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(Paper No. 106)

- * 4937 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

For each public school in the electorate of Holsworthy, can the Minister provide the number of classrooms/indoor learning spaces that currently do not have air conditioning?

Answer—

The department is continuing to work with school principals to address their heating and cooling needs on a case-by-case basis.

- * 4938 FREIGHT NOISE ATTENUATION PROGRAM—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether the Government plans to replace or reintroduce the Freight Noise Attenuation Program?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) How many properties have received funding to mitigate noise through the program since its inception?
- (3) How many properties in the electorate of Holsworthy have received funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Launched in 2015, the \$50 million Freight Noise Attenuation Program is a 10-year initiative to install noise reducing treatments to eligible homes and buildings near freight rail corridors between Sydney and Nowra, Macarthur, Newcastle and Lithgow. The Program will conclude on 30 June 2025. Throughout 2025, Transport is reviewing the Program's effectiveness and value for money. The outcome of the review will inform any further Programs or initiatives.

Since the Program's inception, 1,501 properties have received noise mitigation funding. In the Holsworthy electorate, which includes properties in Casula/Liverpool between Buckland Road and Mill Road, there are 33 properties that have received funding.

- * 4939 OPERATION DEFIANCE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to Operation Defiance, can the Minister provide:

- (1) The number of directed inspections that have occurred since its inception?
- (2) The number of vehicles that failed to pass a directed inspection?
- (3) A list breaking down the make and model of cars that have been inspected and the number of vehicles that failed to pass the inspection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 567
- (2) 522
- (3) Most common makes and models inspected and failed the inspection are:

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- Holden - 112
- Nissan 4x4 - 105
- Toyota - 81
- Nissan sedan - 71
- Ford - 52
- Other makes include Audi, BMW, Mazda, Mitsubishi and Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Note:

- Data to April 2023.
- Figures are approximate due to incomplete data entry on vehicle models.

* 4940 GOVERNMENT FERAL PIG MANAGEMENT SCHEME—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

The conclusion of the Feral Pig Management scheme is scheduled for June 2025.

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the targeted areas have seen a decline in feral pig numbers?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a list of the targeted areas located in the Barwon electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Feral pig numbers have been reduced through coordinated aerial control programs. Targeted coordinated control programs such as aerial shooting programs are designed to provide a knock down of feral pig numbers to complement ongoing landholder control.

Without ongoing control by landholders, feral pig numbers will increase again.

- (2) Coordinated aerial shooting programs have been conducted in or around the following Barwon electorate locations since July 2024 to April 2025:

- Condobolin
- Tullamore (x 2 programs)
- Baradine
- Hermidale
- Quambone
- Yantabulla
- Yancannia
- Ivanhoe.

Aerial shooting programs are planned for delivery between 1 May and 30 June 2025 in the following Barwon electorate locations:

- Hermidale
- Yantabulla
- Euabalong
- Louth.

In addition to aerial control operations, Local Land Services is offering pest management initiatives aimed at increasing landholder participation in control programs. These include coordination of group-scale baiting programs, fully subsidising the cost of 1080 poisoned bait, and the provision of trapping equipment at no cost to landholders.

Western LLS has further supported landholders by supplying free grain to enhance the effectiveness of trapping and baiting efforts.

- * 4941 HEALTHSHARE AND ITS MARKET SHARE OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SECTOR IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Has HealthShare branched beyond public hospital laundry provision?
- (a) If yes, considering many independent commercial laundry businesses in regional New South Wales would then be competing against the Government owned and operated HealthShare, does the Minister plan to investigate implementing the Government's small or medium enterprises (SMEs) and regional businesses initiative and its policies for this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- This question should be referred to the Minister for Health.

- * 4942 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Has the New South Wales Office of Sport announced they are evaluating the Local Sport Grant Program?
- (a) If so, when can we expect to receive the outcomes of this evaluation?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Office of Sport has commenced an evaluation of the Local Sport Grant Program. The outcomes of the evaluation will inform the design of future rounds of the program.

The Office of Sport intends to open the next round of the Local Sport Grant Program before 30 June 2025.

- * 4943 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 areas:
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (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 Health Districts?

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- (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 am advised:

In the Murrumbidgee Local Health District area, there are 4 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services:

- Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation (Wagga Wagga)
- Griffith Aboriginal Medical Service
- Viney Morgan Aboriginal Medical Service - Cummeragunja (Moama)
- Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service.

In the Western NSW Local Health District area, there are 13 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services:

- Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service
- Bourke Aboriginal Health Corporation Service
- Condobolin Aboriginal Healthcare Service
- Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service
- Dubbo Regional Aboriginal Medical Service
- Gilgandra Local Aboriginal Medical Service
- Orange Aboriginal Medical Service
- Peak Hill Aboriginal Medical Service
- Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service
- Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
- Yoorana-Gunya Family Healing Centre (Forbes, NSW)
- Maaruma-Li Aboriginal Corporation Aboriginal Medical Service (Coonabarabran NSW)
- Wahluu Health Aboriginal Corporation Bathurst.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District employs 25 staff (29.28 FTE) classified as 'Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Health Practitioner' under the NSW Health Aboriginal Health Workers (State) Award 2024.

Western NSW Local Health District employs 57 staff (61.18 FTE) classified as 'Aboriginal Health Worker or Aboriginal Health Practitioner' under the NSW Health Aboriginal Health Workers (State) Award 2024.

As of 13 May 2025, there were 7.31 FTE Aboriginal Health Worker positions vacant in Western NSW Local Health District, and 7.79 FTE positions vacant in Murrumbidgee Local Health District.

Local health districts do not oversee or have knowledge of the workforce in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

Aboriginal people are supported to access all mainstream healthcare services. In addition, Murrumbidgee Local Health District offers several programs and services provided by Aboriginal Health staff, including Aboriginal maternal infant health services, Aunty Jeans program, Building Strong Foundations, cancer care coordination, 28-hour follow up, palliative care, emergency department coordination, and otitis media screening.

NSW Health is building the cultural capability of its staff through a range of strategies, including the implementation of the Respecting the Difference Framework and the development of localised initiatives aimed at addressing both conscious and unconscious bias.

Where appropriate, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients will also be referred or linked to relevant services, which may include Planned Care for Better Health and other Aboriginal specific support services and programs.

- * 4944 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CENTRES IN THE RIVERINA—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 are across the Riverina, and their locations?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise of these centres how many are targeted specifically for women and children?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are at least 23 community-based drug and alcohol treatment services across Wagga Wagga, Albury, Griffith, Junee, Deniliquin and smaller towns in the Riverina.

Four services provide programs specifically targeted at children and young people, and 3 services offer programs specifically targeted at women.

- * 4945 HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY RECOMMENDATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With respect to the recommendations from the Housing Delivery Authority (HDA):

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what regional areas have been identified by the HDA?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many potential homes have been identified?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise when will these recommendations be lodged?

Answer—

I am advised:

A summary of all declared projects and the HDA's records of briefing are publicly available at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/housing-delivery-authority>.

Once a proposal is declared SSD, proponents have nine months to submit an SSD development application to the HOA for assessment.

- * 4946 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL AREAS—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 drought assistance for rural and regional areas:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise what immediate support is the Government providing to assist farmers and local economies, and how are these measures being communicated to ensure accessibility?
- (2) Minister, could you please outline the Government's long-term strategy to build drought resilience in regional areas, land management, and community support services?

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- (3) Minister, could you please advise what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure that drought relief funding is equitably distributed across all affected regions, particularly to smaller or more remote communities that often face barriers in accessing support?
- (4) Minister, could you please advise how is the Government working with local councils and stakeholders to tailor drought assistance packages to the specific needs of each region, and if so, how is that input being integrated into policy decisions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Through the Drought Ready and Resilient Fund (DRRF) eligible primary producers can apply for low interest loans of up to \$250,000 which can be paid off over five or ten years, to fund a broad range of products, activities and services to prepare for and respond to the impacts of drought.

DRRF loans can be used for activities relating to animal welfare that are supported by a Business Resilience Plan.

Eligible costs include the purchase and transportation of fodder and water, farm preparedness including stock transportation, income diversification, environmental improvements as well as training and business development.

For further information on the DRRF including program guidelines, eligibility criteria and eligible activities, primary producers should visit the RAA website at <https://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drrf> or contact the RAA directly on 1800 678 593.

- (2) The NSW Government is supporting primary producers to prepare for future droughts through a range of programs:

- The Drought Ready and Resilient Fund
- The Farm Business Resilience Program
- The Young Farmer Business Program (currently delivered via the Farm Business Resilience Program)
- The Rural Financial Counselling Service
- The Drought Adoption Officer Program
- The Saving Our Soils Program.

- (3) The NSW Government is also working with the Federal Government in relation to the rollout of the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program.

The Program is co-funded by the Australian Government and NSW Government through the Future Drought Fund.

The Program aims to have groups of local councils work together to develop and implement a boutique Regional Drought Resilience Plan for their region which will inform decisions regarding drought for all levels of government.

Twenty-five NSW Regional Drought Resilience Plans have been finalised and are now on the Australian Government's [Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program website](#).

* 4947 QON 4464 FOLLOW UP—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Foodbank School Breakfast 4 Health Program across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Minister you previously advised in your response dated 25 March 2025, that as of January 2025, there are 35 schools in the Cootamundra electorate who are part of the School Breakfast 4 Health program, could you please list these 35 schools?

- (2) Will the Minister please advise what is the criteria for a school to be part of this program?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise why every school is not part of this program?

Answer—

The NSW Government's School Breakfast 4 Health program is open to all NSW public schools. Schools interested in participating can submit an expression of interest to Foodbank NSW and ACT.

* 4948 HOSPITAL HELIPADS FOR REGIONAL AREAS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Minister, could you please advise which of the following hospitals in the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Western NSW Local Health District have an onsite helipad?
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District:
- (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (ii) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (iii) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (iv) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (v) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (vi) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (vii) Narrandera Hospital?
 - (viii) Temora Hospital?
 - (ix) West Wyalong Hospital?
 - (x) Young Hospital?
- (b) Western NSW Local Health District:
- (i) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (ii) Cowra Hospital?
 - (iii) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise for those facilities who do not have an onsite helipad, what are the alternative locations for a medical helicopter to land?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise to ensure those living in regional areas have access to emergency medical support, what is the Government doing to address gaps where this critical infrastructure is lacking?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are on site helicopter landing sites at Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Cootamundra Hospital and Young Hospital. NSW Ambulance helicopter crews undergo specific training to assess and identify suitable landing sites to facilitate the aeromedical retrieval of patients.

NSW is serviced by an air ambulance fleet of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters that are geographically located throughout the state to provide emergency medical support.

* 4949 FUNDING ALLOCATION ACROSS THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

With respect to funding allocation across the State of New South Wales:

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- (1) Are there ongoing disparities in funding allocations across different Local Government Areas, particularly those with higher levels of socio-economic disadvantage or infrastructure needs?
 - (a) If so, what measures is the Government taking to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding?
- (2) Will you consider reviewing current allocation models to better reflect an even amount of funding across each Local Government Area rather than an electorate?

Answer—

- (1) The annual Budget process allocates public resources consistent with the policy priorities of the NSW Government. All proposals brought forward by Ministers, and their agencies, regardless of their category or location, compete for the same finite pool of funding. This competitive environment ensures that only the most critical and well-justified proposals are prioritised and considered.

Proposals must outline the financial plans for programs, projects or services, as well as policy objectives, service delivery standards, milestones, delivery timeframes and performance indicators.

The Government's evidence frameworks support decision making through a transparent and consistent approach to developing the evidence base for individual proposals. These frameworks set requirements to evidence the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of funding requests, and support allocation of resources towards investments that improve the wellbeing of the NSW community. These frameworks apply to projects, programs, regulations, and policies, and are complemented by relevant assurance policies.

- (2) The annual budget process is agreed by the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet ahead of every budget cycle and can vary every year. The allocation of funding is not determined by location or electorates but on policy merit.

* 4950 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke 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 Aboriginal Land Claims:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how many active land claims are there for each local government area across the Cootamundra electorate:
 - (a) Bland Shire?
 - (b) Coolamon Shire?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
 - (d) Cowra Shire?
 - (e) Hilltops Council?
 - (f) Junee Shire?
 - (g) Narrandera Shire?
 - (h) Temora Shire?
 - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Minister, could you please provide a map of each Aboriginal Land Claim across each of these local government areas?
 - (a) If not, then could you please provide a list of all sites relating to these claims?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise are any of these claims impacting on the delivery of vital infrastructure to these local government areas?

- (a) If so, where and what is being done to work through any issues?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minister for Lands and Property holds statutory responsibility for the investigation, assessment, and determination of Aboriginal Land Claims under section 36 of the ALRA. I as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty do not hold that information and any further information and any further questions should be asked of the Hon Steve Kamper MP.

- * 4951 NATIVE VEGETATION MAPPING IN THE BLAND SHIRE—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 native vegetation mapping in the Bland Shire:

- (1) Will the Government accept information provided by Local Land Services who conducted an on the ground review of the mapping?
 - (a) If not, why?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise how is the Government working with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee to look at the Critically Endangered Ecological Community (CEEC) determination and its interaction with Broombush and eucalyptus oil harvesting?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise what is considered as ‘harvesting’ and what is recognised as ‘clearing’?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Threatened Species Scientific Committee is an independent body of scientists appointed by the Minister for the Environment. I have written to the Committee requesting it review the CEEC determination.
- (3) Section 60C of the Local Land Services Act 2013 defines that clearing native vegetation means any one or more of the following:
 - (a) cutting down, felling, uprooting, thinning or otherwise removing native vegetation,
 - (b) killing, destroying, poisoning, ringbarking or burning native vegetation.

- * 4952 INTERMENT SERVICES LEVY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the Interment Services Levy:

- (1) How is this levy communicated to dependents and families of the deceased?

Answer—

I am advised:

The levy does not apply directly to customers, dependents or families of a deceased. However, operators may choose to pass the levy on to customers as part of the price of conducting the interment service.

Where operators choose to pass the levy on, Cemeteries & Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) has prepared a clear and accessible pamphlet for operators to help operators explain the levy to their customers.

The pamphlet is available on CCNSW's website in 8 languages:

<https://www.cemeteries.nsw.gov.au/industry-regulation/interment-services-levy>.

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Printed copies were also distributed to operators after the levy was expanded in mid-2024.

* 4953 CHANGES TO KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL'S LOCAL ENROLMENT AREA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Have you received a letter emailed in March 2025 by myself on behalf of the residents of Killara, Lindfield and Roseville, regarding changes to Killara High School's local enrolment area?
 - (a) If so, are you planning on replying to this correspondence?
- (2) Are you planning to allow a joint local enrolment area for Killara High and Lindfield Learning Village given they are different education models?

Answer—

The department has carefully considered the community's feedback and is implementing an extended transition period in the area. Further information is available publicly on the Department of Education's School Finder website.

* 4954 QON 4551 FOLLOW UP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to question and answer 4551:

- (1) Have the officer names been considered for addition on the:
 - (a) The New South Wales Police Wall of Remembrance in the Domain?
 - (b) The New South Wales Service Memorial in Surry Hills?

Answer—

I am advised:

Current Serving and former officers who die by suicide attributed to their police duties are eligible for inclusion on the NSW Police Force Roll of Honour and associated Memorials, including the Wall of Remembrance, The Domain; Pool of Reflection, Police Headquarters, Parramatta; and St Michael's Chapel, Goulburn Police Academy.

Serving officers who die by suicide not attributed to their duties and disengaged sworn officers who departed from the NSW Police Force due to injury or illness not attributed to their duties, but died from that injury or illness, are eligible for inclusion on the Service Memorial at Sydney Police Centre, Surry Hills. There is no formal recognition of disengaged sworn officers who die by suicide, where their death was not attributed to their duties as a police officer.

* 4955 QON 4625 FOLLOW UP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Local Government—

In relation to question and answer 4625:

- (1) Are there plans to appoint a commissioner(s) to conduct a public inquiry into Northern Beaches Council under section 438U of the Local Government Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

Council has acknowledged the inconsistency in its policy and is taking steps to address the issue.

* 4956 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATION IN REGION 14—Mr Matt Cross 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) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the period:

- (a) 1 April to 14 April?
- (b) 15 April to 30 April?
- (c) 1 May to 14 May?
- (d) 15 May to 31 May?
- (e) 1 June to 14 June?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) During the period 1 April 2025 to 14 April (inclusive), there were 55 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.28% of the 19,511 scheduled trips.
- (b) During the period 15 April 2025 to 30 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 46 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.23% of the 19,620 scheduled trips.
- (c) During the period 1 May 2025 to 14 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 41 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.22% of the 18,428 scheduled trips.
- (d - e) Data is not available for 13 to 31 May 2025 or 1 to 14 June 2025.

* 4957 NORTHERN BEACHES TAFE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

In relation to Northern Beaches TAFE:

(1) How many individual students were enrolled in:

- (a) 2019?
- (b) 2020?
- (c) 2021?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2023?
- (f) 2024?
- (g) 2025?

(2) How are the following courses being supported:

- (a) Nursing?
- (b) Cookery?
- (c) Bakery/Patisserie?
- (d) Hairdressing?
- (e) Hospitality, Barista, Bar and Cafe skills?
- (f) Childcare?
- (g) Event management / Travel and tourism management?

(3) How is the TAFE being promoted to potential students, including high school students?

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Answer—

- (1) The number of student enrolments at TAFE NSW Northern Beaches Campus in each of the years identified was as follow:

Calendar Year	Enrolments
2019	5,060
2020	4,440
2021	5,420
2022	4,580
2023	3,910
2024*	4,530

*Calendar year 2024 is preliminary and subject to change

Campus level enrolment data may not accurately reflect the number of students in a campus for a number of reasons. These include that one delivery location could be used for enrolment purposes with actual delivery occurring from multiple locations, as well as the availability of virtual and flexible delivery options.

- (2) TAFE NSW Northern Beaches campus has specialist training facilities for hospitality, hair and beauty, sport and fitness, community services, and health.

Course information for each campus is available, by location, on the TAFE NSW website. TAFE NSW continually reviews and assesses the demand for courses and strives to align them with the needs of industry and local communities. The TAFE NSW Charter sets out the expectations for how TAFE NSW will meet the needs of students, community and industry. As part of the establishment of a new Operating Model, TAFE NSW has also recently realigned its teaching and delivery teams structurally into industry aligned faculties. This will strengthen TAFE NSW's connection to industry.

- (3) TAFE NSW is promoted to potential students across NSW, including the Northern Beaches, via a number of channels. These include but are not limited to:

- Externally delivered Vocational Education and Training (EVET) is offered at the Northern Beaches campus for the Statement of Attainment toward Certificate III in Real Estate Practice (TVET), Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start) (TVET), and Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation (TVET).
- 10 schools in the Northern Beaches area have access to the 'Start your Future' initiative under the Educational Pathways Program, which is designed to give high school students access to vocational education and training taster programs. TAFE NSW is currently providing programs to these schools.
- There are dedicated webpages on tafensw.edu.au for prospective students, including high school students, their parents/caregivers and career advisors.

* 4958 CASHLESS POKER MACHINES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Is the Government on track to make every poker machine cashless by 31 December 2028?
- (a) If no, why not?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to gaming reform that gets the balance right – reducing gambling harm and preventing money laundering while supporting local communities, jobs and the hospitality industry. The Independent Panel on Gaming Reform provided a roadmap report to the NSW Government in November 2024 and the Government is considering its response to the roadmap report.

- * 4959 GOVERNMENT SECTOR EMPLOYMENT ACT REVIEW UPDATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

Can you please provide an update into the review undertaken in relation to the Government Sector Employment Act, that includes termination payouts, that you announced in April 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

Stage 1 of the review of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 was conducted by The Cabinet Office and was completed with the commencement of the Government Sector Employment and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 on 1 July 2024.

Stage 2 of the review is also being conducted by The Cabinet Office, and will consider whether the policy objectives of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 remain valid, and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives. This includes the arrangements in relation to separation payments made to Public Service senior executives, reflecting the NSW Government's strong focus on ensuring that government expenditure is appropriate and efficient. The Cabinet Office is currently considering the feedback provided by key stakeholders.

- * 4960 EDEN RIDGE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY—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) Have you received a letter emailed in December 2024 by myself on behalf of the residents of Eden Ridge in North Turramurra, regarding their electricity supply?

(a) If so, are you planning on replying to this correspondence?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(a) A response has been provided.

- * 4961 EUGOWRA HEALTH SERVICE – NURSE ACCOMMODATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

As a result of accommodation not being available at Eugowra, any new or agency nursing staff recruited to work at Eugowra Health Service is required to travel great distances each day from other community centres:

(1) Given that access to accommodation within proximity to the workplace is essential for workplace sustainability, will consideration be given to sourcing and providing accommodation for nursing staff either in or nearby to Eugowra?

Answer—

I am advised:

No key health worker accommodation is planned for Eugowra in the immediate future. Current demand is met via the rental market.

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Western NSW Local Health District reviews accommodation and rental market demands annually across all towns within its footprint to determine strategic investment priorities.

- * 4962 EUGOWRA HEALTH SERVICE - NURSE STAFFING SHORTAGES AND BURNOUT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding recent resignations of nurses at Eugowra Health Service and the subsequent strain on the remaining team:

- (1) Will you review full-time equivalent (FTE) nursing allocation at Eugowra Health Service to better match nurse workloads, and will consideration be given to increased staffing support through graduate or temporary nurse programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

Current activity levels do not warrant an increase in clinical staffing levels at Eugowra Multi-Purpose Service (MPS). Western NSW Local Health District will continue to review activity data to ensure Eugowra MPS is staffed appropriately.

- * 4963 TULLAMORE NURSE ACCOMMODATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding accommodation units at Tullamore presently being provided only for agency and Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) nursing staff, who predominantly service the Tullamore MPS and noting the distance from larger centres such as Dubbo and Parkes:

- (1) Will consideration be given to sourcing or building accommodation at Tullamore to provide non-agency/FIFO nursing staff, and therefore enable successful recruitment and retention of permanent nursing staff and provide a consistent staffing presence and capability?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Rural Health Workforce Incentive Scheme, the District offers incentive packages to attract and retain health workers in hard-to-fill rural and remote roles. Accommodation assistance, and, for critical roles, relocation benefits are also available on top of the incentive package.

- * 4964 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6 PART 2 OF THE HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Chapter 6 Part 2 of the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) enables dual occupancy development in all R1, R2, R3 and R4 zones on land with a minimum lot size of 450 square metres, but prohibits that form of development on battle-axe blocks where potentially thousands of new homes could be created in established areas.

- (1) Does the Government plan to amend Chapter 6 Part 2 of the Housing SEPP to include the development of dual occupancy housing on battle-axe blocks, given the increasing popularity of Greenfield development affordable micro-lot housing in Sydney's west, southwest and northwest, where houses can be built on 300 square metre blocks of land?

Answer—

I am advised:

Dual occupancies are not prohibited on battle-axe lots under Chapter 6 - Low and mid-rise housing of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP).

Development proposals for dual occupancies on battle-axe lots will be assessed against the relevant requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, including the Housing SEPP (where applicable), the relevant Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.

- * 4965 AMENDMENT TO THE APARTMENT DESIGN GUIDE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

To enable low-income earners and first home buyers the opportunity to purchase their own property at half the cost of a new 1 bedroom apartment and relieve the pressure on the rental accommodation market:

- (1) Would you consider amending the Apartment Design Guide (ADG) to permit the construction of micro apartments with an internal area of 25 square metres and exempt them from the solar access and natural ventilation requirements of the ADG?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is not currently considering amendments to the Apartment Design Guide (ADG). However, the ADG and planning instruments already provides flexibility. Clause 147(3) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 makes clear that consent authorities are not required to apply all design criteria in the Guide. The ADG also allows discretion on apartment size and amenity where appropriate.

- * 4966 GROWING NURSING SHORTAGES IN SMALL RURAL FACILITIES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

To address the growing nursing shortages in rural health facilities, does the Government have any plans to:

- (1) Focus on home growing local nursing staff – career targeting of school students from Years 7/8?
- (2) Provide more incentives for Enrolled Nurses to undertake Registered Nurse qualifications?
- (3) Improve pay and conditions to attract and retain nursing staff?
- (4) Initiate sponsorship training – such as a previous "Step Up pathway" which supported those with no nursing background to obtain their Assistant in Nursing (AIN) qualifications, the Enrolled Nurse (EN) qualifications, then Registered Nurse (RN) qualifications, while being financially supported?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about NSW Health workplace planning is available on the NSW Health website.

There is a well-established pathway for enrolled nurses (EN) to undertake further study and become registered nurses (RNs). NSW Health supports this through a range of financial incentives and initiatives, including:

- A \$5,000 Rural Travel Support Incentive for Diploma of Nursing students living in regional and rural areas, targeted to providing travel assistance, available until 2026.
- The Aboriginal Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Scholarship, offering up to \$15,000 per year to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolled nurses working in NSW Health and undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing.
- The NSW Government offers Tertiary Health Study Subsidies to study a healthcare degree. Students in a nursing degree (including ENs) who commit to working in NSW Health after they graduate may be eligible for a of up to \$12,000 subsidy (\$4,000 every year). The subsidies incentivise students to enter the NSW Health workforce by reducing financial barriers to study. The payments can assist students with fees, technology, travel, or other personal costs.

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NSW Health and the NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association are currently before the Industrial Relations Commission.

In line with a recommendation of the Industrial Relations Commission, the NSW Government has provided an interim wage increase of 3% to all nurses and midwives, with effect from the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2024.

- * 4967 CROWN LAND WITHIN THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to portion of land which has been dedicated as reserved crown land which is situated within the Hills Shire Local Government Area please advise:

- (1) What is the lot and deposited plan number for each portion of land?
- (2) With respect to each portion of land which has been dedicated as reserved crown land could you please advise whether the Hills Shire Council been appointed as the Crown Land Manager or the Council Manager in respect to each said portion of land?

Answer—

This answer can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

- * 4968 SALE OF CROWN LAND WITHIN THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to Crown Land situated within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area please advise:

- (1) Has the Minister, during the current term of the 58th Parliament, received a request by the Hills Shire Council in its capacity as the Council Manager or otherwise a request by another Crown Land Manager for the sale or disposal of dedicated or reserved crown land?
- (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could you please provide particulars of such request?
- (3) Has the Minister, during the current term of the 58th Parliament, given consent pursuant to section 3.22(4) to the Hills Shire Council in its capacity as the Council Manager or otherwise to any other Crown Land Manager to sell or dispose of dedicated or reserved crown land?
- (4) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could you please provide particulars including the lot and deposited plan number of such dedicated crown land and the particulars of the Crown Land Manager?

Answer—

No.

- * 4969 CONTRAVENTION OF LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS SPECIFIED IN THE MANAGERS APPOINTMENT—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to any portion of dedicated or reserved Crown Land which is situated within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area:

- (1) Has the Minister received notice from the Department of Land and Property that a Crown Land Manager has contravened a limitation or restriction specified by the provisions of the manager's appoint instrument?
- (2) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, could please provide particulars?

Answer—

No.

* 4970 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

(1) How many people have been assisted by Community Transport (i.e. transported from one location to a second location) in the Oxley Electorate (residents of postcodes 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455) in the following timeframes:

- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 2025 - 1,562 (to March 2025)
- (b) 2024 - 3,757
- (c) 2023 - 3,624

* 4971 FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) Can the Treasurer provide a breakdown of funding allocated by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) for the Nambucca Valley, Macleay Valley, Port Macquarie-Hastings Valley, and Bellingen Valley for the following periods:

- (a) Year to date?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2023?
- (d) 2022?
- (e) 2021?
- (f) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Treasury does not centrally hold this detailed, geographic operational data.

* 4972 DOG AND CAT REGISTRATIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With reference to pet registrations:

- (1) Could you please provide a breakdown of the number of dog and cat registrations on the New South Wales Pet Registry, categorised by the following postcodes within the Oxley electorate: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?
- (2) Could you please provide the total number of dog and cat registrations recorded by each relevant local council for the following postcodes: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?

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- (3) Could you please provide a report that details any data discrepancies found between the New South Wales Pet Registry and local council registration data for the following postcodes: 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455?
- (4) What specific data validation processes are currently in place to ensure the accuracy of information entered into the New South Wales Pet Registry?
- (5) What is the number of data audits performed on the New South Wales Pet Registry in the past 12 months?
- (6) How are pets removed from the registry when they pass away?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Available data on the breakdown of the number of dog and cat registrations on the NSW Pet Registry is below:

Total Registered Animals Residing in Oxley Electorate 2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, 2455	Cats	Dogs	Total Registrations completed online (Pet Registry)	Total Registrations completed by Councils
71,446	15,144	56,302	3992	67,454

- (2) Available data on the number of dog and cat registrations recorded by each relevant local council for the nominated post codes is below:

Residing Post Code NSW	Total Dogs and Cats	Total Cats	Total Dogs	Total Registrations completed online (Pet Registry)	Total Registrations completed by Council
2429 – Mid- Coast Council	5898	1010	4888	282	5616
2431 – Kempsey Shire Council	2002	232	1770	80	1922
2439 – Port Macquarie- Hastings Council	2153	446	1707	160	1993
2440 – Kempsey Shire Council	10,067	1463	8604	323	9744
2441 – Nambucca	3371	626	2745	129	3242

Valley Council					
2444 – Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	24,715	6772	17,943	1930	22,785
2446 – Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	10,370	2500	7870	638	9732
2447 – Nambucca Valley Council	2822	403	2419	114	2708
2448- Nambucca Valley Council	3614	588	3026	120	3494
2449- Nambucca Valley Council	879	134	745	33	846
2453- Bellingen Shire Council	1019	158	861	44	975
2454- Bellingen Shire Council	3358	598	2760	100	3258
2455- Bellingen Shire Council	1178	214	964	39	1139
	71,446	15,144	56,302	3992	67,454

- (3) Office of Local Government (OLG) is not responsible for council registration data inputs.

OLG is unable to assist in the provision of a discrepancy report for the abovementioned postcodes due to data access, privacy, and cybersecurity policies.

- (4) Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, the primary users who input data into the NSW Pet Registry are authorised identifiers (microchip implanters) and councils. They are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information entered.

Data validation and data restrictions are in place ensure the accuracy of microchip numbers. Pet owners and breeders access the Pet Registry via Service NSW's centralised login system, ensuring user information is validated in line with NSW Government standards.

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- (5) The Pet Registry has gone live in the last 12 months. Data audits are an ongoing activity to ensure data is managed in line with NSW Government requirements.
- (6) Under the Companion Animals Act 1998, notification must be given within 28 days after the animal dies. The owner can list their pet as deceased directly on their NSW Pet Registry account or notify their local council to do this on their behalf. Veterinarians can also mark pets as deceased on the NSW Pet Registry. OLG, as part of its data audit process, excludes animals that are greater than 20 years of age from its reporting, in recognition that some owners neglect to update the register or advise their council about the death of their animal.

No microchip numbers are removed from the register. Instead, the record is updated to indicate the animal is deceased. Pet owners on the NSW Pet registry have a memorial page on their account where these pets can be displayed if they wish.

* 4973 **ILLEGAL PROTESTERS DIVERTING RESOURCES**—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total estimated cost incurred by emergency services across New South Wales in responding to protest-related incidents, including but not limited to wages, vehicle deployment, equipment usage, and associated operational overheads, over these periods:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
- (2) Can the Minister also provide a regional breakdown of these costs specifically within the following postcodes of the Oxley electorate (2429, 2431, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2444, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2453, 2454, and 2455)?
- (3) Has the Government considered seeking restitution from protest organisers for the public costs incurred during emergency response operations to illegal stunts?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW, the NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW State Emergency Service have no records of protest-related incidents in the last three years in the areas specified.

* 4974 **PAYROLL TAX - BUSINESSES IN OXLEY**—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How many businesses in the Oxley Electorate pay payroll tax and how much did they pay in the following years:
 - (a) 2024/current?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
 - (d) 2021/22?

Answer—

I am advised by Revenue NSW:

Payroll tax data is not available by State Electorate.

* 4975 TROPICAL SODA APPLE FUNDING IN OXLEY—Mr Michael Kemp 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 provide a breakdown of funding spent on the control and management of Tropical Soda Apple weed in the following regions:
 - (a) Nambucca Valley?
 - (b) Macleay Valley?
 - (c) Port Macquarie-Hastings Valley?
 - (d) Bellingen Valley?
- (2) What is the Minister's financial forecast for the successful eradication of Tropical Soda Apple in these regions?
- (3) Does the Minister plan to support the eradication of Tropical Soda Apple on all Government-owned land tenures?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Funding provided for State Priority Weeds is done via Local Government Area or Local Control Authority area, as such the Department is unable to provide a breakdown of funding based on region.
- (2) The management and control of all listed weeds including TSA is ultimately the responsibility of the landowner or occupier of the land. North Coast Councils have at various times provided incentivised complementary TSA control work for landowners, particularly along waterways and in high-risk areas. This is in recognition of the high risk of the weed and provides the opportunity for the landowner to undertake follow up works after the initial complimentary controls.
- (3) The NSW Government is taking the issue of invasive pests and weeds very seriously and is committed to taking action to address the issue. The eradication of TSA is already guided by a Strategic Plan (the Plan), which was developed by key stakeholders (<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/strategy/strategies/tropical-soda-apple-strategic-plans>). This guides the strategic approach to TSA management by all stakeholders in this state, but especially in the northeast of NSW where TSA is growing.

The NSW Government has funded four TSA Good Neighbours projects in round 1 and will be calling for further projects for round 2 of the program.

* 4976 COST OF EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS AND AMBULANCE CALL-OUTS FOR NON-URGENT AND SEMI-URGENT CASES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What is the total cost to the New South Wales Government and Federal Government of emergency department presentations and ambulance call-outs for non-urgent and semi-urgent cases (that could be seen by a General Practitioner instead) during the after-hours period?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance do not hold or collect the data required to calculate the cost of non-urgent and semi-urgent ambulance call outs.

In 2024-25 Budget, the NSW Government handed down a suite of initiatives as part of an Emergency Department Relief Package totalling more than \$480 million over 4 years to improve access to care and ease pressure on public hospitals. This includes additional funding for the expansion of alternate care

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pathways through the Single Front Door, including virtualADULTS and virtualKIDS services and Urgent Care Services.

- * 4977 PATIENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO URGENT CARE CLINICS OR GENERAL PRACTICES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many patients each year are unable to access after-hours care due to their inability to travel to an urgent care clinic (UCC) or general practice (e.g. aged care, low socio-economic status, disability affected), and how many of these patients ultimately call an ambulance or attend an Emergency Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Government is responsible for Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and general practice.

Patients who are referred by Healthdirect to a NSW Urgent Care Service can choose to complete a survey of their experience. Of those surveyed to date, less than one percent have indicated that they could not attend their appointment due to their inability to travel.

- * 4978 URGENT CARE CLINIC CONSULTATION COSTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Since their launch, how much total funding has been allocated to Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs) in New South Wales, and how many patients have been seen to date?

(a) What is the resulting cost per consultation?

Answer—

I am advised:

Urgent Care Clinics are the responsibility of the Australian Government.

- * 4979 VICTORIA ROAD AT ENDEAVOUR STREET, WEST RYDE - PROJECT UPDATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What is the timeframe for completing the 'Victoria Road at Endeavour Street, West Ryde - Midblock signalised crossing enhancements', project under round 2 of the Road Safety Program 2023/24 – 2025/26?

Answer—

I am advised:

The road safety project on Victoria Road at Endeavour Street, to improve the safety at the mid-block signalised crossing, is part of the Road Safety Program round two. The work is due to be completed by March 2027. This project is currently being designed and Transport for NSW will keep the community informed as the project is progressed.

- * 4980 PARKING SHORTFALLS – MELROSE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What plans does the Government have to address any community concern regarding parking shortfalls on the City of Ryde side of Melrose Park with the delivery of the new Melrose Park High School?

Answer—

The Department of Education works with relevant planning bodies and local stakeholders, including City of Ryde Council, to ensure the delivery of school infrastructure meet the needs of the community.

- * 4981 THE HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED EDUCATION POLICY - REVIEW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What plans do you have to evaluate and/or review The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy?

Answer—

Unfortunately, the Department of Education's High Potential and Gifted Education team was cut by the former NSW Liberal National Government. Upon coming to government, the Minns Labor Government reversed this decision and established a new High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) team as part of our work to rollout high potential and gifted education across NSW public schools.

Schools are now being supported to develop and expand HPGE initiatives which foster student talent development. On 28 April 2025, all schools participated in staff professional learning on HPGE implementation. The HPGE policy was recently updated as part of the department's line-by-line policy review, in line with the work the Minns Labor Government is doing to expand HPGE opportunities.

The Minns Labor Government is proud to be rebuilding public education in NSW after more than a decade of neglect by the Liberals and Nationals.

- * 4982 AVERAGE WEEKEND THEATRE ON-SITE STAFFING LEVEL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) For each New South Wales Local Health District, what is the average weekend theatre on-site staffing level?

(a) How does the inclusion of birthing facilities impact a facility's level?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts are responsible for determining the local needs and resources for each facility. This is informed by the anticipated number of planned and emergency surgeries and may include both rostered (on-site) and on-call staff.

The NSW Health Maternity and Neonatal Service Capability Guideline (GL2022_002) outlines operating theatre requirements for birthing services.

- * 4983 NSW HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR WEEKEND THEATRE ON-SITE STAFFING—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) What are the NSW Health guidelines for weekend theatre on-site staffing?

(a) How does this compare to the equivalent guidelines in Victoria?

(b) How does this compare to the equivalent guidelines in Queensland?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW local health districts are responsible for determining the required local needs and resources for each facility. This is informed by the anticipated numbers of planned and emergency surgeries and may include both rostered (on-site) and on-call staff.

The Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award states that the Australian College of Perioperative Nurses Standards for minimum staffing for operating theatres should be applied within perioperative services.

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) clinical practice guide Operating theatre efficiency is publicly available on the ACI website.

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* 4984 QON 4635 FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Why was the decision made not to publish Council and other non-individual submissions to the Low and Mid-Rise Housing policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The decision not to publish the nearly 8000 submissions was made on privacy grounds, as many submissions contained sensitive information, including references to third parties.

It is noted that several councils and organisations have already published their submissions on their own websites. The Government does not consider it necessary to duplicate the publication of these submissions.

* 4985 TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—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—

(1) What is the Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at the following Transport Oriented Development (TOD) precinct train stations to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what are the timelines:

(a) Booragul?

(b) Teralba?

(c) Cockle Creek?

(2) Noting that in the 2021-2022 Budget, funding was allocated under the Commuter Car Park Program for a business case to support additional parking at Morisset train station, what is the NSW Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at Morisset train station, a TOD precinct, to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what is the timeline?

(3) Noting that in the 2021-2022 Budget, funding was allocated under the Commuter Car Park Program for a business case to support additional parking at Fassifern train station, what is the Government doing to ensure there is adequate parking at Fassifern train station to accommodate current and projected patronage and, if relevant, what is the timeline?

(4) What is the Government doing to improve accessibility at the following TOD precinct train stations and, if relevant, what is the timeline:

(a) Booragul?

(b) Teralba?

(5) Noting funding was allocated under the Safe Accessible Transport Program for planning accessibility upgrades to Cockle Creek train station in June 2024, when is construction of these upgrades expected to commence?

(6) Has the Government identified any of the following TOD precinct train stations, which cannot accommodate longer Intercity trains, for lengthening works and, if relevant, what are the timelines:

(a) Booragul?

(b) Teralba?

(c) Cockle Creek?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Booragul, Teralba and Cockle Creek stations have been identified for amended planning controls within 400 metres of the station to deliver more affordable, well-designed and well-located homes.

As this new development is within 400 metres of stations, new housing will be a short walk to access rail services. It is expected that most additional rail passengers will walk from their new homes within 400 metres of the station.

At this stage, no additional parking is being proposed at Booragul and Teralba. However, Transport for NSW assesses the ongoing needs for commuter car parking across the transport network as part of the Safe Accessible Transport program. Under this program, Cockle Creek station has been identified and is in planning phase for upgrades, including improved footbridge access to the station, with new lifts and stairs, and installation of new accessible parking spaces and bicycle parking.

- (2 - 3) Concept designs have been completed for providing additional car parking at Morisset and Fassifern train stations under the previous commuter car parks program. There was no delivery funding allocated for these two projects within the new commitment as part of the Safe Accessible Transport program.
- (4) Booragul, Teralba and Cockle Creek stations have been identified for amended planning controls within 400 metres of the station to deliver more affordable, well-designed and well-located homes. As this new development is within 400 metres of stations, new housing will be a short walk to access rail services. Transport for NSW will work with City of Lake Macquarie Council to identify any future opportunities to improve access to stations, focusing on walking, cycling and bus services.
- (5) Cockle Creek Station is funded for development phase, and Transport for NSW has completed project concept design and a business case. Cockle Creek Station is to be considered for delivery funding as part of the annual budget process.
- (6) Infrastructure changes and enabling works are being undertaken to deploy the Mariyung fleet onto the network. The works planned for Booragul, Teralba, and Cockle Creek Stations include installing train stopping markers, and carrying out surveying, laser scanning and site investigations within the rail corridor. Work at these locations is expected to be completed by mid-2025.

Infrastructure work has been completed to allow eight-car operations at all 38 stations on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line. Ten car operations will still stop at these locations. On-train messaging will direct passengers to the appropriate carriage, to alight the train from.

* 4986 ROAD SURFACE MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What is the process for assessing the condition of road surfaces on state roads and deciding whether enhancement works occur?
- (2) What is the frequency and schedule of road surface condition assessments and subsequent maintenance arising from assessments?
- (3) Has there been any assessment of the condition of the road surface on the following state roads, and if yes, when did it occur, who undertook the assessment, what did it involve and what were the findings?
 - (a) A8 corridor (Pittwater Road, Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation, Manly Road, Spit Road, and Military Road)?
 - (b) Warringah Road?
 - (c) Wakehurst Parkway?
 - (d) Forest Way?
- (4) Are there any planned enhancement works to improve the condition of the road surface on the following state roads:
 - (a) A8 corridor (Pittwater Road, Condamine Street, Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation, Manly Road, Spit Road, and Military Road)?

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- (b) Warringah Road?
- (c) Wakehurst Parkway?
- (d) Forest Way?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Annual condition surveys occur on the network to identify cracking, rutting, roughness and skid resistance. Based on results of these surveys, and the Transport for NSW prioritisation process, locations for treatment are identified.
- (2) Surveys occur annually, while network safety inspectors monitor the network on a monthly basis. Civil maintenance defects are triaged and repaired based on the safety requirements and the priority of the particular defect. Larger scale projects are identified during the inspections, which will be considered for reprioritisation.
- (3) During September 2023, an ad-hoc assessment of the mentioned roads was undertaken in line with the same process conducted across the overall network. Typically, this process is undertaken annually by Transport for NSW, the results of which are provided to its service provider for the Harbour Zone Network, ConnectSydney. The most recent Transport for NSW assessment was carried out in October 2024.

