 May to 12 December 2025, can the Minister provide the following information:

- (1) Was there prior public notification regarding this extended closure, and what steps are being taken to improve communication with the community in future?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (2) What support is being offered to local business, the Cremorne Point Wharf Kiosk during this period of closure?
- (3) What alternative transport options are being put in place to ensure residents can continue to access essential services and commute to work during the extended closure of Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf from 26 May to 12 December 2025?

5105 DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES - NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

In order to ensure the safe operation of double-decker buses on routes within the North Shore electorate, can the Minister advise the following:

- (1) Will you consider writing to North Sydney Council to support my calls for the urgent undertaking of tree trimming works along key bus routes to ensure these buses can operate safely?
- (2) What is being done to ensure the return of bendy buses to service as soon as possible, particularly on the busiest routes in the North Shore electorate, to address any ongoing capacity issues?

5106 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Has there been a significant rise in domestic violence cases across New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what specific measures is the Government taking to address the increase in domestic violence incidents in the North Shore, and how is the Government working with local support services to meet the growing demand for assistance?

- (b) What additional resources or funding is the Government considering for local domestic violence services in the North Shore electorate to ensure victims have access to immediate and ongoing support, for example, has there been any increase in funding for local services like the Mary's House services and Lower North Shore Domestic Violence Network?
- (2) How is the Government supporting the prevention of domestic violence in the North Shore area, particularly through education, awareness programs, and outreach?
- 5107 IMPACTS OF THE WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- Given the disruption caused by the ongoing Warringah Freeway Upgrade, can the Minister provide the following information:
- (1) What specific steps is the Government taking to reduce construction-related impacts on residents and businesses in the North Shore electorate, particularly in Cammeray, North Sydney, and Neutral Bay?
- (2) What additional measures are being considered to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on local roads, which have worsened due to lane closures and changed access points?
- (3) Has the Government conducted or planned to conduct a localised impact assessment on noise, air quality, and traffic safety for affected North Shore communities?
- 5108 DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) What planning has been undertaken to ensure that new housing developments in the North Shore electorate, in areas such as Crows Nest and St Leonards, are matched with appropriate investment in public infrastructure, particularly schools, transport, and open space?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm whether the Government intends to proceed with the delivery of a primary school and high school in St Leonards?
- 5109 BLUES POINT ROAD IN MCMAHONS POINT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Have there been reports of dangerous and noisy driving along Blues Point Road in McMahon's Point?
- (2) What ongoing or future enforcement efforts are being undertaken by NSW Police to address illegal drag racing, excessive speeding, and engine revving on Blues Point Road, particularly during late-night hours?
- (3) Has the Government considered installing permanent noise detection cameras, such as those trialled elsewhere in New South Wales, at the harbour end of Blues Point Road to deter repeat offenders and support enforcement action?
- (4) Will the Minister consider requesting the return of the mobile electronic message trailer, which was previously used on-site and reportedly effective in reducing some antisocial driver behaviour?
- (5) What coordination is currently in place between NSW Police, North Sydney Council, and Transport for NSW to ensure a comprehensive response to this public safety issue?
- 5110 CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE - NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) What steps is the Government taking to improve cycling infrastructure in the North Shore electorate, particularly to enhance safety for cyclists in busy areas such as North Sydney, and McMahon's Point?

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- (2) Is the Government considering further investment in dedicated bike lanes, improved signage, or other measures to support the growing number of cyclists and ensure their safety in high-traffic areas?

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