The findings of this survey for the mentioned roads detailed that sections of each require pavement treatment to increase the performance of the network, with the exception of Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation, Manly Road, Spit Road and Wakehurst Parkway.

- (4) The below list of pavement projects in reference to isolated sections of pavement deterioration along the above listed roads, are programmed for delivery between financial years 2025 - 2027:

Road Name	Suburb	Programmed Delivery Year
Forest Way	Belrose	FY24-25
Warringah Rd	Frenchs Forest	FY24-25
Pittwater Rd	North Narrabeen	FY24-25
Condamine St	Balgowlah	FY24-25
Warringah Rd	Forestville	FY25-26
Military Rd	Cremorne	FY25-26
Pittwater Rd	Narrabeen	FY25-26
Pittwater Rd	North Narrabeen	FY25-26
Pittwater Rd	Narrabeen	FY25-26
Pittwater Rd	North Narrabeen	FY26-27
Frenchs Forest Rd	Seaforth	FY26-27

* 4987 PERFORMANCE OF CONNECT SYDNEY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What are the core operational responsibilities of Connect Sydney under their Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract with Transport for NSW?
- (2) In the years since the Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract commenced in 2020, has Connect Sydney met the performance framework conditions of the contract?
 - (a) If not, in what areas have they not performed and what have been the consequences?
- (3) Are the Monthly and Annual Reports required under the Performance Management section of the contract (p50) publicly available?
- (4) Does the performance framework, under the Sydney Roads Asset Performance Contract, capture Connect Sydney's responsiveness in actioning inquiries from citizens, local Members of Parliament, public transport operators, council and other stakeholders?
 - (a) If so, where and are these conditions being met?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (5) How are decisions made by Connect Sydney about whether to action requests made by citizens, local Members of Parliament, public transport operators, council and other stakeholders, for example in relation to cleaning litter, graffiti or fixing potholes?
- (6) In relation to the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) 'Percentage of enquiries resolved appropriately' (Schedule 4, Appendix 1), what is the KPI target?
- (7) In relation to the KPI 'Percentage of enquiries resolved appropriately' (Schedule 4, Appendix 1), has this KPI target been met in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In summary, as detailed in Clause 1.4 of the executed Sydney Roads Asset Performance (SRAP) Contract, ConnectSydney's core contractual responsibilities are to:
 - Carry out the services and its other obligations in accordance with the requirements of this document [the contract];
 - Act in a timely and expeditious manner;
 - Manage and maintain all assets in accordance with the terms of this document [the contract] so they are in safe, efficient and reliable operation for the benefit of road users;
 - Operate specified assets safely and efficiently for the benefit of road users; and
 - Support Transport for NSW in managing impacts on the road network resulting from incidents and in the efficient management of planned events.
- (2) Since services began on the 1 July 2021, ConnectSydney's performance against the contract conditions is managed by Transport for NSW using the Assurance Framework as described in Schedule 5 of the SRAP Contract. To date, ConnectSydney has not received any negative margin modifiers in the delivery of the Services under SRAP.

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The overall performance of the Contract (inclusive of the below Performance Measures) is summarised into one Overall Performance Score (OPS), which is scored at the end of each three - year cycle.

ConnectSydney's performance was assessed mid 2024 which demonstrated ConnectSydney had met the target levels of the OPS stipulated in the contract.

- (3) Monthly and Annual reports required under the Performance Management section of the contract are not publicly available due to containing commercially sensitive information. This information is unable to be made publicly available to ensure fair and competitive tendering on future projects.
- (4) In accordance with Schedule 7 and the Communications Guidelines issued during the mobilisation of the contract, resolution of a complaint must demonstrate one or more of the following has occurred:

Communication - listening, discussing, explaining, and negotiating;

- (I) Rectification - corrective action to change the decisions, practices or systems that caused the original problem;
- (II) Mitigation - taking corrective action about the cause of the problem, as well as taking action to lessen the adverse consequences of the original problem;
- (III) Satisfaction - satisfy the reasonable concerns of the person who has suffered detriment through non-material means. Can include actions such as an apology on behalf of the organisation or entering into undertakings (public or private) to take action; and/or,
- (IV) Compensation - financial recompense for detriment sustained directly or indirectly as a result of the original problem.

The responsiveness to actioning inquiries of all types, are captured by the Complaints Resolution Key Performance Indicators (KPI) under the SRAP contract, with performance to date outlined in response to question seven below.

ConnectSydney's objective is to resolve all community complaints and enquiries within five business days, which is typically carried out by informing the customer of any findings made in relation to the initial complaint and timeline of intended completion of any rectification works required.

- (5) As above, ConnectSydney actions all requests received from stakeholders within five business days. Ministerial and Member of Parliament correspondence is forwarded to ConnectSydney directly by Transport. Deadlines in relation to these items are set by Transport on a case-by-case basis.
 - (I) ConnectSydney undertakes pothole repair and litter cleaning on a reactive basis, in response to inspector findings and customer reports.
 - (II) Defects raised as a result of these findings are scheduled for repair in accordance with Asset Performance Measures set out within the contract, with performance tracked as part of the KPI framework.
 - (III) ConnectSydney is responsible for the removal of offensive graffiti within three days of identification.
 - (IV) Offensive graffiti is defined as graffiti that has a slogan or imagery that would be considered offensive, which may include swearing, political, racial or religious slogans.
 - (V) ConnectSydney is not contractually responsible for the removal of non-offensive graffiti across the Harbour Zone network. Locations of non-offensive graffiti are compiled by ConnectSydney and reported to Transport for approval and funding to have it removed as part of a program.
- (6) 85 per cent of customer complaints are to be resolved within five business days.

- (7) The customer complaint KPI target of 85 per cent has been met in each of the applicable years of the contract to date.
- (a) 2020 - Not applicable contract had not begun services
 - (b) 2021 - 89.06 percent
 - (c) 2022 - 93.57 percent
 - (d) 2023 - 97.11 percent
 - (e) 2024 - 98.69 percent (FYTD).

* 4988 INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING NSW—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Will the report from the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) Drake inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) be publicly available?
- (2) Has the due date for the Drake inquiry been extended twice from the 13th December 2024, as originally advised in the Terms of Reference, to the 30th April 2025, then again until the 31st July 2025?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (3) What is the Government's process in reviewing the GWIC report once it is received by the Minister?
- (4) What is the current status of the GWIC inquiry into the GRNSW Wyee rehoming facility?
- (5) A report on the GWIC inquiry into Wyee rehoming facility was due to be provided to the Minister by the 5th July 2024, has this occurred?
 - (a) If yes, is the report publicly available?
 - (i) If yes, where can the public access the report?
 - (ii) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, what action has the Government taken to review and action the findings and recommendations highlighted in the report?

Answer—

The Government will consider the Inquiry's findings and recommendations after the Acting Commissioner has reported to the Minister for Gaming and Racing. Decisions regarding the release of the Inquiry report, the Government response and the implementation of any recommendations will be made in due course.

The NSW Government extended the inquiry from 13 December 2024, as originally advised in the Terms of Reference, to the 30 April 2025. The extensions were in response to requests from the Acting Commissioner of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (GWIC), the Hon Lea Drake, who is leading the Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW under Part 8 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 (the Inquiry).

Information on the reasons for the inquiry extensions are available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/liquor-and-gaming/news/drake-inquiry-into-greyhound-racing-nsw-extended>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/customer-service/media-releases/extension-of-drake-inquiry-timeframe>

GWIC reported on its separate review of the claims about the operation of the Wyee rehoming facility in July 2024. This report was then referred to Acting Commissioner Drake for consideration at her request as part of the Inquiry. Any actions in response to the report will be considered in the context of the Inquiry

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and its findings and recommendations to allow for systemic issues to be considered and addressed consistently.

* 4989 NUMBER PLATE THEFTS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In the 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 postcodes and in New South Wales can you please provide the answers by postcode and then New South Wales as a whole?

- (1) What is the number of reported number plates stolen in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
- (2) How many penalties have been issued for the theft of a number plate in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
- (3) How many penalties have been issued for the use of a stolen number plate in:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of reported stolen number plates in 2024 and 2025 (to 20 May 2025) in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, and 2097:

Year	Postcode	Number of reported stolen number plates
2024	2084	0
	2097	8
	2101	10
	2102	5
	2103	13
	2104	1
	2105	4
	2106	4
	2107	4
	2108	0
2025 (up to 20 May 2025)	2084	0
	2097	5
	2101	3
	2102	1
	2103	2
	2104	0

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	2105	1
	2106	1
	2107	9
	2108	0

The table below shows the number of reported stolen number plates in 2024 and 2025 (to 20 May 2025) in NSW:

All NSW	
Year	Number of reported stolen number plates
2024	8,886
2025 (to 20 May 2025)	3,735

Note:

- Event reported date: 01/01/2024 - 20/05/2025
 - Measure: count of number plate
 - Incident category: Stealing
 - Object: Vehicle Plate
 - Incident location:
 - postcodes specified above
 - all NSW
 - Data provided is a count of number plates that have a recorded registration number. Any number plates that have no recordings of a registration number are not counted.
 - Data extracted is not only limited to number plates being stolen; some may pertain to broader instances that meet the above recording criteria.
- (2) Between 1 January 2024 and 20 May 2025, there were no legal actions recorded for the theft of a number plate in the postcodes specified.

The table below shows the number of penalties issued for theft of number plates in 2024 and 2025 (to 20 May 2025) in NSW:

All NSW		
Year – Legal Action Date	Legal Action Type	Number of Legal Actions
2024	Bail Court Attendance Notice	96
	Future Court Attendance Notice	52
	Field Court Attendance Notice	8
	Criminal Infringement Notice	2

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	Infringement Notice	1
2025 (to 20 May 2025)	Bail Court Attendance Notice	53
	Future Court Attendance Notice	31
	Field Court Attendance Notice	4
	Criminal Infringement Notice	1

Note:

- Event reported date: 01/01/2024 - 20/05/2025.
 - Measure: Count of distinct legal action
 - Incident category: Stealing
 - Object: Vehicle Plate
 - Incident location: All NSW
 - Legal action data was extracted using incidents that are linked to the stolen number plates identified from question 1.
 - 'Penalties' have been interpreted to mean any legal actions linked to the theft of a number plate. All offences that were identified, legally actioned against and linked to the theft have been included as they are all considered penalties issued as a result of the theft.
- (3) Data to determine the number of penalties issued for the use of a stolen number plate in 2024 and 2025 requires a significant amount of manual review. The NSW Police Force is unable to provide this information.

* 4990 TREE VANDALISM—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many incidents of tree vandalism have been reported per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
- (a) Greater Sydney?
- (b) Postcodes:
- (i) 2101?
 - (ii) 2102?
 - (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
 - (x) 2097?

- (2) How many of those reports have been investigated?
- (3) What percentage of those reports resulted in fines or prosecutions?
- (4) How many fines have been issued in relation to tree vandalism per year for the years from 2020-2025 in:
 - (a) Sydney?
 - (b) Postcodes:
 - (i) 2101?
 - (ii) 2102?
 - (iii) 2103?
 - (iv) 2104?
 - (v) 2105?
 - (vi) 2106?
 - (vii) 2107?
 - (viii) 2108?
 - (ix) 2084?
 - (x) 2097?
- (5) What was the average monetary value of fines issued?
- (6) Does the Government have a system in place for tracking the number and locations of trees affected by vandalism?
- (7) Is there any collaboration between local authorities, community groups, or environmental organisations to monitor and prevent tree vandalism?
- (8) What is the process for replacing or restoring trees that have been vandalised?
- (9) How much has the Government spent per year for the last 5 years on addressing tree vandalism, including costs for replacement and restoration?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter primarily falls under the responsibility of local councils. Under the NSW Government's planning legislation, local councils are generally responsible for managing urban tree clearing within their local government areas, through tree permits and tree management policies. This allows councils to adopt locally appropriate approaches to tree protection and management.

The NSW Government does not maintain records of tree vandalism incidents. These are typically managed and monitored at the local level, in accordance with each council's tree management framework.

However, the NSW Government does provide the overarching regulatory framework through its planning legislation. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has been consulting with councils across NSW to improve the urban tree management framework and strengthen protections against illegal tree clearing.

This matter is currently on exhibition and open to public feedback. Further information is available on the NSW Planning Portal page at:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/under-consideration/protecting-our-trees-changes-deter-illegal-tree-and-vegetation-clearing

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* 4991 E-BIKE PENALTIES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In the 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, 2097 postcodes and in New South Wales can you please provide the answers by postcode and then New South Wales as a whole?

- (1) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike users:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (2) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for failure to wear a helmet:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (3) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (4) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (5) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for exceeding a speed limit:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (6) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for negligent riding:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?
- (7) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users in the above postcodes for using a non-compliant e-bike:
 - (a) In 2024?
 - (b) In 2025 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike users in 2024 and 2025 in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, and 2097:

Select Postcodes Only		
Legal Action Calendar Year	Postcode	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	2103	1

2025 (to 22 May 2025)	2108	1
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The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike users in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	147
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	274

Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025
 - Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
 - Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
 - Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike
 - Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.
- (2) The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for failure to wear a helmet in 2024 and 2025 (to 22 May 2025) in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, and 2097:

Select Postcodes Only		
Legal Action Calendar Year	Postcode	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	2097	3
	2101	5
	2103	2
	2107	1
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	2097	1
	2101	1
	2102	1

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for failure to wear a helmet in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	3635
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	1583

Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025

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- Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
- Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
- Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, Bicycle
- Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.
- Law Part Codes:
 - '82631' - Rider not wear approved bicycle helmet/fitted/fastened
 - '83390' - Motor bike rider (alone) not wear/secure fit approved helmet
 - '83281' - Passenger not wear bicycle helmet/fitted/fastened
 - '9964 7' - Not wear approved bicycle helmet securely fitted/fastened
 - '82675' - Rider w/o helmet ride with 1 passenger w/o helmet
 - '82729' - Rider carry passenger without approved helmet fitted etc
 - '83658' - Motor bike passenger no helmet/fitted/adjusted
 - '82670' - Rider with helmet ride with 1 passenger w/o helmet
 - '82668' - Rider with helmet ride with 2 passengers w/o helmets

- (3) The table below shows the number of penalties issued toe-bike or pedal bike users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath in 2024 and 2025 in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, and 2097:

Select Postcodes only		
Legal Action Calendar Year	Postcode	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	2097	1
	2101	1

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users aged 16 and over for riding on a footpath in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	1054
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	306

Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025
- Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
- Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
- Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, Bicycle
- Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.
- Incident Related Age: ≥ 16 (based on the difference between the person's latest recorded date of birth in policing systems and the date of the incident)

- Law Part Codes:
'92732' - Ride bicycle on footpath (16yrs or older)
'99637' - Ride electric scooter on footpath
'83371' - Ride bicycle on pedestrian part of separated footpath.

- (4) Between 1 January 2024 to 22 May 2025 there were no related legal actions recorded for penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for in the postcodes specified in the request.

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for carrying more passengers than the bike is designed for in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	18
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	10

Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025
 - Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
 - Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
 - Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, Bicycle
 - Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.
 - Law Part Codes:
'99649' - Ride electric scooter carry another person/animal
'82573' - Carry more persons on bicycle than permitted
'82807' - Ride with excess passengers in/on motor bike sidecar/seat
- (5) The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for exceeding a speed limit in 2024 and 2025 in postcodes 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2084, and 2097:

Select Postcodes Only		
Legal Action Calendar Year	Postcode	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	2101	1

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for exceeding a speed limit in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	18

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2025 (to 22 May 2025)	4
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Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025
- Measure: count of unique infringement notices
- Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
- Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, Bicycle
- Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.
- Law Part Codes:
 - '82951' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 10 km/h - Estimated
 - '83168' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 20 km/h - Estimated
 - '87145' - Bicycle rider exceed speed limit
 - '83088' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 10 km/h - Radar
 - '83054' - Class A m/v exceed speed <= 10 km/h - Estimated
 - '83082' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 20 km/h - lidar
 - '83166' - P1 driver exceed speed > 10 km/h - Estimated
 - '82956' - P1 driver exceed speed <= 10 km/h - Estimated
 - '83004' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 20 km/h - Radar
 - '83046' - Class A m/v exceed speed > 10 km/h - School Zone - Estimated
 - '83034' - P2 driver exceed speed > 10 km/h - Estimated
 - '83141' - Class A m/v exceed speed <= 10 km/h - School Zone - Estimate

- (6) Between 1 January 2024 to 22 May 2025 there were no related legal actions recorded for penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for negligent riding in the postcodes specified in the request.

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike or pedal bike users for negligent driving in 2024 and 2025 in NSW:

All NSW	
Legal Action Calendar Year	Count of Infringement Notices
2024	69
2025 (to 22 May 2025)	26

Note:

- Data current to: 22 May 2025
- Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
- Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
- Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, Bicycle
- Incident location: Postcodes specified in request; all of NSW.

- Law Part Codes:
 - '83416' - Ride bicycle negligently
 - '79220' - Negligent driving (no death or grievous bodily harm)
- (7) Policing systems do not distinguish between compliant or non-compliant e-bikes in any extractable field. To determine the number of penalties issued for the use of a non-compliant e-bike would require a significant amount of manual review. The NSW Police Force is unable to provide this information.

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* 4992 SECURITY LICENCE HOLDERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) In the electorate of Holsworthy, how many:
- (a) Class 1A security officer licence holders are there?
 - (b) Class 1B bodyguard licence holders are there?
 - (c) Master licence holders are there?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 1,028
(b) 166
(c) 110

Note:

(1a) & (1b) Data represents the number of licence holders that have a notified residential address within the Holsworthy electorate. Licensees may hold both Class 1 A and 1 B licences.

(1c) Data represents number of licensees that have a notified principal place of business within the Holsworthy electorate.

* 4993 HEATHCOTE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can the Minister advise when the Heathcote Road upgrade between Infantry Parade and The Avenue will be complete?
- (2) When will further information be released regarding the duplication of “key sections” of Heathcote Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW has made significant progress on this project and has progressively completed several sections, including:
- the new bridge over the T8 Airport & South Line, which opened in October 2024.
 - the eastbound bridge over Williams Creek, which was opened to traffic on 16 December 2024.

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- the MacArthur Drive Intersection Upgrade (between Heathcote Road and MacArthur Drive) is finished, providing road users with a new lane. This upgrade is expected to improve traffic flow along the project, particularly during daily peak hours for those accessing Holsworthy Train Station.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2025.

- (2) The key sections of the Heathcote Road Upgrade are available on the Transport for NSW website at <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/heathcote-road-corridor>.

- * 4994 NEW BROKEN HILL FIRE STATION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

In the 2022/23 budget, the Government allocated funds for the reconstruction of the Broken Hill Fire Station. Can you provide an update on the progress of this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW settled on a new site for the Broken Hill Fire Station in late April 2025.

- * 4995 UPGRADE OF LANDFILL SITES TO TRANSFER STATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES—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—

Can the Minister please advise of support and funding available for the upgrade of landfill sites to transfer stations for Aboriginal communities in Barwon as they are not managed by a local government?

Answer—

Round 5 of the Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvement (LCEI) program offered \$6 million to help regional councils, or groups of councils, to improve, consolidate or close landfills in the Regional Levy Area and Non-Levied Area of NSW.

Round 5 Intake 1 of the LCEI program ran from 6 December 2024 to 28 March 2025. Applications are currently being assessed. A further intake may be offered should funding remain available following the announcement of successful applications.

- * 4996 IMPROVEMENT OF ABORIGINAL CEMETERIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Can the Minister please advise of what support is available for Aboriginal communities looking to improve their cemeteries within the Barwon electorate including funding for upgrades and expansion?

Answer—

I am advised:

Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW), the regulator of the interment industry, has published resources tailored to Aboriginal communities. CCNSW has worked closely with Aboriginal communities to develop these resources and maintains a list of registered Aboriginal cemeteries in NSW on its website. It also provides fact sheets to assist communities in understanding cemetery operations, burial arrangements, and the process of establishing or managing a cemetery. These resources aim to support Aboriginal communities in navigating cemetery improvement and expansion. Aboriginal cemetery operators can use the registry to network with other Aboriginal operators, share knowledge and adopt best practices.

* 4997 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER HICKSON ROAD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Who is responsible for delivering the pedestrian bridge over Hickson Road?
- (2) When will designs for the bridge be consulted on ahead of a development application?
- (3) When will designs for the bridge form part of a development application?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Aqualand Australia is responsible for delivering the pedestrian bridge over Hickson Road, from High Street to Central Barangaroo.
- (2) Aqualand will undertake consultation in line with the formal planning process. Aqualand has recently begun engagement with the Millers Point Resident Action Group now that the Central Barangaroo Concept Plan (Modification 9) decision is finalised.
- (3) The pedestrian bridge will be incorporated into future State Significant Development Applications (SSDAs) by Aqualand for Central Barangaroo, which will be placed on public exhibition for public feedback.

* 4998 NEW FISH MARKET FERRY SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich 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 regard to establishing a ferry route between Circular Quay and the New Sydney Fish Market in Blackwattle Bay:

- (1) What consideration has the Government given to including the New Sydney Market Ferry Wharf into the Opal card compatible Sydney Ferries Network?
- (2) How does the Government plan to make the New Sydney Fish Market accessible by ferry and cost effective for residents and visitors?

Answer—

I am advised:

Infrastructure NSW is developing a recreational wharf as part of the broader New Sydney Fish Market redevelopment project. Transport for NSW is currently in discussion with Infrastructure NSW on potential options to deliver a Transport commuter wharf for ferry services.

* 4999 NON-PROFIT OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS (OOSH) CARE PROVIDERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How is the Government ensuring that non-profit Out of School Hours (OOSH) care providers are not penalised through the tender process?
- (2) Has the Government assessed what barriers exist to non-profits being successful tenderers?
 - (a) If yes, what are the barriers and how will the Government address them?
 - (b) If no, will the Government do an assessment?
- (3) Since 2021, what percentage of non-profit providers have been successful in the tendering process?

Answer—

The Department of Education is required to ensure that the procurement of all Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) licence agreements is undertaken in line with the NSW Education Act 1990, the tenets of

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Administrative Law and the Independent Commission Against Corruption's direct negotiations guidelines. OOSH services must be tendered at the expiry of their licence agreement with the department.

The department facilitates guidance through the tender process, via regular industry briefing sessions for all OOSH providers. There is opportunity during and after these sessions for providers to ask questions about the procurement process. The department has also created a comprehensive Guide to OOSH Tendering, which was the topic of industry briefing sessions for all OOSH providers in December 2024.

Tenders are publicly listed on the Buy NSW website at <https://buy.nsw.gov.au/> along with the guide for tendering, to assist OOSH providers with their submission. All tenders submitted by OOSH providers, including non-profit OOSH providers, are evaluated in a fair, ethical, and transparent manner.

When an OOSH tender has been closed and completed, the department offers a debrief session to unsuccessful tenderers. The debrief sessions are intended to support OOSH providers with understanding their tender submission's strengths and areas for improvement. In addition, the tender debrief aims to assist OOSH providers with improving future tender submissions while fostering ongoing relationships.

- * 5000 FURTHER RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 4891, 4893, 4995—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding your response to Questions on Notice 4891, 4893 and 4895, where can the data that the question is seeking be found on Department of Education's Website, namely if, how and when changes have been made to the catchment areas?

Answer—

School catchment areas are publicly available on the Department of Education's School Finder website at www.education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/finding-a-public-school.

- * 5001 FURTHER RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 4713 AND 4898—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With respect to your response to Questions on Notice 4713 and 4898:

- (1) Given that fines of these kinds are issued by local government authorities, why is data not captured according to their issuing authority?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on fines of this type is held by Revenue NSW based on the issuing authority and can be grouped by suburb or postcode.

Within a local government area, there may be several issuing authorities issuing fines. For example, a council or NSW Police. Revenue NSW does not collate data on these fines grouped by local government area.

The answer to Question on Notice 5002 provides the number of fines issued in each of the suburbs listed.

The Revenue NSW website has a broad range of data available to the public broken down by issuing authority, for example, by local council. These are available at www.revenue.nsw.gov.au.

- * 5002 FURTHER RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 4713 AND 4898 (BY AREA)—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

With respect to your response to Questions on Notice 4713 and 4898, could you provide the information requested broke down by the following suburbs and electorates:

- (1) By suburb:
- (a) Castle Hill?
 - (b) Hornsby?
 - (c) Parramatta?
 - (d) Blacktown?
- (2) By electorate:
- (a) Castle Hill?
 - (b) Hornsby?
 - (c) Parramatta?
 - (d) Blacktown?

Answer—

I am advised by Revenue NSW:

With respect to the offence of 'No Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Cross (Regulation 172 of the Road Rules 2014)' how many penalty notices have been issued;

- (1) By suburb:
- (a) Castle Hill
 - 2022/23 - 0
 - 2023/24 - 0
 - 2024/25 - 3
 - (b) Hornsby
 - 2022/23 - 0
 - 2023/24 - 1
 - 2024/25 - 0
 - (c) Parramatta
 - 2022/23 - 194
 - 2023/24 - 39
 - 2024/25 - 62
 - (d) Blacktown
 - 2022/23 - 9
 - 2023/24 - 5
 - 2024/25 - 14

Notes:

- Data as at 16 May 2025
- Data includes Police and Council issued fines.

- (2) (a-d) It is not available by electorate.

How many fines for double parking pursuant to Regulation 189 of the Road Rules 2014 have been issued;

- (1) By suburb:
- (a) Castle Hill
 - 2022/23 - 5

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- 2023/24 - 2
 - 2024/25 - 15
- (b) Hornsby
- 2022/23 - 70
 - 2023/24 - 130
 - 2024/25 - 70
- (c) Parramatta
- 2022/23 - 154
 - 2023/24 - 86
 - 2024/25 - 209
- (e) Blacktown
- 2022/23 - 93
 - 2023/24 - 74
 - 2024/25 - 82

Notes:

- Data as at 16 May 2025
 - Data includes Police and Council issued fines.
- (2) (a-d) It is not available by electorate.

* 5003 OLD NORTHERN ROAD, CHURCH STREET, AND PARSONAGE ROAD, BAULKHAM HILLS—
Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has your department studied the functionality of the intersection of Old Northern Road and Church Street, Castle Hill and also the intersection of Old Northern Road and Church Street Castle Hill?
- (2) Will you consider implementing traffic lights at this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Transport for NSW does not support this proposal due to the proximity to the existing signals at Old Northern Road and Kerrs Road.

* 5004 DIRECT BUS SERVICES BETWEEN KENTHURST AND CASTLE HILL—Mr Mark Hodges 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—

Will Transport for NSW consider the need for more frequent and direct bus services between Kenthurst and Castle Hill?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW regularly monitors the bus network to ascertain how further improvements can be made.

When planning the network, Transport for NSW considers what will deliver the best outcomes for most passengers. It does this through analysing Opal data which shows where and when passengers are travelling, as well as how travel needs are likely to change in the future.

Opportunities to introduce further improvements to bus services between Kenthurst and Castle Hill, will be considered as part of future service planning.

Currently, bus service 639 operates between Kenthurst and Castle Hill. The Sydney Buses Network 639 - Maraylya to Dural and Castle Hill via Kenthurst bus serves 29 bus stops, departing from Kenthurst Road, opposite Pitt Town Road, and ending at Castle Hill Station, Old Northern Road, Stand B.

Further information on this service is available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-buses-network/639/14639>

- * 5005 OLD NORTHERN ROAD AND CROSS STREET, BAULKHAM HILLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the upgrade of the intersection of Old Northern Road and Cross St:

- (1) When is work expected to begin on the installation of traffic lights?
- (2) When is the work expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Construction works are anticipated to commence and complete in 2026.

- * 5006 HUNT LEATHER PTY LTD VS TRANSPORT FOR NSW COST—Ms Eleni Petinos 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—

How much was spent by Transport for NSW on legal fees in the matter Hunt Leather Pty Ltd vs Transport for NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Light Rail Class Action commenced in August 2018. Transport for NSW's primary insurers for the Project confirmed indemnity and took claims control in respect of these proceedings in March 2019. Accordingly, the costs of the proceedings since then have been incurred by the insurers, not Transport for NSW.

- * 5007 SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL BEDS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) As it relates to Sutherland Hospital, could you please provide the following information:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds allocated for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds allocated in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds allocated in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds allocated for inpatient geriatric services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sutherland Hospital website landing page refers to all beds across the hospital:

<https://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/sutherland-hospital>.

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Allocation across geriatric beds and mental health (including adult acute beds and rehabilitation beds) are based on health service planning and community needs.

* 5008 M6 STAGE 1 UPDATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) As it relates to the M6 Stage 1, please provide the following information:
- (a) What is the most up to date estimated cost of the project?
 - (b) What is the total cost of the project so far?
 - (c) What is the dollar value of costs incurred on the project between 2023 to present?
 - (d) What is estimated completion date for the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the M6 Stage 1 project is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website. Financial information on project costs is publicly available in Transport for NSW's Annual Reports.

* 5009 SUTHERLAND SHIRE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) For the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command, please provide the staffing level capacity for each of the following years as a percentage:
- (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2022/23?
 - (e) 2023/24?
 - (f) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is)?
- (2) For the Sutherland Shire Police Area Command, please provide the number of police vacancies for each of the following years:
- (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2022/23?
 - (e) 2023/24?
 - (f) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in its annual reports. All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.

All local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources), which are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to crime patterns and emerging issues.

- * 5010 FIRE ANT DETECTION AND PREVENTION - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you provide an update on fire ant detection and prevention in the Tweed Electorate including the number of inspections and compliance checks?

Answer—

I am advised:

To date, no infestations of red imported fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*) have been detected in the NSW Tweed electorate.

All fire ant nests found in NSW have been destroyed within one day of being reported.

The National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP) has completed one round of broadscale ground-based and aerial baiting treatment out to 5km from the Wardell and Murwillumbah infestation sites. A second round of treatment out to 2km from these infestation sites commenced in March 2025 and is nearing completion. Two further treatment rounds are scheduled for June 2025 and September 2025.

Early detection surveillance is underway in the Tweed Valley, to proactively inspect about 20 high risk sites with suitable habitat for fire ant establishment.

The Department has conducted more than 1,860 fire ant surveillance events, using technical specialists, compliance officers and odour detection dogs.

Operation Victa is an ongoing compliance operation conducted by DPIRD compliance staff with assistance from NSW Police and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to enforce the movement controls that apply to fire ant carriers under the Biosecurity (Fire Ants) Emergency Order.

Two Qld businesses have been separately convicted in the NSW Local Court of illegally moving turf, soil, turf underlay and compost from the Queensland fire ant infested area into NSW.

- * 5011 TICK CONTROL - TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

Can you provide an update on tick control in the Tweed Electorate, particularly in relation to New South Wales/Queensland cross-border compliance?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 29 May 2025 there have been 13 confirmed tick fever cases.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) cattle tick program and Local Land Services District Veterinarians have attended all cases, and all are being managed.

The Department operates 8 border camera sites across the NSW and Queensland border to monitor compliance with movement restrictions in place for cattle tick carriers.

Additionally the Department also undertakes surveillance activities at Agricultural Show events in the Far North East Coast region to inspect for cattle tick and monitor compliance with movement conditions.

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- * 5012 QON 4741 FOLLOW UP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Further to QON 4741:

How many infants and children in postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490 have received the free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) since free immunisation commenced on 17 March 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

In Northern NSW, 71 infants and children have received nirsevimab since 17 March 2025.

- * 5014 FREE JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS VACCINE PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

What is the threshold or trigger for a Local Government Area (LGA) being defined as a high-risk and included in the free Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine program?

Answer—

The ecological risk factors for Japanese encephalitis virus presence are complex. The risk depends on an interplay of factors such as the presence of *Culex* mosquito species, day and night temperatures, land surface temperatures, suitable habitat and presence of wading waterbirds, and commercial and feral pig density.

Due to this complexity, the eligibility criteria for free Japanese encephalitis vaccine in NSW are routinely monitored by a panel of experts and revised on the basis of new evidence to ensure the criteria target people at highest risk of Japanese encephalitis. Any evidence that may change the risk assessment of a geographical region, such as detections of Japanese encephalitis virus or similar flaviviruses, is also considered by the panel.

NSW Health continues to monitor the situation and may revise the eligibility in future.

- * 5015 RESCUED TURTLE NESTS UPDATE—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—

Can you provide an update on the turtle nests rescued from North Coast beaches prior to ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred and the details of all hatchling releases?

Answer—

More than 1000 eggs from nine endangered loggerhead turtle nests were collected ahead of the coastal impacts associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and NSW TurtleWatch. A total of 896 hatchlings from these nests have been returned to the sea.

The success rate of the incubated nests was comparable or higher than nests left to hatch naturally under ideal circumstances.

As of 23 May 2025, 42 eggs from one nest remain in an incubator. The development of embryos is monitored via a developmental calculator based on the temperature of the incubator and the gestation time.

Hatchlings will be released from the beach they were collected from at dusk, or at nightfall, to allow hatchlings to use the light of the moon to guide their journey to sea and to allow them to return to their natal site in the future.

- * 5016 QON 4848 FOLLOW UP—Mr Geoff Provest 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—

Following on from QON 4848 regarding the Queensland and New South Wales Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cross-Border Collaboration:

- (1) Can you provide the link to where this document is published on the Government's website?
- (2) What are the current Priority Focus Areas and Actions identified under this MOU?
- (3) In which annual report is the progress in implementing actions under the MOU captured and can you provide a link to the latest annual report that includes this information?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The renewed MoU is available on the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner's website. See link: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dpird/our-agencies/office-cross-border-commissioner>.
- (2) See answer (1).
- (3) See answer (1).

- * 5017 NORTH COAST RECOVERY ASSISTANCE POINTS - ATTENDANCE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

How many people attended each of the Recovery Assistance Points established on the North Coast following ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred?

Answer—

Four Recovery Assistance Points (RAPs) commenced from 13 March 2025 in Lismore, Tweed Heads, Ballina and Coffs Harbour, with RAPs in Maclean, Bellingen and Grafton following, in response to community need.

RAPs were supplemented by mobile outreach services to smaller communities, from Kyogle through to Dorrigo, to ensure support reached those who need it.

As at 3 April, 7931 people had been supported through a RAP or outreach service.

- * 5018 2025 STREET COUNT - TWEED VALLEY—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, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding the 2025 Street Count:

- (1) Of the 154 people sleeping rough in Tweed Valley, what percentage of people counted were in vehicles and what percentage were in open spaces?

Answer—

I am advised:

Of the 154 people identified as sleeping rough in the Tweed Valley, 71% (110 people) were found sleeping in vehicles, while 18% (28 people) were found in open spaces.

- * 5019 LOW AND MID RISE POLICY—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Did the Department take into account the capacity differences between heavy rail and buses in allocating town centres under the low and mid-rise housing policy?

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- (a) If so, what did that analysis involve?
- (2) Did the Department take into account infrastructure capacity for the low and mid-rise housing policy?
- (a) If so, what did that analysis involve?
- (3) Has the Department estimated the number of dwellings and the increase in population that will result from the low and mid-rise policy?
- (a) If so, what is the predicted increase in population for:
- (i) the whole of NSW over the next 15 years in:
- (A) Residential dwellings?
- (B) Population?
- (ii) the postcode 2103 over the next 15 years in:
- (A) Residential dwellings?
- (B) Population?
- (4) Has the Department of Planning estimated both the potential and likely utilisation of low and mid-rise zoning changes based on commercial development viability and/or other relevant factors?
- (a) If so, what is both the potential and likely utilisation for the Mona Vale town centre?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure undertook a multicriteria analysis to identify appropriate locations that are well-supported by shops, amenities, public transport and infrastructure. The analysis considered factors such as:
- public transport service frequency across all modes, including trains and buses
 - connectivity to major centres via public transport
 - proximity to shops, services and jobs
 - existing and planned capacity of essential infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer services
 - natural hazards and constraints, such as flooding and bushfire risk.
- The Department also engaged with key State infrastructure agencies, including Transport for NSW and Sydney Water.
- (2) Refer to response to Question (1).
- (3) The Department estimates an additional 112,000 homes by June 2029 as a result of the Low and Mid-Rise Housing policy. The Department does not have dwelling completion forecasts by postcode.
- (4) While high-level feasibility testing informed the development of the policy, the Department has not undertaken detailed utilisation forecasts for individual centres including Mona Vale. Actual take-up will vary depending on a wide range of factors including local market conditions, economic conditions and land ownership patterns.

* 5020 NUMBER OF HOUSES IN PITTWATER—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many houses, apartments and other residential buildings are there in total in the following suburbs:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
 - (j) 2097?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics' website at <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder>.

* 5021 NUMBER OF CARS IN PITTWATER—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many vehicles are currently registered in the following suburbs:
- (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
 - (j) 2097?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

* 5022 NEW AMBULANCE ROSTERING SYSTEM AND ZONE IMPACTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How has the new Ambulance rostering system (removing on-call shifts) improved patient outcomes?

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- (2) Has the Southern 1a zone improved response times?
- (3) Has any other regional zones improved response times?

Answer—

I am advised:

Recent investments in the regional paramedic workforce have reduced the number of on-call shifts worked by paramedics.

The NSW Auditor General's report identified that recent investments in the regional paramedic workforce have allowed NSW Ambulance to reduce its use of on-call rostering to improve the working conditions of regional paramedics.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data, including response times, is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website.

- * 5023 HUME HIGHWAY AND GOLDEN VALE ROAD INTERSECTION—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the Hume Highway and Golden Vale Road Intersection in Goulburn:

- (1) How many traffic incidents have occurred at this intersection in the past 5 years?
- (2) Has the Government investigated safety management or upgrading this intersection?
- (3) Does the present layout of the intersection meet current road safety standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 2019 and 2023, two incidents occurred at this intersection, with one resulting in serious injuries, and another was a towaway crash with no casualties. Preliminary crash data for 2024 indicates no fatal crashes were reported at this intersection.
- (2) Transport for NSW is conducting a comprehensive corridor assessment and management strategy for the entire length of the Hume Highway. This intersection is included in the assessment and will be thoroughly investigated as part of this process.
- (3) The existing layout of the intersection generally aligns with the standard rural two-stage crossing intersection design, as detailed in the Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections (Section 7.3.1 Two Stage crossing on a rural road).

- * 5024 HUMELINK PROJECT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding the Humelink Project:

- (1) What steps is the Government taking to ensure its energy infrastructure decisions are based on accurate, up-to-date technical advice and costings, rather than unverified figures or pressure from vested interests?
- (2) Has there been any review or reconsideration of any inherited assumptions about HumeLink's overhead delivery method?
- (3) Did Transgrid understate the full project cost by over \$1 billion due to the exclusion of essential grid-stabilising infrastructure?
 - (a) If so, does the Government plan to re-evaluate its decision to approve an overhead HumeLink?

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- (4) Has the Government considered independently costed underground alternatives as a viable option for delivering HumeLink?
- (5) What independent cost verification was undertaken by the Government before accepting Transgrid's estimate of \$4.9 billion for the overhead HumeLink?
- (6) Was the original Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) estimate of \$1.7 billion revisited?
- (a) If not, why?
- (7) Has the Government commissioned or received any independent analysis of bushfire risks associated with overhead high-voltage transmission infrastructure?
- (8) Does the Government plan to continue to support an overhead option?
- (a) What community consultation has occurred following the updated costings and safety data?
- (b) Do affected communities see the overhead option as unsafe, unreliable, intrusive, or financially questionable?
- (c) Are there any more cost-effective and community supported underground alternatives?
- (d) Does the Government plan to engage meaningfully with affected communities before construction proceeds?
- (9) To what extent did legacy positions taken by previous ministers, such as former Energy Minister Matt Kean, influence the Government's decision-making process?

Answer—

- (1) The development of Humelink commenced under the previous government, however the NSW Government is not responsible for any investment decisions regarding Humelink. The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has independently examined Humelink's costs through three contingent project application processes and has made determinations on prudent and efficient budget allocations for the project.
- (2) Humelink is being delivered by Transgrid, which was privatised by the previous government. There have been two Parliamentary Inquiries on the feasibility of undergrounding transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects, with a specific focus on Humelink.
- (3) The NSW Government is not responsible for approving the project's design or cost. The Australian Energy Regulator is responsible for assessing and approving the costs that can be recovered from electricity consumers for public transmission infrastructure projects being delivered under the national electricity regulatory regime.
- (4) See response to question 2.
- (5) The NSW Government does not have a role in accepting project costs for these projects. The Australian Energy Regulator is responsible for assessing and approving the costs that can be recovered from electricity consumers for public transmission infrastructure projects being delivered under the national electricity regulatory regime.
- (6) The original cost estimates for Humelink have been revisited on several occasions by both Transgrid and AER.
- (7) The NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects, concluded that overhead transmission lines do not pose a material bushfire ignition risk, and that current risk management procedures are appropriate.
- The second Inquiry also examined bushfire risks in its scope of work and reached no findings that contradicted the Standing Committee's assessment.
- (8) Yes.

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- (a) Transgrid continue to engage closely with host communities and landholders throughout the development of the Humelink project.
 - (b) The Environmental Impact Statement exhibition period provides the opportunity for landowners and community members to formally express their views on transmission projects. Following the consultation period for Hume Link, Transgrid prepared a comprehensive submissions report addressing all material issues raised by community members. This report is publicly available on the NSW planning portal.
 - (c) None were identified in the feasibility assessment of undergrounding options commissioned by Transgrid in 2022, or through the two Parliamentary Inquiries into the feasibility of undergrounding transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects.
 - (d) As part of the NSW Government's planning approval for Humelink, Transgrid is required to continue to engage with local communities, and to develop a Social Impact Management Plan that includes specific measures to address community concerns and minimize disruption to local residents and businesses.
- (9) The development of Humelink commenced when the previous government was in office. NSW is lucky to have a bipartisan plan to transform the state's electricity system, the Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, which was passed with overwhelming support by the NSW Parliament in 2020.

* 5025 HYDROGEOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT - VEOLIA—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the hydrogeological risk assessment for the 2024 Pollution Reduction Program for Woodlawn Landfill licence for Veolia:

- (1) How is the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) assessing cumulative and long-term risks, particularly given the persistence and mobility of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) compounds in the environment?
- (2) What environmental safeguards were implemented to prevent ecological harm in these waterways?
- (3) What criteria will be used in the EPA's May 2025 surface and groundwater monitoring program to determine whether further regulatory or remediation action is required?
- (4) How many additional groundwater bores will Veolia be required to install, and will the results of the expanded monitoring program be made public?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is requiring the licensee to complete a pollution reduction program (PRP) to address the recommendations of the Hydrogeological Risk Assessment (HRA) and surface water sampling results. This PRP will investigate mitigation measures for pollutants potentially leaving the premises, including PFAS compounds. The EPA is also undertaking a surface water sampling program to assist in understanding the environmental and public health risks of PFAS compounds in the vicinity of the premises. The results of this sampling program will be made publicly available.
- (2) The EPA has not authorised discharge of any waters from the Woodlawn Landfill into nearby waterways. The environment protection licence for the premises currently includes extensive environmental monitoring. The pollution reduction program that will be placed on the environment protection licence will include a further sampling program to assess environmental risk and harm, and require Veolia to submit a remediation action plan to prevent, minimise or remove contamination.

- (3) The EPA's sampling program of May 2025 will sample the same parameters as its previous surface water sampling program. Details of these parameters, and the latest results are available on the EPA website.
- (4) The number and location of new groundwater monitoring bores will be based on the recommendations of the HRA and will be included in the pollution reduction program. It is expected that groundwater monitoring results that are collected as part of the pollution reduction program will be made publicly available.

* 5026 MARULAN GAS FIRED POWER STATION PROJECT—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station Project:

- (1) Did the Department of Planning approve an extension to the lapse date for the Marulan Gas Fired Power Station project without any public exhibition or direct community notification, particularly for residents living within one kilometre of the site?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (2) What accountability mechanisms are in place to ensure communities are made aware of significant project timeline changes that affect their environment and amenity?
- (3) Are there requirements for at least 30 days of public exhibition for the forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or direct written notification to all residents within one kilometre of the project site?
- (4) What assessment has been undertaken of the potential air quality and public health impacts of the proposed gas-fired power station on nearby residents, and how will these be independently monitored?
- (5) How does continued support for new gas infrastructure, such as the Marulan power station, align with New South Wales' decarbonisation commitments and the broader economic risk of investing in potentially stranded assets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure granted a two-year extension for the proponent to physically commence this State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) project. There were no other changes to the project. This extension provides Energy Australia with sufficient time to prepare a further modification application proposing changes to power station configuration based on contemporary design and standards. The Department will publicly exhibit this future modification.
- (2) Where there are significant changes to SSI projects requiring a modification to the approval, the Department would usually publicly exhibit these applications. This provides the public with the opportunity to make submissions on the proposed changes. It should be noted that there are no mandatory exhibition requirements for SSI modifications.
- (3) Energy Australia has not yet formally lodged a scoping letter to the Department that would trigger the preparation of a modification report. However, the Department anticipates that a modification application will be lodged and publicly exhibited for a minimum of 14 days. The Department would also notify surrounding landowners of the modification application.
- (4) The project's original environmental impact assessment included an air quality impact assessment. The Department would require an updated air quality impact assessment to be undertaken for any proposed changes to the power station.

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The Department would also consult the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), which would provide independent expert advice consistent with EPA guidelines.

- (5) Gas-fired power remains a critical component of the energy mix, providing firming power to support the transition to renewable energy, which is a shared objective of the whole NSW Parliament with the passage of the Climate Change (Net Zero Future) Act 2023.

* 5027 CHANGES TO TRANSPORT FOR NSW CONCESSION ARRANGEMENTS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has the \$2.50 regional fare for seniors increased to \$5.00, for the Goulburn to Canberra commute via the Trainlink Service?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) What consultation was undertaken with affected communities before this change was implemented?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW removed the 12-month regional travel pass option for regular commuters?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) What is the rationale for limiting passes to 30 days?
- (3) What mechanisms are in place to ensure regional communities are not disproportionately impacted by fare increases and changes to concession arrangements?
- (4) If (1) and (2) are affirmative, is there any financial hardship assistance or fare relief available for regional passengers adversely affected by these recent fare and ticketing policy changes?
- (5) If (1) and (2) are affirmative, how do these changes align with the Government's commitment to improving accessibility and equity in regional transport services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There has been no change to NSW Trainlink pension and senior concessions fares, including the country pension excursion fare, which remains at \$2.50.
- (2 - 5) The Discovery Passes are established to support regional growth and travellers wanting to explore over 365 destinations across NSW, Victoria, Queensland, and the ACT.

With the introduction of a new booking system, the sale of the 3-month and 6-month Discovery Pass products are paused. The 14-day and 1-month passes remain available for sale, online only.

The pause does not impact concession entitlements, so Pensioners and Seniors can continue to access concession fares.

* 5028 GOULBURN URGENT CARE SERVICE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has a viable long-term contract been secured for the Goulburn urgent care service?
- (2) What specific steps were/are being taken by NSW Health to support the operator and ensure service continuity?
- (3) What immediate support is being offered to address the staffing shortfalls and high practitioner costs that are threatening these services, not just in Goulburn but in Armidale and elsewhere?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW is collaborating with the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (COORDINARE) to support the continuous delivery of Urgent Care Services in the Goulburn region.

NSW Health remains committed to collaborating with the Australian Government to strengthen the rural health workforce across NSW.

* 5029 DESTINATION NSW—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What guidelines does Destination NSW (DNSW) have in place to support events that are in the early stages of planning but scheduled several years into the future?
- (2) Does DNSW consider multi-year funding commitments or expressions of interest to provide certainty for major events that require long lead times to secure venues or infrastructure?
- (3) How does DNSW assess funding applications for events occurring beyond the current financial year, and are there provisions for conditional approvals or planning support?
- (4) What mechanisms are in place to ensure DNSW maintains a pipeline of long-lead events, particularly those that could significantly boost regional visitation and economic activity?
- (5) How does DNSW ensure equitable access to funding for regional communities?
 - (a) Is consideration given to events that require associated infrastructure upgrades or council support that may take years to coordinate and deliver?
- (6) Has DNSW funded or contributed to competitive bid processes for international or national events that require formal submissions years ahead of the proposed event date?
 - (a) If so, what is the process for consideration?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Information regarding Destination NSW event investment processes is available at www.destinationnsw.com.au/events/event-investment.
- (2) Yes. Event investment processes include provision for multi-year funding to support the event owner in securing venues. Destination NSW does not provide investment to support the development of physical infrastructure.
- (3) While Destination NSW considers event investment proposals for events taking place beyond the current financial year, it does not provide conditional approvals. Destination NSW employs a team of event development specialists who provide advice and support on event planning and delivery.
- (4) Destination NSW is in regular discussion with event stakeholders to identify, attract and nurture events that provide economic and/or strategic benefits to Sydney and regional NSW to create a dynamic, year-round calendar of signature events statewide that spans all seasons.
The Regional Event Fund comprises three streams (Incubator, Flagship and Event Development) that support events from establishment through all stages of growth to become major events for regional NSW. The Event Development stream is the final stage in this program and is focussed on supporting the strategic development of established events as tourism drivers.
- (5) Destination NSW invests in events that deliver significant and measurable outcomes for the state. Event process information published at www.destinationnsw.com.au/events/event-investment and www.destinationnsw.com.au/destination-nsw-business-support/grants-and-funding outlines the benefits that events must deliver to NSW.
 - (a) Destination NSW does not invest in physical infrastructure.
- (6) Yes.

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- (a) Destination NSW acts in a central coordination capacity to gain cross government approval to participate in competitive bid processes.

* 5030 EPPING LIFT ON BEECROFT ROAD - MAINTENANCE 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—

In relation to Epping Lift on Beecroft Road, also known as Lift 4:

- (1) What has been the total cost of maintenance of the lift at Epping Station on Beecroft Road (Lift 4) between 1 April 2023 and 1 May 2025?
- (2) What is the average cost of maintenance for Transport for NSW lifts at train stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is commercial-in-confidence.

* 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—

In relation to the Epping Lift on Beecroft Road, also known as Lift 4:

- (1) What is the estimated cost of replacing Lift 4?
- (2) When was the last time that Lift 4 was replaced?
- (3) What are the necessary steps that are taken prior to a decision being made about replacing a lift?
- (4) Since January 2023, how many times has a planned replacement of a lift at a Transport for NSW train station been referred?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The estimated cost of replacing Lift 4 is \$550,000, subject to specifications and market tender.
- (2) The lift has never been replaced since it was first registered in 2005.
- (3) Transport for NSW maintains the two lifts over Beecroft Road (Lifts 3 and 4) as part of the Road Network Maintenance, while the lifts within Epping train station are maintained by Sydney Trains.

For Lift 3 and 4, Transport for NSW has established a state-wide lift replacement program for lifts in the road network. These are prioritised based on the failure rates, increased cost of maintenance/faults and utilisation levels/impact to community.

Transport for NSW is aware of the issues with the lifts at Epping Station and it is anticipated the lift will be replaced in the next 12 to 18 months.

- (4) The replacement of Epping Lifts 3 and 4 have been deferred once. Based on an assessment of the faults, the doors were identified to be the main point of failures. As a result of this, Transport for NSW initially undertook replacement of the doors. Following the door replacement, there have been three failures:

- 28 August 2024- door failure due to post-construction defect
- 19 February 2025 - door failure due to misalignment from suspected vandalism
- 27 February 2025 - door failure due to misalignment from previous vandalism.

These failures were considered as part of the decision to replace the lifts.

- * 5032 BUS CONNECTIONS IN NORTH ROCKS AND CARLINGFORD—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 North Rocks and Carlingford:

- (1) Are there any plans to provide more bus connections between Carlingford Light Rail and Epping Metro for residents in North Rocks and/or Carlingford?
- (2) Has any consideration been given to demand for and feasibility of additional bus connections?
- (3) Are there any plans to provide additional bus services to connect the suburbs of Carlingford and North Rocks to the Carlingford Light Rail and/or to buses departing on the M2?

Answer—

I am advised:

Bus routes 546 and 550 connect these two stops from bus stop number 211840, located directly across from the Carlingford Light Rail stop. In late 2024, the off peak and weekend frequency of Route 546 was increased from 60 minutes to every 30 minutes. Route 550 operates every 10 minutes during weekday peak periods, every 15 minutes during weekday off-peak periods and every 20 minutes on weekends.

Transport for NSW is developing a Medium-term bus plan to identify bus service needs and opportunities for the next decade. A connection between Carlingford and Epping will be considered as part of that planning.

- * 5033 EPPING METRO - PASSENGER DATA—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 Epping Metro:

- (1) Since 1 October 2024, what has been the daily average number of people who tap on at Epping Train Station?
- (2) What proportion of these passengers use a metro service?
- (3) What proportion of these passengers use a rail service?
- (4) In relation to question (2) above, does the proportion of passengers using a metro service exceed expected passenger numbers?
- (5) In relation to question (4) if the answer is yes, by how much?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 1 October 2024 to 30 April 2025, the weekday daily average number of passenger trips that originated from Epping Train Station was 12,405.
- (2) 69 per cent of these passenger trips used a metro service.
- (3) 31 per cent of these passenger trips used a train service.
- (4 - 5) Prior to the opening of the city extension, a forecast of more than 264,000 trips was expected to be taken on the M1 Line from Tallawong to Sydenham on a typical weekday.

Since opening on 19 August 2024, an average of 217,000 passengers travel on the M1 Line on an average weekday. Note: 220,000 trips if Mondays, Fridays and public holidays are excluded.

Since its opening, the M1 Line has delivered 45.6 million passenger trips, as of the end of April 2025, and has maintained an overall customer satisfaction index of 98 per cent, as of November 2024.

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The forecast of 264,000 trips on a typical weekday is a steady-state forecast. Sydney Metro is currently averaging at 243,000 trips for weekdays in March 2025. If Mondays and Fridays are excluded, this increases to 260,000 trips, which is very close to the forecast, also noting that March is typically the busiest month of the year.

- * 5034 BUS SERVICES FROM NORTH EPPING (BUS SERVICE 295)—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 Services from North Epping (Bus Service 295):

- (1) Since 1 October 2024, what has been the daily average number of people who tap on to the 295 bus service during peak periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 1 October 2024 to 30 April 2025, the weekday daily average number of passengers who tapped on to the 295 bus service was 191 during the morning peak period (6am to 10am) and 226 during the afternoon peak period (3pm to 7pm).

- * 5035 WAYSIDE MONITORING SYSTEM PROCESSES—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—

- (1) What percentage of trains that pass-through Beecroft (south-bound), within a day, get their angle of attack measured at the Wayside Monitoring System at Beecroft?
- (2) What percentage of these tested trains at the Wayside Monitoring System at Beecroft comply with within the regulated parameters for an acceptable angle of attack/sound pressure level under the Environment Protection Licence for Sydney Trains?
- (3) If a train is identified as not meeting the acceptable angle of attack/sound pressure level under the Environment Protection Licence, what action does the Government take in relation to such non-compliance?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Condition 04 of Environment Protection Licence 12208 (EPL 12208) issued by the NSW Environment Protection Agency to Sydney Trains requires that the Angle of Attack monitoring system at Beecroft "continuously monitor Angle of Attack of the wheelsets of freight wagons". Within a day, typically around 99.7 per cent of reported freight trains that pass southbound through the Wayside Monitoring System get their Angle of Attack (AoA) measured.
- (2) The EPL12208 definition of an Acceptable AoA at the Beecroft Wayside Monitoring System is equivalent to 15 milliradians or less. Based on AoA data recorded between 1 March 2025 and 30 April 2025, 29.7 per cent of the reported freight trains have one or more axle exceeding the Acceptable AoA. The number of freight trains exceeding the Acceptable AoA is understandably higher than the number of wagons axles, as it only takes one non-compliant axle to count a whole train. In terms of wagon axles, there are 1.15 per cent of all included axles that exceeded the Acceptable AoA of 15 milliradians at Beecroft.

There is no requirement for an Acceptable Sound Pressure Level in the EPL 12208.

- (3) Data from Sydney Trains' AoA monitoring system at Beecroft shows a significant reduction in non-compliant wagon AoAs in recent years. By 2024, non-compliant wagon AoAs are about 20 per cent of what they were in 2021. The number of severe squeal events has also decreased by a similar percent since 2021.

Transport for NSW has taken the following actions:

- Worked closely with industry on extensive research to develop low-cost solutions for rectifying poor steering freight wagons.
- Supported freight operators with lab and on-track testing of wagon rectifications.
- Published technical papers with freight operators to share industry knowledge on proven rectifications; and
- Developed and implemented data sharing tools to assist with tracking freight operator progress of wagon rectifications and their compliance with the Angle of Attack requirements.

* 5036 QON 4531 FOLLOW UP—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—

Given the Minister's advice that there are 4,000 tap ons each weekday at Cherrybrook Metro Station, and there are only 700 tap offs from bus services connecting at Cherrybrook Metro Station:

- (1) Does the Minister intend to improve frequency and travel times for busses connecting from parts of Cherrybrook, West Pennant Hills and surrounding suburbs to Cherrybrook Metro Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is preparing a medium-term bus plan. This plan will identify bus service needs and opportunities across Sydney and NSW over the next decade. As part of this planning, Transport for NSW will consider enhancements to bus services that support access to the Sydney train network, including those operating to Metro stations such as Cherrybrook.

* 5037 LAND OPPOSITE CHERRYBROOK METRO STATION—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Is the land opposite Cherrybrook Metro Station managed by Landcom, currently vacant, and unlikely to be used in the short to medium term?
- (a) If so, has the Government considered instructing and encouraging Landcom to open this land for parking for commuters seeking to access Cherrybrook Metro Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.

* 5038 M1 (SECTION ADJACENT TO EXCELSIOR ROAD) - NOISE POLLUTION—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

I refer to the section of the M1 adjacent to Excelsior Road, Mount Colah and the significant noise pollution impacting local residents:

- (1) Has the Government considered constructing a noise barrier on the Western side of this section of the M1?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of any works to be undertaken to improve abatement of noise on this section of the M1?

Answer—

I am advised:

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There is an existing noise wall on the Western side of the M1 at this location. There are no plans for additional measures under the Noise Abatement Program at this location.

Information about the Noise Abatement Program is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/environment-and-heritage/reducing-road-traffic-noise/noise-abatement>.

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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?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) LLS' large scale pest control programs are prioritised based on pest density and asset protection. Primary producers are actively involved in Authorised Campaigns through the coordinated vertebrate pest control programs delivered by Local Land Services across NSW. Primary producers take part in integrated programs like the Feral Pig and Pest Program, and contribute by carrying out coordinated ground shooting, trapping, and baiting activities on their own properties and neighbouring holdings.

For further information, an Authorised Campaign is defined as:

- (i) A campaign coordinated or conducted by or on behalf of a prescribed government agency or public authority - such as Local Land Services (LLS); and
- (ii) Involves the active participation of group of 5 or more holdings of different ownership; and
- (iii) Be a Feral Animal Aerial Shooting Team (FAAST or CAST) program planned and coordinated by LLS (within the previous 12 months from receiving the request for information from the NSW Firearms Registry); or
- (iv) Be an integrated control approach utilising two or more of the following control tools (within the previous 12 months from receiving the request for information from the NSW Firearms Registry):
 - Trapping,
 - 1080/sodium nitrate poisoning,
 - Ground shooting, and/or
 - Aerial shooting.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. The policy is mandatory and applies to the procurement of all goods and services (excluding construction) by a NSW Government agency, defined by section 162 of the Public Works and Procurement Act 1912.

In November 2023, the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement directed the NSW Procurement Board to issue Procurement Board Direction 2023-03 Procurement opportunities for small (and medium) businesses.

The Direction authorises NSW Government agencies to negotiate directly with small and medium-sized businesses for contracts valued up to \$250,000, an increase from \$150,000.

The Direction also requires agencies to ease insurance requirements for small businesses which are no longer required to submit proof of insurance when they tender. Instead, proof of insurance will only be required when a contract is awarded.

Further, in September 2024 the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement directed NSW Procurement to issue Procurement Board Direction 2024-02 Increasing opportunities for local suppliers to supply to government.

This Direction requires agencies to identify local suppliers before going to tender for contracts worth more than \$7.5 million, and to report on an 'if not, why not' basis, why a NSW-based supplier was not successful if one was available.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible students with free travel between their home address and their enrolled school, and only covers trips to and from school. For example, the free travel does not cover journeys for excursions, sporting events, and before or after school care. The SSTS does cover circumstances where a student has two residential addresses due to shared custody, and provides flexible arrangements to cover free travel between these two residential addresses and the enrolled school.

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Travel for any journeys outside of the free travel covered by the SSTS requires a Child/Youth ticket to be purchased. On booked Trainlink services, families may also be eligible to purchase a discounted booked ticket using either the \$1 Child or Family fare to cover journeys ineligible for coverage by the SSTS.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) advises that information on the percentage of crime in an area related to drug use or drug dependence is not available. However, statistics are available about the rates of crime across local government areas (LGAs) in NSW, including Griffith, which can be found on the BOCSAR website here: <https://bocsar.nsw.gov.au/statistics-dashboards/open-datasets/local-area-rankings.html>.
- (a) While the NSW Government cannot confirm any further expansion of the Drug Court into Griffith at this time I am pleased to report there are existing and new services operating across NSW to ensure that people at risk of harm from alcohol and drug use have access to support and treatment.

As part of the response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug Ice, \$358 million over four years was allocated to NSW Health for new programs and enhancing existing services across NSW. These are delivered by public sector, non-government organisations (NGOs) and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs).

In the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, in which Griffith is located, this includes:

- \$4 million over four years for the Salvation Army to provide an Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Hub in Wagga Wagga. The hubs are a new approach to service delivery, bringing together multiple agencies working in partnership to provide tailored treatment and care to help people address their substance use as well as broader health and social needs in a coordinated way targeted to priority populations.
- \$2 million over four years for Directions Health to provide community-based withdrawal management, case management and counselling for priority populations.
- \$4.2 million over four years for Karralika Programs to provide day rehabilitation and/or counselling for young people aged 12-17 years and young adults aged 18-24 years in Wagga Wagga and Griffith.
- \$2.4 million over four years for the Post Custodial Support Program, including for Aboriginal people, delivered by Directions Health and Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation.
- \$4.3 million per year to expand a range of integrated AOD treatment and support services delivered by the District.
- The Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) Program is a voluntary pre plea program for adults in the NSW Local Court who have issues related to their alcohol and/or other drug use. MERIT provides access to a range of AOD treatment services for 12 weeks while court matters are adjourned. MERIT is an inter-agency partnership between NSW Health, DCJ and NSW Police. MERIT is available at 82 Local Courts in NSW, including the Griffith, Leeton and Narrandera Local Courts.

The NSW Government is committed to improving health impacts for people affected by drug use and, as part of that commitment held the NSW Drug Summit 2024. On 3 April 2025, the NSW Government received the 'Report on the 2024 New South Wales Drug Summit',

authored by co-chairs the Hon Carmel Tebbutt and John Brogden AM. The Report has put forward 56 recommendations.

The NSW Government is considering the findings of the report and will respond in due course. The NSW Government's media release relating to receipt of the report can be found here: https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20250403_01.aspx.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the PTS is available on the NSW Health website.

NSW Health is working to expand PTS, consistent with the NSW Government response to the Inquiry into Health Outcomes and Access to Health and Hospital Services in Rural, Regional and Remote NSW.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) Transport for NSW has a statutory obligation to ensure all road users are medically fit and competent to drive. To assist with this requirement, Transport for NSW has adopted the national medical standards “Assessing Fitness to Drive”. This is a joint publication of Austroads and the National Transport Commission and was first published in 1998.

The medical standards have been developed in consultation with specialised medical colleges and expert health professionals and are adopted by all licensing jurisdictions and medical practitioners in Australia. They provide specific medical criteria a driver must comply with if they have a serious or long-term condition, as detailed in the Assessing Fitness to Drive publication, which is publicly available on the Austroads website: (www.austroads.com.au).

Assessing Fitness to Drive provides two sets of medical standards for driver licensing; private driver standards and commercial vehicle driver standards. The medical standards for commercial vehicle drivers are more stringent than the private standards to reflect the increased risk associated with motor vehicle crashes involving such vehicles.

In Australia there are national licence classes. The different licence classes for driving or riding may be found on the NSW Government website: ([Licence classes | NSW Government](#)). The Assessing Fitness to Drive publication outlines the applicable medical standards that apply to each class of vehicle. In relation to a Class MR (medium rigid) licence, commercial medical standards apply.

It should also be noted that Clause 60 of The Road Transport (Driver Licensing) Regulation 2017 provides that Transport for NSW may, by notice, require the holder of a driver licence, within a time specified in the notice, to undergo a medical examination conducted in accordance with Assessing Fitness to Drive, by a medical practitioner or allied professional practitioner, or produce evidence of compliance with the medical standards set out in that publication, to determine the holder's medical fitness to hold a driver licence or a licence of a particular class.

- (b) Medical, legal, and social developments require that the medical criteria within the Assessing Fitness to Drive guidelines are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure they are accurate and reflect current practice.

When reviewing the standards, the National Transport Commission considers feedback from stakeholders, including medical professionals and expert consultants. All updated standards are approved by Commonwealth, State, and territory transport ministers. The most recent edition of Assessing Fitness to Drive was published in 2022.

Prior to publication, a draft form of the revised guidelines was open for public consultation in May 2021. Doctors, other health professionals, members of the public, consumer groups, commercial operators and drivers, transport peak bodies and governments submitted comments to the draft guidelines.

The following organisations contributed to and endorsed the current medical standards:

- Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine
- Australasian Sleep Association
- Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists
- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Australian Diabetes Society
- Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand
- Occupational Therapy Australia
- Royal Australian College of Physicians.

In addition, the publication is an accepted clinical resource of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

- (c) Commercial medical standards apply to any licence holder driving a Class MR vehicle. The medical standards for commercial vehicle drivers are more stringent than the private standards to reflect the increased risk associated with motor vehicle crashes involving such vehicles of larger mass and size.

The commercial vehicle driver standards acknowledge and allow for the variability in risk among different commercial vehicle drivers. For example, the licence status of a farmer requiring a commercial vehicle licence for the occasional use of a heavy vehicle on their own property may be quite different from that of an interstate vehicle driver.

The examining health professional should bear this in mind when examining a patient and when providing advice to the driver licensing authority so that a conditional licence may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Co-Chairs delivered the Drug Summit report to the NSW Government on 3 April 2025. The report includes 56 priority actions across 12 overarching topics including the service system, prevention and early intervention, family and community support, Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing and cultural safety, stigma, harm reduction, workforce and the criminal justice system.

The NSW Government is carefully considering the findings and will respond in due course.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Agriculture Commissioner meets with the Minister and her office to discuss various issues affecting the agriculture sector in NSW.
- (2) The NSW Agriculture Commissioner is aware of the policy and regulatory settings regarding water due to a series of regional visits and meetings with farmers, producers, NSW Farmers, and industry bodies.
- (3) See above.

- * 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?

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- (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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

NSW Ambulance incident management system does not collect or report on complaints on a town or suburb basis. A review of complaints since January 2022 for NSW Ambulance stations close to Moama indicates a total of 8 complaints, all of which were associated with care and treatment.

NSW Health does not receive or monitor data regarding complaints about Ambulance Victoria, which may also service Moama.

- * 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?
- (2) How many megalitres have been accessed by regulated river (general security) access licence holders under these supplementary flow notices?

Answer—

I am advised for New South Wales:

- (1) Regulated River (General Security) licence holders do not access supplementary flows. When periods of supplementary access are announced, holders of General Security licences may, under some circumstances, and in select valleys, pump water without debiting their account during these periods. This extraction is called uncontrolled flow.

If these questions relate to uncontrolled flow, there have been 62 (general security) licence holders access uncontrolled flow (noting that this number is provisional until the close of the 2024/25 water year and may be subject to change).

- (2) In any water year, the total amount of water permitted to be taken from uncontrolled flows by each regulated river (general security) access licence is determined according to the rules of the relevant Water Sharing Plan.

A total of 10,040 megalitres of uncontrolled flow has been accessed by regulated river (general security) access licence holders in the current water year (noting that this is a provisional balance until the close of 2024/25 the water year and is subject to change).

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Staffing levels are determined by a hospital's peer grouping and the complexity of services provided. Nurse staffing levels are reviewed annually in accordance with activity and aged care requirements.

As at April 2025, 7 nursing and clinical staff are employed at Hay Hospital through agency contracts. There are 19 permanent and 14 casual staff. A total of 22 nursing and clinical staff work across multiple health facilities. 34.38% of Hay Hospital staff share roles with another health service

The nurse practitioner roster is currently being reviewed following the recruitment of a new nurse practitioner. The Deniliquin cluster of 4 Multipurpose Services, which includes Hay, has 1.5 FTE Rural Generalist Nurse Practitioner included in the staffing profile. 1.0 FTE Nurse Practitioner was vacant for more than 3 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?

Answer—

- (1) Four (4).
- (2) The Minister receives advice on a range of biosecurity matters from the Independent Commissioner.
- (3) See answer (3).

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* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The noise camera trial will conclude in late 2025.
- (2) A report will be submitted to Government at the conclusion of the trial for consideration of next steps.
- (3) An expansion of the trial may be considered once the trial is complete and the technology has been evaluated.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is a range of financial assistance options available to victim-survivors of domestic and family violence (DFV) including those who plan to leave a violent relationship.

Through the NSW Government, financial assistance up to a total value of \$5,000 is available through the Immediate Needs Support Package. The package supports victim survivors with costs related to relocation and storage, rent, household items, security, and clothing and toiletries.

In addition, NSW Government funded DFV services, including Staying Home Leaving Violence and women's refuges, provide brokerage assistance that may be used to cover expenses to enhance a clients' safety and wellbeing. Brokerage is flexible and designed to purchase goods or services to support a client to achieve their goals and should be provided as one of a range of strategies identified in a client's case management plan to address their needs.

Specialist DFV service providers also provide support to women without their own bank account, or for those who are concerned that their bank account may not be secure, by going over available options and facilitating a referral to a financial counsellor or legal service for advice where required.

On 1 July 2025, the Australia Government will start the Leaving Violence Program. This program will provide financial assistance to victim-survivors and combines the payments currently available under:

- The Escaping Violence Payment program, which provides financial assistance and access to goods and services up to a total value of \$5,000, as well as other wraparound support for eligible applicants.
- The Australian Red Cross DFV Financial Assistance program, which provides financial assistance up to a total value of \$5,000 to people on temporary visas, or with uncertain visa status, who are living in Australia and have experienced DFV.

The Australian Government also provides a one-off crisis payment available through Services Australia if people have experienced an extreme circumstance and are in severe financial hardship, including those experiencing DFV.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Local Health District provides a comprehensive list of the executive team on its website at slhd.health.nsw.gov.au/organisation/executive. The District is updating the website and this will include an organisational chart by mid-June 2025.

* 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?

Answer—

The former Liberal National Government oversaw a teacher shortage crisis with vacancies hitting a record high of 3,311 in late 2022. During this time, the former Education Minister described the unprecedented number of teacher vacancies as a "beat-up", "a myth" and "not something I'm overly concerned about".

Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government ended the former Liberal National Governments' 12-year suppression of teachers' wages and delivered the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation, taking NSW teachers from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. As a result, we are seeing positive signs of improvements with NSW schools starting the 2025 school year with 1,294 vacancies.

It is disappointing that the Liberal and National Parties do not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government's decision to lift teachers' wages and promised to bring back the wages' cap.

For data showing the positive signs of improvement, please refer to LA QoN 5111.

* 5055 FISHING AT LOCAL WHARVES—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?

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- (b) Drummoyne Wharf?
- (c) Chiswick Wharf?
- (2) If not, why not?

*The title of this question on notice has been amended from "Victoria Road Traffic" to "Fishing at Local Wharves".

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response to LA 4409.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW began a trial of left-turn bans from city-bound Victoria Road at Lyons Road and Edwin Street, Drummoyne on Wednesday, 19 March 2025. These bans apply to all vehicles during weekday morning peak periods, between 7am-9am. Left-turns are permitted at all other times for vehicles under six metres, however, vehicles over six metres are not permitted to turn left at these intersections.

This six-month trial aims to determine if left-turn bans can reduce “rat-running” in east Drummoyne’s local streets. For more information, please refer to the Transport website.

- (2) Traffic signalling plans are in place to ensure the road network operates as efficiently as possible. While there might be localised congestion in certain areas, this is to ensure side streets have adequate access to main roads and that traffic continues to flow smoothly through congested intersections downstream.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The State Budget will be presented to the Parliament on the 24th June 2025.

- * 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?

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is not delaying the delivery of the Rhodes Footbridge over Walker Street and is actively working with Canada Bay Council to deliver the footbridge.
- (2) Canada Bay Council is in ongoing discussions with Transport for the Council proposal to construct, deliver, own and maintain the proposed Rhodes Footbridge. Council has submitted a commercial proposal to Transport for NSW for the breakthrough to the Station Concourse and this is currently under consideration.
- (3) Transport for NSW is not aware of a delay.

* 5059 BOAT LICENCE CHANGES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW will make minor consequential amendments to the Marine Safety Regulation 2016 during mid to late-2025, which are related to the passage of the Marine Safety Amendment Bill 2025 earlier this year.

While some of these amendments relate to the issue of boat licences, they simply consolidate the grounds for issue, refusal, suspension, cancellation and disqualification of marine safety licences in the Act for the purposes of streamlining and simplifying the legislative framework. They do not substantively change how 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Services departing Crows Nest station travelling to Sydenham during the 8-9am hour have an average loading of 80-90% on a typical weekday in March. This is measured at the busiest point on the M1 Line during the morning peak. Total capacity on Metro services is defined as 1152 passengers per train, which equates to all seats taken and 4 people standing per square metre.

In March 2025 an estimated fewer than 0.5% per cent of total weekday services reached capacity. This represents about 30 services over more than 8,900 weekday services over the month of March. These services were all within the 8-9am peak travelling from Tallawong to Sydenham, with the highest loads observed departing Crows Nest station.

- (a) Sydney Metro operator, Metro Trains Sydney, monitors traffic and customer flows through the Operations Control Centre and station staff. To ensure the safety of customers across the network, a range of options are available to manage high passenger loads during peak times.

Sydney Metro's patronage modelling takes into consideration forecast land use planning changes in Metro station precincts.

- (2) Sydney Metro's patronage modelling takes into consideration forecast land use planning changes in Metro station precincts. There are no planned changes to the current Sydney Metro timetable.

Currently passengers on the Metro receive a service every 4 minutes during weekday peak, 5 minutes during weekday intra-peak, and 10 minutes during off-peak and weekends. This level of service is considered in line with the current passenger demand.

When making changes to the network, Transport for NSW considers what will deliver the best outcomes for the majority of passengers. This is done through the analysis of Opal data, which demonstrates where and when passengers are travelling. Transport for NSW also uses this data to plan for future travel needs.

Transport for NSW is committed to providing the best possible services for passengers and will continue to use Opal data and feedback to help make further improvements.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The sale of Lot 4B Herbert Street will support the broader objectives of the Whole of Government Herbert Street Precinct initiative, which includes a requirement to deliver 15% key worker housing to benefit essential health workers at the Royal North Shore Hospital and the growing St Leonards community.

Proceeds will contribute to Government priorities and will be returned to consolidated revenue, in line with standard practice for surplus government land sales.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The requirement for affordable housing at Lot 4B Herbert Street is 15%, to be delivered by the successful development proponent.

This affordable housing is to be held in perpetuity and may be managed by a Community Housing Provider or via an alternate arrangement with the future developer.

There was no formal requirement for 75% affordable housing at the site. Previous concept plans for the site tested varying levels of affordable housing within the development. The site was rezoned to MU1 in November 2024 as part of the Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Accelerated Precincts program and includes the requirement to deliver 15% affordable housing on the site.

The current requirement reflects the Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) policy settings, which balance housing diversity-including key worker and affordable housing-with development feasibility and broader precinct planning objectives.

* 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?

Answer—

The Department of Education monitors and reviews school intake areas to ensure efficient and balanced utilisation of school infrastructure in local areas. The department's process includes engagement with Directors, Educational Leadership and school principals. Decisions are informed by local context.

* 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government recognises it has been a difficult time for bus passengers on the Northern Beaches who have been dealing with the shortage of articulated buses.

I am advised:

The time taken to return the articulated buses on the Northern Beaches is the result of a complex mechanical issue identified through routine safety and maintenance inspections. The matter was treated with utmost urgency, and while the timeline has extended longer than originally anticipated, all steps taken have prioritised safety, compliance, and long-term operational reliability.

In early October 2024, Transport commenced an investigation into structural cracking identified in the underframe and rear chassis around the door frames of several articulated buses. The issue was traced to a specific make and model: the Volvo 812 BLEA, featuring the Custom CB60 body and rear door position. As a result of the findings, 83 articulated buses were removed from service in late October 2024 as a safety precaution.

From November through December 2024, Transport bus engineering and maintenance teams worked closely with Volvo, the original manufacturer, to investigate root causes and identify viable repair options. Given the complexity of the structural issues, which related to the design of the rear chassis and the placement of the door near the articulated joint, it was necessary to explore permanent solution.

During this time, a prototype bus was developed and tested using a later version of the Volvo chassis featuring an updated design and door placement. This prototype helped identify the permanent repair solution for the fleet by January 2025. The solution involved a newer model chassis and repositioning the trailer door one metre back from the articulated section to alleviate stress on the frame.

In parallel, we initiated a full procurement process to ensure all work met regulatory and Transport standards. This process, which ran from January through March 2025, was essential for compliance, transparency, and securing the best long-term outcome for our fleet and passengers.

To expedite the return of articulated services, Volvo air-freighted the first five updated chassis, which arrived in March 2025. It is important to note that these chassis were not readily available off the shelf and required time to manufacture, assemble, and ship. Volvo's production schedule had to be factored into the delivery timeline. The prototype vehicle was successfully deployed back into service in April 2025.

With the removal of articulated buses from service, Transport for NSW is in the process of procuring:

- 50 articulated buses
- 10 double decker buses to supplement the 8-Line fleet.

In addition to the above procurement, Transport for NSW has delivered 25 additional zero emission buses into service.

As these additional high-capacity buses and repaired articulated buses enter service over the next 12 months, it will mean fewer disruptions, improved reliability and bus services that better meet the needs of the people who rely on them. The rollout will be prioritised to the areas of greatest need and provide a solution to ease the fleet shortage on the Northern Beaches.

Customers will start to see the 50 new articulated buses on the road progressively and the first repaired bendy buses started to re-enter service from April.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has consulted Busways, the operator of Greater Sydney Bus Contract 1 and Greater Sydney Bus Contract 7, regarding the availability of charter buses for school activities.

Under the Greater Sydney Bus Contract, Busways may use contract buses for charter services, provided they are not required for regular timetabled operations and their use does not affect Busways' ability to meet its contractual obligations, including service delivery and compliance requirements.

Busways continues to provide charter services within these contract regions. However, due to current operational pressures, previously being driver shortages and currently fleet availability, Busways has advised it is prioritising the delivery of contracted services, particularly during peak periods. As a result, there may be reduced capacity to undertake additional charter work at certain times.

* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

SafeWork NSW and NSW Police work in partnership to address the broader issue of illegal fireworks in NSW, with SafeWork NSW focussing on the prevention of illegal activities.

SafeWork NSW delivers education and advice to the pyrotechnics industry to ensure all those involved in the industry are aware of, and compliant with, obligations under the Explosives legislation.

During high-risk periods, SafeWork NSW proactively undertakes verification activities at organised public displays to enforce compliance with the applicable legislative framework, and spreads public awareness about the dangers of illegal fireworks use and associated penalties through targeted media campaigns.

NSW Police are authorised officers under the Act and Regulation and are empowered to issue penalty notices, including on-the-spot fines of up to \$7,500 with penalties ranging up to \$38,500 for displaying fireworks without a licence.

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As the State's primary law enforcement agency, NSW Police remain best placed to enforce the Act and Regulation in response to illegal activities, including the illegal use of fireworks.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The maximum penalty in relation to this offence is \$15,000 for a corporation and \$7,500 for an individual.
- (2) As the State's primary law enforcement agency, NSW Police play a lead role in responding to illegal fireworks activity by exercising the power to issue penalty notices, in conjunction with broader law enforcement powers.
- (3) See response to question (2) with respect to the role of NSW Police.
- (4) (a) The findings of the statutory review were published in October 2019 and are available on the SafeWork NSW website.
 - (b) The NSW Government is committed to protecting workers, the public and their property from the harm that may arise from the illegal and/or unsafe use of fireworks and other explosives and continues to monitor and review the applicable regulatory framework to ensure it remains effective and fit for purpose.
- (5) (a) See response to question (4).
 - (b) SafeWork NSW regularly engages with the pyrotechnics industry to ensure all those involved in the industry are aware of, and compliant with, obligations under the Explosives legislation.

During high-risk periods, SafeWork NSW also proactively spreads public awareness about the dangers of illegal fireworks use and associated penalties through targeted media campaigns.

The NSW Government routinely considers and reviews its priorities for public awareness campaigns across a wide range of health and safety matters.

(c) See response to question (4).

* 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?

Answer—

The Department of Education monitors and reviews school intake areas to ensure efficient and balanced utilisation of school infrastructure in local areas. The department's process includes engagement with Directors, Educational Leadership and school principals. Decisions are informed by local context.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance has completed a scope of work for Moree Ambulance Station which includes security upgrades, roof repair and/or replacement and general refurbishments.

Security upgrades have started and are expected to be completed over the coming months.

It is anticipated that the other works will commence following budget finalisation.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

In June 2024, the NSW Government announced a one-off contribution of \$600,000 to Little Wings. In May 2025, a further one-off contribution of \$600,000 was provided to Little Wings.

Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) funding to Little Wings has increased each year.

NSW Ambulance conducts regular analysis of all locations within NSW to identify areas of growing demand for the prioritisation of resources.

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The NSW Government provides funding for a range of aeromedical services across NSW, including fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter services provided by NSW Ambulance, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other not for profit charities.

The Aeromedical Control Centre (ACC) provides state-wide 24-hour clinical and logistical support and coordination. The ACC manages the strategic deployment of the aeromedical fleet to ensure the provision of safe, quality care where it is needed, including the deployment of winch-capable medical teams.

* 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?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office for Youth will be established in the Department of Communities and Justice from 1 July. It will support the NSW Government's vision that young people represent the future of NSW, and their voices must play a crucial part in shaping policy.

In 2011, the former government scrapped the youth portfolio altogether, leaving young people without a dedicated advocate at the decision-making table. It wasn't until thousands of young people marched for climate action in 2018 that the government began to take notice. Even then, a regional youth portfolio was created in 2019, but the approach remained fragmented and reactive.

The Office of Youth will be a centralised agency to elevate young voices from across NSW.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Inverell Ambulance Station has been identified as a location that would benefit from refurbishment work. Budget has been allocated for this work, which is anticipated to be completed over the coming months

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The roadworks mentioned will 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)?

Answer—

Propagating native species in a nursery is not considered an offset under the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme. The Government is not currently considering policy reform to allow this.

Native flora species propagated in nurseries can be used in planting and restoration on an offset site secured under as a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA), if that is part of the approved management plan for the stewardship site.

- * 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?

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Answer—

- (1) Yes, there are two grassland ecosystems listed as Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) or Critically Endangered Ecological Communities (CEEC) under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. These are:

- EEC: Themeda grassland on seacliffs and coastal headlands in the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and Southeast Corner Bioregions.
- CEEC: Porcupine Grass- Red Mallee-Gum Coolabah hummock grassland/low sparse woodland in the Broken Hill Complex Bioregion.

There are at least 10 other threatened ecological communities in NSW which are primarily woodland communities that may also occur in grassland form, where the tree canopy has been removed.

- (2) No, it is not an offence under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 or any other Act to purchase land, regardless of the presence of listed grassland ecosystems or for the purpose of carbon sequestration projects. However, any activity that may negatively impact a threatened ecological community, including carbon sequestration, must be assessed via the appropriate regulatory pathway.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health inspectors proactively visit retailers to monitor compliance across NSW and take enforcement action. Between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2024, NSW Health inspectors conducted 173 retail inspections in the Hunter New England Local Health District.

NSW Health is supporting young people to understand the harms of smoking and vaping and to quit through a range of resources. The iCanQuit website has been enhanced, and the NSW Quitline provides expert counselling. NSW Health also continues to work closely with schools to prevent vaping uptake and address nicotine dependence in educational settings.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a - b) No data is available by local government area. The number of Learn to Swim provider applications (total and unsuccessful) is provided by region in Table 1.
- (c) All regions across NSW were considered possible target areas for the program.
- (d) Learn to Swim provider recruitment focused on informing established Learn to Swim suppliers across NSW about the procurement opportunity.
- (e) No. The tender application and selection process has concluded.

Region	Number of swim providers who applied	Number of swim providers who were unsuccessful
Metro Sydney	11	5
North Coast	2	0
Southeast and Tablelands	3	1
New England and North West	2	0
Central West and Orana	4	2
Far West	4	2
Riverina Murray	2	1
Hunter Region	5	2
Central Coast	3	1
Illawarra Shoalhaven	3	1

Note that the total number of suppliers who applied is 25 - suppliers were able to submit a response for more than one region.

Table 1: Number of Learn to Swim provider applications by region.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW is committed to developing and maintaining a reliable and resilient railway for the people of NSW.

As part of ongoing work to improve customer outcomes due to the issues at Cockle Creek, Sydney Trains has implemented constant remote monitoring of the site. This now allows it to act as the water rises, working with adjacent landholders to slow or reduce the water levels. The new system also allows Sydney Trains to monitor the water as it recedes and trigger the necessary safety inspections as quickly as possible before reopening the line.

- * 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?

Answer—

This answer can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Pentarch made the decision to end the stand down, the mill is operating at partial capacity.
- (2) See answer to question 1.
- (3) See answer to question 1.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Supply of timber from Forestry Corporation to Pentarch's Koolkhan sawmill has been affected by the cumulative effects of many factors over several years, including but not limited to the severe 2019-20 bushfires, ongoing wet weather conditions, regulatory changes, establishment of 106 Koala hubs and legal challenges and forest protests.
- (2) Whilst the factors above have impacted volume, Forestry Corporation have continued to supply North Coast sawmills.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW North Coast sawmills are private businesses that may obtain timber from multiple sources including private properties as well as State forests. The NSW Government does not collect or hold data on the total timber supply to private businesses.

Forestry Corporation supplies north coast sawmills with timber from native forests, hardwood plantations and softwood plantations. Information about the total volume of timber harvested and sold by Forestry Corporation of NSW is reconciled annually and published in the Sustainability Report on the Forestry Corporation website. Information about the volume of timber products supplied from native forests regulated by the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval is reconciled annually and published in the Annual Timber and Biomaterials Report on the Forestry Corporation website.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Trainlink does not require passengers to provide, or collect residential addresses of passenger who purchase Discovery Pass products.

The total number of Discovery Passes sold in each calendar year are listed below:

- 2023 - 3384
- 2024 - 3591
- 2025 (as at 1 May) - 1195

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The election commitment for an additional 500 paramedics into regional and rural NSW is for registered paramedics. NSW Ambulance has rolled out 250 additional registered paramedics as part of the program.

Information about NSW Ambulance attrition data is publicly available on the Productivity commission website.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) The development area of the 10 projects awarded connection rights on 8 May 2025 to Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) transmission project is approximately 21,713 hectares. This land is expected to be used for other purposes, including agriculture, alongside these projects.
- (2) In March 2023, EnergyCo published the report "Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone Coordinating community impacts and benefits in the REZ" which specified 11 potential renewable generation projects. It was estimated that the development area of the 11 proposed projects was around 26,111 hectares. One project was withdrawn.

- * 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

Answer—

I am advised:

The table below shows the number of crimes committed by perpetrators aged under 14 within the Orana Mid-Western Police District, Central North Police District and New England Police District in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Police District	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Central North Police District	241	223	107	571
New England Police District	329	227	362	918
Orana Mid-Western Police District	204	412	266	882
Grand Total	774	862	735	2371

Note:

- Data current to: 21/05/2025
- Age: 0-13 (age at time of incident)
- Legal actions for persons aged 0-13 include both charges and legal processes. This ensures that all legal actions are captured, including actions dealt with under the Young Offenders Act 1997.
- Age is calculated based on the difference between a person's latest recorded date of birth and the recorded incident start date.
- Incidents involving any persons under 10 years of age were manually reviewed due to 'doli incapax'.

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 7) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) recently completed an independent review of Opal fares, published November 2024. As part of its review, IPART undertook modelling on different fare options and examined case studies from other jurisdictions where fares were reduced or made free.

Overall, IPART found that farebox collected on the Opal network represented around 18 per cent of the operating cost in 2022-23, with the remainder funded by the Government. IPART's full report and papers includes relevant information on a number of the questions above, including the impact of reducing fares on patronage, congestion, and affordability.

Full details can be found at <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/review/transport-public-transport-fares/maximum-opal-fares-until-july-2028>.

- (8) There are no planned trials or pilots of public transport fare reductions. However, Transport for NSW is continually reviewing public transport fares to ensure fares are affordable while maintaining financial sustainable revenue outcomes.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 does not regulate the location of tobacco retailers.

Individuals are required to notify the NSW Health Secretary via Service NSW of their intent to sell tobacco and non-tobacco smoking products and register for a Retailer Identification Number. NSW Health has not undertaken an analysis of the proximity of retailers with an active Retailer Identification Number within 500 metres of schools.

NSW Health does not report retailer data publicly by electorate or postcode.

In November 2024, the NSW Parliament passed legislation to strengthen laws related to the sale of illicit tobacco. As part of these reforms, NSW is introducing a new tobacco licensing scheme for retailers and wholesalers who sell tobacco and non-tobacco smoking products in NSW. The tobacco licensing scheme is expected to commence on 1 July 2025. The scheme will ensure accurate information is collected on tobacco retailing and wholesaling activities in NSW, including making data available on distribution and type of tobacco retail premises.

* 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?
 - (b) Mona Vale Road?
- (2) What is the frequency of cleaning of the following roads:
 - (a) Wakehurst Parkway?
 - (b) Mona Vale Road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Wakehurst Parkway and Mona Vale Road are swept on a quarterly basis. The most recent contracted sweeps for these two roads were carried out on 12 May and 14 May 2025, respectively.

Transport for NSW inspects the roads monthly to identify defects, including litter and debris, and schedules required maintenance. Ad hoc inspections are also carried out in response to customer feedback.

Litter and debris removal is undertaken reactively based on inspector findings and customer feedback.

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- * 5091 NOISE MONITORING AT PROPERTIES IN ANNANDALE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Rozelle Interchange contractor completed noise monitoring and delivered an Operational Noise Compliance Report to Transport for NSW.
- (2) In early 2025, the Report was submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the Environment Protection Authority for review and comment. The Report will be finalised once they have completed their reviews.
- (3 - 4) With the Report pending, Transport for NSW offered noise treatment measures, including acoustic curtains and noise-cancelling headphones, to residents adjacent to the Interchange, in March 2025, with several residents accepting the offer.

Transport for NSW will take appropriate actions, if required, in response to any findings.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force publishes information regarding staff numbers in its annual report. All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Staffing at any particular police station can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends and other intelligence-led operational requirements.
- (2) As of 30 April 2025:
 - (a) 337
 - (b) 364

- (c) 1,508
- (d) 139
- (e) 1,317
- (f) 23
- (g) 9

Note:

- Data for 31 May 2025 will not be available until mid-June. Data provided is at 30 April 2025.
- The number of police officers on leave figures provided is at a point in time and may not be a reflective view of the NSW Police Force workforce capacity throughout the year.
- The number of police officers on leave changes daily as staff can cancel their planned leave voluntarily or be recalled if required in special circumstances.
- Unplanned absences also considerably vary across different seasons for various reason.
- An individual may take more than one type of leave on the same day.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 5) Information on successful grants under this program can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/grant-recipients?nid=77144>.

* 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?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Route 550, which operates between Parramatta and Macquarie Park via Epping, runs every 15 minute all day, with 10-minute frequency during the peak periods. This route connects West Epping, along Carlingford Road, Willoughby Street and Boronia Avenue to Epping Station.

There are no current proposed changes to these services. Any future changes to bus services, including enhancements to service frequency, are subject to further assessment.

- (2) Demand for more frequent and direct connections to Metro stations from surrounding areas is assessed as part of ongoing service planning work. The feasibility of any new or enhanced bus connections depends on funding and fleet being made available. Additionally, other considerations, including bus turnback and layover requirements at stations, such as Epping Station, are integral to determining future service enhancements.
- (3) The area between Carlingford Road and Terry Road is large and has differing service levels. The Terry Road and Mobbs Lane corridors are also located close to Eastwood Station and existing bus services along these corridors are tailored to connect with Eastwood station and the T9 Northern line.
- (4) No service changes have been made specifically to this area since the metro extension in 2024.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Hospitals are staffed to appropriately meet operational need.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Grant applications are still under assessment and a list of the number of grant recipients will be published when the grant program is finalised.
- (2) To date, two applicant councils have been deemed ineligible under the Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) Kickstart Grant Guidelines.
- (3) Four successful grant recipients have been announced as at 13 May 2025, comprising Burwood Council, Fairfield Council, Byron Shire Council and Hornsby Shire Council. A list of all grant recipients will be published on the NSW Government's Vibrancy website when the program is finalised.
- (4) As of 13 May 2025, Enmore Road in the Inner West is a permanent SEP. Inner West Council is progressing another seven SEPs in Rozelle, Leichhardt, Balmain, Marrickville North, Marrickville town centre, Dulwich Hill and Ashfield. I am advised that the council's website indicates a target date of August 2025 for these to be operational, apart from Ashfield which is expected to be operational by the end of 2025.

A further 18 councils across NSW have passed resolutions to investigate or establish a SEP.

- (5) The NSW Government published the NSW Special Entertainment Precinct Guidelines in late 2024 as part of its work to partner with councils, venues and creatives, to grow a network of vibrant night-time districts across NSW.

The Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner has launched a complementary suite of tools and resources to reduce regulatory burden and help councils more easily set up SEPs. This includes a SEP Support Hub to address enquiries from councils, a best practice handbook, a series of model templates for documents required to establish a SEP, and an opt-in Acoustic Toolkit to reduce the costs for councils preparing sound controls in a SEP. These resources are available to all councils, free of charge.

One-on-one advice and support from the Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner team is also available to all NSW councils considering a SEP, including assistance with networking, mentoring and support to identify the conditions and appropriate steps to progress their nighttime economy.

The Office of the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner provides the Local Government Night-time Economy Toolkit for Councils as a free online tool to help councils who may have limited resources, to assess and build their capacity and manage their night-time economies. This toolkit supports councils in developing night-time economy strategies, which can underpin and support the future establishment and implementation of special entertainment precincts or other night-time precincts.

The \$1.94 million SEP Kickstart Grant offers grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000 per eligible council, with \$100,000 allotted specifically for regional councils to ensure that regional councils with potentially fewer resources would not be penalised for applying later for the grant.

- (6) The 2023 and 2024 Vibrancy Reforms encourage the establishment of SEPs throughout NSW, to protect and support existing venues, future-proof precincts, and/or support major festival and event programs.

The reforms support extended trading for night-time economy businesses and establish a fair and equitable approach to managing entertainment sound. This includes designating Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) rather than councils as the lead regulator for entertainment sound and disturbance complaints associated with licensed premises across NSW.

Councils are also supported to create more activated communities by making outdoor dining and street activation easier and through a streamlined approval process for outdoor businesses such as food trucks. Councils have also been permanently empowered to approve temporary street closures for outdoor dining, performance and extension of foyer space.

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In addition to the Vibrancy Reforms, the NSW Government is supporting vibrant going-out precincts and events through the following programs and services:

- Uptown District Acceleration Program: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/office-of-24-hour-economy-commissioner/uptown-program>
- Neon Marketplace: <https://www.neonmarketplace.nsw.gov.au/>
- Live Performance Venue Program: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/office-of-24-hour-economy-commissioner/vibrancy-reforms>
- Permit/Plug/Play Pilot: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/cities-and-active-transport/cities-revitalisation-and-place/festival-of-place-4>
- Open Streets: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/open-streets-program-0>
CommunityImprovementDistricts(CIDs) Pilot
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/community-improvement-districts-new-south-wales>

(7) Any additional rounds of funding for SEPs will be subject to future NSW Budget decisions.

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

Answer—

I am advised:

The HealthShare NSW Patient Transport Service (PTS) operates in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. From 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025, PTS completed 6,821 transfers in the area. During this period, 1,119 transfers were cancelled and 821 rescheduled.

In the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, PTS operates crews from Warrawong, Shoalhaven, Milton and Bulli, with a further satellite vehicle located in Coledale. These locations have not changed.

Information about PTS is available on the NSW Health website.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 195,253
(b) 369,415
(c) 564,668.
- (2) This answer can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.
- (3) The number of Kiama applications refused in 2024-25:

2025	TERM BUS PASS	40
2024	SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME	1435
2024	TERM BUS PASS	60
2025	SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME	795

- (4) Transport for NSW's system does not record when an application review is requested.
- (5) This answer can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.
- (6) Parents who are unsuccessful in applying for the School Student Transport Scheme and believe there are special circumstances regarding their application can request a review. Special circumstances include:
- Pedestrian infrastructure that is unsuitable for safe walking between the student's home and their school.
 - Medical conditions that prevent a student from walking to and from their school.
 - Grounds related to legal and/or child services.
 - Grounds related to financial hardship.

Following the review of a declined application, a parent can submit an appeal to the School Student Transport Scheme Appeals Panel. The panel is an independent body made up of representatives

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from the Department of Education and parent groups. The panel meets every month and may uphold an appeal if it concludes that special circumstances apply.

The panel does not review decisions relating to the mode of transport or the route approved for eligible students, the application of the straight-line distance test and the walking distance test conducted by Transport for NSW. Each appeal received is assessed on its merits and investigated before being put forward to the panel for examination.

- (7) Since the Minister has come into office, there have not been any Ministerial interventions to date. The current policy settings for the School Student Transport Scheme provide an independent appeal and panel process to determine any exemptions to eligibility requirements.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Work Health and Safety.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 2) After thorough structural engineering assessments and testing, Transport for NSW advised of the need to reduce the load limit to 23 tonnes. These evaluations are conducted by experienced, qualified structural engineers.

- (3) The decision to reduce the bridge’s load limit was based on consultation with and expert advice from structural engineers, following detailed testing and risk assessments.
- (4) The reduction in the load limit has been deferred by one month, in conjunction with a reduction in the speed limit on the bridge, to provide impacted heavy vehicle operators more time to plan their route changes, while ensuring the safety of motorists and the bridge’s structural integrity.
- (5) Exemptions will be in place for emergency vehicles.
- (6) Regular inspections and maintenance of the bridge will continue. Over the coming months, Transport for NSW will repair or replace damaged sections of the bridge. The community will be informed in advance of any work. This maintenance will not alter the look and feel of the bridge or affect its heritage value.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The last twenty Noise Abatement Program mitigation treatments completed were installed between March and May 2025, at the following locations: Kurri Kurri, Rutherford, Lambton, Heddon Greta, Point Claire, Hamilton South, Kingsgrove (three locations), Aberdeen, Argenton, Cardiff, New Lambton, Drummoyne, North Rothbury, Highfields, Bondi Junction, Hamilton South, Liberty Grove and Double Bay. The treatments were delivered within the Noise Abatement Program's allocated budget.
- (2)
 - (a) 44 in February 2025
 - (b) 37 in March 2025
 - (c) 51 in April 2025.
- (3) The average time, from initial application to completion of treatments to an eligible property, is 68 weeks.
- (4) There are currently 479 active applications in the Noise Abatement Program.
- (5)
 - (a) \$27,317.00
 - (b) \$155,905.00
 - (c) \$76,008.00
 - (d) \$59,931.00
 - (e) \$24,300.00
- (6 - 7) Yes.
- (8) An application has been received by the Noise Abatement Program on behalf of The Arbour residents. Further investigation, including noise monitoring is required to determine if residences within The Arbour meet the Program's eligibility criteria. If eligible, noise mitigation options identified in Transport's Noise Mitigation Guidelines, will be considered.

* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) An analysis of validated crash data shows no recorded injury crashes at the Meroo Road exit and entry ramps since the Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade project. This means there are no ongoing safety concerns at Meroo Meadow ramps on the Princes Highway.
- (3) Transport for NSW has not assessed the feasibility of adding a southbound acceleration lane at this site.

- (4) The intersection was upgraded as part of the Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade. The design of this upgrade was approved and delivered by the previous Liberal-National Government. The design meets all the necessary safety requirements and includes improvements to sight distance.

Key features of the upgrade included wider road shoulders, a dual carriageway, and improved road geometry which significantly enhances safety and traffic flow for motorists. Two green and white directional signs have been installed before the intersection to guide motorists and advise of an upcoming turn.

- (5) A review of historical crash data at all ramps in the area, including the Meroo Road interchange, shows no validated crash trends or safety concerns. Consequently, Transport for NSW has no plans to conduct a comprehensive review of ramps along the Princes Highway in the Kiama electorate.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Codified data on electric scooter (e-scooter), electric bike (e-bike) and related mobility option accidents is not currently available from NSW Health data collections.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes, Transport for NSW provided the following public notifications:
- Transport for NSW Maritime published a website update (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/wharf-maintenance-program>), sent an email communication, and distributed a letterbox drop during the week of Tuesday 22 April to residents within a 2km radius of the Cremorne Point Ferry Wharf.

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- Following discussions with the local kiosk owner, Transport for NSW was advised that several residents along the Cremorne Point peninsula had not received the notice. Transport for NSW addressed the issue with the distributor, and a second letterbox drop was conducted during the week of 28 April 2025.
 - A 4-week geographically-targeted social media campaign went live on 12 May 2025 to inform the community of upcoming changes and where to find further information.
 - Wharf Closure signage was displayed in display cabinets at all wharves along F6 service and on-board ferries, from 12 May (2 weeks out) as is standard practice with ferry operators.
 - A further letterbox drop with information about alternative transport options is scheduled to take place ahead of the closure.
- (2) Advice about any discussion with the kiosk owner is not public information.
- (3) Alternate transport options include:
- Taronga Zoo (F2) commuter services during AM and PM peak periods will be redirected to the Old Cremorne Wharf (900m walk).
 - Bus Route 225 from the Milsons Road Bus stop (Stop ID 209035) to Neutral Bay Wharf connects with the F5 service into the city.
 - Bus route 225 from Milsons Road Bus stop (Stop ID 209035) will take passengers to Military Road, and Bus route B1 from Military Rd into the city.
 - Buses towards the city are available at Military Road at Spencer Road.
- Updated timetables (valid from 26 May 2025) are available via the following links:
- Mosman Bay (F6) timetable: <https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-ferriesnetwork/%20f6/090f6>
 - Taronga Zoo (F2) timetable: <https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-ferriesnetwork/f2/090f2>
- There is no change to the following timetables:
- Ferry: Neutral Bay (F5) timetable: <https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-ferriesnetwork/f5/090f5>
 - Bus: Cremorne Point Wharf to Neutral Bay Wharf (225) timetable: <https://transportnsw.info/routes/details/sydney-buses-network/225/29225>

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the former government, there was no replacement plan for high capacity buses like articulated and double decker buses. The last articulated bus was procured in 2011.

- (1) In May 2025, the bus operator, Keolis Downer, worked with local councils to trim trees between North Sydney and Milsons Point in preparation for the double decker buses.
- (2) Transport for NSW is finalising the repair program for the buses to return to service. Buses are being progressively reinstated as repairs are completed; the first repaired buses were returned to service in April 2025. 18 of 21 buses to be repaired are allocated to Region 8, which services the Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore.

With the removal of articulated buses from service, Transport for NSW is in the process of procuring:

- 50 articulated buses
- 10 double decker buses to supplement the 8-Line fleet.

In addition to the above procurement, Transport for NSW has delivered 25 additional zero emission buses into service.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Data on domestic and family violence incidents in NSW is publicly available on the BOCSAR website: <https://bocsar.nsw.gov.au>.

The NSW Government is working from all angles including crisis support, justice reform, early intervention and primary prevention to address domestic and family violence. Under the 2024/25 Budget, the NSW Government committed \$245.6 million over four years for a coordinated, multi-pronged emergency package to disrupt the cycle of DFV.

This includes expansion of Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) program to cover all local government areas (LGAs) in NSW. The North Shore and surrounding electorates have directly benefitted from this expansion with Mary's House Services now funded to provide SHLV services to the Northern Beaches, Lane Cove, Ku-Ring-Gai, Mosman, North Sydney, and Willoughby LGAs.

The NSW Government funds several programs and services across the North Shore to support women and children escaping DFV delivered, including:

- The Northern Sydney After Hours Domestic Violence response that provides after hours DFV crisis supports including intake, accommodation and support to women and their children, delivered by Catholic Care Diocese of Broken Bay.
- The Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches Homelessness Support Service which includes the Bringa and Delvena women's refuges, operated by Mission Australia. The refuges provide crisis accommodation and support to women and their children to recover from abuse and rebuild their

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lives in safety. Services may include risk assessment and safety planning, outreach, case management, and brokerage tailored to specific needs and circumstances.

Under the Core and Cluster program, a new women's refuge is due to come online in 2026 in the neighbouring Northern Beaches LGA.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is committed to minimising these impacts through proactive engagement and careful planning. The project team works closely with residents and businesses to provide clear communication, manage traffic disruptions, and maintain access.

Transport for NSW measures include minimising on-street parking loss, planning work to reduce noise, and offering tailored support to affected businesses. Construction is often scheduled during weekends and holiday periods to lessen disruption and accelerate progress. For instance, Summer 2024/25 works, which saved up to

70-night shifts, and the Alfred Street off-ramp closure, will shorten work in this area by six months, eliminating up to 90 nights of noise.

- (2) Transport for NSW is carefully managing traffic changes to minimise these impacts through several methods:
 - Communicates changes in advance through media alerts, social media, notifications, signage, variable messages signs, NSW Live Traffic alerts, digital map provider updates.
 - Works outside peak periods, whenever possible, to minimise impact for all road users, particularly commuters. Using signage and lane marking to direct and guide motorists safely past construction sites.
 - Monitors and manages traffic operations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at the Transport Management Centre helping to keep motorists moving
- (3) Construction of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade adheres to strict environmental controls and approvals, including the Ministers Conditions of Approval and the Environment Protection Licence issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

The Warringah Freeway Upgrade project produces annual and quarterly Construction Monitoring Reports. These contain data on environmental compliance monitoring, covering noise vibration, air quality and surface water, to assess the effectiveness of mitigation measures.

Traffic and transport data has been continuously collected and updated over the past seven years. Transport for NSW is required to prepare a pre-opening Road Network Performance Plan, which will include an updated analysis of expected traffic impacts to the adjoining road network. The Road

Network Performance Plan will be prepared, and mitigation measures implemented, before Western Harbour Tunnel becomes operational, which is expected to be in 2028.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has worked collaboratively with State agencies, including Health NSW and the Department of Education, to make sure sufficient infrastructure is provided to support growth in areas such as Crows Nest and St Leonards under the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Program.

This includes investing \$520 million across the TOD accelerated precincts for community infrastructure, such as critical road upgrades, active transport links and high quality public open spaces. It is noted the Liberal-Nationals Opposition attempted to disallow this investment by introducing legislation into the Legislative Council in 2024.

- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

* 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 McMahons 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of offences recorded as at 26 May 2025:

Offence Type	Count of Unique Offences
Unsafe operation of a road vehicle, not elsewhere classified	67
Drive while using a device	44
Drink-driving	30

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Fail to use road vehicle safety equipment	22
Reckless driving not causing serious injury	20
Traffic and vehicle offences, not elsewhere classified	4
Vehicle standards offences	4
Drug-driving	2
Drink and drug driving	1

Note:

- Legal action date: 01 January 1998 to 26 May 2025
 - Incident suburb: McMahons Point
 - Incident Street: Blues Point Road
 - There is no specific Computerised Operational Policing system (COPS) incident category or Computerised Aided Dispatch (CAD) incident type relating to 'dangerous' or 'noisy' driving. Therefore, the data has relied on legal action offence types to filter the data. This includes the following Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) Groups:
 - Drink-driving
 - Drug-driving
 - Drink and drug driving
 - Exceed speed limit
 - Drive while using a device
 - Fail to use road safety equipment
 - Reckless driving not causing serious injury
 - Unsafe operation of a road vehicle, not elsewhere classified
 - Traffic and vehicle offences, not elsewhere classified
 - Vehicle standards offences
 - Data provided is a count of distinct offences with a legal action related to the ANZSOC groups listed above.
- (2) Police will continue to patrol the area to encourage appropriate driver behaviour and vehicle standards and take enforcement action where necessary. Police intend to conduct future joint enforcement operations with the NSW Environmental Protection Authority in this area.
- (3) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.
- (5) The NSW Police Force Traffic and Highway Patrol Command and North Shore Police Area Command continue to engage and collaborate with North Sydney Council and key stakeholders to address road safety, safe driving and vehicle standards through enforcement operations, community engagements and community messaging.

* 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 McMahons Point?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW's approach to the improvement of cycling infrastructure in the North Shore electorate is guided by the Strategic Cycleway Corridor program and network map, as well as supporting any Council identified local active transport infrastructure that aligns with its local bike plans.

Furthermore, North Sydney and surrounds Active Transport Network Review that was released in 2023, identified gaps in the active transport network and six priority opportunities to enhance walking and cycling connections in North Sydney and Willoughby Local Government Areas. The Review was also released as a Condition of Approval for the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel. Transport for NSW is progressing with design development and investigations into the recommendations.

These projects are in addition to the construction of the cycleway ramp at the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Transport for NSW also funds local councils, such as North Sydney Council and Mosman Council to plan, develop and design active transport infrastructure, such as separated cycleways through the annual Get NSW Active and Get Kids Active programs.

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* 5111 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE TAMWORTH ELECTORATE—The Hon. Kevin Anderson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Tamworth electorate:
 - (a) Tamworth Public School?
 - (b) Hillvue Public School?
 - (c) Mullaley Public School?
 - (d) Currabubula Public School?
 - (e) Niangala Public School?
 - (f) Premer Public School?
 - (g) Bullimbal School?
 - (h) Westdale Public School?
 - (i) Oxley Vale Public School?
 - (j) Timbumburi Public School?

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- (k) Carroll Public School?
 - (l) Attunga Public School?
 - (m) Bendemeer Public School?
 - (n) Dungowan Public School?
 - (o) Nemingha Public School?
 - (p) Manilla Primary Central School?
 - (q) Barraba Central School?
 - (r) Gunnedah Public School?
 - (s) Nundle Public School?
 - (t) Quirindi Public School?
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 - (z) Spring Ridge Public School?
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A breakdown down of teacher vacancies by electorate and a breakdown down of teacher vacancies by school can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

* 5112 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE HOLSWORTHY ELECTORATE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Holsworthy electorate:
 - (a) Casula Public School?
 - (b) Prestons Public School?
 - (c) Lurnea High School?
 - (d) Lurnea Public School?
 - (e) Hammondville Public School?
 - (f) Nuwarra Public School?
 - (g) Chipping Norton Public School?
 - (h) Newbridge Heights Public School?
 - (i) Holsworthy High School?
 - (j) Wattle Grove Public School?
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 - (m) Bangor Public School?

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* 5113 MM7 CATEGORISED COMMUNITY ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Elderly and/or disabled who reside in a category MM7 very remote area of New South Wales access emergency assistance via satellite using a MediAlarm device?
- (2) Can the 24/7 monitoring service receive Global Positioning System (GPS) readings, particularly if the device is triggered inside a home or building?
- (3) Can the Minister advise what is being done to ensure those who are vulnerable and live in a MM7 categorised community have access to a portable device that triggers emergency assistance?

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- (4) What emergency assistance is currently in place for those who live in these very remote areas of New South Wales?
- (5) If these residents had networks such as 'Starlink' installed, would they be able to send emergency signals?
 - (a) If so, has the Minister investigated making this a subsidised service available to those who live in MM7 categorised areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

Personal alarms are supplied by private providers and may require mobile phone network coverage. The mobile phone network and matters relating to satellite internet access are the responsibility of the Federal Minister for Communications.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care offer funding for personal alarms through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, Home Care Packages and the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

NSW Ambulance is represented on the National Emergency Communications Working Group, which provided advice on the development of the Emergency+ app. Any NSW resident who has mobile phone coverage can access the app, which will provide the patient's location details to emergency service organisations.

The NSW Ambulance Control Centres manage the strategic deployment of NSW Ambulance paramedics and resources, ensuring the most appropriate response to an incident based on the nature of an emergency and its location.

* 5114 LIVEBETTER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Does LiveBetter currently employ one staff member to service Lightning Ridge, Walgett, Bourke, Coonamble and all the small villages between for aged care community transport requirements?
- (2) Is LiveBetter the only provider available?
- (3) If (1) and (2) are affirmative, is this adequate community transport support for these communities?
 - (a) If not, what is the Government doing to increase the community transport availability out in our regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) LiveBetter reports five paid staff and nine volunteers working in the areas of Lightning Ridge, Walgett, Bourke, Coonamble, Nyngan and Cobar.
- (2) LiveBetter is the only provider in the above areas currently under contract to Transport for NSW for delivery of community transport.
- (3) Transport for NSW currently administers three Community Transport programs that support eligible community members in NSW, including: the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), the Community Transport Program (CTP), and the NSW Health NGO Grants Program. Each program has eligibility criteria to assist individuals who are transport disadvantaged.

* 5115 'FARE PAYING' ADULTS TRAVELLING ON DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise if 'fare paying' adults are permitted to travel on designated school bus services in regional New South Wales?
 - (a) If not, are some bus services allowing adults to travel on school bus services?
- (2) If 'fare paying' adults are permitted to travel on these services, what risk mitigation measures are in place to protect our school children on their passage to and from home/school?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Dedicated school bus services primarily carry primary and secondary school students, however, they may also carry fare paying passengers where there is capacity.
- (2) Transport for NSW encourages all passengers on public transport, including dedicated school bus services, to be considerate and courteous. Threatening, offensive or unsafe behaviour is not tolerated, and fines may apply.

Passengers, including students, who are concerned about their safety or the safety of others are advised to: move away from danger if possible; alert the driver; and listen for instructions from the driver.

* 5116 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE ALBURY ELECTORATE—Mr Justin Clancy to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Albury electorate:
 - (a) Albury Public School?
 - (b) Billabong High School?
 - (c) Corowa High School?
 - (d) James Fallon High School?
 - (e) Lavington Primary School?
 - (f) Mulwala Primary School?
 - (g) Murray High School?
 - (h) Tumbarumba High School?
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- * 5117 \$10 MILLION TO TARGET HIGH-RISK WEEDS CONTROL AND ERADICATION—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the \$10 million to target high-risk weeds control and eradication:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how much will the following Local Government Areas receive from this funding:
 - (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) Will the Minister please advise when will these councils receive this funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Funding for individual Local Control Authorities (LCAs) can be found here:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/weeds-action-program-regional-sub-program-2024-2025-for-local-control-authorities>
- (2) Once LCAs have executed their funding deeds they will be paid.

- * 5118 DROUGHT SUPPORT FOR FODDER AND TRANSPORT—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 drought support:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to subsidise freight costs for:
- (a) Water and fodder cartage?
 - (b) Cartage of stock to agistment?
 - (c) Cartage of stock between properties?
 - (d) Cartage of stock between saleyards?

Answer—

I am advised:

Through the Drought Ready and Resilient Fund (DRRF) eligible primary producers can apply for low interest loans of up to \$250,000 which can be paid off over five or ten years, to fund a broad range of products, activities and services to prepare for and respond to the impacts of drought.

DRRF loans can be used for activities relating to animal welfare that are supported by a Business Resilience Plan.

Eligible costs include the purchase and transportation of fodder and water, farm preparedness including stock transportation, income diversification, environmental improvements as well as training and business development.

For further information on the DRRF including program guidelines, eligibility criteria and eligible activities, primary producers should visit the RAA website at www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drrf or contact the RAA directly on 1800 678 593.

- * 5119 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING IN THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—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 funding in the Cootamundra electorate for those experiencing domestic violence:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide the information regarding the amount of Government funding provided for victims of domestic violence in the Cootamundra electorate for the following years:
- (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2020?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what investments will the Government consider in terms of additional funding to the Cootamundra electorate for victims of domestic violence?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised this information is not available at an electorate level.

The following amounts capture (DCJ) funding for domestic and family violence (DFV) programs within LGAs wholly or partly within the electoral district of Cootamundra. LGAs include Bland, Weddin, Cowra, Hilltops, Termora, Narranderra, Coolamon, Junee and Cootmundra-Gundagi.

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The programs include Specialist Homelessness Services, Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV), and specialist domestic family and sexual violence workers. The funding amounts do not include contracts delivering services state-wide.

For these areas, DCJ funding for programs supporting victim-survivors of DFV totalled:

- 2024/25, \$11,687,181
- 2023/24, \$9,927,927
- 2022/23, \$8,808,942
- 2021/22, \$9,744,271
- 2020/21, \$7,421,476.

- (2) The NSW Government is taking urgent action to address the unacceptable rate of violence against women and children. The 2024/25 Budget committed an additional \$245.6 million over four years for a coordinated, multi-pronged response that seeks to disrupt the cycle of DFV early and permanently. This includes:

- \$48 million to roll out the SHLV program state-wide and to expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service.
- \$48.1 million to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges.
- \$45 million to improve bail laws and justice system responses to domestic violence
- \$38.3 million to implement NSW's first dedicated domestic, family and sexual violence primary prevention strategy.
- \$29.6 million for the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service to provide support for victim-survivors requiring support to navigate the justice system.
- \$10 million to support Men's Behaviour Change Programs to enable men to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to prevent the use of violence.
- \$13.6 million for research into perpetrators and effective interventions, workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and expanding Domestic Violence NSW, which is the peak body for specialist services in NSW.

Prior to the expansion of Staying Home Leaving Violence, the service was not available in LGAs within the Cootamundra electorate. The NSW Government has now funded Linking Communities Network Limited as a provider to deliver the service to LGAs including Cootamundra-Gundagai, Hilltops, Coolamon, and Temora LGAs.

In addition, the NSW Government is investing a historic \$5.1 billion to build safe, accessible and affordable housing. At least half of the new homes built will be prioritised for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence. This means at least 3,100 vulnerable people leaving abusive relationships will have access to a new home under this program.

Any additional investment for domestic and family violence support services in NSW will be carefully considered through the 2025/26 state budget process.

- * 5120 DARLING RIVER CAMPGROUND CAMPSITE CLOSURES—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 National Parks campsites:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise why campsites 31 to 34 at the Darling River Campground in Kinchega National Park are closed?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many National Parks campsites are currently closed around the state?

Answer—

- (1) Campsites 31 to 34 on River Drive at Kinchega National Park have been closed since a major flooding event in 2023-24. Aboriginal cultural heritage material was exposed when flood waters receded. Works have been undertaken to document and protect these cultural heritage items, with the campsites due to open by 1 July 2025.
- (2) The number of closed campsites varies daily. Common reasons for campsite closures include site inundation, access road flooding, fire danger, maintenance and repairs and pest control operations. On the 13th of May, 623 of 7,167 campsites were closed, or just 8.69% of all NPWS sites.

* 5121 POLICE HOUSING ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to Police Housing dwellings across the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many are owned in the following Councils:
 - (a) Bland Shire?
 - (b) Coolamon Shire?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
 - (d) Cowra Shire?
 - (e) Hilltops Council?
 - (f) Junee Shire?
 - (g) Narrandera Shire?
 - (h) Temora Shire?
 - (i) Weddin Shire?
- (2) Of these, how many are occupied and how many are vacant?
- (3) How many require maintenance and when will this maintenance be undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

The number of Police Housing properties across the Cootamundra State Electorate is as follows:

Cootamundra Electorate Police Housing (as at May 2025)			
	# Properties	Occupied	Vacant
Bland Shire	8	3	5
Coolamon Shire	3	3	0
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional	9	6	3
Cowra Shire	3	1	2

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Hilltops Council	6	3	3
Junee Shire	3	3	0
Narrandera Shire	5	3	2
Temora Shire	3	3	0
Weddin Shire	5	3	2

26 homes have been identified as having maintenance requirements of which:

- Six properties have major works currently underway through 2024/25 planned maintenance programs (Ganmain, West Wyalong, Jugiong, Grenfell, Cowra and Caragabal).
- Four properties are proposed for major works through the 2025/26 planned maintenance program, subject to funding (Young, Junee, two in Harden).
- Three properties are uninhabitable with no works planned.
 - Police have not prioritised these properties for renewal.
- 13 properties have minor reactive maintenance issues raised through the Teacher and Police Housing portal and are being addressed as per standard portfolio management procedures.

* 5122 REHOMING FUNDING FOR ANIMALS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

With respect to the Companion Animal Care and Rehoming funding program:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many animals are currently supported by a rehoming service / animal shelter?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what funding opportunities are available to support rehoming services for animals?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Regulation of companion animal rehoming and pounds is addressed under the Companion Animals Act 1998. This question should be directed to the Minister for Local Government as the responsible Minister.
- (2) The Office of Local Government is responsible for the administration of the Companion Animal Care and Rehoming Competitive Grant Program. This question should be directed to the Minister for Local Government as the responsible Minister.

* 5123 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NARRANDERA—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 support services for people experiencing domestic violence located in Narrandera:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise what domestic violence support services are available to those living in Narrandera Shire, and where these support services are located?
- (2) Noting that transport is often a barrier for residents in Narrandera, could you please advise what is the Government doing to ensure domestic violence support services are based out of Narrandera rather than outreach programs located in areas outside of Narrandera?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government delivers the following programs in Narrandera Shire:
- Safer Pathway: The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS), for women, and Local Support Services (LSS), for men, provide victim-survivors with information, safety planning, referrals to local services, and case management for clients with complex needs. The WDVCAS also assist women seeking legal protection at all local courts across NSW. The current provider of Murrumbidgee WDVCAS is Linking Communities Network, and the LSS provider in the Murray and Riverina area is Relationship Australia Canberra and Region.
 - Core and Cluster: The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) funds a Core and Cluster refuge for women and children leaving Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA). The refuge is Aboriginal led, has a core of wraparound supports and a cluster of 7 self-contained crisis accommodation units.
 - Women's Refuge: Linking Communities Network is funded to deliver the Western Murrumbidgee Network Homelessness Service, which includes the Kulkuna Cottage Women's Refuge. The service is contractually required to provide support to women and children experiencing DFV from the Narrandera LGA.
 - Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV): Link Communities Network is also funded to deliver the SHLV program in Griffith, Narrandera, Leeton, Hay, Bland, Murrumbidgee and Carrathool LGAs. They also receive Keeping Women Safe in Their Homes funding to support housing safety and stability for women and children leaving DFV.
- (2) The NSW Government recognises the importance of resourcing regional, rural, and remote locations with adequate funding to deliver services effectively, however acknowledges that some DFV services may need to be provided by outreach.

In the recent program expansion of SHLV, rural and remote areas received higher funding allocations to account for the higher cost of service delivery.

* 5124 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Teacher positions and Vacancies in the Cootamundra electorate:

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public school in the Cootamundra electorate:
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 - (b) Arian Park Central School?
 - (c) Barellan Central School?
 - (d) Barmedman Public School?
 - (e) Binya Public School?
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 - (g) Bongongo Public School?
 - (h) Boorowa Central School?
 - (i) Bribbaree Public School?
 - (j) Caragabal Public School?

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- (k) Coolamon Central School?
- (l) Cootamundra Public School?
- (m) Cowra Public School?
- (n) EA Southee Public School?
- (o) Elouera Special School?
- (p) Eurongilly Public School?
- (q) Ganmain Public School?
- (r) Gooloogong Public School?
- (s) Greenethorpe Public School?
- (t) Grenfell Public School?
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- (v) Gundagai South Public School?
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- (z) Jugiong Public School?
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- (hh) Murringo Public School?
- (ii) Murrumburrah Public School?
- (jj) Nangus Public School?
- (kk) Naradhan Public School?
- (ll) Narrandera East Infants School?
- (mm) Narrandera Public School?
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- (oo) Stockinbingal Public School?
- (pp) Tallimba Public School?
- (qq) Temora Public School?
- (rr) Temora West Public School?
- (ss) Ungarie Central School?
- (tt) Wallendbeen Public School?

- (uu) Weethalle Public School?
 - (vv) West Wyalong Public School?
 - (ww) Wombat Public School?
 - (xx) Woodstock Public School?
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- * 5125 PATIENT TRANSPORT IN REGIONAL AREAS—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 patient transport:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how many patient transport vehicles are available at:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District:
 - (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?
 - (ii) Coolamon-Ganmain Multipurpose Service?
 - (iii) Cootamundra Hospital?
 - (iv) Gundagai Multipurpose Service?
 - (v) Junee Multipurpose Service?
 - (vi) Murrumburrah-Harden Hospital?
 - (vii) Narrandera Hospital?
 - (viii) Temora Hospital?
 - (ix) West Wyalong Hospital?
 - (x) Young Hospital?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District:
 - (i) Canowindra Soldiers Memorial Hospital?
 - (ii) Cowra Hospital?

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(iii) Grenfell Multipurpose Service?

- (2) Minister, could you please advise given the vast distances and limited local health services in many regional communities, what is the Government doing to improve patient transport services to ensure timely access to specialist care?
- (3) Are there ongoing concerns around delays, affordability, and service availability for regional patients?
- (a) If so, how will you address these concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

Patient transport vehicles are strategically located across Murrumbidgee Local Health District to facilitate timely transfers. Vehicles are permanently located in Corowa, Finley, Griffith, Narrandera, Temora, Wagga Wagga and Young. Western NSW Local Health District runs a comprehensive patient transport service from the larger towns in the District, providing services across the Local Health District.

NSW Health is currently working on plans for expansion of the Patient Transfer Service into other regional and rural areas. The expansion aims to reduce reliance on NSW Ambulance for nonemergency patient transport in regional and rural areas and to improve patient access to care.

NSW Health is also reviewing the Transport for Health Policy to develop a refreshed approach to non-emergency patient transport, which facilitates improved access to care for all NSW residents, particularly those in regional communities.

* 5126 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE OATLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Oatley electorate:
- (a) Beverly Hills Public School?
 - (b) Beverly Hills North Public School?
 - (c) Carinya School?
 - (d) Connells Point Public School?
 - (e) Hannans Road Public School?
 - (f) Hurstville Grove Infants School?
 - (g) Hurstville Public School?
 - (h) Hurstville South Public School?
 - (i) Lugarno Public School?
 - (j) Mortdale Public School?
 - (k) Narwee Public School?
 - (l) Oatley Public School?
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 - (o) Peakhurst South Public School?
 - (p) Peakhurst West Public School?
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 - (y) Georges River College Peakhurst Campus?
 - (z) Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus?
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 - (dd) Bethany College?
 - (ee) Danebank Anglican School for Girls?
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* 5127 INTERSECTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY, BALFOUR STREET AND HAVILAH ROAD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Balfour Street and Havilah Road in Lindfield:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place, broken down by financial year in:
 - (a) 2019-20?
 - (b) 2020-21?
 - (c) 2021-22?

- (d) 2022-23?
(e) 2023-24?
(f) 2024-25?
- (2) Given the new Coles opening and Transport Oriented Development, is Transport for NSW monitoring this intersection?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW have plans to add this intersection to the list of locations to review for potential remedial road safety works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Crash data up to 2023 is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:
(<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/lga-view-crashes-map>).
Data for 2024 and 2025 is still preliminary, and subject to change.
- (2) Transport for NSW is monitoring the intersection through network-wide crash analysis and network inspections.
- (3) As part of the Lindfield Town Centre Planning, Ku-ring-gai Council is investigating upgrades to the intersection. These proposed changes are progressing through a design review process with Transport for NSW. The proposed changes include:
- Extension of the right-turn bay from Pacific Highway (northbound) into Havilah Road (southbound)
 - No right-turn from Havilah Road (westbound) into Pacific Highway (northbound). This turn will be transferred to a new set of proposed traffic signals at the intersection of Pacific Highway and Strickland Avenue (also in the design stage and led by Ku-ring-gai Council)
 - Future road widening to allow the extension of the right turn bay from Pacific Highway (southbound) into Bal four Street (westbound)
 - Minor adjustments to the pedestrian crossing.

* 5128 INTERSECTION OF ARCHBOLD ROAD, CLANVILLE ROAD AND CARNARVON ROAD—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection of Archbold Road, Clanville Road and Carnarvon Road in Roseville:

- (1) How many accidents have taken place, broken down by financial year in:
- (a) 2019-20?
(b) 2020-21?
(c) 2021-22?
(d) 2022-23?
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(f) 2024-25?
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- (2) Ku-rin-gai Council is responsible for Archbold Road, as it is classified as a Regional road. Transport for NSW has been monitoring the intersection via network-wide crash analysis and network inspections.
- (3) Ku-rin-gai Council is responsible for Archbold Road, Clanville Road and Carnarvon Road, as they are classified as Regional and Local roads. Should Council decide to pursue any upgrades, Transport for NSW will work with Council to ensure the best possible road safety outcomes are achieved.

* 5129 QON 4546 FOLLOW UP—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Further to question and answer 4546 in relation to the intersection of Pacific Highway, Shirley, and Clanville roads in Roseville:

- (1) How many accidents and/or fatalities have taken in:
 - (a) 2023-24?
 - (b) 2024-25?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW monitoring this intersection?
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- (2) Transport for NSW is monitoring the intersection through network-wide crash analysis and network inspections.
- (3) Transport for NSW plans to nominate the intersection for road safety upgrades in the next applicable round of funding under the NSW Government's Towards Zero Safer Roads Program.

* 5130 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE DAVIDSON ELECTORATE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Davidson electorate:
 - (a) Davidson High School?
 - (b) Killara High School ?
 - (c) Ku-ring-gai High School?
 - (d) St Ives High School?

- (e) Lindfield Learning Village?
 - (f) Beaumont Road Public School?
 - (g) Belrose Public School?
 - (h) Frenchs Forest Public School?
 - (i) Gordon East Public School?
 - (j) Kambora Public School?
 - (k) Killara Public School?
 - (l) Lindfield East Public School?
 - (m) Lindfield Public School?
 - (n) Mimosa Public School?
 - (o) Roseville Public School?
 - (p) St Ives North Public School?
 - (q) St Ives Park Public School?
 - (r) St Ives Public School?
 - (s) Turramurra North Public School?
 - (t) Wakehurst Public School?
 - (u) Cromehurst School?
 - (v) Sir Eric Woodward School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions as an FTE are there at each of the following public schools in the Davidson electorate:
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 - (b) Killara High School ?
 - (c) Ku-ring-gai High School?
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* 5131 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE TERRIGAL ELECTORATE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Terrigal electorate:
 - (a) Woodport Public School?
 - (b) Terrigal Public School?
 - (c) Chertsey Public School?
 - (d) Pretty Beach Public School?
 - (e) Empire Bay Public School?
 - (f) Avoca Beach Public School?
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* 5132 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE BADGERYS CREEK ELECTORATE—Mrs Tanya Davies to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Badgerys Creek electorate:
 - (a) Banks Public School?
 - (b) Barramurra Public School?
 - (c) Blackwell Public School?
 - (d) Bringelly Public School?
 - (e) Clairgate Public School?
 - (f) Erskine Park High School?
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- (j) Horsley Park Public School?
 - (k) James Erskine Public School?
 - (l) Luddenham Public School?
 - (m) Mulgoa Public School?
 - (n) Nangamay Public School?
 - (o) Oran Park High School?
 - (p) Oran Park Public School?
 - (q) Regentville Public School?
 - (r) St Clair High School?
 - (s) St Clair Public School?
 - (t) Surveyors Creek Public School?
 - (u) Wallacia Public School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Badgerys Creek electorate:
- (a) Banks Public School?
 - (b) Barramurra Public School?
 - (c) Blackwell Public School?
 - (d) Bringelly Public School?
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* 5133 TEACHER POSITIONS AND 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) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Drummoyne electorate:
 - (a) Concord High School?
 - (b) Concord Public School?
 - (c) Abbotsford Public School?
 - (d) Concord West Public School?
 - (e) Drummoyne Public School?
 - (f) Five Dock Public School?
 - (g) Strathfield North Public School?
 - (h) Russell Lea Public School?
 - (i) Mortlake Public School?
 - (j) Lucas Gardens School?
 - (k) Victoria Avenue Public School?
 - (l) Rivendell School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Drummoyne electorate:
 - (a) Concord High School?
 - (b) Concord Public School?
 - (c) Abbotsford Public School?
 - (d) Concord West Public School?
 - (e) Drummoyne Public School?
 - (f) Five Dock Public School?
 - (g) Strathfield North Public School?
 - (h) Russell Lea Public School?

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- (i) Rivendell School?
- (j) Mortlake Public School?
- (k) Lucas Gardens School?
- (l) Victoria Avenue Public School?

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* 5134 SCHOOL CLEANING CHANGES AND REGIONAL NSW IMPACT—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did the Government make an election promise to the United Worker’s Union to review school cleaning?
 - (a) If so, what is the status of this review?
 - (b) Has the Minister considered the impact any review outcomes would have on school cleanliness and recruitment of school cleaners in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government made a commitment at the election to people of NSW that it would review the contracting arrangements for school cleaning services.

The review was prompted by concerns from parents, teachers and principals about the consistency and reliability of cleaning standards in schools as well as working conditions of cleaners.

Following the review, the NSW Government has announced that the Department of Education will assume responsibility from NSW Public Works for the management of the whole-of-government cleaning services contract, of which the Department accounts for 78% of the contract value. This aims to better address the unique needs of schools and provide better support for principals, particularly when it comes to responsiveness to issues and dispute resolution.

Under the changes, school cleaning services in the Hunter and the Central Coast region will operate as a direct employment model, with cleaners employed by the department. For the regions outside of the Hunter and the Central Coast new cleaning contracts will be tendered and negotiated to drive improved cleaning outcomes, higher hygiene standards, stronger employee protections and conditions, and clearer oversight and accountability.

Another change will mean specialist cleaning, such as carpet cleaning or high-access window cleaning, will be contracted separately from the whole-of-government contract, meaning there will be greater opportunities for local businesses, particularly in regional NSW.

* 5135 CANOWINDRA HOSPITAL NURSING ACCOMMODATION—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Has a residential flat situated next to Canowindra Hospital, which was previously available for medical staff accommodation, been demolished?

(a) If so, are there plans to restore medical staff accommodations to Canowindra?

Answer—

I am advised:

Redundant end of life building stock previously associated with accommodation was demolished to allow for the construction of a new \$8.29 million HealthOne facility at Canowindra.

No key health worker accommodation has been planned for Canowindra in the immediate future. Current demand is met via the local rental market.

Western NSW Local Health District reviews accommodation and rental market demands annually, across all towns within its footprint, to determine future strategic investment needs.

* 5136 CANOWINDRA HOSPITAL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Did a staffing review of the Canowindra Hospital, conducted in 2012, result in the loss of one full-time equivalent (FTE) nursing shift for the afternoon shift?

(a) If so, did this leave the hospital to be serviced by just two nurses for afternoon and night shifts?

(2) Can Emergency Department presentations be in excess of 10+ per shift?

(3) Will a workload and staffing review be conducted to ensure appropriate nurse staffing levels and reasonable workloads?

Answer—

I am advised:

Activity levels are reviewed annually and on an ad hoc basis to inform whether staffing levels are appropriate.

Current activity data indicates that more than 10 presentations per shift is highly unlikely. The average number of emergency department presentations per 24-hour period is 5.3.

* 5137 COMMUNITY HEALTH—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will consideration be given to extending the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) to include subsidies for travel to access allied health services and specialist healthcare services that are below the scheme's current minimum distance requirements?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is improving access to healthcare for people living in rural and regional communities. In the 2023-24 financial year, \$48,885,696 was provided in IPTAAS claims across NSW, helping 41,417 patients access specialist health treatment.

If a patient must travel to access specialised health care, but the distance is less than required by IPTAAS, they can apply for a discretionary payment.

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* 5138 PARKES HOSPITAL SECURITY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has Parkes Hospital been challenged in efforts to recruit Health and Security Assistants, necessitating staff to call police to respond to incidents such as nurses being assaulted?.
- (2) Do existing duress alarms at the hospital only operate internally, alerting only the staff in the hospital?
- (3) Can you advise what steps are being taken to employ Health and Security Assistants to provide around-the-clock security for nurses and other employees at the Parkes Hospital?
- (4) Will consideration be given to assess existing security measures at the hospital, and a duress alarm system that can trigger an external response?

Answer—

Health and Security Assistants (HASAs) are part of a multidisciplinary team response to incidents of aggression. Western NSW Local Health District has implemented a strategy to employ HASAs at Parkes Health Service.

The Code Black Plan at Parkes Health Service requires alarm activation, which initiates an internal response. When the response team decides external support is also required, the Code Black Plan allows for an escalation to emergency services.

A risk assessment for duress alarm compliance at Parkes Health Service was completed in July 2024. The escalation process for duress alarms was not identified as a concern.

In consultation with workers, Parkes Health Service regularly reviews security measures at the hospital, including the effectiveness of the Code Black response.

* 5139 MANILDRA HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Do you plan to continue funding for the ongoing operation of the Manildra Health Centre, and other existing small country town health centres?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Manildra community and health centre is serviced by Molong Multi-Purpose Service community health nurses. Molong Health Service offers a range of services, including general medical care, community nursing, and allied health services. The Manildra community can access home visiting services direct to their home.

* 5140 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE PORT MACQUARIE ELECTORATE—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Port Macquarie electorate:
 - (a) Camden Haven High School?
 - (b) Camden Haven High - Distance Ed?
 - (c) Hastings Secondary College - Port Macquarie Campus?
 - (d) Hastings Secondary College - Westport Campus?
 - (e) Lord Howe Island Central School?
 - (f) Cooperbrook Public School?

- (g) Hannam Vale Public School?
 - (h) Harrington Public School?
 - (i) Hastings Public School?
 - (j) Herons Creek Public School?
 - (k) Kendall Public School?
 - (l) Lake Cathie Public School?
 - (m) Laurieton Public School?
 - (n) Moorland Public School?
 - (o) North Haven Public School?
 - (p) Port Macquarie Public School?
 - (q) Tacking Point Public School?
 - (r) Westport Public School?
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* 5141 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE MANLY ELECTORATE—Mr James Griffin to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Manly electorate:
 - (a) Manly Village Public School?
 - (b) Manly Vale Public School?
 - (c) Manly West Public School?
 - (d) Seaforth Public School?
 - (e) Curl Curl North Public School?
 - (f) Balgowlah Heights Public School?
 - (g) Harbord Public School?
 - (h) Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus?
 - (i) Northern Beaches Secondary College Manly Campus?
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 - (k) Northern Beaches Secondary College Freshwater Campus?
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* 5142 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE WAHROONGA ELECTORATE—Mr Alister Henskens to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Wairoonga electorate:
 - (a) Gordon West Public School?
 - (b) Normanhurst Public School?
 - (c) Normanhurst West Public School?
 - (d) Pennant Hills Public School?
 - (e) Pymble Public School?
 - (f) Thornleigh West Public School?
 - (g) Turramurra Public School?
 - (h) Wairoonga Public School?
 - (i) Waitara Public School?
 - (j) Warrawee Public School?
 - (k) West Pymble Public School?
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- (f) Thornleigh West Public School?
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* 5143 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Castle Hill electorate:
 - (a) Annangrove Public School?
 - (b) Baulkham Hills North Public School?
 - (c) Castle Hill Public School?
 - (d) Dural Public School?
 - (e) Excelsior Public School?
 - (f) Glenhaven Public School?
 - (g) Jasper Road Public School?
 - (h) Kenthurst Public School?
 - (i) Oakhill Drive Public School?
 - (j) Samuel Gilbert Public School?
 - (k) Baulkham Hills High School?
 - (l) Castle Hill High School?

- (m) Model Farms High School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Castle Hill electorate:
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- * 5144 INTERSECTION OF MACPHERSON STREET AND GERARD STREET—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection of Macpherson Street and Gerard Street, Cremorne:

- (1) Does Transport for NSW plan to install traffic signals at the intersection?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW supporting North Sydney Council in improving safety at this intersection, including for pedestrians?
 - (a) If yes, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW is collaborating with North Sydney Council to enhance safety at this intersection. North Sydney Council is planning to install traffic lights at the intersection of Macpherson Street and Gerard Street, Cremorne. Council is currently working with Transport for NSW to complete the various design review stages, which involves a technical assessment of the proposed site.

The proposed design includes pedestrian crossings that effectively separate pedestrians and vehicular traffic through controlled signal phasing. The introduction of traffic lights will significantly improve safety for motorists by regulating movements within the intersection, ensuring there are no conflicts.

- * 5145 WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Willoughby Girls High School:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to make the school co-educational?
- (2) Has the Minister or Minister's office sought any advice on making the school co-educational?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to offering all families a co-educational high school option. This means that every student in NSW will be guaranteed a place at a designated co-educational public high school by 2027.

Information about co-educational high school consultations is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/highschool>.

There are no plans to change the educational provision at the school.

- * 5146 SALE OF OPERATIONAL, WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE BUSES FROM THE OUTER METROPOLITAN BUS SERVICES CONTRACT 5—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) Has the Government allowed the sale of operational, wheelchair-accessible buses from the Outer Metropolitan Bus Services Contract (OMBSC) 5?
 - (a) If yes, why have these not been used to replace older buses in other contract regions?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Newcastle Integrated Services Contract includes a provision for bus operators to dispose of buses that are retired from the contract fleet, including by way of sale. Sixteen buses have been sold under this provision between November 2020 and April 2024.

Since April 2024, a number of buses eligible for disposal have been retained in the contract fleet to support service delivery in this service region.

Prior to requiring disposal of a bus, Transport for NSW continues to consider transferring operational, wheelchair-accessible buses to other contract regions, where it is identified they are not required for service delivery under the Newcastle Integrated Services Contract.

- * 5147 MOWBRAY ROAD WEST BETWEEN RALSTON AND ROSLYN STREETS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to Mowbray Road West between Ralston and Roslyn Streets, Lane Cove North:

- (1) How many accidents have occurred at this location in the last five years?
- (2) Have there been any requests for blackspot funding?

(a) Was funding granted?

- (3) Is Transport for NSW offering any support to Lane Cove Council and Willoughby City Council to improve road safety at this location?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023 (the latest five-year finalised data available), there were eight reported crashes on this section of Mowbray Road West.
- (2) As part of the 2021-2022 Australian Government Blackspot Program, Lane Cove Council was successful in receiving \$315,000 grant funding for improving safety on this section of Mowbray Road. This project was completed in June 2022 and included the delivery of upgrades to road surfacing to high level non-skid (super elevation), installation of roadside barrier and relevant signage upgrades.
- (3) Lane Cove Council is responsible for Mowbray Road, as it is a Regional road. The road connects the state roads of Epping Road and Pacific Highway through the Lane Cove Local Government Area, and is one of its main east-west corridors.

Transport for NSW is consulting with both Lane Cove Council and Willoughby Council to devise the most appropriate solution for the reoccurring crashes at this site, subject to future funding allocations. Strategic designs have been developed. Funding is being sought by Lane Cove Council from Transport for NSW to progress the designs to detailed design stage. Willoughby Council supports upgrading this location with designs proposed to increase its safety.

* 5148 BUILDING AND TRADE LICENCING—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—

- (1) Can consumers have the confidence that a licenced tradesperson in New South Wales has a genuine qualification from a legitimate training organisation?
- (2) What measures are being taken to ensure the integrity of building and trade licencing and ensure current licensees are appropriately qualified?
- (3) Are persons with an inappropriate criminal history being granted a licence?
- (4) Has Building Commission NSW entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NSW Police for the purpose of criminal background checks?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Minns Government has worked to rebuild confidence in the sector including establishing Building Commission NSW in December 2023.
- Building Commission NSW has existing legislative powers to request relevant information from other regulators to support investigations and other regulatory functions.
- Building Commission NSW is in the process of entering into information sharing agreements with several NSW Government and Federal Government agencies, including NSW Police.
- Building Commission NSW takes a risk-based approach to assessing licences, including undertaking a number of third-party checks as well as requesting certain applicants provide a National Police Certificate (NPC).
- Its application forms also ask individuals applying for a licence about their criminal history.

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- If an applicant makes a false statement or does not disclose relevant information in this declaration it can result in penalties such as licence cancellations, fines or imprisonment.
- Suspected false statements on licence applications are investigated by Building Commission NSW.
- Any new licence applications relying on qualifications from de-registered RTOs or RTOs suspected of issuing invalid qualifications are also being thoroughly vetted.
- Building Commission NSW regulatory staff have always held lawful authorities which are consistent with requirements set out in legislation.

* 5149 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Willoughby electorate:
 - (a) ANZAC Park Public School?
 - (b) Cammeray Public School?
 - (c) Northbridge Public School?
 - (d) Willoughby Public School?
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 - (f) Chatswood Public School?
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 - (k) Chatswood High School?
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- * 5150 UNDERQUOTING—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 underquoting:

- (1) Has the Government considered any reforms to require the proactive disclosure of offences by agents that have been subject to compliance actions?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Information on complaints, investigations and actions taken by NSW Fair Trading is published in the Department of Customer Service Annual Report.
- The Government is considering a range of options for regulatory reform in relation to underquoting.

- * 5151 FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR BUILDINGS - SUPPORT—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 fire safety regulations for buildings:

- (1) How is the Government supporting strata corporations faced with significant fire remediation costs as a result of an increase in defect identification due to recent regulatory reforms?
 - (a) Is the Government considering any financial assistance or targeted program similar to Project Remediate to support strata corporations undertaking major fire safety rectification works?
 - (i) If not, why not?
 - (b) Has there been consideration of the provision of interest-free loans, hardship provisions, or other financial relief measures?
- (2) Noting that the 2024 Position Paper acknowledges that the current fire safety regulatory framework is complex, fragmented, and difficult to navigate, what immediate support is the Government offering to strata corporations that are struggling with conflicting advice and unclear responsibilities under the existing system?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- The August 2024 Building Commission NSW 'Fire safety regulatory framework' Position Paper is focused primarily on the construction of new buildings and the way fire safety systems are designed, installed and certified prior to occupation. The Paper highlights the myriad legislative schemes governing fire protection in new construction work, making it difficult for practitioners to achieve compliance. The Government is progressing reforms to address these issues.

* 5152 FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR BUILDINGS—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 fire safety regulations for buildings:

- (1) Are there concerns about the reliability of fire safety assessments and cost estimates?
 - (a) If so, will the Government consider establishing an independent, government-supported review process that strata committees can access to ensure fairness, accuracy, and transparency in fire safety compliance assessments?
- (2) Can the Minister provide an update on the NSW Building Commission's review of the fire safety regulatory framework, particularly in regard to how the proposed changes will impact strata communities financially?
 - (a) What steps are being taken to ensure that the reforms do not impose unsustainable costs on owners?
- (3) Are there workforce shortages in the fire safety and construction sectors?
 - (a) If so, what steps is the Government taking to ensure there are enough qualified professionals available to undertake the volume of inspections and remediation work required under the new framework, so that costs are kept manageable, and projects can proceed without significant delays?
- (4) Where previous contractors have failed to meet fire safety standards, will the Government consider providing clear avenues for strata corporations to pursue compensation or recourse, so that the financial burden of correcting historic non-compliance does not fall entirely on current owners?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government is currently considering reforms to the fire safety regulatory framework and a review of fire safety assessment functions and processes.
- The Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Amendment Regulation 2025 made amendments to defer the commencement of two new fire safety requirements under the EP&A (DCFS) Regulation 2021.
- The deferral has provided Building Commission NSW the opportunity to further consult with impacted stakeholders through an Industry Reference Group, such as strata corporations and the fire industry, to assess the cost impacts and ensure there is awareness of the requirements, and ensure industry is appropriately skilled and resourced to comply with the requirements to minimise delays and disruptions to projects.

* 5153 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE OXLEY ELECTORATE—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Oxley electorate:

- (a) Huntington Public School?
 - (b) Kinchela Public School?
 - (c) Long Flat Public School?
 - (d) Macksville Public School?
 - (e) Macksville High School?
 - (f) Nambucca Heads Public School?
 - (g) Frank Partridge VC Public School?
 - (h) Nambucca Heads High School?
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 - (w) Wauchope High School?
 - (x) Kempsey West Public School?
 - (y) Kempsey High School?
 - (z) Willawarrin Public School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Oxley electorate:
- (a) Huntington Public School?
 - (b) Kinchela Public School?
 - (c) Long Flat Public School?
 - (d) Macksville Public School?
 - (e) Macksville High School?
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* 5154 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools servicing the Ryde electorate:
 - (a) Ermington Public School (PS)?
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 - (c) West Ryde PS?
 - (d) Meadowbank PS?
 - (e) Smalls Road PS?

- (f) Denistone East PS?
 - (g) Kent Road PS?
 - (h) North Ryde PS?
 - (i) Eastwood PS?
 - (j) Eastwood Heights PS?
 - (k) Ngarala PS?
 - (l) Ryde PS?
 - (m) Ryde East PS?
 - (n) Carlingford PS?
 - (o) Arndell School?
 - (p) Epping Boys High School (HS)?
 - (q) Marsden HS?
 - (r) Ryde Secondary College?
 - (s) Riverside Girls HS?
 - (t) Cheltenham Girls HS?
 - (u) Carlingford HS?
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 - (i) Eastwood PS?
 - (j) Eastwood Heights PS?
 - (k) Ngarala PS?
 - (l) Ryde PS?
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- * 5155 CONSULTATION ON STRATA MANAGER FEES AND COMMISSIONS—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—

When will consultation on options for reform to address concerns regarding strata manager fees and commissions conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government is undertaking consultation on options for reform to address concerns regarding strata manager fees and commissions.
- Consultation will conclude once sufficient feedback has been gathered to inform further policy development including the scope of any reforms, potential cost impacts on consumers and ensuring a viable and sustainable strata management industry.

- * 5156 START STRONG FOR COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many new community preschools applied for funding under the Start Strong for Community Preschools program in the previous 12 months to:
- (a) 31 December 2024?
 - (b) 31 December 2023?
 - (c) 31 December 2022?
 - (d) 31 December 2021?
 - (e) 31 December 2020?

Answer—

Over the past 5 years, several new applications, between 4 and 9 each year, have been received.

* 5157 PROPOSED ELECTRIC BUS DEPOT IN MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane 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) Are you aware of any challenges associated with delivering adequate power to the proposed electric bus depot in Macquarie Park?
 - (a) If so, what are these challenges?
 - (b) If so, what is the Government doing to address these challenges?
 - (c) If so, are these challenges prevalent at any other electric bus depots in New South Wales, and if so, which specifically?
- (2) What does it mean specifically to be "working closely with Ausgrid to secure the required power supply requirement for the depot", as referenced in the 'ZEB Macquarie Park Bus Depot REF submissions report'?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is building a new battery electric bus depot at Macquarie Park to support public transport services to the lower North Shore and Northwest suburbs of Sydney, stretching to Chatswood and Parramatta.

The scope to deliver adequate power involves construction of a new dedicated 11kV high voltage power supply from the Macquarie Park Zone Substation on Waterloo Road to the Macquarie Park Bus Depot site. Detailed design for construction will need to consider existing utilities along the proposed route.

Transport for NSW is in the process of engaging a suitably qualified and experienced contractor to manage the design and construction of the Macquarie Park Bus Depot, including the new HV power supply connection.

Information about the Macquarie Park Bus Depot is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/macquarie-park-bus-depot>

- (2) Transport for NSW is working with Ausgrid to plan for adequate power supply for the new Macquarie Park depot, as well as for the 11 existing bus depots in Greater Sydney. These will be converted to battery electric technology by 2028 as part of Stage 1 of the ZEB Program. Transport for NSW and Ausgrid engage in regular coordination meetings to manage technical and delivery interface issues across all ZEB Stage 1 depot sites.

Ausgrid has authorised the proposed design scope and has reserved the power supply required for the Macquarie Park Bus Depot. This took place subsequent to the Macquarie Park Bus Depot REF Submissions report, which was released in September 2024. Information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Macquarie-Park-Bus-Depot-REF-Submissions-Report.pdf>

* 5158 TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMISSIONER UNITED KINGDOM AND EUROPE—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—

Before the new Trade and Investment Commissioner United Kingdom and Europe commenced on 27 March 2025, for how long did that role remain vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

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There was an acting Trade and Investment Commissioner United Kingdom and Europe prior to 27 March 2025.

* 5159 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane 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 your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Transport for NSW media team does not use artificial intelligence to draft any media collateral.

Transport for NSW currently does not have a policy that governs departmental use of artificial intelligence. Transport for NSW is progressing a high-level plan to meet the NSW Government's Artificial Intelligence Assurance Framework by mid-2025. Transport for NSW regularly reviews relevant policies to ensure they are in line with the latest policies, standards and procedures.

* 5160 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - ROADS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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Answer—

I am advised

The Premier's Department follow the NSW Artificial Intelligence Assessment Framework developed by Digital NSW and Cyber Security NSW.

The Framework and guidance on using public generative artificial intelligence tools safely are available at the following links:

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/policy/artificial-intelligence/nsw-artificial-intelligence-assessment-framework>

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-05/Using-public-generative-artificial-intelligence-AI-tools-safely.pdf>

* 5161 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - LANDS AND PROPERTY—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Does your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?
- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?

- (a) If so, can you please provide a direct URL?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure follow the NSW Artificial Intelligence Assessment Framework developed by Digital NSW and Cyber Security NSW.

The Framework and guidance on using public generative artificial intelligence tools safely are available at the following links:

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/policy/artificial-intelligence/nsw-artificial-intelligenceassessment-framework>

<https://www.digital.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-10/Using-public-generative-artificial-intelligence-AI-tools-safely.pdf>

- * 5162 DEPARTMENTAL USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—
Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does your Department use any form of artificial intelligence (AI) (such as Chat GPT, Microsoft Copilot or similar tools) for the drafting of media releases, speeches, reports, research or any other drafting activity?

- (2) Is there a policy that relates to this matter?

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Answer—

I am advised:

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- * 5163 SAFER CITIES PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Leong 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) In relation to Transport for NSW's Safer Cities Program:

- (a) How many stations have had improvements made as part of the Safer Cities Program?
- (b) What methodology is used by Transport for NSW to identify train stations as part of the Program?

- (2) Regarding the delivery of Safer Cities Program improvements at Stanmore Railway Station:

- (a) What improvements have been planned for Stanmore Station as part of the Safer Cities Program?
- (b) What consultation has Transport for NSW conducted with local Stanmore residents in planning and designing improvements at Stanmore Station?
- (c) To date, what improvements have already been made?

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- (d) What improvements remain outstanding?
- (e) What is the expected delivery date for all planned improvements?
- (f) Does the Government plan to deliver additional mural artwork as part of the Program?
 - (i) If yes, at what locations will this art be located?
 - (ii) If no, following what advice did Transport for NSW come to this decision?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are three stations that were a part of the former Transport Access Program that received additional funding for scope under the Safer Cities Program - Stanmore, Redfern and Waitara.

These three stations were selected to trial the Safer Cities methodology at transport hubs as a part of the Transport Access Program, as the delivery timeframes aligned with the Safer Cities Program, allowing Transport for NSW to test and pilot this approach to inform long-term outcomes.

- (2) Transport for NSW completed an accessibility upgrade at Stanmore Station in December 2023, through the Transport Access Program, with one outstanding deliverable to be completed by 2025.

Also this year, Transport for NSW has started to implement the additional improvements proposed through the Safer Cities Program, including:

- Douglas Street forecourt will feature lighting, more seating, new planter boxes, upgraded signage and a freshly painted underpass entrance.
- The station underpass will have more lighting, convex mirrors for better visibility, extended artwork near the lift lobbies and fresh paint.
- Additional CCTV cameras will be installed to enhance security.
- A trial to activate the Stanmore Station precinct, the 'Art in Transit: Women's Makers Market' (which ran for 10 days at the Stanmore Parcel Office in December 2023), was delivered in partnership with the reVITALise program.

Proposed improvements under the Transport Access Program:

- Installation of an artwork along the Douglas Street boundary fence and upgrading the boundary fence to accommodate.
- Security bollards to be installed at the entrance to Douglas Street underpass.

As part of the Safer Cities Program the existing mural in the underpass by artist Maddie Gibbs will be extended. There are no other additional murals funded by the Safer Cities Program. A mural was originally proposed to be located at Trafalgar Street as part of the Transport Access Program. This mural now has a new location on the Douglas Street side of the station. This was identified as a suitable alternative artwork location, meeting both Heritage NSW approval and maintenance requirements.

Improvements for the Safer Cities program are shaped by feedback from local women and aim to enhance perceptions of safety, and overall atmosphere around the station. Community notifications for works occurring at Stanmore Station have been circulated to local residents throughout the Transport Access Program and Safer Cities Program.

* 5164 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS ELECTORATE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate:

- (a) Armidale City Public School?
- (b) Ashford Central School?
- (c) Bald Blair Public School?
- (d) Ben Lomond Public School?
- (e) Ben Venue Public School?
- (f) Bingara Central School?
- (g) Black Mountain Public School?
- (h) Boggabilla Central School?
- (i) Bonshaw Public School?
- (j) Boomi Public School?
- (k) Bullarah Public School?
- (l) Bundarra Central School?
- (m) Chandler Public School?
- (n) Croppa Creek Public School?
- (o) Deepwater Public School?
- (p) Delungra Public School?
- (q) Drummond Memorial Public School?
- (r) Ebor Public School?
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- (w) Gravesend Public School?
- (x) Gum Flat Public School?
- (y) Guyra Central School?
- (z) Inverell Public School?
- (aa) Kellys Plains Public School?
- (bb) Kentucky Public School?
- (cc) Kingstown Public School?
- (dd) Mallowa Public School?
- (ee) Martins Gully Public School?
- (ff) Moree East Public School?
- (gg) Moree Public School?
- (hh) Mungindi Central School?
- (ii) Newling Public School?
- (jj) North Star Public School?

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- (kk) Pallamallawa Public School?
- (ll) Red Range Public School?
- (mm) Rocky River Public School?
- (nn) Ross Hill Public School?
- (oo) Sandon Public School?
- (pp) Tingha Public School?
- (qq) Toomelah Public School?
- (rr) Tulloona Public School?
- (ss) Uralla Central School?
- (tt) Warialda Public School?
- (uu) Wyaliba Public School?
- (vv) Yetman Public School?
- (ww) Yarrowitch Public School?
- (xx) Nowendoc Public School?

(2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate:

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- (b) Ashford Central School?
- (c) Macintyre High School?
- (d) Warialda High School?
- (e) Bundarra Central School?
- (f) Glen Innes High School?
- (g) Uralla Central School?
- (h) Emmaville Central School?
- (i) Guyra Central School?
- (j) Armidale Secondary College?
- (k) Bingara Central School?
- (l) Mungindi Central School?
- (m) Boggabilla Central School?
- (n) Moree Secondary Campus - Carol Ave?
- (o) Moree Secondary Campus - Albert Street?
- (p) Walcha Central School?

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* 5165 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE MIRANDA ELECTORATE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools servicing the Miranda electorate:

- (a) Illawong Public School?
- (b) Tharawal Public School?
- (c) Menai Public School?
- (d) Bangor Public School?
- (e) Bonnet Bay Public School?
- (f) Como West Public School?
- (g) Como Public School?
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- (i) Jannali East Public School?
- (j) Sutherland Public School?
- (k) Sutherland North Public School?
- (l) Oyster Bay Public School?
- (m) Kareela Public School?
- (n) Bates Drive School?
- (o) Kirrawee Public School?
- (p) Gymea North Public School?
- (q) Miranda Public School?
- (r) Miranda North Public School?
- (s) Sylvania Heights Public School?
- (t) Sylvania Public School?
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- (w) Sylvania High School?
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- (y) Gymea Technology High School?
- (z) The Jannali High School?

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- (aa) Kirrawee High School?
 - (bb) Menai High School?
 - (cc) Minerva School?
 - (dd) Lucas Heights Community School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools servicing the Miranda Electorate:
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* 5166 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE HAWKESBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Hawkesbury electorate:
 - (a) Bilpin Public School?
 - (b) Bligh Park Public School?
 - (c) Box Hill Public School?
 - (d) Cattai Public School?
 - (e) Colo Heights Public School?
 - (f) Colo High School?
 - (g) Comleroy Public School?
 - (h) Ebenezer Public School?
 - (i) Freemans Reach Public School?
 - (j) Glenorie Public School?
 - (k) Glossodia Public School?
 - (l) Grose View Public School?
 - (m) Hawkesbury High School?
 - (n) Hillside Public School?
 - (o) Hobartville Public School?
 - (p) Kurmond Public School?
 - (q) Kurrajong East Public School?
 - (r) Kurrajong North Public School?
 - (s) Kurrajong Public School?
 - (t) Londonderry Public School?
 - (u) Macdonald Valley Public School?
 - (v) Maraylya Public School?

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- (w) Middle Dural Public School?
 - (x) Maroota Public School?
 - (y) Oakville Public School?
 - (z) Pitt Town Public School?
 - (aa) Richmond High School?
 - (bb) Richmond North Public School?
 - (cc) Richmond Public School?
 - (dd) Vineyard Public School?
 - (ee) Wilberforce Public School?
 - (ff) Windsor High School?
 - (gg) Windsor Park Public School?
 - (hh) Windsor South Public School?
 - (ii) Wisemans Ferry Public School?
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* 5167 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Tweed electorate:
 - (a) Tweed Heads South Public School?
 - (b) Tweed Heads Public School?
 - (c) Tweed River High School?
 - (d) Sanora Point Public School?
 - (e) Banora Point High School?
 - (f) Terranora Public School?
 - (g) Bilambil Public School?
 - (h) Fingal Head Public School?
 - (i) Terranora Public School?

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 - (u) Pottsville Beach Public School?
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 - (b) Tweed Heads Public School?
 - (c) Tweed River High School?
 - (d) Sanora Point Public School?
 - (e) Banora Point High School?
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- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Dubbo electorate:
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 - (b) Dubbo South Public School?
 - (c) Orana Heights Public School?
 - (d) Bunninyong Public School?
 - (e) Dubbo West Public School?
 - (f) Dubbo College Senior Campus?
 - (g) Dubbo College Delroy Campus?
 - (h) Dubbo College South Campus?
 - (i) Mian School?
 - (j) Trangie Central School?
 - (k) Narromine Public School?
 - (l) Narromine High School?
 - (m) Wellington Public School?
 - (n) Wellington High School?
 - (o) Wongarbon Public School?
 - (p) Geurie Public School?
 - (q) Eumungerie Primary School?
 - (r) Goolma Primary School?
 - (s) Ballimore Public School?
 - (t) Hargraves Public School?
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 - (v) Stuart Town Public School?

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- (w) Yeoval Central School?
 - (x) Mudgee Public School?
 - (y) Cudgegong Valley Public School?
 - (z) Mudgee High School?
 - (aa) Gulgong Public School?
 - (bb) Gulgong High School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Dubbo electorate:
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 - (c) Orana Heights Public School?
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* 5169 MOULD IN HOMES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What steps have been taken since 2018 to implement recommendation 2 of the Commonwealth Parliament’s Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport inquiry into biotoxin-related illnesses?
- (2) Are there any mandatory standards or regulations for mould remediation in residential homes in New South Wales?
- (3) Are there specific accreditation or licensing requirements for professionals involved in mould testing and remediation in New South Wales?
- (4) What role does the Government play in regulating mould testing and remediation industries?
- (5) How does the Government enforce standards for mould remediation in public housing or social housing?
- (6) Does the Government provide any financial or technical support for individuals dealing with mould in their homes?
- (7) What are the guidelines for tenants in New South Wales regarding mould exposure and remediation in rental properties?
- (8) When were these guidelines last updated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Government is responsible for the implementation of recommendation 2 from the inquiry into biotoxin-related illnesses.

NSW Health provides general advice about mould and health, but does not have a role in standards or regulation for mould remediation.

* 5170 PROBATE APPLICATIONS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How many Probate Applications were submitted in the following years in New South Wales:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?

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- (e) 2024?
- (f) 2025?
- (2) What was the average wait time for the processing of a Probate Application in New South Wales in the following years:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?
 - (f) 2025?
- (3) When was the automated online application process for Probate Applications introduced?
- (4) Have Probate Applications been processed more quickly or slowly as a result of the introduction of the automated online process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 – 2) The Supreme Court Annual Review contains data concerning probate applications which is publicly available on the website.
- (3) The program went live on 3 July 2023.
- (4) The assessment of applications is multifaceted and there has been a 13.5% increase in new filings between 2020 and 2024.

The NSW Government recently provided funding to the Supreme Court to employ two new deputy registrars. Recruitment for these positions has commenced.

The Chief Justice and Chief Judge in Equity are in the process of addressing ways to reduce delays.

* 5171 BIRD FLU—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

- (1) How many sick or dead birds or other animals have been reported to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline in:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025?
- (2) What is the Department's process following a report of sick or dead birds or other animals to the Hotline?
 - (a) What is the process if avian flu is suspected?
- (3) Have any wild birds or animals in New South Wales, alive or dead, been detected for the following:
 - (a) H5N1?
 - (b) H7N8?
- (4) If yes to (3) above, have any wild birds or animals in New South Wales, alive or dead, been detected in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area, for the following:

- (a) H5N1?
(b) H7N8?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Calendar Year	Sick or dead birds	Other Species
2023	55	415
2024	1544	1417
2025 (Jan-Mar)	90	252

Note: The increase in 2024 is due to reporting of suspect avian influenza associated with the H7N8 avian influenza response in the Hawkesbury district and increased public awareness of the HS avian influenza strain causing issues in other countries.

- (2) The hotline duty officer will assess the call or notification and determine if a notifiable disease is possible, and if so the likelihood of the disease. Additional data is often gathered following a phone call to verify the information.
- If the duty officer suspects a notifiable disease based on the information presented, they will arrange for samples to be collected.
 - The sample collection process is tailored to the specific situation. Common ways samples are collected include; birds being presented to private veterinary practitioners, Local Land Services District Veterinarians or NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Biosecurity officers. Trained members of other NSW government departments, such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, have also collected samples.
 - These samples are submitted to either DPIRD's animal health laboratory at the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute or the NSW Wildlife Health Registry for investigation. Testing and courier costs are paid by DPIRD. The tests performed depend on the samples collected and are supervised by a registered veterinary pathologist to ensure accuracy. Occasionally, where there are time critical incidents, interstate government laboratories will be used to ensure rapid diagnosis.
 - If the duty officer assesses that there is very low risk of a notifiable disease, support is provided on next steps. This can include referral to another government agency (Environmental Protection Authority, the local Council) referral to a private vet or referral to another hotline.
- (a) If avian flu is suspected the process above is followed together with specific sample analysis for avian influenza.
- (3) (a) No.
- (b) Yes, in June 2024, H7N8 was confirmed in 6 premises in the Hawkesbury region. Two commercial poultry farms, and 4 non-commercial properties. Three non-commercial properties contained chickens and ducks, 1 contained a pet bird. DPIRD responded to this detection and successfully eradicated the disease from the area. The response was closed in January 2025 following completion of proof of freedom surveillance. No wild birds have been detected with H7N8 in NSW.
- (4) (a) No.

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(b) No.

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- (e) Coffs Harbour Public School?
- (f) Coffs Harbour Senior College?
- (g) Coramba Public School?
- (h) Corindi Public School?
- (i) Crossmaglen Public School?
- (j) Karangi Public School?
- (k) Kororo Public School?
- (l) Lowanna Public School?
- (m) Mullaway Public School?
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- (o) Narranga Public School?
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- (q) Sandy Beach Public School?
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- (s) Toormina High School?
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* 5174 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE VAUCLUSE ELECTORATE—Ms Kellie Sloane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Vacluse electorate:
 - (a) Vacluse Public School?
 - (b) Rose Bay Public School?
 - (c) Bondi Beach Public School?
 - (d) Bondi Public School?
 - (e) Woollahra Public School?
 - (f) Double Bay Public School?
 - (g) Rose Bay Secondary?
 - (h) Bellevue Hill Public School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Vacluse electorate:
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(1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Winston Hills electorate:

- (a) Darcy Road Public School?
- (b) Kings Langley Public School?
- (c) Kings Langley Public School?
- (d) North mead Public School?
- (e) Toongabbie East Public School?
- (f) Toongabbie Public School?
- (g) Toongabbie West Public School?
- (h) Winston Heights Public School?
- (i) Winston Hills Public School?
- (j) Seven Hills North Public School?
- (k) Vardys Road Public School?
- (l) Seven Hills Public School?
- (m) Lynwood Park Public School?
- (n) Seven Hills Public School?
- (o) Parklea Public School?
- (p) Caddies Creek Public School?
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- (r) Pendle Hill High School?
- (s) Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School?
- (t) Glenwood High School?

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- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Myall Lakes electorate:
 - (a) Bobin Public School?
 - (b) Bulahdelah Central School?
 - (c) Bungwahl Public School?
 - (d) Chatham Public School?
 - (e) Coolongolook Public School?
 - (f) Elands Public School?
 - (g) Forster Public School?

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 - (n) Old Bar Public School?
 - (o) Taree Public School?
 - (p) Taree West Public School?
 - (q) Tinonee Public School?
 - (r) Tuncurry Public School?
 - (s) Wingham Public School?
 - (t) Wingham Brush Public School?
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 - (a) Avoca Public School?
 - (b) Berinba Public School?
 - (c) Berrima Public School?
 - (d) Bigga Public School?
 - (e) Binalong Public School?
 - (f) Binda Public School?
 - (g) Bowning Public School?
 - (h) Bradfordville Public School?
 - (i) Breadalbane Public School?
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 - (k) Burrawang Public School?
 - (l) Collector Public School?
 - (m) Crookwell Public School?
 - (n) Dalton Public School?
 - (o) Exeter Public School?
 - (p) Goulburn East Public School?
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(1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Epping electorate:

- (a) Carlingford Public School
- (b) Carlingford West Public School
- (c) Epping Heights Public School?
- (d) Epping North Public School?
- (e) Epping Public School
- (f) Epping West Public School
- (g) Murray Farm Public School
- (h) North Rocks Public School?
- (i) Oatlands Public School?
- (j) Roselea Public School?
- (k) Telopea Public School?
- (l) Yates Avenue Public School?
- (m) Beecroft Public School
- (n) Burnside Public School?
- (o) Carlingford High School?
- (p) Cheltenham Girl’s High School?
- (q) Cumberland High School?
- (r) James Ruse Agricultural High School?
- (s) Muirfield High School?

(2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Epping electorate:

- (a) Carlingford Public School

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- (b) Carlingford West Public School
- (c) Epping Heights Public School?
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- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Hornsby electorate:
 - (a) Arcadia Public School?
 - (b) Asquith Public School?
 - (c) Berowra High School?
 - (d) Brooklyn Public School?
 - (e) Cherrybrook Public School?

- (f) Cowan Public School?
 - (g) Dural Public School?
 - (h) Galston Public School?
 - (i) Glenorie Public School?
 - (j) Hornsby Heights Public School?
 - (k) Hornsby North Public School?
 - (l) Hornsby South Public School?
 - (m) John Purchase Public School?
 - (n) Middle Dural Public School?
 - (o) Mt Colah Public School?
 - (p) Mt Kuring-gai Public School?
 - (q) West Pennant Hills Public School?
 - (r) Wideview Public School?
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* 5180 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE KELLYVILLE ELECTORATE—Mr Ray Williams to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Kellyville electorate:
 - (a) Beaumont Hills Public School?
 - (b) Bella Vista Public?
 - (c) Crestwood High School?
 - (d) Crestwood Public?
 - (e) Ironbark Ridge Public School?
 - (f) Kellyville High School?
 - (g) Kellyville Public School?
 - (h) Matthew Pearce Public School?
 - (i) North Kellyville Public School?
 - (j) Rouse Hill High School?
 - (k) Rouse Hill Public School?
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* 5181 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE CLARENCE ELECTORATE—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Clarence electorate:
 - (a) Baryulgil Public School?
 - (b) Broadwater Public School?
 - (c) Casino Public School?
 - (d) Casino West Public School?
 - (e) Chatsworth Island Public School?
 - (f) Copmanhurst Public School?
 - (g) Coraki Public School?
 - (h) Coutts Crossing Public School?
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- (n) Grafton Public School?
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 - (r) Hernani Public School?
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 - (x) Manifold Public School?
 - (y) Nana Glen Public School?
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* 5182 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANIES IN THE NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the North Shore electorate:
 - (a) Mosman Public School?
 - (b) North Sydney Demonstration School?
 - (c) Middle Harbour Public School?
 - (d) Beauty Point Public School?
 - (e) Neutral Bay Public School?
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* 5183 HEALTHSHARE AND ITS MARKET SHARE OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL SECTOR IN REGIONAL NSW—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has HealthShare branched beyond public hospital laundry provision?
- (a) If yes, considering many independent commercial laundry businesses in regional New South Wales would then be competing against the Government owned and operated HealthShare, does the Minister plan to investigate implementing the Government's small or medium enterprises (SMEs) and regional businesses initiative and its policies for this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

HealthShare NSW's Linen Service has historical arrangements with some private hospitals, residential aged care facilities, and accommodation providers.

HealthShare NSW is consulting with several existing private customers about transitioning to alternative laundry service providers, with the consultation process due to be complete by July 2025.

* 5184 BED SHORTAGES IN MAJOR REGIONAL HOSPITALS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Are there bed shortages at major regional hospitals which are resulting in rural and remote patients receiving care in outlying small hospitals close to Base Hospitals after being transferred from their home towns?
- (a) If so, can the Minister advise how the Government is addressing these shortages?

Answer—

I am advised:

Districts and networks have the capacity to flex their bed base up and down depending on their demand and capacity requirements and seasonal variation.

The \$480.7 million emergency department relief package announced in the 2024-25 NSW Budget will help to ease the pressure on stretched NSW hospitals. The relief package includes a \$31.4 million investment in Hospital in the Home to boost capacity and increase the use of virtual care - allowing an estimated 3,500 additional patients to be cared for at home.

The Hospital in the Home reforms allows patients to either be sent home early from hospital, to continue to receive hospital-level care at home, or avoid hospital altogether, receiving all care at home (with referral pathways from a GP). The NSW Government is embedding virtual care into the Hospital in the Home model to ensure it is an option for as many patients as possible.

NSW has secured \$140 million for Aged Care Outreach Services and \$56.9 million for Specialist Virtual Services from the Commonwealth over the next four years under the Strengthening Medicare Package.

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These programs will support providing care to older people to receive care in the home. This includes hospital level care at home through enhancing access to Virtual Specialist Geriatric Care (VSGC) in HITH.

As of 25 February 2025, the new virtualADULTS Rural Virtual Urgent Care hub, based in Western NSW Local Health District, has become available to rural and regional NSW. Delivered in partnership with Healthdirect, the new virtualADULTS service treats people with a range of conditions that are deemed urgent but not life-threatening.

It uses video conferencing technology to connect patients with nursing and medical staff, including emergency medicine specialists. Since the roll out in late February, over 500 rural and regional patients have already benefited from this service.

virtualADULTS is modelled on the NSW virtualKIDS Urgent Care Service, which was successfully expanded statewide in December 2023. Since its expansion, more than 12,000 children across NSW have received timely, convenient care through the virtualKIDS service. More than 65 per cent of children referred to virtualKIDS have avoided the need to visit an ED altogether, allowing them to be cared for safely by the service in the comfort of home without an unnecessary trip to their local hospital.

- * 5185 DOCTORS IN RURAL AND REMOTE HOSPITALS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Can the Minister advise how often hospitals in rural and remote Barwon do not have a doctor present or on call?

Answer—

I am advised:

All Far West and Western NSW local health district facilities in the rural and remote Barwon region have access to a doctor (present, on-call or virtually) at all times, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

- * 5186 PYRMONT BRIDGE ROAD AND BANK STREET INTERSECTION CHANGES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Special Minister of State, Minister for Jobs and Tourism, Minister for the Arts, Minister for Roads, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

With regard to plans to restrict access from the Pyrmont Bridge Road off-ramp to Bank Street to emergency service vehicles only:

- (1) Will the Government consult with the community before introducing these changes?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) If plans proceed, what monitoring will the Government undertake of:
 - (a) Traffic impacts?
 - (b) Pedestrian impacts?
 - (c) Amenity impacts?
- (3) If plans proceed, will the Government set a trigger, such as the number of increased truck movements per day on Pyrmont Bridge Road for initiating a review of the change?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW regularly monitors the operations of the road network. The community was consulted on this, and any impacts related to the changes at Pyrmont Bridge Road off-ramp have been assessed as part of the Review of Environmental Factors process, in late 2022. The project was approved in August 2023.

- * 5187 GAMBLING ADVERTISING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—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—

With regard to the Government's ban of gambling advertising on public transport:

- (1) What date will the ban come into effect?
- (2) What measures will the Government take in the meantime to limit public exposure to gambling advertising on public transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is working with multiple advertising contract holders to implement the required changes, as announced earlier this year. This process is continuing, with further details to be announced in due course.

- * 5188 HARBOUR VESSELS NOISE REGULATION ENFORCEMENT - POLICE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How do the Police Marine Area Command manage the enforcement of regulations related to 'entertainment noise' from:
 - (a) Commercial liquor licenced entertainment vessels?
 - (b) Private vessels?
- (2) How many noise complaints were received about vessels on Sydney Harbour from 1 November 2024 to 28 February 2025?
- (3) Who in the NSW Police Marine Area Command is responsible for passing complaints on to Transport for NSW and on to Liquor and Gaming NSW for management under the requirements of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017?
- (4) How many patrol boats does the NSW Police Area Command have on Sydney Harbour?
- (5) How frequently are patrols conducted during the summer season on Sydney Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) The NSW Police Force Marine Area Command enforces noise regulations on commercial vessels holding a NSW liquor licence under the Liquor Act 2007.
 - (b) Noise from private vessels is regulated under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- (2) The table below shows the number of noise complaints received about vessels on Sydney Harbour from 1 November 2024 to 28 February 2025:

Year	Month	Total
2024	November	14
2024	December	10
2025	January	12

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2025	February	10
	TOTAL	46

Note:

- Date: Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) incident date
- Data current to: 28/05/2025
- Incident Type: Noise Complaint
- Recipient Code: Water Police
- Data includes all calls to police regarding noise complaints where Water Police were allocated.
- As 'Sydney Harbour' has not be defined in this request, the filter 'VKG Centre Sydney' was used to capture all CAD incidents in the Sydney metropolitan area. It is possible that the incident may have occurred in a marine area that the applicant may not consider to be 'Sydney Harbour'.

(3) The NSW Police Force Marine Area Command Crime Management Unit Licensing Officer.

(4 - 5) The Sydney Water Police maintains a 24/7 operational response. Patrol boats are deployed based on operational requirements to ensure appropriate coverage and capability. During the summer season, additional patrols are scheduled to respond to the increased activity Sydney Harbour.

* 5190 BARANGAROO FERRY SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich 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 regard to an increase in residential living and businesses in Barangaroo:

(1) What consideration has the Government given to providing additional, direct ferry services to Circular Quay for local commuters?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently developing a Medium-Term Ferry Plan, a 10-year roadmap outlining proposed service improvements for ferry services within the Sydney Harbour and Parramatta River. The Plan will respond to current and future needs for growth. This plan will identify services plans, services frequencies and operating hours as well as inform key fleet, wharf and berthing investment decisions.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor demand on ferry services between Barangaroo and Circular Quay and where necessary adjust frequencies in response to changed demand. As with all transport improvements, any changes will be subject to operational constraints, including the cost of delivering extra services and the availability of resources such as vessels.

For ferry travel between Barangaroo and Circular Quay, customers can travel on route F4 Pyrmont Bay services. F4 ferry services operate frequently across the week.

* 5191 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) When was the last time hazard reduction burning was undertaken in:

- (a) Menai?
- (b) Illawong?

- (c) Bangor?
 - (d) Bonnet Bay?
 - (e) Jannali?
 - (f) Como?
- (2) When will the next hazard reduction burning be carried out in:
- (a) Menai?
 - (b) Illawong?
 - (c) Bangor?
 - (d) Bonnet Bay?
 - (e) Jannali?
 - (f) Como?

Answer—

- (1) In accordance with the current Sutherland Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP):
- (a) No hazard reduction burning has been carried out on the western interface in Menai since the 2018 Moorebank Avenue Fire
 - (b) 2025
 - (c) 2023
 - (d) 2024
 - (e) 2024
 - (f) 2019
- (2) The following hazard reduction burns are planned under the BFRM P endorsed by Sutherland Bush Fire Management Council (BFMC):
- (a) Plans in place for the BFMC 2025-26 annual works plan
 - (b) Plans in place for the remainder of 2024-25 (weather permitting) and the BCMC 2025-26 annual works plan
 - (c) Plans in place for the remainder of 2024-25 (weather permitting) and the BFMC 2025-26 annual works plan
 - (d) Following burn in 2024, no work is planned until 2031
 - (e) Plans in place for the BFMC 2025-26 annual works plan
 - (f) 2027

* 5192 TRAIN SERVICE OUTAGES - T4 EASTERN SUBURBS AND ILLAWARRA LINE—Ms Eleni Petinos 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) How many train service outages were recorded for the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra Line for the following years:
- (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?

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- (d) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is)?
- (2) What was the total duration of each train service outage for the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra line for the following years:
- (a) 2022?
- (b) 2023?
- (c) 2024?
- (d) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is)?

Answer—

I am advised:

T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line peak train services were significantly impacted, i.e. punctuality performance was less than 50 per cent as follows:

- 2022 - 5 times
- 2023 - 2 times
- 2024 - 7 times
- 2025 - 7 times (up to and including 16 May 2025).

T 4 peak services were either delayed or cancelled as follows:

- 2022 - 547 times
- 2023 - 243 times
- 2024 - 923 times
- 2025 - 1,017 times (up to and including 16 May 2025).

Reasons for the disruptions included extreme weather conditions, protected industrial action, infrastructure issues and security/police operations.

In most cases, the incidents were protracted in nature and lasted either across an AM or PM peak period, or continued across both peak periods and throughout the day. In 2025, the disruptions lasted over a number of days due to protected industrial action.

- * 5193 TAREN POINT NOISE WALL—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the proposed noise wall at Woodlands Road, Taren Point as part of the Noise Abatement Program:

- (1) Has the design stage of the noise wall been completed?
- (a) If so, when was the design completed?
- (2) Will you provide the detailed information regarding the proposed design?
- (3) When is the construction of the noise wall expected to commence?
- (4) What are the proposed dates for the completion of the noise wall?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The noise wall has not yet progressed to design. A barrier analysis will be undertaken over four weeks, with an estimated completion date of 18 June 2025, to ascertain the size and scale of the potential treatment (barrier).

If a noise wall is determined to be feasible and reasonable to construct, the project will progress into design, constructability, Review of Environmental Factors and community consultation. This process is expected to take six months and is estimated by end of 2025.

- (2) The design will be provided during the community consultation period.
- (3) Construction is expected to commence once the final design and Review of Environmental Factors has been approved and a contractor has been engaged for the construction, anticipated for early 2026.
- (4) Completion of the noise wall will be subject to the process in question (1) above. Following design approvals, a construction timeline will be communicated.

* 5194 DEEPFAKES AND KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How is the Department of Education responding to incidents of students using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create deepfakes of their classmates, teachers, or other school staff, and distributing those deepfakes?
- (2) Does the New South Wales high school curriculum address the use of deepfake technology or similar AI tools?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) What support does the Department of Education offer to students, teachers or other school staff who are the target(s) of deepfakes created by other students?
- (4) Is the Government working with the Australian eSafety Commissioner on ways to improve education about deepfakes and social media for students in New South Wales?

Answer—

In line with the Student Behaviour policy, NSW public schools develop strategies and interventions to identify and respond to behaviours of concern, which includes cyberbullying strategies, and outline them in their School Behaviour Support and Management Plan.

Schools are required to report all health and safety related incidents, including incidents related to cyberbullying. Specific actions taken in response to incidents depend on the circumstances involved. The department liaises with NSW Police whenever needed to ensure all criminal matters are reported appropriately.

The department's policies in relation to behaviour, cyberbullying and online safety are also subject to internal audit and public oversight by the Australian eSafety Commissioner, Office of Children's Guardian, and NSW Ombudsman in accordance with their functions.

The current NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses taught in NSW schools embed digital literacy throughout K-10 and provide opportunities to learn about concepts including privacy issues and digital footprints.

The reformed curriculum has strengthened content on artificial intelligence (AI) in the new mandatory PDHPE 7-10, Technology 7-8, and Technology 7-10 (elective) syllabuses, to be implemented in NSW schools in 2026 and 2027.

The reformed curriculum provides opportunities for all students to learn how to critically assess the authenticity, accuracy and ethical use of digital content, data and technologies, and explore ethical considerations relating to AI. Reformed syllabuses are available on the NESA website at: nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/about/strategies-and-reforms/curriculum-reform/new-syllabuses.

NESA engaged with the Australian eSafety Commissioner while developing the reformed NSW curriculum.

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The Department of Education provides support for students and staff involved in incidents that impact safety and wellbeing and a response to mitigate risk. Schools have access to counsellors to support students as needed. The department's Employee Assistance Program provides staff with timely counselling and debriefing support following a critical incident. Free, independent, and confidential counselling support is also available to all staff and their immediate families through this program.

The department engages with eSafety Australia's advice, research and information to shape the department's resources and supports that address online issues that affect young people. The department is a member of the National Online Safety Education Council (NOSEC), led by eSafety Australia, which explores current and emerging research, trends and barriers that young people may be facing.

* 5195 PRESUMPTIVE WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the Government's assessment of options to expand the list of cancers included in the presumptive workers compensation scheme for firefighters?
- (2) Has the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) or icare provided advice to the Government on how the scope of this presumptive coverage in New South Wales compares to other jurisdictions?

Answer—

I'm advised:

My office has been working with the Minister for Emergency Services on this matter, and we have asked SIRA and icare to consider this matter.

As you would be aware eligible firefighters in New South Wales are currently entitled to a presumption to workers compensation if they have a diagnosis of any of the 12 primary site cancers listed in the workers compensation legislation.

The twelve existing primary site cancers include: primary site brain cancer, leukaemia, breast, testicular, bladder, kidney, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, multiple myeloma, prostate, ureter, colorectal and oesophageal.

I am aware that some other jurisdictions such as the Commonwealth and Victoria have increased the number of presumptive cancers that apply under the workers compensation scheme for firefighters.

We are seeking advice from icare, Treasury and SIRA about options for increasing the number of presumptive cancers.

* 5196 NARRABEEN ATHLETICS TRACK—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Could you please provide a status update on the Office of Sport's progress towards finalising a plan for the upgrade of the athletics track at the Sydney Academy of Sport following stakeholder consultation in December 2024?
- (2) Is there an expected timeline for the Office of Sport to produce and confirm the plans for the upgrade to this track?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The Office of Sport and NSW Government continue to assess options for track repair and reopening which have been informed by key user group feedback. While the assessment of options is being undertaken, the Office of Sport has engaged specialist sports engineering experts to advance the planning and design of a potential replacement synthetic athletics track. On-site investigations are scheduled to begin in the coming weeks as part of this preparatory work.

The Office of Sport continues to provide regular updates to track stakeholders and appreciates the community's patience and support while this work is undertaken.

* 5197 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE CRONULLA ELECTORATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Cronulla electorate:
 - (a) Burraneer Bay Public School?
 - (b) Caringbah High School?
 - (c) Caringbah North Public School?
 - (d) Caringbah Public School?
 - (e) Cronulla High School?
 - (f) Cronulla Public School?
 - (g) Cronulla South Public School?
 - (h) Grays Point Public School?
 - (i) Gymea Bay Public School?
 - (j) Kirrawee High School?
 - (k) Kurnell Public School?
 - (l) Laguna Street Public School?
 - (m) Lilli Pilli Public School?
 - (n) Woollooware High School?
 - (o) Woollooware Public School?
 - (p) Yowie Bay Public School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Cronulla electorate:
 - (a) Burraneer Bay Public School?
 - (b) Caringbah High School?
 - (c) Caringbah North Public School?
 - (d) Caringbah Public School?
 - (e) Cronulla High School?
 - (f) Cronulla Public School?
 - (g) Cronulla South Public School?
 - (h) Grays Point Public School?
 - (i) Gymea Bay Public School?
 - (j) Kirrawee High School?
 - (k) Kurnell Public School?
 - (l) Laguna Street Public School?
 - (m) Lilli Pilli Public School?
 - (n) Woollooware High School?

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- (o) Woollooware Public School?
- (p) Yowie Bay Public School?

Answer—

The former Liberal National Government oversaw a teacher shortage crisis with vacancies hitting a record high of 3,311 in late 2022. During this time, the former Education Minister described the unprecedented number of teacher vacancies as a “beat-up”, “a myth” and “not something I’m overly concerned about”.

Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government ended the former Liberal National Governments’ 12-year suppression of teachers’ wages and delivered the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation, taking NSW teachers from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. As a result, we are seeing positive signs of improvements with NSW schools starting the 2025 school year with 1,294 vacancies.

It is disappointing that the Liberal and National Parties do not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government’s decision to lift teachers’ wages and promised to bring back the wages’ cap.

For data showing the positive signs of improvement, please refer to LA QoN 5111.

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* 5189 HARBOUR VESSELS NOISE REGULATION ENFORCEMENT - LIQUOR AND GAMING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) How many noise complaints were received about liquor licensed vessels on Sydney Harbour from 1 November 2024 to 28 February 2025?
- (2) How many noise complaints were received about liquor licensed vessels from the NSW Police Marine Area Command who are responsible for responding to complaints outside of business hours?
- (3) How does Liquor and Gaming NSW manage the enforcement of regulations related to 'entertainment noise' from commercial vessels?
 - (a) How are complaints verified?
 - (b) What action is taken when there are multiple incidents of verified complaints against a vessel?
- (4) What process does Liquor and Gaming NSW have to identify vessels when a general public complainant cannot provide the vessel's name due to their distance from the vessel?
- (5) Does Liquor and Gaming NSW plan to manage noise regulation enforcement for liquor licensed vessels differently in the summer season for 2025 - 2026?
 - (a) If so, how will enforcement change?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the specified period, Liquor & Gaming NSW received 21 noise complaints and zero statutory disturbance complaints relating to 'entertainment noise' from liquor licensed vessels.

Noise complaints received about liquor licensed vessels by the NSW Police Marine Area Command is a matter for the Minister for Police and Counter Terrorism.

Liquor & Gaming NSW enforces requirements relating to 'entertainment noise' in accordance with the disturbance complaint framework as set out in the Liquor Act 2007. Complaints against vessels and land-

based venues are managed in the same manner. All statutory complaints are assessed/verified against the disturbance complaint framework.

When responding to noise complaints for vessels or land-based venues, Liquor & Gaming NSW applies a graduated enforcement approach. Upon receipt of an initial complaint, Liquor & Gaming NSW employs an educative approach, reminding the licensees of their obligations and encouraging proactive management and resolution of issues with affected members of the community.

If further noise complaints are received, Liquor & Gaming NSW may undertake inspections, conduct acoustic testing, engage with all affected parties to try and broker a resolution, and/or take enforcement or compliance action, as appropriate.

Where non-compliance is identified, a range of enforcement actions may be taken, such as issuing cautions, fines, improvement notices, or prosecuting.

In circumstances where the customer is unable to identify the specific vessel, Liquor & Gaming NSW may engage NSW Police Marine Area Command or the Port Authority of NSW for any relevant intelligence holdings to determine the vessel's identity.

Liquor & Gaming NSW will manage noise regulation enforcement for licensed vessels in accordance with its published processes:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/community-and-stakeholders/reforms-to-the-regulation-of-venue-sound-management>.

* 5198 TERTIARY DRIVE SUBSIDY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

(1) Given that the Vocational Training Assistance Scheme is only for vocational training and that the Tertiary Access Payment is only for students relocating, in cases where tertiary students must travel to study but their home remains their principal place of residence, to which they return for holidays, and who cannot access public transport, or would need to travel long distances to reach the nearest available public transport, would the minister consider a tertiary drive subsidy scheme similar to the school drive subsidy?

(a) If not, why?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

* 5199 FIREARMS REGISTRY INTERNAL REVIEWS AND THE TIMELINESS OF THEIR COMPLETION—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

(1) For each year since 2014, how many firearm licence holders and intending firearm licence holders sought an internal review of an administrative decision by the New South Wales Firearms Registry?

(a) For each year since 2014, how many internal reviews involved the Firearms Registry requesting further information from the licence holder or intending licence holder?

(b) Does the Firearms Registry implement 'stop the clock' provisions when further information is requested to ensure the internal review is completed within the 21-day statutory timeframe as required by Section 53(6) of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997?

(c) For each year since 2014, for how many internal reviews did the Firearms Registry seek to extend the decision period beyond 21 days as required by Section 53(6) of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 by agreement with the applicant?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The table below shows the number of firearm licence holders and intending firearm licence holders who sought an internal review of an administrative decision by the NSW Firearms Registry each year since 2014:

Year	Number of internal reviews
2014	352
2015	293
2016	264
2017	306
2018	243
2019	341
2020	635
2021	1,124
2022	849
2023	831
2024	833
2025 (to 22 May)	340

Note:

- Data for each calendar year from 2018 to 2024 has been extracted from the Integrated Licensing System (ILS).
 - Data from 2014 to 2017 has been extracted from a local review database.
 - Some applications made between 2014 to 2020 directly to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) without an internal review request have been included in the data. These matters are unable to be quantified and are included in the data above.
 - The 2025 data is based on records from Gun Safe.
- (a) The current ILS system does not identify the internal reviews where the Firearms Registry requested further information from the licence holder or intending licence holder.
- (b) Section 53(6) of the Administrative Decision Review Act 1997 provides that the administrator must notify the applicant of the outcome of the internal review within 21 days or such other period as the administrator and person agree on.
- The internal review applicant is advised of any delay to the 21 -day timeframe, along with the reasons for the delay and a proposed new timeframe. The applicant is requested to notify the Firearms Registry if they do not agree with the proposed extended timeframe.
- (c) The current ILS system does not identify internal reviews where the Firearms Registry sought to extend the decision period beyond 21 days.

* 5200 COMMUNICATION WITH VICTIMS FOR CASES IN SUPERIOR COURTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what is being done to have better communication to victims for cases in the superior courts, particularly when Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders are in place?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following mechanisms are in place to support and protect victims throughout proceedings:

- Bail Applications: these are typically heard via Audio Visual Link, ensuring that defendants do not come into physical contact with victims.
- Criminal Proceedings: the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions provides support through its Witness Assistance Service, which offers information, referrals, and court support to victims and witnesses involved in serious matters, including those where ADVOs are in place.
- Civil Proceedings: victims involved in civil matters are encouraged to bring any existing ADVOs to the attention of the court. Copies of the orders can be submitted, and the court can implement appropriate security arrangements to ensure the safety and comfort of the protected person.
- Remote Witness Facilities: these are available where necessary to allow victims to give evidence without being in the same room as the defendant.
- Court Communication: victims or their representatives are encouraged to contact the relevant court registry to discuss any safety concerns or communication needs. Court staff can provide guidance on available protections and procedural options.

These measures aim to ensure that victims are informed, supported, and protected throughout their involvement in superior court proceedings.

* 5201 DOMESTIC TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN BY MINISTERS AND THEIR STAFF—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to domestic travel undertaken by ministers and their staff:

- (1) Does their travel need to comply with the Government Travel and Transport Policy?
- (a) If yes, has all Premier Office domestic travel complied with the policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy is issued by the NSW Procurement Board under section 175 of the Public Works and Procurement Act 1912. The Board's policies apply to a government agency within the meaning of section 162 of the Act, not Ministers or staff employed under Part 2 of the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013.

The Ministers' Office Handbook applies to Ministers and their staff. Part 5 of the Handbook concerns domestic travel for official business.

All Ministers and Ministerial staff are expected to undertake domestic travel consistent with the Ministers' Office Handbook.

* 5202 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IN KU-RING-GAI—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to plans to increase housing supply for Ku-ring-gai local government area:

- (1) What plans does the Department of Education have for new and renovated school infrastructure?

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Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is investing a record \$9 billion in new and upgraded schools as part of the 2025-26 Budget, which is more than at any time during the 12 years of the former Liberal National Government. This is part of our plan to rebuild public education in NSW.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to making up for the Liberals' failure to build the schools our fastest growing communities need. The Enrolment Growth Audit showed that between 2018 and 2023, the top 20 areas for student enrolment growth were all in Western Sydney. Together these areas saw growth of 240%, including Box Hill where, despite experiencing growth of 1,114%, the former Liberal National Government failed to build a single public school. In comparison, the Audit found that many areas in the Ku-Ring-Gai LGA experienced negative student enrolment growth, including Gordon-Killara ranked 568th (-7%), Turramurra ranked 553rd (-7%), Wahroonga-Warrawee ranked 213rd (-2%) and Pymble ranked 602nd (-12%).

Information on the Minns Labor Government's record infrastructure investment is published on the School Infrastructure website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>.

- * 5203 RAIL AND BUS INFRASTRUCTURE IN KU-RING-GAI—Mr Matt Cross 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 plans to increase housing supply for Ku-ring-gai local government area:

- (1) What plans does Transport for NSW have for new and renovated rail and bus infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW continues to work with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure as part of an integrated transport and land use planning process. Factors considered in this process include future population and employment growth, the capacity of public transport and road networks, upcoming improvements to the transport network, and easy access to jobs, services and recreation for future residents. Future infrastructure improvements necessary for housing growth are considered under the NSW Government's Urban Development Program.

Further information is available at: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/data-and-insights/urban-development-program>

- * 5204 ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN KU-RING-GAI—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to plans to increase housing supply for Ku-ring-gai local government area:

- (1) What plans does Transport for NSW have for new and renovated road infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has approved funding to deliver eight projects to improve road safety in the Ku-Ring-Gai Local Government Area. The projects include:

- Pedestrian refuges on the Pacific Highway at Munderah Street and Woodville Avenue
- A signalised pedestrian crossing on the Pacific Highway at Spencer Road, Killara
- Kerb ramp realignment on the Pacific Highway at St Johns Avenue, Gordon
- Design work for safety improvements at the Mona Vale Road and Woodbury Road intersection, St Ives

- Design work for improvements at the Mona Vale Road and Pentecost Avenue intersection, St Ives
- Removal of mid-block traffic lights and installation of pedestrian fencing on Babbage Road and Allan Street, Roseville.

Transport for NSW has also carried out essential maintenance and safety upgrades in the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area, with the below two projects recently opened to traffic:

- 70 metres of guard rail and a pole relocation installed on Babbage Road, between Clive Street and Scott Crescent East, Roseville
- A high friction asphalt installed on the Pacific Highway, between Stanhope Road and Treatts Road, Lindfield.

* 5205 HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN KU-RING-GAI—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to plans to increase housing supply for Ku-ring-gai local government area:

- (1) What plans does Northern Sydney Local Health District have for new and renovated health infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

The redevelopment of the \$406.5 million Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital was completed in 2023.

* 5206 CASHLESS GAMBLING TRIAL—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—

Would the Minister advise:

- (1) What progress has been made in relation to the poker machine cashless gambling trials currently taking place in selected New South Wales venues?

Answer—

The NSW Government made an election commitment to trial cashless gaming on at least 500 gaming machines.

The trial started in March 2024 and concluded on 30 September 2024. Fourteen venues, including ten clubs and four hotels, across 12 Local Government Areas, participated in the trial. Technology was installed on 2,388 gaming machines, far exceeding the commitment of 500 machines.

The Independent Panel on Gaming Reform delivered its Roadmap for Gaming Reform Report to Government in November 2024, with the full report published in December 2024. The NSW Government is considering its response to the Roadmap for Gaming Reform Report to ensure its position strikes the appropriate balance between gambling harm minimisation and protection of industry viability and employment.

* 5207 GAMBLING PROCEEDS OF CRIME—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

- (1) Has the Government considered the provisions of Helen Dalton's Private Member's Bill relating to the return of gambling proceeds of crime to victims?
- (2) Has the Government considered legislative models in the United Kingdom or Europe that mandate the return of gambling proceeds of crime to victims?

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- (3) Has the Premier been approached by any individuals or organisations within the gambling industry in relation to Helen Dalton's Private Member's Bill, which proposes requiring gambling companies to return the proceeds of crime to victims?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has considered the provisions of Helen Dalton's Private Member's Bill relating to the return of gambling proceeds of crime to victims.

The Government is already working to address gambling harm through evidencebased gaming reforms that protect people's privacy, reduce harm, stop money laundering and support local communities and jobs.

The NSW Government receives correspondence from individuals and organisations regarding a range of issues, including Parliamentary business. Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information requires Ministers to publish details of scheduled meetings. Ministerial diary disclosures are available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinet-office/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures>.

* 5208 MONEY LAUNDERING THROUGH POKER MACHINES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the total amount of money laundered through poker machines in New South Wales?
- (2) What are the reasons for the Government's decision to implement a trial of cashless gambling technology rather than mandating immediate system-wide changes?
- (3) Does the Premier accept the findings of the NSW Crime Commission that indicate money laundering is occurring through poker machines in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total value of money laundered through any means in NSW is difficult to quantify. In 2022, the NSW Crime Commission Inquiry into Money Laundering via Electronic Gaming Machines in Hotels and Clubs (the Inquiry) found that a significant amount of money which is put through poker machines is the proceeds of crime.

The NSW Government is committed to reducing gambling harm and preventing money laundering while supporting local communities, jobs and the hospitality industry. The cashless gaming trial, overseen by the Independent Panel for Gaming Reform, examined the feasibility and acceptance of implementing cashless gaming technologies in clubs and hotels in NSW to gain insights from the technology on reducing money laundering and gambling harm.

The Government received the Independent Panel's Roadmap for Gaming Reform Report in November 2024 and is now considering the three volume, 530-page Roadmap report and its 30 recommendations, and is undertaking analysis to inform its response. It is important the next steps are undertaken in a thoroughly considered way to ensure a safe and sustainable hospitality industry in NSW.

Since its election in March 2023, the Government has implemented a suite of reforms to tackle money laundering and reduce gambling harm, including:

- (a) Reduced the cash input limit on new gaming machines from \$5,000 to \$500, with 37% of all machines now having the \$500 limit.
- (b) Reduced the gaming machine entitlement cap by approximately 3,000.
- (c) Banned political donations from clubs with gaming machines from 1 July 2023.

- (d) Established an independent panel of experts in July 2023 to oversee 21 cashless gaming trial in NSW and provide a roadmap for gaming reform for the State. This roadmap was provided to Government in November 2024.
- (e) Banned all external gambling signage in venues, from 1 September 2023.
- (f) Introduced Responsible Gambling Officers into pubs and clubs with more than 20 gaming machines from 1 July 2024.
- (g) Introduced mandatory gambling incident registers and gaming plans of management for all venues with gaming machines from 1 July 2024.
- (h) Committed \$100 million to harm minimisation and gambling reform, including an additional \$10 million each year to the Responsible Gambling Fund to develop and deliver harm reduction initiatives, which are led by the NSW Office of Responsible Gambling.
- (i) Strengthened requirements to ensure ATMs are not located in areas of hotels and clubs that have gaming machines from 1 January 2025.
- (j) Completed public consultation on a third-party exclusion scheme and mandatory facial recognition technology to support statewide exclusion for hotels and clubs with gaming machines which the Government is now considering.
- (k) Working to ban gambling advertising on transport owned and controlled assets, including internal and external advertising on trains; metro, buses, light rail, train stations and ferry terminals.

* 5209 WATERSW 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—

Given your request in May 2024 to the Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer to convene an independent expert panel to review a draft method in relation to minimum inflows used in making available water determinations in regulated water sources, would the Minister advise:

- (1) When can we expect the Final Expert Panel Report to be made available on the Chief Scientist & Engineer's websites?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Minister for Water expects the report from the Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer to be made available on its website in July 2025.

* 5210 RULES BASED CHANGES—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—

- (1) Would the Minister advise if she plans to pause all New South Wales rules-based Water Sharing Plan changes until:
 - (a) The socio-economic and environmental impacts of the Basin Plan are completed, reviewed and evaluated; and
 - (b) The impacts of previous changes on water allocation reliability have been modelled and tallied?

Answer—

I am advised:

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While I understand that the Basin Plan review is underway, NSW has statutory timeframes for the replacement of WSPs and some of these are due in that period.

When the government is replacing or amending water sharing plans, where necessary the department models the potential impacts on allocation reliability. This is usually provided to all water users during consultation on rule changes.

The Government will ensure water management in the state is continuously improved through addressing needs such as connectivity in the inland northern part of the state and the consideration of climate change in our water sharing arrangements.

* 5211 INFILTRATION AND CONTORL OF GALENIA PUBESCENS—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) Is the Government currently monitoring the spread of *Galenia pubescens* (commonly known as Galenia) across regional New South Wales?
- (2) What data, if any, does the Government hold regarding the rate of spread or geographic distribution of *Galenia* in the past five years?
- (3) Has the Government conducted or funded any environmental impact assessments of *Galenia* infestations on native ecosystems, pasture health, or biodiversity?
- (4) Why is *Galenia* not currently listed as a noxious weed under the Biosecurity Act 2015?
- (5) Will the Government consider placing *Galenia* on the noxious weeds list, and if not, what is the rationale for its exclusion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes, *Galenia pubescens* is a regional priority weed in the Hunter region of NSW and is being monitored by local council weed officers through the property inspection data added to the Biosecurity Information System (Weeds). This data is currently available to the public through NSW WeedWise and is uploaded to the Atlas of Living Australia. Other local council weed officers across NSW are also able to record the presence of *Galenia pubescens* during their property inspection programs.
- (2) Weed officers undertaking property inspections are recording the presence of *Galenia* when it is a priority weed in their region into the Biosecurity Information System (Weeds).
- (3) The New South Wales Weed Risk Management (WRM) system is a tool developed to assist weed managers in NSW to determine priorities for weed management at state, regional and local levels. The WRM system is used to evaluate priority weed species in NSW.
- (4) There is no noxious weeds list in NSW after the introduction of the Biosecurity Act 2015.
- (5) Refer to Question 4.

* 5212 DCCEE WATER GROUP STAFFING—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—

- (1) Would the Minister advise how many FTE staff members work in the Water Group of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at April 2025, there are 881.6 FTE staff members work in the Water Group of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water.

- * 5213 RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS VACCINE FOR CHRONIC ILLNESS PATIENTS IN NSW—
Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Has the Government considered providing the Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccine free of charge to individuals with chronic illnesses, especially the elderly, in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee are considering the cost-effectiveness of funding respiratory syncytial virus vaccine for older adults.

The Australian Government funds vaccines under the National Immunisation Program, based on assessments that include the cost effectiveness of the vaccine.

- * 5214 SUSTAINABLE DIVERSION LIMIT ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM WATER SAVING 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, and Minister for Youth—

With respect to the 36 Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism projects across the southern connected Murray-Darling Basin, which aim to recover 605 GL of water for the river system, would the Minister advise:

- (1) Will the full 605 GL be committed as licensed environmental water?
(2) Are these water savings in the system projects taken into account when determining the variation of long-term extraction limits?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The 605 GL SDLAM projects are supply projects which replace the need for the 605GL to be recovered as licensed environmental water, however some SDLAM projects lead to the creation of licensed environmental water.
(2) Water savings that are planned from SDLAM projects were taken into account by the MDBA in determining the 605 GL SDLAM offset.

- * 5215 MORTLAKE PUNT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What date was the community notified about the upcoming closure of the Mortlake Punt?
(2) How was the community notified about the upcoming closure of the Mortlake Punt?
(3) If a notice was letterboxed in the community, how many copies were distributed and in which suburbs?
(4) Was the local member notified?
(a) If so, on what date did that happen?
(5) Is it the practise of the Office of the Minister and Transport for NSW to advise the Local State Member before the community is notified?
(a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW provided early notice of the Mortlake Ferry Upgrade to residents who live around Mortlake and Putney wharves; 144 slips via doorknocking and letterbox drops and to ferry passengers on 12 and 13 May 2025. Transport for NSW informed the local Electorate Office on 15 May 2025. Further information to the community will occur as the project progresses.

Transport for NSW typically informs the Local State Member of Parliament in advance of, or in conjunction with, community notifications. On this occasion, there was an unfortunate oversight.

- * 5216 MORTLAKE PUNT RUNNING HOURS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Is there scope to increase the running hours of the Mortlake Punt?
- (2) What is the Government's plan regarding this matter?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no current plans to increase the running hours of the Mortlake Punt. The current hours of operation are considered appropriate to service the vehicles using the ferry.

- * 5217 DFO ROUNDABOUT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Can you please provide an update on the work to upgrade the DFO Roundabout.
- (2) What stage is the project up to?
- (3) When will construction works begin to upgrade the roundabout?

Answer—

I am advised:

Interim safety improvement works at the roundabout at the Homebush Bay Drive on/off ramps were completed in December 2024. These improvements support road safety and traffic flow in the short term, particularly during peak periods and special events, while project design is being finalised.

Transport for NSW plans to upgrade the roundabout to a signalised intersection to improve safety for all road users at this location.

Transport for NSW will update the community once further information is available on the project and next steps.

- * 5218 FUNDING FOR SPORTING FACILITIES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What sporting facilities and parks within the Drummoyne electorate have been allocated funding by the Government for upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Details for past grant recipients are published on the Office of Sport website and NSW Government Grants Finder.

* 5219 FUNDING FOR PLAYGROUNDS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What playgrounds and parks within the Drummoyne electorate have been allocated funding by the Government for upgrades?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold funding data by electoral boundaries.

* 5220 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR ROADS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Has the Minister received my correspondence seeking a meeting?
- (2) Will the Minister meet with me to discuss road issues within my local community including the traffic congestion on Victoria Road?

Answer—

I am always happy to meet with Members of Parliament to discuss portfolio matters that relate to their electorate. Unfortunately, my office has been unable to locate the meeting request but has made contact with your Electorate Office to set up a time to meet this month.

* 5221 POKER MACHINES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) What is the total number of poker machines located within the Drummoyne electorate?
- (2) How many poker machines accepting cash are located within the Drummoyne electorate?
- (3) How many cashless gaming machines are located in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Liquor & Gaming NSW regularly publishes data relating to the number of gaming machines by suburb, local government area, and statistical area level 2 (SA2), not by State electoral boundaries. This data is available on the Liquor & Gaming NSW website:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/resources/licensed-premises-data>

- (2) All gaming machines in NSW accept cash.
- (3) The cashless gaming trial in NSW was conducted from March to September 2024 and was overseen by the Independent Panel on Gaming Reform. The trial examined the feasibility of implementing cashless gaming technologies, such as digital gaming wallets in hotels and registered clubs across NSW. Venues that participated in the trial had an option to choose to continue using the digital gaming wallet technology beyond this time, subject to certain conditions. Machines using the digital wallet technology also accept cash. No venues in the Drummoyne electorate participated in the trial.

* 5222 KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Does the Government plan to fund the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway beyond 30 June 2025?

Answer—

The NSW Government is considering a funding bid by the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway for funding beyond 30 June 2025.

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* 5223 TEACHER POSITIONS IN THE VACANCIES IN THE UPPER HUNTER—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Upper Hunter electorate:
- (a) Murrurundi Public School?
 - (b) Scone Public School?
 - (c) Scone High School?
 - (d) Aberdeen Public School?
 - (e) Muswellbrook Public School?
 - (f) Muswellbrook South Public School?
 - (g) Merriwa Central School?
 - (h) Sandy Hollow Public School?
 - (i) Denman Public School?
 - (j) Singleton Heights Public School?
 - (k) King Street Public School, Singleton?
 - (l) Singleton Public School?
 - (m) Singleton High School?
 - (n) Branxton Public School?
 - (o) Bolwarra Public School?
 - (p) Largs Public School?
 - (q) Gresford Public School?
 - (r) Vacy Public School?
 - (s) Paterson Public School?
 - (t) Clarence Town Public School?
 - (u) Glen William Public School?
 - (v) Dungog Public School?
 - (w) Dungog High School?
 - (x) Booral Public School?
 - (y) Stroud Public School?
 - (z) Stratford Public School?
 - (aa) Gloucester Public School?
 - (bb) Gloucester High School?
 - (cc) Barrington Public School?
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- (a) Murrurundi Public School?
 - (b) Scone Public School?

- (c) Scone High School?
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Answer—

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Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government ended the former Liberal National Governments’ 12-year suppression of teachers’ wages and delivered the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation, taking NSW teachers from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. As a result, we are seeing positive signs of improvements with NSW schools starting the 2025 school year with 1,294 vacancies.

It is disappointing that the Liberal and National Parties do not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government’s decision to lift teachers’ wages and promised to bring back the wages’ cap.

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For data showing the positive signs of improvement, please refer to LA QoN 5111.

* 5224 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS ELECTORATE—
Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate:
- (a) Armidale City Public School?
 - (b) Ashford Central School?
 - (c) Bald Blair Public School?
 - (d) Ben Lomond Public School?
 - (e) Ben Venue Public School?
 - (f) Bingara Central School?
 - (g) Black Mountain Public School?
 - (h) Boggabilla Central School?
 - (i) Bonshaw Public School?
 - (j) Boomi Public School?
 - (k) Bullarah Public School?
 - (l) Bundarra Central School?
 - (m) Chandler Public School?
 - (n) Croppa Creek Public School?
 - (o) Deepwater Public School?
 - (p) Delungra Public School?
 - (q) Drummond Memorial Public School?
 - (r) Ebor Public School?
 - (s) Emmaville Central School?
 - (t) Garah Public School?
 - (u) Gilgai Public School?
 - (v) Glen Innes Public School?
 - (w) Gravesend Public School?
 - (x) Gum Flat Public School?
 - (y) Guyra Central School?
 - (z) Inverell Public School?
 - (aa) Kellys Plains Public School?
 - (bb) Kentucky Public School?
 - (cc) Kingstown Public School?
 - (dd) Mallowa Public School?
 - (ee) Martins Gully Public School?

- (ff) Moree East Public School?
 - (gg) Moree Public School?
 - (hh) Mungindi Central School?
 - (ii) Newling Public School?
 - (jj) North Star Public School?
 - (kk) Pallamallawa Public School?
 - (ll) Red Range Public School?
 - (mm) Rocky River Public School?
 - (nn) Ross Hill Public School?
 - (oo) Sandon Public School?
 - (pp) Tingha Public School?
 - (qq) Toomelah Public School?
 - (rr) Tulloona Public School?
 - (ss) Uralla Central School?
 - (tt) Warialda Public School?
 - (uu) Wyaliba Public School?
 - (vv) Yetman Public School?
 - (ww) Yarrowitch Public School?
 - (xx) Nowendoc Public School?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Northern Tablelands electorate:
- (a) Inverell High School?
 - (b) Ashford Central School?
 - (c) Macintyre High School?
 - (d) Warialda High School?
 - (e) Bundarra Central School?
 - (f) Glen Innes High School?
 - (g) Uralla Central School?
 - (h) Emmaville Central School?
 - (i) Guyra Central School?
 - (j) Armidale Secondary College?
 - (k) Bingara Central School?
 - (l) Mungindi Central School?
 - (m) Boggabilla Central School?
 - (n) Moree Secondary Campus?
 - (o) Walcha Central School?

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- * 5225 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the New England Renewable Energy Zone:

- (1) What is the amount of transmission line that needs to be built?
- (2) What is the current rate of build that is being undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Energy.

- * 5226 HOUSING SHORTAGES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—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—

What are you doing to address housing shortages in regional New South Wales towns such as Inverell?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW is targeting delivery of over 8,400 new social homes across the state under funding announced by government in the 2024/25 budget with roughly 2,300 new social homes earmarked for regional NSW.

Homes NSW is currently delivering 82 dwellings through dual occupancy projects across regional NSW. These projects are being completed progressively from now through to early 2026. Key locations include Albury, Tamworth, Goulburn, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Taree, Queanbeyan, Orange, and Armidale.

In addition, sites have been identified in Tamworth for a further 10 dwellings utilising Modern Methods of Construction. Homes NSW is also actively working to identify additional sites in other regional areas to expand the development pipeline.

Homes NSW Teacher and Police Housing:

Homes NSW is currently delivering the Key Worker Housing new supply program that will provide 271 additional homes for teachers and police over the four-year period 2022/23 to 2025/26.

The program will see homes built or acquired across 92 different communities in regional and remote NSW, including towns such as Inverell.

125 of these homes are being purpose-built through the program, helping increase overall housing supply in regional NSW and addressing local housing shortages.

Aboriginal Housing:

From 2019 to date, the Aboriginal Housing Office has delivered 394 new homes in regional and remote areas to support Aboriginal communities across New South Wales.

* 5227 NSW AMBULANCE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Does the Government plan to direct NSW Ambulance to backfill and maintain current and projected paramedic rosters?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Ambulance uses Rostering Best Practice and provides a safe system of work for minimum staffing levels for paramedics.

* 5228 MEDICAL CHECK FOR LICENCE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

How will you assist people who are required to get a medical check to obtain a licence, when many of them can't get in to see a GP due to doctor shortages?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW acknowledges the challenges people face in accessing medical appointments across metropolitan, regional, and rural areas, especially given the limited availability of healthcare providers. However, Transport for NSW also has a statutory responsibility to ensure that all licence holders are medically fit to drive.

Transport for NSW is committed to balancing customer needs, healthcare professional availability, and the safety of all road users. To assist people required to submit medical reports, it routinely considers requests for extensions of time. In most cases, if customers provide appointment confirmation, Transport for NSW grants an extension beyond the scheduled appointment date to allow the customer time to attend and submit the required report.

Transport for NSW does not mandate in-person doctor visits. Where available, licence holders are encouraged to use telehealth or online consultations, as healthcare providers can submit medical assessments electronically. This option is often more convenient and time-efficient and removes the need to return paper forms in person or by post.

* 5229 NSW TRAINLINK DISCOVERY PASSES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) How many NSW Trainlink Discovery Passes were issued in the Northern Tablelands in the following years:

(a) 2025 so far?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised

I refer to the response to LA 5084.

* 5230 NURSE POSITIONS 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—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent nurses' positions are there at each of the following hospitals or multipurpose services in the Northern Tablelands:
- (a) Armidale Hospital?
 - (b) Moree Hospital?
 - (c) Glen Innes Hospital?
 - (d) Inverell Hospital?
 - (e) Walcha MPS?
 - (f) Guyra MPS?
 - (g) Warialda MPS?
 - (h) Bingara MPS?
 - (i) Tingha MPS?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 5231 VACANT NURSE POSITIONS 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—

- (1) How many vacant nurses' positions are there at each of the following hospitals or multipurpose services in the Northern Tablelands:
- (a) Armidale Hospital?
 - (b) Moree Hospital?
 - (c) Glen Innes Hospital?
 - (d) Inverell Hospital?
 - (e) Walcha MPS?
 - (f) Guyra MPS?
 - (g) Warialda MPS?
 - (h) Bingara MPS?
 - (i) Tingha MPS?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required. Vacancies are actively recruited to as they arise.

* 5232 TOLL REBATES—Ms Eleni Petinos 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 was the average toll spend of motorists in the Miranda electorate for the 2023 financial year?

- (2) What was the average toll spend of motorists in the Miranda electorate for the 2024 financial year?
- (3) What was the average toll spend of motorists in the Sutherland Shire for the 2023 financial year?
- (4) What was the average toll spend of motorists in the Sutherland Shire for the 2024 financial year?
- (5) How many motorists in the Miranda electorate received rebates through the \$60 weekly toll cap rebate in the 2024 financial year?
- (6) How many motorists in the Miranda electorate receives rebates through the 40% toll relief rebate in the 2024 financial year?
- (7) For the most recent quarter, what was the average reimbursement to motorists in the Miranda electorate through the \$60 weekly toll cap rebate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Data by electorate is not available. Toll spend data is available by postcode for E-Toll customers only. Linkt data is managed by the private toll service provider.

The average toll spend of E-Toll customers for postcodes (2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234) in the Miranda electorate:

- Financial Year 2023 - \$697 per active account.
- Financial Year 2024 - \$741 per active account.

This includes business and personal accounts and all vehicle classes. (Note: using postcode data may include suburbs outside of the electorate).

- (3 - 4) Toll spend data is available by postcode for E-Toll customers only. Linkt data is managed by the private toll service provider.

The average spend of E-toll customers for postcodes (2172, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234) in the Sutherland Shire LGA:

- Financial Year 2023 - \$644 per active account.
- Financial Year 2024 - \$685 per active account.

This includes business and personal accounts and all vehicle classes.

- (5) Data by electorate is not available. Data from Service NSW is available by postcode, suburb and Local Government Area. For the postcodes in the Miranda electorate (2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234) there were 1,170 claims paid in financial year 2024.

Please note:

- The \$60 weekly toll cap scheme commenced 1 Jan 2024.
- Claims made in financial year 2024 opened on 9 April 2024 and related to travel in the first quarter only (January 2024 - March 2024)
- Claims will continue to accrue across the quarters until a claim is submitted or the claim period ends.

- (6) Data by electorate is not available. Data from Service NSW is available by postcode, suburb and Local Government Area. For the postcodes in the Miranda electorate (2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234) there were 9,642 claims paid in financial year 2024. These claims were related to travel in financial year 2023 and financial year 2024.

- (7) According to data from Service NSW, for the most recent quarter ending March 2025, the average amount reimbursement by postcodes in Miranda electorate are shown below:

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Postcode	Average Paid Amount per claim
2234	\$230
2229	\$172
2232	\$163
2228	\$163
2224	\$243
2227	\$181
2226	\$173
2225	\$191

- * 5233 MATERNITY CARE DATA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Noting the number of births in a health facility is not publicly available by searching Maternity Care data on the Bureau of Health Information website via the link previously provided:

- (1) Since 14 May 2024 when the new Tweed Valley Hospital opened to patients, how many babies have been born at:
 - (a) Tweed Valley Hospital?
 - (b) Murwillumbah Hospital?
 - (c) Byron Bay Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

As advised in the response to LA 4117, the number of births by hospital is publicly available on the BHI data portal at <https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/data-portal> - under admitted patients, healthcare quarterly, babies born.

- * 5234 FRESH START PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

Regarding the Fresh Start program:

- (1) How many new apprentices and trainees funded under this program have commenced at Tweed Shire Council?
- (2) What is the breakdown of roles by position type funded by this program at Tweed Shire Council?

Answer—

The information requested does not fall under the responsibility of the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education. Please refer this question to the Minister for Local Government.

- * 5235 NURSE PRACTITIONERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

How many Nurse Practitioners are currently practicing within postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490?

Answer—

I am advised:

Health services are not provided on the basis of postcodes.

- * 5236 LUNG BUS MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

How many people were screened, through both public and private/employer appointments, while the icare Mobile Clinic (Lung Bus) was recently in the Tweed Electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The icare mobile clinic provided screening to 110 clients during its time in the Tweed area between 28 April 2025 and 9 May 2025.

- * 5237 VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE HELPERS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the volunteer Healthcare Helpers at Tweed Valley Hospital:

- (1) How many volunteers are a part of the Healthcare Helpers at Tweed Valley Hospital?
- (2) How many people are on the waitlist to become a Healthcare Helper at Tweed Valley Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

As of 22 May 2025, there were 85 volunteers and 81 people on the waitlist.

- * 5238 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE UNITS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding State Emergency Service (SES) units in the Tweed:

- (1) How many volunteers are based at each of the units at Tweed Heads, Tweed Coast and Murwillumbah?
- (2) Since the start of 2025, how many incidents/call outs have each of the Tweed Heads, Tweed Coast and Murwillumbah units attended to?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW SES Tweed Heads - 77 active members.
NSW SES Tweed Coast - 39 active members.
NSW SES Murwillumbah - 54 active members.
- (2) As of 5 June 2025:
NSW SES Tweed Heads - 1,490 incidents.
NSW SES Tweed Coast - 511 incidents.

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NSW SES Murwillumbah - 517 incidents.

- * 5239 MARITIME COUNT OF PEOPLE SLEEPING ROUGH—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Regarding the February 2025 NSW Maritime Count of people sleeping rough on New South Wales waterways:

- (1) How many people were sleeping rough on the Tweed River?
- (2) What is the breakdown of vessel type on which people included in the Tweed River count were sleeping aboard?
- (3) Will the NSW Maritime Count of people sleeping rough on New South Wales waterways be conducted annually?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Maritime officers assisting with the street count on the Tweed River identified a total of eight people sleeping rough on eight separate vessels, between the hours of 6pm to 9pm on 19 February 2025. The vessel types identified were six yachts, one yacht/motor cruiser and one motor cruiser.

NSW Maritime intends to continue to participate in the annual street count program.

- * 5240 BE A COP IN YOUR HOME TOWN - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

How many police officers have been placed in the Tweed/Byron Police District as part of the Be a Cop in Your Hometown program?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tweed-Byron Police District is not one of the regional focus areas identified for the 'Be a Cop in Your Hometown' program.

- * 5241 PARK & RIDE SERVICE AT BOX HILL AND GABLES—Ms Robyn Preston 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—

Will the Minister investigate proposed options for a Park & Ride service at Box Hill and Gables?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is reviewing all its commuter car parks for the viability of adding the Transport Park&Ride system. As there are currently no commuter car park facilities at Box Hill and Gables, Transport for NSW is unable to provide a Park&Ride service at these locations at this time.

- * 5242 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICES - TEMPORARY BOX HILL SCHOOL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Minister advise when before and after school care services will be available at the temporary Box Hill School?

Answer—

As part of the Minns Labor Government's work to fast-track a local school for the Box Hill community, outside of School Hours Care (OOSH) is now available for families at Box Hill Public School. Service approval was granted for Northwest Community Childcare to operate the service.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to delivering new schools for Box Hill and Gables, after more than a decade of neglect under the former NSW Liberal Nationals Government which failed to deliver a single new school for the rapidly growing community.

- * 5243 HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION PLAN (CP15) FOR BOX HILL—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

The Hills Shire Council's Contribution Plan (CP15) for Box Hill has a \$207 million deficit which restricts the amount of funding that can be spent on roads, intersections, parks, playing fields and community assets, which the Hills Shire Council do not have the funds to cover.

- (1) Is the Government considering providing the funding shortfall?
 - (a) If so, how will it be proposed?
 - (b) If not, what recommendations will be put forward for communities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on this matter is publicly available at:

<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ipart-reviewed-section-711-contributions-plans>

The Hills Shire Council has submitted an updated contributions plan (CP15) for Box Hill to the Independent Planning and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for review. This review assesses the maximum reasonable contributions that can be levied on new developments.

IPART's draft assessment of the plan is publicly available at:

www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Review-of-The-Hills-Shire-Council-revised-Contributions-Plan-no-15-Box-Hill-2025

The Government announced a further \$75 million is available to support infrastructure in rapidly growing communities in the Western Sydney Growth Centres through Round 6 of the Special Infrastructure Contribution program. Round 6 closed in December 2024 and successful projects are expected to be announced in June-July 2025.

In addition, it is further noted that the Member, as part of the NSW Liberal-Nationals Opposition, opposed the introduction of the Housing and Productivity Contribution (HPC), which aims to provide a steady stream of funding for local infrastructure projects, including \$1 billion to local councils.

- * 5244 FULL TIME EMPLOYED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE LANE COVE ELECTORATE—The Hon. Anthony Roberts to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Lane Cove Electorate:
 - (a) Lane Cove Public School?
 - (b) Lane Cove West Public School?
 - (c) Hunters Hill High School?
 - (d) Riverside Girls High School?

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- (e) Ryde Secondary College?
 - (f) Greenwich Public School?
 - (g) Greenwich Infants?
 - (h) Boronia Park Public School?
 - (i) Hunters Hill Public School?
 - (j) East Ryde Public School?
 - (k) Gladesville Public School?
 - (l) Truscott St Public School?
 - (m) Mowbray Public School?
 - (n) Putney Public School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Lane Cove electorate:
- (a) Lane Cove Public School?
 - (b) Lane Cove West Public School?
 - (c) Hunters Hill High School?
 - (d) Riverside Girls High School?
 - (e) Ryde Secondary College?
 - (f) Greenwich Public School?
 - (g) Greenwich Infants?
 - (h) Boronia Park Public School?
 - (i) Hunters Hill Public School?
 - (j) East Ryde Public School?
 - (k) Gladesville Public School?
 - (l) Truscott St Public School?
 - (m) Mowbray Public School?
 - (n) Putney Public School?

Answer—

The former Liberal National Government oversaw a teacher shortage crisis with vacancies hitting a record high of 3,311 in late 2022. During this time, the former Education Minister described the unprecedented number of teacher vacancies as a “beat-up”, “a myth” and “not something I’m overly concerned about”.

Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government ended the former Liberal National Governments’ 12-year suppression of teachers’ wages and delivered the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation, taking NSW teachers from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. As a result, we are seeing positive signs of improvements with NSW schools starting the 2025 school year with 1,294 vacancies.

It is disappointing that the Liberal and National Parties do not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government’s decision to lift teachers’ wages and promised to bring back the wages’ cap.

For data showing the positive signs of improvement, please refer to LA QoN 5111.

* 5245 BARRENJOEY HEADLAND—Ms Jacqui Scruby 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) Has a Steering Group been set up by National Parks and Wildlife to develop a strategy for Barrenjoey Headland and Governor Phillip Park?
 - (a) If yes, is there local representation on the Steering Group?
 - (b) What is the make up of the Group?
- (2) Is the Government proposing to extend lighthouse tours beyond Sundays only?
- (3) Is the Government proposing to restore the cottages on Barrenjoey Headland?

Answer—

- (1) No. A formal Stakeholder Reference Group will be formed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) if any future proposals are brought forward involving adaptive reuse of buildings at Barrenjoey Headland.

Governor Phillip Park is located outside the national park boundary and is under the jurisdiction of Northern Beaches Council.

- (2) The Government appreciates the strong community interest in Barrenjoey Headland and NPWS offers guided lighthouse tours every Sunday through a dedicated volunteer program. Tour participation remains relatively modest despite a high number of visitors at the site. NPWS will continue to monitor demand and explore the feasibility and sustainability of any adjustments to the program.
- (3) The cottages are maintained in accordance with the NPWS Barrenjoey Lightstation and Precinct Heritage Maintenance Plan, which includes a heritage maintenance schedule. The maintenance plan was updated in 2024. Additional maintenance in accordance with this plan will take place as required.

* 5246 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to Northern Beaches Women's Shelter for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
 - (b) 1 July 2024 to date?
- (2) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to The Women's Resilience Centre for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
 - (b) 1 July 2024 to date?
- (3) What is the exact dollar amount of funding that has been provided by the Government to Women and Children First for the following years:
 - (a) 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024?
 - (b) 1 July 2024 to date?
- (4) What funding opportunities are currently available for domestic violence survivor support services?
- (5) How many domestic violence crisis centres are available for women with four or more children in New South Wales?

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- (6) How many centres in New South Wales do not have access to the Client Information Management System (CIMS) and therefore cannot post or see vacancies?
- (7) Has the Department of Communities and Justice done any modelling to determine how many women and children miss out on accommodation each night when accommodation may be available, but not on the CIMS?
- (8) Is there a plan to include all shelters on the CIMS or centralised system including:
 - (a) when will this happen?
 - (b) how much will it cost?
 - (c) has there been a budget request?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2023/24, Northern Beaches Women Shelter (NBWS) received NSW Government funding via a partnership agreement with Women's Communities Shelter (WCS). WCS is funded to support the operations of a network of women's refuges, including NBWS.

Individual funding amounts for each refuge is not publicly available.

- (2) Individual funding amounts are not publicly available.
 - (a) In 2023/24, the Women's Resilience Centre was allocated the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) funding under a Community Builders Program grant.
 - (b) In 2024/25, the Women's Resilience Centre did not receive DCJ funding.
- (3) Individual funding amounts are not publicly available.
 - (a) In 2023/24, Women and Children First received DCJ funding under the Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) program; and indirect funding as a subcontractor delivering the Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches Homelessness Support Service - a Specialist Homelessness Service (SHS) with Mission Australia funded as lead provider.
 - (b) In 2024/25, Women and Children First received DCJ funding under the TEI program, and the community building partnerships program; and indirect funding under the SHS program.
- (4) Procurement is underway for 6 new Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Services (IDFVS) in various locations across NSW.

In 2024/25, a competitive procurement process was also held for new Staying Home Leaving Violence programs that has resulted in three new specialist DFV services covering Hornsby, Ryde, Hunters Hill, Northern Beaches, Lane Cove, Ku-Ring-Gai, Mosman, North Sydney, Willoughby, Canada Bay and Strathfield.

- (5) There are 99 women's refuges funded by DCJ. Most refuges have flexibility in how they accommodate women and their children, including utilising rollaway beds and cots as needed, and flexible layouts of rooms to accommodate larger family groups.

Flexibility of lay out is a feature in all awarded 49 Core and Cluster refuges which vary in unit size and capacity. The functional design of Core and Cluster women's refuges include adaptable, purpose-built and accessible contemporary dwellings to cater to women with children of different age groups and those with disabilities. This includes flexible bedding designs and layouts which provides flexibility for large families by increasing bedroom space as required. Design also provides open space for children and family pets. This ensures the crisis accommodation can be tailored to meet the needs of larger families with inclusive and adaptable spaces.

- (6) All DCJ funded refuges and specialist DFV services have access to Client Information Management Systems (CIMS). Unfunded services do not have access to CIMS. DCJ does not maintain a register of NSW refuges that are not government funded.
- (7) The Vacancy Management System (VMS) within CIMS lists providers (SHS, non-SHS, temporary accommodation - supported and non-supported) in NSW and the services that they offer. SHS providers manage and update their own service records in the VMS.

In 2023/24, across NSW, there was an average of 17.1 unassisted requests per day, where SHS services were not able to be provided, for short-term or emergency accommodation.

No modelling has been done around providers or services that are not in CIMS or the VMS.

- (8) There is no plan to expand CIMS access to non-DCJ funded services. Legal advice recommended against doing so due to the risk of data breaches, unregulated data collection and consent processes associated with providing access to the information system.

* 5247 WARMER WATERS—Ms Jacqui Scruby 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) By how much, on average, is the ocean temperature in New South Wales rising per year?
- (2) Has the government carried out analysis on the shifting distributions of marine species in NSW as a result of temperature changes?
 - (a) If so, is there evidence that marine animals that pose a danger to humans, including box jellyfish, irukandji jellyfish and blue-ringed octopus, are becoming more common in New South Wales waters?
- (3) When will the Marine Heatwave Action Plan be published?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Ocean temperatures off the coast of New South Wales have increased by 0.8° C above the long-term average since the 1960s.
- (2) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has climate change and marine scientists that conduct research to monitor and predict climate change impacts to enable managers to prepare for climate change. This includes monitoring the projections of shifts in taxa such as fish, lobster, gastropods, megafauna and habitats including kelp, seaweeds and coral.
 - (a) Potential range expansions of marine animals that pose a risk to humans such as box and irukandji jellyfish have not been assessed in NSW but are the subject of a research proposal currently being prepared. These taxa have not been found in NSW waters but may arrive if waters continue to warm and the East Australian Current continues to penetrate further south. Blue ringed octopus occur throughout NSW.
- (3) The NSW Marine heatwave response plan can be found here:
https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1500956/DPI-Marine-Heatwave-Response-Plan.pdf.

* 5248 SYDNEY HARBOUR—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Noting the Legislative Assembly Petition regarding Sydney Harbour that was tabled on 18 March 2025, and the Minister for Roads and Regional Transport's response:

- (1) What plans, if any, does the Government have to remove failing structures and keep them clear of Sydney Harbour?

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- (2) What plans, if any, does the Government have to require that independent environmental and visual impact assessments are conducted before vessels can be moored in the bays and coves of Sydney Harbour?
- (3) What steps, if any, has the Government taken to ensure that there has been a proper and fair response to community concerns regarding the management of moorings and "orphaned assets"?
- (4) What steps, if any, has the Government taken to ensure that commercial vessels moored at Berrys Bay, Balls Head and Snails Bay:
 - (a) Are visually suitable and aesthetically consistent with the environment and surroundings of the moored area?
 - (b) Meet any criteria required in relation to:
 - (i) Pollution?
 - (ii) The public interest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Government has legislation in place to ensure the safety and navigational integrity of Sydney Harbour through the Marine Safety Act 1998 (NSW). The Government's approach combines regular inspections, compliance enforcement, and heritage protection to keep the harbour clear and safe for all users. NSW Maritime conducts regular inspections to identify deteriorating structures and ensures that property agreement holders maintain their infrastructure in good condition. Non-compliance with these agreements is managed through compliance actions. Additionally, historic infrastructure is subject to strict management conditions to preserve its integrity while ensuring safety.

- (2) Vessels associated with mooring licences undergo a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) prior to a mooring licence being issued by NSW Maritime including visual suitability for the particular location for the intended vessel and mooring. Maritime Boating Safety officers conduct regular audits of vessels and moorings licensed by NSW Maritime to ensure compliance with visual suitability requirements and other mooring licence conditions.

There are currently no plans to procure services for an independent assessment for each mooring application. Independent auditing may highlight some potential efficiencies in the management of moorings and 'orphaned' assets (as termed by Save Our Sydney Harbour), however, it would also likely be lengthy in duration and costly to taxpayers.

- (3) The general position of a mooring site is determined at the discretion of experienced NSW Maritime officers, and each site is positioned within pre-determined mooring area boundaries. Sites are subject to a range of assessments to ensure they are suitable, including safety of navigation, the environment and the amenity of the area. NSW Maritime conducts a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) before granting a mooring licence and approving the occupation of a mooring site.

Since the petition was first lodged, the Manager Waterway Operations has on two occasions taken representatives from Save Our Sydney Harbour on NSW Maritime vessels to conduct inspections and to discuss moorings and orphaned structures. The Manager Waterway Operations and Maritime Property staff continue to work with Save Our Sydney Harbour representatives to ensure their concerns are being addressed and to look for ways to improve the amenity and access to Sydney Harbour for all waterway users.

- (4) The infrastructure at Berrys Bay and Snails Bay is managed by external agents on behalf of Transport for NSW. Staff continue to work with the people responsible for the vessels at Berrys Bay, Balls Head and Snails Bay in an effort to achieve compliance with marine legislation.

NSW Maritime recently assisted Sea Heritage Foundation, owners of the Cape Don, in funding the removal of a large quantity of hydrocarbons from the vessel. NSW Maritime and the people

responsible for the vessel meet on a regular basis to ensure the safety and security of the vessel and mitigate risks associated with the ageing vessel. NSW Maritime has also recently been assisting the managers of the Snails Bay dolphins to take steps to remove a large barge which has been secured to the facility for a long time.

* 5249 GAMBLING ADS ON TV—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Premier—

Regarding the South Australian Government's policy of banning gambling ads before 8.30pm during live sports broadcasts:

- (1) Has the Government or any of its agencies investigated whether such a policy could be implemented in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, what was the outcome?
- (2) What plans, if any, does the Government have to reduce the number of gambling advertisements that children are exposed to online and on television in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Australian Government sets a range of restrictions on when gambling advertising can be shown on commercial television at a national level and is responsible for regulating media advertising.

For live sporting events between 5am and 8:30pm there is a national prohibition on gambling advertising from five minutes before the start of play until five minutes after live coverage ends.

For live sporting events between 8:30pm and 5am, gambling advertising is allowed during commercial breaks and before and after the game, but not during play.

The NSW Government will continue to work with the Australian Government and the other States and Territories to address the pervasiveness and potential harm of wagering advertising.

In NSW, the Government is acting to remove gambling advertising on public transport. The prohibition applies to NSW Transport-owned and controlled assets including internal and external advertising on trains, metros, buses, light rail, train stations and ferry terminals.

This is in addition to the existing prohibitions on certain types of harmful advertising, including the advertising of inducements to gamble and live odds during sports. Liquor & Gaming NSW actively enforces these restrictions. Educating children and young people on the harms of gambling is a priority for the NSW Government.

The NSW Office of Responsible Gambling invests in research and support for young people, teachers and parents. Further information can be found at the GambleAware website. The NSW Government will continue to work with the Australian Government and the other States and Territories to address exposure to children.

* 5250 REGIONAL ARTS FUNDING—The Hon. Paul Toole 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) For the following calendar years, can you please advise what funding and dollar figures were allocated to each of the Regional Arts Development Organisation across New South Wales:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025 (as of May 2025)?

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Answer—

- (1) Funding and dollar figures allocated to each of the Regional Arts Development Organisations for the following calendar year.

Organisation	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (as of May 2025)
Arts Mid North Coast	\$318,000	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$274,362	\$217,000
Arts North West	\$354,800	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
Arts Northern Rivers	\$375,400	\$526,000	\$523,250	\$306,000	\$217,000
Arts OutWest	\$368,000	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
Arts Upper Hunter	\$298,000	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
Eastern Riverina Arts	\$368,000	\$526,250	\$406,414	\$232,262	\$217,000
Murray Arts	\$353,290	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
Orana Arts	\$677,165	\$367,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
Outback Arts	\$350,200	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
South Coast Arts	-	-	\$327,000	\$217,000	\$217,000
South East Arts	\$379,500	\$512,900	\$686,250	\$417,000	\$367,000
South West Arts	\$457,389	\$443,775	\$394,669	\$217,000	\$217,000
Southern Tablelands Arts	\$347,875	\$217,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000
West Darling Arts	\$372,000	\$294,553	\$375,807	\$221,000	\$221,000
Western Riverina Arts	\$368,000	\$247,000	\$356,250	\$217,000	\$217,000

- (a) See response to question 1.
 (b) See response to question 1.
 (c) See response to question 1.
 (d) See response to question 1.
 (e) See response to question 1.

* 5251 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—

In relation to Abercrombie Caves:

- (1) As of May 2025, how long have Abercrombie Caves been closed to the public?

- (2) Have works begun to restore the caves?
- (3) What works are currently underway to reopen the caves to the public?
- (4) What works have been completed?
- (5) Could you please outline the scope of works and timeline for completion?
- (6) When are the caves predicted to be reopened to the public?
- (7) What is the budget or anticipated cost to reopen the caves?

Answer—

- (1) Abercrombie Caves has been closed since 29 January 2022 due to flood damage. A second major flood event on 3 November 2022 caused further significant damage to infrastructure and recently completed repair works.

- (2) Yes.

- (3) Work has commenced to repair pathways, pedestrian access and power supply to the caves. A new office, visitor centre and public toilets are under construction using the old site managers residence and ticket office.

Construction of a new causeway across the creek accessing the camping area is also underway and landscaping and upgrade works are underway in the camping area. Detailed planning and design for the other repairs and upgrades are well underway with tenders expected to be advertised before August 2025.

- (4) The pedestrian pathway accessing the caves has been partially replaced. Safety barriers in the caves have been replaced. The new office, visitor centre and public toilets and new causeway are due for completion by the end of September 2025.
- (5) Scope of works and completion times below. Restricted access to the site and the complexity of repairs has led to delays in re-opening the site.

Insurance works:

- Causeway replacement - completion target: 2025.
- Swing bridge demolition (Grove Creek) - completion target: 2026.
- Swing bridge replacement (Cathedral Cave) - completion target: 2026.
- Caves pathway replacement - completion target: 2026.
- Restore power to caves - completion target: 2026.

Other planned works:

- Campground upgrade - completion target: 2025.
- National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Office/Visitor Centre relocation - completion target: 2025.
- Cave Walking Track (north) - completion target: 2026.

Other future works:

- Betterment Project (Regional NSW grant for creek stabilisation and flood resilience) - completion target: 2026.
- (6) The caves are predicted to re-open in 2026.
 - (7) It is estimated it will cost \$2.1 million to undertake the works to repair, upgrade and reopen the site.

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* 5252 EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE FUNDING—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) For the year 2023, can you please provide information on what funding and grant allocations were provided to early childhood services in the Bathurst electorate?
- (2) For the year 2024, can you please provide information on what funding and grant allocations were provided to early childhood services in the Bathurst electorate?
- (3) For the year 2025 thus far, can you please provide information on what funding and grant allocations were provided to early childhood services in the Bathurst electorate?

Answer—

The Department of Education provides funding to early childhood education and care (ECEC) services through a range of programs, to support and improve access to ECEC for children and families across NSW. Information on department grants and funding, including approved/awarded funding figures is available on the NSW Government Grants and funding finder at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding>.

* 5253 LITHGOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can you please provide an update on the new women and children shelter located in Lithgow?
- (2) When is the shelter expected to open?
- (3) Can you please provide data on the shelter's location, scope of works, cost etc.?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All planning approvals are complete, and the engagement of a builder is currently underway.
- (2) The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is working closely with Housing Plus, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and other partners to ensure the Core and Cluster women's refuge in Lithgow is delivered next year.
- (3) This information is publicly available here: [Core and Cluster Program Lithgow Project - D23/744503|buy.nsw](https://www.buy.nsw.gov.au/core-and-cluster-program-lithgow-project).

For safety and privacy reasons, the exact location and configuration of the Core and Cluster women's refuges cannot be disclosed.

* 5254 INTERCITY FLEET PASSENGER SERVICE TRAINS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise what date the new Intercity Fleet trains will be activated for the Blue Mountains line?
- (2) Can the Minister advise when the New Intercity Train Fleet will go to Lithgow?
- (3) Can the Minister advise the scope of works that is being done on the New Intercity Train Fleet and the total cost?
- (4) Can the Minister advise what the cost is to store the Intercity Fleet Trains at Lithgow from the months of March 2023 through to May 2025, separately by month?
- (5) Is the roll out of the new trains delayed?
 - (a) If so, what is causing this delay?
- (6) How many Intercity Fleet Trains are yarded in Lithgow as of 1st May 2025?

- (7) What will become of the old stock when these new trains are rolled out?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Extension of passenger services to the Blue Mountains Line is targeted to commence in late 2025, while services on the South Coast Line are still on track to commence in 2026.
- (2) The Mariyung trains will commence deployment on the Blue Mountains Line later this year and will travel between Sydney and Lithgow.
- (3) Modifications to the trains are required to support changes to the Mariyung Fleet operating model, including hardware and software changes to the crew door, relocation of CCTV viewing screens etc.

In the 2024-25 NSW Budget, \$276.9 million in capital expenditure was allocated to ensure the continued delivery of the Mariyung Fleet. The NSW Government has allocated a total of \$973.8 million in capital expenditure for the Mariyung Fleet over four years to 2027-28.

- (4) Trains have been stored in various locations across NSW from 2021, including Lithgow. The storage of trains is diminishing as the fleet is progressively being deployed into service, as planned. All costs remain within the current budget.
- (5) The fleet was always planned to enter service on the Central Coast and Newcastle Line first, followed by the Blue Mountains Line and the South Coast Line in a staged deployment, once modifications are completed, and the necessary testing and safety accreditation is obtained.
- (6) There were 13 Mariyung trains stored in the Lithgow yard on 1 May 2025. The number of trains at Lithgow varies depending on possessions and trains being moved for planned maintenance to Kangy Angy.
- (7) The V Set trains, currently servicing the Blue Mountains Line and Central Coast and Newcastle Line, will be decommissioned and repurposed or disposed of in a sustainable and cost-effective way.

- * 5255 O'CONNELL FOOTBRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to O'Connell Footbridge project:

- (1) Can you please provide an update of the progress of this project?
- (2) What is the budget for this project?
- (3) What were the findings of the geotechnical investigations?
- (4) Will there be community consultation on designs?
- (5) What is the timeline of this project's construction?
- (6) What is the expected date of construction commencing?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A draft concept design has been completed, following geotechnical and survey investigations. The geotechnical investigations provide information required for future detailed design work and to aid the basic concept design and estimate.
- (2) Transport for NSW has secured \$500,000 in funding from the Active Transport Program for the completion of the concept design. The budget for the delivery of this project has not yet been finalised.

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- (3) The findings of the geotechnical investigation are being used to inform the substructure of the pedestrian bridge.
- (4 - 5) Community consultation will be conducted once a concept design is developed and construction dates are established. Transport for NSW will subsequently advise a timeline for construction.

* 5256 GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY INCIDENTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the Great Western Highway:

- (1) From 1 January 2025 to 31 May 2025, how many times was the Great Western Highway between Glenbrook and Bathurst:
 - (a) Fully closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
 - (b) Westbound lanes closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
 - (c) Eastbound lanes closed due to an accident, weather or other incident?
- (2) What plans does the Government have in place to upgrade the highway to prevent further closures blocking travellers between Sydney and the Central West?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) From 1 January to 21 May 2025, there were eleven road closure incidents on the Great Western Highway between Glenbrook and Bathurst:
 - (a) Four incidents impacting both directions.
 - (b) Three incidents impacting westbound traffic.
 - (c) Four incidents impacting eastbound traffic.
- (2) The NSW Government's Sydney to Central West Corridor Assessment White Paper will evaluate access and capacity challenges along the Great Western Highway and Bells Line of Road, between Lapstone to Bathurst and North Richmond to Lithgow.

The Paper will examine current and future needs for local traffic, through traffic, freight and active transport.

It will also consider the safety, reliability, efficiency, accessibility, resilience, amenity and sustainability of the entire corridor. Traffic volume data, along with the information gathered during recent traffic delays at Blue Mountains pinch points during peak holiday times, will also be captured. The assessment will use the most current metrics for safety, movement, resilience and asset condition. Peak traffic periods, including holiday traffic profiles, will also be captured in the assessment.

To prepare the White Paper, Transport for NSW has engaged with key stakeholders located along the routes, including local councils and Members of Parliament. Transport for NSW expects to deliver this new corridor assessment in 2025, and a summary document will be made available to the public.

Transport for NSW will work closely with Infrastructure Australia to ensure the corridor improvements are recognised as a national infrastructure priority.

* 5257 SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) For the year 2023, can you please provide information on what infrastructure or capital works were completed at the following public schools in the Bathurst electorate:

- (a) Bathurst Public School?
- (b) Bathurst South Public School?
- (c) Bathurst West Public School?
- (d) Black Springs Public School?
- (e) Blayney High School?
- (f) Blayney Public School?
- (g) Capertee Public School?
- (h) Carcoar Public School?
- (i) Carenne Public School?
- (j) Coorwull Public School?
- (k) Cullen Bullen Public School?
- (l) Denison College of Secondary Education -Bathurst Campus?
- (m) Denison College of Secondary Education -Kelso Campus?
- (n) Eglinton Public School?
- (o) Glen Alice Public School?
- (p) Hampton Public School?
- (q) Hill End Public School?
- (r) Ilford Public School?
- (s) Kandos High School?
- (t) Kandos Public School?
- (u) Kelso Public School?
- (v) Lithgow High School?
- (w) Lithgow Public School?
- (x) Lyndhurst Public School?
- (y) Mandurama Public School?
- (z) Meadow Flat Public School?
- (aa) Millthorpe Public School?
- (bb) Neville Public School?
- (cc) O'Connell Public School?
- (dd) Oberon High School?
- (ee) Oberon Public School?
- (ff) Perthville Public School?
- (gg) Portland Central School?
- (hh) Raglan Public School?
- (ii) Rockley Public School?
- (jj) Rylstone Public School?

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- (kk) Sofala Public School?
- (ll) Trunkey Public School?
- (mm) Wallerawang Public School?
- (nn) Wattle Flat Public School?
- (oo) Zig Zag Public School?
- (2) For the year 2024, can you please provide information on what infrastructure or capital works were completed at the following public schools in the Bathurst electorate:
 - (a) Bathurst Public School?
 - (b) Bathurst South Public School?
 - (c) Bathurst West Public School?
 - (d) Black Springs Public School?
 - (e) Blayney High School?
 - (f) Blayney Public School?
 - (g) Capertee Public School?
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 - (i) Carenne Public School?
 - (j) Coorwull Public School?
 - (k) Cullen Bullen Public School?
 - (l) Denison College of Secondary Education -Bathurst Campus?
 - (m) Denison College of Secondary Education -Kelso Campus?
 - (n) Eglinton Public School?
 - (o) Glen Alice Public School?
 - (p) Hampton Public School?
 - (q) Hill End Public School?
 - (r) Ilford Public School?
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- (dd) Oberon High School?
 - (ee) Oberon Public School?
 - (ff) Perthville Public School?
 - (gg) Portland Central School?
 - (hh) Raglan Public School?
 - (ii) Rockley Public School?
 - (jj) Rylstone Public School?
 - (kk) Sofala Public School?
 - (ll) Trunkey Public School?
 - (mm) Wallerawang Public School?
 - (nn) Wattle Flat Public School?
 - (oo) Zig Zag Public School?
- (3) As of May 2025, can you please provide information on what infrastructure or capital works have been completed this year or is underway at the following public schools in the Bathurst electorate:
- (a) Bathurst Public School?
 - (b) Bathurst South Public School?
 - (c) Bathurst West Public School?
 - (d) Black Springs Public School?
 - (e) Blayney High School?
 - (f) Blayney Public School?
 - (g) Capertee Public School?
 - (h) Carcoar Public School?
 - (i) Carenne Public School?
 - (j) Coerwull Public School?
 - (k) Cullen Bullen Public School?
 - (l) Denison College of Secondary Education -Bathurst Campus?
 - (m) Denison College of Secondary Education -Kelso Campus?
 - (n) Eglinton Public School?
 - (o) Glen Alice Public School?
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Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is investing a record \$9 billion in new and upgraded schools as part of the 2025-26 Budget, which is more than at any time during the 12 years of the former Liberal National Government. This is part of our plan to rebuild public education in NSW.

Unfortunately, the former Liberal National Government left office with fewer schools than it began with, closed more schools than it opened, oversaw a 35% increase in demountables and prioritised speculative and unproven initiatives, such as open-plan classrooms and developer-led schools, over the interests of students.

As part of this record investment, the Minns Labor Government is delivering major upgrades to the specialist facilities at Lithgow High School including the art rooms, music rooms, woodwork and metalwork rooms, the library, the hall and STEM rooms as well as the school entrance. This is part of the Government's commitment to expanding opportunities for high potential and gifted students. It should be noted that the Nationals did not deliver any investment in upgrading Lithgow High School during its 12 years in government and during the entire tenure of the Member for Bathurst.

The Minns Labor Government is also delivering projects the Nationals promised but failed to deliver for the Bathurst community, such as new toilets at the Bathurst High Campus of Denison College and the major upgrade at the Kelso High Campus, including new classrooms, support hubs, workshops and a new COLA.

Further information about infrastructure and capital works at NSW public schools is available on the School Infrastructure website.

* 5258 RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many renewable projects have been approved in each of the Renewable Energy Zones (REZ):
 - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
 - (b) South-West REZ?
 - (c) New England REZ?
 - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
 - (e) Illawarra REZ?
 - (f) Total for New South Wales?
- (2) How many renewable projects have been approved in each of these local government areas:
 - (a) Wingecarribee Shire?
 - (b) Goulburn Mulwarree?
 - (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
 - (d) Yass Valley?
- (3) How many renewable projects have not been approved in each of the REZ:
 - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
 - (b) South-West REZ?
 - (c) New England REZ?
 - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
 - (e) Illawarra REZ?
 - (f) Total for New South Wales?
- (4) How many renewable projects have not been approved in each of these local government areas:
 - (a) Wingecarribee Shire?
 - (b) Goulburn Mulwarree?
 - (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
 - (d) Yass Valley?
- (5) How many renewable projects are currently proposed for each of the REZ:
 - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
 - (b) South-West REZ?
 - (c) New England REZ?
 - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
 - (e) Illawarra REZ?
 - (f) Total for New South Wales?
- (6) How many renewable projects are currently proposed in each of these local government areas:
 - (a) Wingecarribee Shire?
 - (b) Goulburn Mulwarree?

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- (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
- (d) Yass Valley?
- (7) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system for each of the REZ:
 - (a) Central-West Orana REZ?
 - (b) South-West REZ?
 - (c) New England REZ?
 - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
 - (e) Illawarra REZ?
 - (f) Total for New South Wales?
- (8) How many renewable projects currently in the planning system for each of these local government areas:
 - (a) Wingecarribee Shire?
 - (b) Goulburn Mulwarree?
 - (c) Upper Lachlan Shire?
 - (d) Yass Valley?
- (9) How many proposals has the Independent Planning Commission declined?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 8) Data requested on renewable energy projects and their status can be found on the Major Projects Portal at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/majorprojects>.

The Portal includes information about individual projects including what is under assessment, what has been approved, what has been withdrawn, and where it is located within New South Wales.

- (9) The Independent Planning Commission has refused one renewable energy project.

* 5259 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AND SOUTHERN TABLELANDS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What initiatives have you as Minister and the Government implemented to address domestic and family violence in the Southern Highlands and Southern Tablelands of New South Wales?
- (2) What community education on gender-based violence initiatives have you or the Government implemented?
- (3) How much funding is allocated to regional New South Wales to prevent, educate and disrupt domestic and family violence?
- (4) Could you please specify where funding is being allocated?
- (5) How much funding is allocated to metro New South Wales to prevent, educate and disrupt domestic and family violence?
- (6) Could you please specify where funding is being allocated?
- (7) Does the Government plan to implement a public register of domestic and family violence offenders?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government delivers the following domestic and family violence (DFV) programs and initiatives in local government areas (LGAs) that lie wholly or partly within the Southern Highlands and Southern Tablelands of New South Wales:
 - (a) Safer Pathway program: The Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS), for women, and local support services (LSS), for men provide victim-survivors with information, safety planning, referrals to local services, and case management for clients with complex needs. The current provider of the Monaro-Hume WDVCAS is Molonglo Support Services Ltd and the LSS provider that covers this region is Relationships Australia Canberra and Region.
 - (b) Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV) program: This program supports women and children victim-survivors of DFV, addressing the threat of homelessness, financial insecurity, and personal and family safety by ensuring that women and children can remain safely in their own home or a home of their choice after leaving a violent relationship. The Staying Home Leaving Violence program is being expanded to cover every LGA in NSW. The expansion has already been rolled out for the following LGAs:
 - Wingecaribee and Wollondilly (St Vincent de Paul).
 - Goulburn-Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley (Home-Start National).
 - Hilltops, Snowy Valleys, Temora and Cootamundra-Gundagai (Linking Communities Network Limited).
 - (c) Molonglo Support Services Limited is also an existing provider for the Quenbeyan-Palerang LGA.. Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit (DVU): The DVU is a state-wide multi-disciplinary service providing legal and other assistance to clients who have experienced DFV. The DVU uses a trauma-informed approach to provide advice and assistance, duty services and participation in Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, some complex casework and community legal education.
 - (d) Men's Behaviour Change Programs: These services hold people who use DFV to account while keeping victims safe through predominantly group-based programs and services that focus on working with men to enable them to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to stop them from using violence. The current Men's Behaviour Change Provider in this region is EveryMan Australia.
 - (e) Men's Telephone Counselling and Referral Service: This statewide service prevents and reduces DFV by working with people using violence over the phone and online chat.
- (2 – 6) As part of the NSW Budget 2024/25, the NSW Government committed an additional \$245.6 million over four years as part of a coordinated and multi-pronged response to DFV. This is a state-wide investment, including:
 - \$48 million to roll out the SHLV program state-wide and to expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service.
 - \$48.1 million to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges.
 - \$45 million to improve bail laws and justice system responses to domestic violence.
 - \$38.3 million to implement NSW's first dedicated domestic, family and sexual violence primary prevention strategy.
 - \$29.6 million for the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service to provide support for victim-survivors requiring support to navigate the justice system.
 - \$10 million to support Men's Behaviour Change Programs to enable men to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to prevent the use of violence.

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- \$13.6 million for research into perpetrators and effective interventions, workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework, and expanding Domestic Violence NSW, which is the peak body for specialist services in NSW.

In the upcoming NSW Budget 2025/26, the NSW Government will invest an additional \$272.7 million over four years in domestic, family and sexual violence services to reduce violence against women and children.

This includes an investment of \$9.3 million to implement the Serious Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders. These orders mean high-risk domestic violence offenders will be subject to strict monitoring and supervision, with courts able to impose any condition considered appropriate.

The NSW Government is investing an additional \$11.2 million in 2025/26 to begin long-term reform of NSW's DFV service system to make sure we can intervene earlier and build a stronger workforce that can continue doing their crucial work.

Additionally, the NSW Government has implemented a range of community education initiatives on gender-based violence.

One such initiative is the Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028. This whole of government strategic plan is dedicated to preventing domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) across all of NSW. It takes a whole of population approach to encouraging healthy and safe relationships. The Strategy was released in September 2024.

The strategy is funded across three pillars of focus:

- (i) Progressing prevention in priority settings such as local communities, schools and early childhood, workplaces and sports clubs and organisations.
- (ii) Supporting Aboriginal-led prevention.
- (iii) Building centralised supports and the evidence base.

Pillar 1 includes a \$5.175 million Primary Prevention Multi-Year Partnerships Grants Program. More information about the grants is available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/documents/service-providers/grants/primary-prevention-multi-year-partnership-grant-program-guidelines.pdf>. Grant recipients will be announced mid-June 2025.

Other community-based education initiatives against gender-based violence are facilitated through the Sexual Violence Project Fund, which provided grants to eligible projects targeted towards priority populations in NSW, including rural and remote communities.

More information about the Fund is available at <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/service-providers/supporting-family-domestic-sexual-violence-services/dfv-programs-funding/nsw-sexual-violence-project-fund.html>.

- (7) The previous government committed to implement a 'Right to Ask' disclosure scheme two months before the 2023 election. No funding was allocated to this, and no consultation was done with the non-government sector.

A domestic violence disclosure scheme was piloted in NSW between 2016 and 2018 in four Local Area Commands. The scheme enabled people to request a disclosure from police about whether their current or ex-partner had a prior conviction for domestic violence or other relevant criminal offences and provided specialist domestic and family violence support to participants. Following an evaluation of this scheme, it was discontinued noting issues with timeliness of data sharing and costs.

Recent research published by Monash University and University of Liverpool in their 2024 report '[Informed and safe, or blamed and at risk? Examining the merits and limits of domestic violence disclosure schemes in Australia and New Zealand](#)', recommended evidence-based policies and funding for wraparound specialist support services was preferred over disclosure schemes.

The NSW Government will continue to consider new information as it arises. In particular, the NSW Government will continue to work with all Australian jurisdictions on the commitments made by National Cabinet to end gender-based violence.

- * 5260 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL AREAS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 drought assistance for rural and regional areas:

- (1) What support is the Government providing to those communities affected by drought?
- (2) How is this being communicated to these communities?

Answer—

- (1) Information for drought support can be found here:
<https://www.droughthub.nsw.gov.au/>
- (2) There are multiple avenues the Government communicates support, this includes:
 - Land Services provides a critical front line communication response in times of drought and are often the first touch point between farmers and Government.
 - Drought Hub provides all information related to drought support
 - RAA provides regular updates via social media, newsletters and through stakeholders
 - Service NSW provides a second touch point for farmers and communities with comprehensive access to drought support information through its website

- * 5261 2025 STREET COUNT - GOULBURN—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, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding the 2025 Street Count:

- (1) How many people were counted as sleeping rough in the Wingecarribee Shire Area?
 - (a) What percentage of people counted were in vehicles and what percentage were in open spaces?
- (2) How many people were counted as sleeping rough in the Goulburn Mulwaree Area?
 - (a) What percentage of people counted were in vehicles and what percentage were in open spaces?
- (3) How many people were counted as sleeping rough in the Yass Valley Area?
 - (a) What percentage of people counted were in vehicles and what percentage were in open spaces?
- (4) How many people were counted as sleeping rough in the Upper Lachlan Shire?
 - (a) What percentage of people counted were in vehicles and what percentage were in open spaces?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Wingecarribee Shire was not included in the 2025 Street Count.
- (2) Two people were counted in the 2025 Street Count for the Goulburn/Mulwaree area.

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- (a) Both were in vehicles.
- (3) No people were counted in the 2025 Street Count for Yass.
- (4) Upper Lachlan Shire was not included in the 2025 Street Count.

* 5262 KEY WORKER ACCOMODATION FUNDING - SOUTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—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 key worker accommodation funding for the Southern NSW Local Health District:

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to the Southern NSW Local Health District from this program?
- (2) Could you please list the health services within the district and their estimated planned allocation of funding?
- (3) How many individuals are expected to benefit from these refurbished or new accommodation locations specifically?

Answer—

I am advised:

The \$200.1 million Key Health Worker Accommodation Program supports more than 20 projects across rural, regional and remote NSW.

The funding will secure approximately 120 dwellings across regional NSW, which includes the building of new accommodation, refurbishment of existing living quarters, and the purchase of suitable properties such as residential units.

It is estimated the 4-year program will support the recruitment and retention of more than 500 health workers and their families by providing a range of temporary accommodation options across regional NSW, which includes Southern NSW Local Health District health workers.

Of the \$200.1 million, \$24 million has been allocated to Southern NSW Local Health District.

* 5263 MEN'S BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAMS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the Men's Behaviour Change Programs (MBCPs):

- (1) How much funding was allocated to the Southern Highlands or Southern Tablelands areas of New South Wales, including Wingecarribee Shire, Upper Lachlan Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree or Yass Valley Council areas?
- (2) Can you please provide a timeline for the implementation of this program?
- (3) How long is the program funded for?
- (4) How many individuals are expected to benefit from these location specifically?
- (5) What services can participants of the program access and what goals or outcomes are expected of program participants?

Answer—

I am advised:

EveryMan Australia is the registered MBCP provider for the Southern Highlands/Southern Tablelands areas and was allocated \$540,800 over four years from July 2022 to 30 June 2026. A MBCP recommissioning tender process will be undertaken for service delivery from 1 July 2026.

EveryMan Australia is funded to work with up to 30 participants per annum. Support is also provided to victim survivors connected to participants undertaking interventions as part of their registered program. These tailored individual services are focussed on the victim survivor's safety and wellbeing.

The EveryMan Australia's MBCP provides participants with a 20 week one on one program plus three additional sessions for intake and exit. Participants are supported into other referrals to support their change process including drug and alcohol support, housing, parenting programs and mental health assistance. Victim survivors have access to a Partner Advocacy Support Worker who provide risk and safety assessments, ongoing contact with the victim survivor and referral to external services to meet any additional needs including housing, legal support and counselling. Outcomes of MBCPs are to reduce or prevent recurrence of abusive behaviour by a participant towards a partner or family member, take accountability for their abusive behaviour and promote victim survivor safety.

* 5264 STAFF ATTRITION—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 staff attrition, regardless of reason:

- (1) How many nurses resigned from Bowral Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (2) How many nurses resigned from Goulburn Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (3) How many nurses resigned from Yass Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (4) How many nurses resigned from Crookwell Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (5) On how many occasions were agency nurses were hired within Bowral Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (6) On how many occasions were agency nurses were hired within Goulburn Hospital in:
 - (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (7) On how many occasions were agency nurses were hired within Yass Hospital in:

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- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (8) On how many occasions were agency nurses were hired within Crookwell Hospital in:
- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (9) What was the total cost of agency nurses hired within Bowral Hospital in:
- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (10) What was the total cost of agency nurses hired within Goulburn Hospital in:
- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (11) What was the total cost of agency nurses hired within Yass Hospital in:
- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?
- (12) What was the total cost of agency nurses hired within Crookwell Hospital in:
- (a) Financial year 23/24?
 - (b) Financial year 22/23?
 - (c) Financial year 21/22?

Answer—

I am advised:

Nursing and midwifery retention rates are at the same levels as they were pre-COVID.

As at April 2025, NSW Health employs 56,810 full time equivalent (FTE) nurses and midwives, over 1,200 FTE more than the 55,520 FTE in April 2024.

Local health districts use a range of measures to staff hospitals, including agency nurses. Agency nurses make up a small proportion, about 1.2%, of the overall nursing workforce.

* 5265 2025 NEW SOUTH WALES OPPORTUNITY CLASS & SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST - DISRUPTIONS AND DELAYS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2025 New South Wales Opportunity Class & Selective Schools Test:

- (1) Were there disruptions or delays during the selective school testing process in 2025?
 - (a) If so, how many students were affected by these disruptions or delays?
 - (b) How many of these students reside in the following suburbs:

- (i) Carlingford?
- (ii) Epping?
- (iii) North Epping?
- (iv) Oatlands?
- (v) Dundas Valley?
- (vi) Telopea?
- (vii) North Rocks?
- (viii) Beecroft?
- (ix) Cheltenham?

Answer—

The Deputy Premier has ordered an independent review into the disruptions that impacted the Opportunity Class and Selective High School tests held on 2 May 2025 at Randwick, Olympic Park and Canterbury locations.

The Selective High School test scheduled for 2 May 2025 at Canterbury and the Opportunity Class and Selective High School tests scheduled for 3 and 4 May 2025 at Randwick, Canterbury and Olympic Park were postponed.

Total number of students that sat the tests on 2 May 2025 at Randwick, Canterbury and Olympic Park:

- Opportunity Class placement test - 2412
- Selective High School placement test - 2216

Total number of students that experienced the postponement of their test at Randwick, Canterbury and Olympic Park test centres:

- Selective High School test - 8945 students
- Opportunity Class placement test - 5524 students

Students who were scheduled to sit the tests at Randwick, Canterbury and Olympic Park and had their test postponed were rescheduled to sit the test at an allocated public high school on two consecutive weekends 17 and 18 May and 24 and 25 May 2025.

Students who sat a test on Friday 2 May 2025 at Canterbury, Randwick and Sydney Olympic Park were provided the opportunity re-sit the test on the rescheduled test weekend dates to ensure fairness.

There were no widespread technical issues experienced at the testing sites.

Responses were provided to any parents who raised concerns, advising them of the rescheduled testing process. Frequently asked questions were also placed on the department's website to address queries being raised.

- * 5266 2025 NEW SOUTH WALES OPPORTUNITY CLASS & SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST - FORMAL COMPLAINTS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2025 New South Wales Opportunity Class & Selective Schools Test:

- (1) Has the Minister or Department received any formal complaints from parents or schools regarding the conduct of the 2025 test?
 - (a) If so, how many?

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Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QoN 5265.

- * 5267 2025 NEW SOUTH WALES OPPORTUNITY CLASS & SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST - GOVERNMENT MEASURES—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2025 New South Wales Opportunity Class & Selective Schools Test:

- (1) What measures has the Department of Education taken to assess and mitigate the impact on students' performance as a result of any issues?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QoN 5265.

- * 5268 2025 NEW SOUTH WALES OPPORTUNITY CLASS & SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST - INDEPENDENT REVIEW OR PUBLIC REPORT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2025 New South Wales Opportunity Class & Selective Schools Test:

- (1) Were there failures associated with the 2025 selective high school placement test?
- (a) If so, will the Department release an independent review or public report into these failures?
- (i) If so, when?
- (b) Will there be an opportunity for students to re-sit the examination?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QoN 5265.

- * 5269 MANDATORY REPORTING SUBMITTED ACROSS NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Can the Minister provide data on the number and types of mandatory reporting submitted across New South Wales public schools for the following years:
- (a) 2023?
- (b) 2024?
- (c) 2025?

Answer—

All Department of Education staff are trained and have a duty to recognise and respond to safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns for children and young people that arise from, or during the course of their work. All department staff are mandatory reporters and are required to complete child protection training.

Mandatory reports can be made directly to the Department of Community and Justice (DCJ). The Department of Education's Child Wellbeing Unit is an alternative reporting pathway for department mandatory reporters. The associated reporting data for the department's Child Wellbeing Unit is publicly available on the DCJ website.

Questions regarding mandatory reporting data should be directed to the Minister for Families and Communities.

- * 5270 CURRENT SUPERVISION STANDARDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

What are the current supervision standards in New South Wales public schools during recess, lunch and are these standards met at North Rocks Public?

Answer—

I am advised that the class sizes at all public schools are developed using the guidelines outlined in the Staffing Agreement 2024-2029. In NSW public schools, including North Rocks Public School, supervision of students is a duty of care responsibility, ensuring students' safety and wellbeing while on school grounds. This includes before and after school, during breaks, and throughout the school day. Schools have policies and procedures in place to guide staff on effective student supervision.

- * 5271 CLASSROOM SIZES AT NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Minister provide information on classroom sizes at North Rocks Public School and confirm whether the school is currently in line with the Department's recommended classroom sizes?

Answer—

I am advised that class size arrangements at the school are in line with the policy and guidelines for NSW public schools.

- * 5272 2025 NEW SOUTH WALES OPPORTUNITY CLASS & SELECTIVE SCHOOLS TEST - TECHNICAL FAILURES—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the 2025 New South Wales Opportunity Class & Selective Schools Test:

- (1) Were there widespread technical failures during the administration of the 2025 selective high school placement test?
 - (a) If so, what caused these failures?
 - (b) When was the Minister first made aware of issues with the selective school tests?
 - (c) What immediate actions were taken in response?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QoN 5265.

- * 5273 LANDS AND PROPERTY – LAND SALES BY VENDOR—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) With reference to Questions 2637, 3819 and 7683 in the other place, could you please update the data in regards to:
 - (a) The total for state-owned land sold by the Government to non-state government purchasers for the following financial years:
 - (i) 2022-2023?
 - (ii) 2023-2024?
 - (iii) 2024-2025 (projected)?

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- (b) Provide a breakdown of the yearly total by every Government vendor (Department, Agency, or other body) - including for each vendor, both in dollar value, and the total number of properties sold for the following financial years:
- (i) 2022-2023?
 - (ii) 2023-2024?
 - (iii) 2024-2025 (projected)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The total number of NSW Government-owned properties sold in financial year 2022-23 was 1,188.

The total number of NSW Government-owned properties sold in financial year 2023-24 was 2,021.

The total sales revenue derived from the sale of NSW Government-owned properties in financial year 2022-23 was \$805,656,875.

The total sales revenue derived from the sale of NSW Government-owned properties in financial year 2023-24 was \$1,478,886,909.

Information on projected asset sales for 2024/25 is commercially sensitive and should not be made publicly available.

- * 5274 KIAMA BENDS - UPDATE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to Questions 1153 and 734:

- (1) Has the management of illegal dumping on the bends been successful?
- (2) Does illegal dumping continue at this site?
- (3) Can you update the House on the assessment of the proposal to install a safety barrier with motorcycle under-run?
- (4) Is the Government considering a speed limit reduction for the Kiama bends?
- (5) Is the Government considering upgrades for the Kiama bends?
- (6) If yes to (5), when will these upgrades be funded?
- (7) What improvements for cyclists are you considering making to the Kiama Bends to make them safer?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Management of illegal dumping at Kiama bends has improved the situation. Transport for NSW regularly carries out general clean-ups of the accessible areas, as needed, and inspects the site at least once per month. Transport for NSW has also undertaken minor vegetation clearing and installed new security fencing around the site to replace the damaged fence that was in place.
- (2) Yes, although management of illegal dumping at Kiama bends has improved the situation.
- (3) Transport for NSW has secured funding under the Road Safety Program to upgrade the safety barrier on the Princes Highway at Kiama bends, including installing motorcycle underrun on targeted lengths. Planning is currently being carried out for these works.
- (4) Transport for NSW is undertaking a speed zone review.
- (5 - 7) Please refer to Question 3.

* 5275 PREMIER'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Premier—

With reference to your website, 2024-25 Premier's Discretionary Funding, which supports community-based projects identified by the Premier through ongoing community engagement, with current status: Not open for application:

- (1) Will this funding be open for application?
 - (a) If so, when?
- (2) How did the April 2025 recipients apply for discretionary funding?
- (3) How did the March 2025 recipients apply for discretionary funding?
- (4) How did Imperial Lakes project and Landcare Broken Hill apply for discretionary funding?
- (5) How have you engaged with the community in the Kiama electorate?
- (6) How has the Labor Spokesperson for Kiama engaged with the community in the Kiama electorate?
- (7) Has the Labor Spokesperson for Kiama requested any discretionary funding for the Kiama electorate?
- (8) Have you rejected any requests for discretionary funding in the Kiama electorate?
- (9) How is compliance, review and approvals managed by the Premier's department?
- (10) Do you plan to support the funding request from your discretionary fund to honour the memory of Airlie Montgomery?

Answer—

I am advised:

Recipients for the Premier's Discretionary Fund are selected by the Premier's discretion to meet the program objectives.

This program is administered by Premier's Department.

* 5276 OLD NOWRA BRIDGE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With reference to Question 2874 and the \$20 million investment in the Old Nowra Bridge:

- (1) What are the four stages and key dates for the project?
- (2) Is Stage One, commencing 11 November and expected to take around six months, weather permitting, now complete?
 - (a) If not, when will this be complete?
- (3) What is the final cost of repurposing the bridge (unknown on 13 June 2024)?
- (4) Does Saturday work on the project cost more than work on Monday-Friday?
- (5) Has the scope of work now been finalised?
- (6) Are external contractors being used?
 - (a) If so, who?
- (7) Was there a formal tender process for the project?
 - (a) If so, where can this information be found?
- (8) Who is the contractor for this project?
- (9) Were local contractors considered for this project?

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- (10) Is this contractor required to meet targets such as local employment, aboriginal employees and women in non-traditional roles?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW project website:
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/media-releases/old-nowra-bridge-transformation-underway>
- (2) Stage one is expected to be complete by the end of August 2025.
- (3) \$20 million has been allocated to the project, jointly funded by the NSW and Australian governments.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Yes.
- (6), (7) and (9)
- Some components of the project will be delivered by external contractors. Transport for NSW will seek to engage contractors through open tender processes via the [buy.NSW](#) website.
- (8) This project is being delivered by Transport for NSW, with some components delivered by external contractors.
- (10) All contracts for NSW Government infrastructure projects must comply with the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program, which sets various targets based on contract values.

* 5277 BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) With respect to the Boating Infrastructure for Communities Grants Program:
- (a) Has Transport for NSW completed its review of submissions (closed December 2024)?
- (i) If not, when will this be complete?
- (b) Has Transport for NSW provided feedback to all applicants (due March 2025)?
- (i) If not, when will this be complete?
- (c) Has Transport for NSW provided feedback to Shoalhaven City Council in relation to its application?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on the Boating Infrastructure for Communities Grants Program timelines and process is available on the Transport for NSW website.

* 5278 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) With reference to the Snapshot findings from evaluation of New South Wales End-of-Life Palliative Care Framework 2019-2024:
- (a) Can you list the 35 refurbishment projects, their budgets and completion dates (facility refurbishments improved care settings, creating more home-like environments)?
- (b) Is this option being considered for David Berry Hospital?

- (2) What consultation, including community meetings, has occurred since the release of the David Berry Hospital Community Engagement Report?
- (3) When and what mailings and or communications have been issued to local residents since the release of the report?
- (4) What consultation has occurred with other interested parties and Government stakeholders, to explore amendments to the David Berry Hospital Act 1906 to better align with the community's vision for the future use of the site since the release of the report?
- (5) What is the community's vision for the future use of the site?

Answer—

I am advised:

All but one of the 35 projects have been completed. Project budgets varied from \$10,000 for small multipurpose services to \$2 million for larger hospitals, capital works and repurposed spaces. An EOI process was conducted; local health districts and specialty health networks nominated minor capital works or refurbishment projects for funding available in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Every contributor to the 'Have Your Say' Survey on the future of David Berry Hospital who indicated a willingness for ongoing communication was contacted with the findings of the initial consultation phase.

The Ministry of Health has appointed RPS Consulting as the third-party facilitator to conduct consultations with local groups in the Berry region, including residents and businesses, Aboriginal Elders, clinicians/staff, and environmental and heritage groups.

* 5279 TEACHER POSITIONS AND VACANCIES – ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions are there at each public school in the Kiama electorate:
 - (a) Albion Park Public School;
 - (b) Berry Public School?
 - (c) Bomaderry Public School?
 - (d) Cambewarra Public School?
 - (e) Shoalhaven Heads Public School?
 - (f) Falls Creek Public School?
 - (g) Gerringong Public School?
 - (h) Jamberoo Public School?
 - (i) Kangaroo Valley Public School?
 - (j) Kiama Public School?
 - (k) Nowra Hill Public School?
 - (l) Albion Park Rail Public School?
 - (m) Illaroo Road Public School?
 - (n) Minnamurra Public School?
 - (o) Mount Terry Public School?
 - (p) North Nowra Public School?
 - (q) Tullimbar Public School?

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- (r) Havenlee School?
 - (s) Kiama High School?
 - (t) Bomaderry High School?
 - (u) Albion Park High School?
- (2) How many vacant teaching positions are there at each of the following public schools in the Kiama electorate
- (a) Albion Park Public School?
 - (b) Berry Public School?
 - (c) Bomaderry Public School?
 - (d) Cambewarra Public School?
 - (e) Shoalhaven Heads Public School?
 - (f) Falls Creek Public School?
 - (g) Gerringong Public School?
 - (h) Jamberoo Public School?
 - (i) Kangaroo Valley Public School?
 - (j) Kiama Public School?
 - (k) Nowra Hill Public School?
 - (l) Albion Park Rail Public School?
 - (m) Illaroo Road Public School?
 - (n) Minnamurra Public School?
 - (o) Mount Terry Public School?
 - (p) North Nowra Public School?
 - (q) Tullimbar Public School?
 - (r) Havenlee School?
 - (s) Kiama High School?
 - (t) Bomaderry High School?
 - (u) Albion Park High School?
- (3) With respect to (1) and (2), and that many children from the Kiama electorate attend schools in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven, can you provide the same data for:
- (a) South Coast?
 - (b) Wollongong?

Answer—

The former Liberal National Government oversaw a teacher shortage crisis with vacancies hitting a record high of 3,311 in late 2022. During this time, the former Education Minister described the unprecedented number of teacher vacancies as a “beat-up”, “a myth” and “not something I’m overly concerned about”.

Upon coming to office, the Minns Labor Government ended the former Liberal National Governments’ 12-year suppression of teachers’ wages and delivered the most significant uplift in salaries in a generation,

taking NSW teachers from the worst paid in the country to among the highest. As a result, we are seeing positive signs of improvements with NSW schools starting the 2025 school year with 1,294 vacancies.

It is disappointing that the Liberal and National Parties do not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government's decision to lift teachers' wages and promised to bring back the wages' cap.

For data showing the positive signs of improvement, please refer to LA QoN 5111.

* 5280 VAPE SHOP RAIDS—Mr Gareth Ward to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) How many raids targeting illegal vapes and cigarettes have been carried out on shops in the following postcodes, per year in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025:
 - (a) 2527?
 - (b) 2529?
 - (c) 2530?
 - (d) 2533?
 - (e) 2534?
 - (f) 2535?
 - (g) 2540?
 - (h) 2541?
 - (i) 2577?
 - (j) 2622?
- (2) What was the outcome of each of the raids listed in (1)?
- (3) What was the percentage of the shops raided in (1) that were found to sell illegal vapes?
- (4) How many of those shops raided in (1) were fined or prosecuted for stocking or selling illegal vapes?
- (5) What was the average fine issued to shops in (1) that were fined?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health does not report tobacco compliance and monitoring information by electorate or by postcode.

* 5281 WATER AND HOUSING – LAND SALES BY VENDOR—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, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) With reference to Questions 2637, 3819 and 7683 in the other place, could you please update the data in regards to:
 - (a) The total for state-owned land sold by the Government to non-state government purchasers for the following financial years:
 - (i) 2022-2023?
 - (ii) 2023-2024?
 - (iii) 2024-2025 (projected)?

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- (b) Provide a breakdown of the yearly total by every Government vendor (Department, Agency, or other body) - including for each vendor, both in dollar value, and the total number of properties sold for the following financial years:
- (i) 2022-2023?
 - (ii) 2023-2024?
 - (iii) 2024-2025 (projected)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question is best referred to the Minister for Lands and Property.

- * 5282 OCHRE PROGRAM—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In reference to the OCHRE program, which encompasses the seven key initiatives outlined in the Government's Aboriginal Affairs Plan:

- (1) Could you please provide detailed information on the following:
- (a) The specific funding allocated to each of these six initiatives for the current financial year?
 - (b) The source of funding for each initiative, including whether the funds are derived from the Aboriginal Affairs budget or other departmental allocations?
 - (c) The responsible departments or agencies overseeing the administration and delivery of each initiative?
 - (d) Any performance metrics or evaluation frameworks in place to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of each initiative?
 - (e) Plans for future funding or expansion of these initiatives in the upcoming financial periods?

Answer—

I am advised

Aboriginal Affairs NSW has responsibility for the Local Decision Making (LDM) program under the OCHRE plan. In 2024/25, LDM has allocated funding of \$3.3m.

The Aboriginal Economic Prosperity Framework, and Solution Brokerage do not currently have a specific budget allocation.

Language and Culture Nests, Opportunity Hubs and Connected Communities were formally transferred to the Department of Education in 2019. The Department of Education is responsible for administration of the budget for these programs, and questions regarding their current funding should be referred to the Minister for Education.

A second stage evaluation was undertaken by the Centre for Aboriginal Economic and Policy Research at the Australian National University. This builds on the first stage evaluation, conducted by the Social Policy Research Centre and the University of NSW. The second stage review of OCHRE, focusing on LDM, is available on the Aboriginal Affairs NSW website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/aboriginal-affairs-nsw/about-ochre/local-decision-making/evaluation-reports>.

The Connected Communities program has been evaluated by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) and is published on the Department of Education website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/education-data-and-research/cese/publications/cese-evaluations/evaluation-of-the-expanded-connected-communities-strategy>.

The 2024/25 State Budget confirmed funding for the LDM program until 2027/28.

Questions regarding future funding allocations for Language and Culture Nests, Opportunity Hubs and Connected Communities should be directed to the Minister for Education.

* 5283 CAMMERAYGAL HIGH SCHOOL - OVERCROWDING—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has Cammeraygal High School been forced to turn away students living within its own catchment zone due to ongoing overcrowding?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister provide the following information:
 - (i) What specific measures is the Government taking to address overcrowding at Cammeraygal High School, and ensure that local students have access to the education they are entitled to within their catchment area?
 - (ii) Is there any immediate plan to expand the facilities at Cammeraygal High School or provide additional capacity to accommodate the growing student population in the area?
 - (iii) Does the Government plan to build a new primary school and high school in St Leonards to help accommodate?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QON 4423.

* 5284 USE OF E-BIKES—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 increasing use of e-bikes across New South Wales, including in the North Shore electorate, and the recent establishment of the E-micromobility Interagency Group to address safety and regulatory concerns:

- (1) What measures is the New South Wales Government implementing to ensure that e-bikes used on public roads and paths comply with safety standards, particularly concerning speed limits and battery safety?
- (2) How is the Government addressing the enforcement of these regulations, especially in areas with high e-bike usage, to ensure public safety and compliance?
- (3) What steps are being taken to educate the community about the legal requirements for e-bike use and to promote safe riding practices?
- (4) Can the Minister provide an update on the progress of the E-micromobility Action Plan and any forthcoming initiatives to enhance e-bike safety and regulation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) The Road Transport Act 2013, provides authorities the power to seize motor propelled vehicles that are not road legal, classifying them as 'unregistered, registerable vehicles'. The NSW Government is exploring options to ensure these provisions remain fit for purpose in the context of the growth of e-micromobility.

The NSW Government is also considering appropriate fines and other penalties for unsafe e-micromobility behaviour as part of ongoing work to legalise riding of e-scooters. The penalty framework will aim to deter unsafe rider behaviours that pose serious road safety risks.

NSW Police is responsible for enforcement of road rules for all road users. Transport for NSW will explore opportunities to enhance enforcement, including testing technologies to support roadside enforcement, in collaboration with NSW Police.

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To reduce fire risks, the NSW Government has developed prescribed pre-sale standards that regulate the quality of construction of devices, as well as an information standard that provides crucial information on safe use, storage and charging of e-micromobility devices fitted with lithium-ion batteries.

The NSW Government recognises the way people handle and use lithium-ion batteries can directly impact the risk of the battery failing, sparking a fire and the impacts of that fire. To support people to understand safe battery practices and fire risks, collaborative education efforts are taking place.

In November 2024, the NSW Government launched a communications program to help people shop, charge, and recycle lithium-ion battery powered products safely. In addition, authorised officers of NSW Fair Trading are equipped with powers to enforce the Gas and Electricity (Consumer Safety) Act 2017, including regulatory requirements for batteries within e-micromobility devices to meet minimum standards. By August 2025, NSW Fair Trading's authorised officers will be checking for mandatory testing and certification of devices sold in NSW. By February 2026, certificate of approval marks or labelling requirements will be enforced. The certificate of approval marks will provide a visual indicator to people purchasing a device in NSW that the device is compliant and meets minimum standards set by NSW Fair Trading.

- (3) Transport for NSW is developing and delivering an integrated communications, education and engagement program in collaboration with other government agencies and key stakeholders.

Transport for NSW will also consider including e-micromobility road rules in Road Rules Awareness communications, held three times a year.

All paid advertising campaigns are subject to NSW Government policies and processes, including the NSW government advertising cap and available funding.

- (4) The NSW Government's E-micromobility Action Plan includes 58 actions, most of which are taking place. The Action Plan will be updated this year, and will include new initiatives to promote and enable e-micromobility as a safe, accessible and sustainable transport option in NSW.

* 5285 ONGOING DEVELOPMENT AT BERRYS BAY—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Given the ongoing development at Berrys Bay, Waverton, and its significance to the local community:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the current status of the Berry's Bay wharf development project, including key milestones and expected completion dates?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland is part of the Western Harbour Tunnel project delivery obligations.

The draft Place, Design and Landscape Plan for the Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland is planned to be issued for consultation in mid-2025 and will be delivered before the opening of Western Harbour Tunnel in 2028.

Some key milestones for the Place, Design and Landscape Plan Berrys Bay Foreshore Parkland construction program include:

- To date – priority engagement with key local stakeholder groups.
- Mid 2025 – open consultation on the draft Place, Design and Landscape Plan.
- Quarter 3, 2025 – start early works.
- End 2025 – complete design for Woodley's Shed structure.
- 2028 - opening of the Western Harbour Tunnel.

- * 5286 OPPORTUNITY HUBS PROGRAM—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the Opportunity Hubs program, which has a significant role in supporting Aboriginal youth:

- (1) What is the total funding allocated to each of the Opportunity Hubs for the current financial year, and what are the projected funding allocations for each hub beyond 30 June 2025?
- (2) Could you please provide a list of all current Opportunity Hubs, specifying their operational status and any plans for expansion or reduction in services, noting that some hubs may not be currently operational?.
- (3) Will each Opportunity Hub have clarity regarding their funding arrangements and operational status beyond 30 June 2025?
 - (a) If not, what steps are being taken to ensure continuity of services?
- (4) Are there performance metrics or evaluation frameworks in place to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of each Opportunity Hub?
 - (a) If so, could you please provide details?
- (5) Are there any plans for the expansion or modification of the Opportunity Hubs program in the upcoming financial periods?
 - (a) If so, could you please outline these plans?.

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education.

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- 5287 HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT REQUESTS NEW SOUTH WALES FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5288 FIREARMS REGISTRY INTERNAL REVIEWS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5289 NSW POLICE INFORMATION ACCESS APPLICATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5290 MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 5291 HOUSING FOR OUR AGEING POPULATION—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, and Minister for Youth—
- 5292 NEW SOUTH WALES RURAL FIRE SERVICE CONTROL CENTRES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5293 INCIDENTS ON AND NEAR WILLIAM BRADFORD BRIDGE - ROADS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 5294 RURAL AND REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS—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—
- 5295 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUTH LOCATED IN NARRANDERA—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, and Minister for Youth—
- 5296 INCIDENTS ON AND NEAR WILLIAM BRADFORD BRIDGE - EMERGENCY SERVICES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5297 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5298 THE GOVERNMENT'S FRESH START PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 5299 LOCAL SPORT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5300 MORTDALE STATION LIFTS—Mr Mark Coure 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—
- 5301 BUS SERVICE CANCELLATION IN REGION 14 - 2025—Mr Matt Cross 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—
- 5302 LOCAL ENROLMENT CHANGES FOR KILLARA HIGH—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5303 FARE EVASION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT - FINANCE—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—
- 5304 FARE EVASION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT - TRANSPORT—Mr Matt Cross 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—
- 5305 FREE TRAVEL FOR COMMUTERS - MONDAY 26 MAY 2025—Mr Matt Cross 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—
- 5306 SOLAR FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS GRANT PROGRAM - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS—Mr James Griffin 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—
- 5307 AVERAGE TIME TO RESPOND TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 5308 FURTHER RESPONSE TO QON 4899—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5309 AIR CONDITIONING AT CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL, SCHOOL HALL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5310 MACQUARIE PARK PRECINCT AND BUS INTERCHANGE—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5311 SOLAR FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS ELIGIBILITY—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—
- 5312 VACANT SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER POSITIONS IN THE RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5313 NEW TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE THE RESILIENCE OF SYDNEY'S RAIL NETWORK—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5314 METRO STAFF ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5315 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - SYDNEY TRAINS—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5316 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - SYDNEY FERRIES—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5317 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - SYDNEY BUSES—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5318 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - SYDNEY METRO—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5319 POTHOLES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5320 E-BIKE EDUCATION—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—
- 5321 OPERATION AMAROK—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 5322 LEGISLATION CONCERNING SHORE POWER AT WHITE BAY—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—

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- 5323 ILLAWARRA ROAD/ RUTHERFORD AVENUE INTERSECTION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5324 CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5325 AIRSTRIP IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES 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—
- 5326 TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR SPORT—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—
- 5327 REFORMS ALLOWING GENERAL PRACTITIONERS TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER PATIENTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5328 POLICE NUMBERS AT THE ST GEORGE POLICE AREA COMMAND—Mr Mark Coure to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5329 STATISTICAL DATA AS IN RELATION TO NORTH METRO USAGE—Mr Mark Hodges 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—
- 5330 WI-FI WITHIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5331 WI-FI WITHIN THE CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5332 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS OVER LOT 4B HERBERT STREET—Mr Tim James 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—
- 5333 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5334 STRATHALLEN AVENUE AND SAILORS BAY ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5335 DIGITAL ADVERTISING SIGNS ON THE ALBERT AVENUE, CHATSWOOD RAILWAY OVERPASS—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—

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- 5336 DIGITAL NSW PHOTO CARD—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5337 ROADS AROUND ANZAC PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL, CAMMERAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5338 2025 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5339 SCHOOLS IN THE WILLOUGHBY AREA—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5340 ILLEGAL TOBACCO AND VAPES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5341 REASSESSMENT OF BENCHMARK FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL ACADEMIES OF SPORT—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5342 MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM—Ms Robyn Preston 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—
- 5343 NEW AMBULANCE STATION AT SOUTH WINDSOR—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5344 TIMING FOR NEW BUS FLEET CAPACITY DELIVERY—Mr Michael Regan 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—
- 5345 FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS BUSES—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—
- 5346 NORTHERN BEACHES BUSES—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—
- 5347 TESLA CHARGERS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5348 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2049 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5349 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2467 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5350 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2813 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5351 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2906 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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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- 5352 MENTAL HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGY, AND ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5353 CORRECTIONS CONTRABAND—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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—
- 5354 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT BUNGONIA FLATS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5355 CHILDCARE - GOULBURN ELECTORATE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5356 VACANT HOUSING - GOULBURN ELECTORATE—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, and Minister for Youth—

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- 5357 HOUSING INVESTMENT IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5358 MAINTAINING FIRE BREAKS AND FIRE TRAILS—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—
- 5359 SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL TERTIARY STUDENTS IN REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for the Central Coast, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5360 KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5361 DEFINITION OF 'RECESS'—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5362 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR C2024-03—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 5363 PREMIER'S MEMORANDUM M2021-07—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 5364 LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5365 ONSIDE WITH THE MARINERS PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5366 COLLABORATIVE CARE PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 5367 PENSIONER DUTY CONCESSION SCHEMES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 5368 REGIONAL PRECINCT PLANNING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5369 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AUDIT FOR HOUSING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5370 SOCIAL HOUSING NEEDS—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—
- 5371 SOCIAL HOUSING WAIT LIST TIMES—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—
- 5372 CHANGES TO DESIGNATED SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—
- 5373 COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5374 PUBLIC LIABILITY FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—
- 5375 LYONS ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5376 BUS LANE CAMERA ON THE GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5377 CONCORD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REFURBISHMENT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5378 CONCORD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REFURBISHMENT PATIENT CAPACITY—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5379 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING LOCATIONS—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—
- 5380 SYDNEY TRAINS RESILIENCE—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—
- 5381 TRAIN RELIABILITY—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—

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5382 TRAIN PLATFORM CAPACITY AT RHODES STATION—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—

5383 YARALLA ESTATE – FOLLOW UP—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

* 5384 STANDING COUNCIL OF ATTORNEYS-GENERAL—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Attorney General—
Attorney, having regard to the response by the Treasurer to question #300, asked in the Legislative Council on 11 February 2025 by The Hon. Jeremy Buckingham, can you advise:

- (1) The outcome of the 21 February 2025 Standing Council of Attorneys-General (SCAG) meeting regarding implications of the High Court's decision in the matter of Bird v DP?
- (2) SCAG's next steps and timeline for jurisdictional cooperation in response to the High Court decision, and options for legislative reform?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) At the 21 February 2025 meeting of the Standing Council of Attorneys-General (SCAG), participants noted the implications of the High Court of Australia's decision Bird v DP (a pseudonym) [2024] HCA 41 and current approaches in Australian states and territories to institutional liability for child sexual abuse. Participants agreed to work together to further consider the impacts of the High Court decision and to consider potential reform options.
 - (2) This information is not available at this stage. Any further updates will be provided through SCAG communiqués.
- 5385 PERMANENT TEACHER POSITIONS, CASTLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5386 PERMANENT TEACHER POSITIONS, CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOLS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5387 FLOOD GAUGES—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 5388 VETERAN FUNDING—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for the Central Coast, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 5389 FORESTRY ROAD FUNDING IN LOWER NORTH EAST—Mr Michael Kemp 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—
- 5390 EBOR'S DUTTON TROUT HATCHERY—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—
- 5391 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- 5392 HOUSING SHORTAGES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES TOWNS—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—
- 5393 MOREE BAIL ACCOMMODATION LOCATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Premier—
- 5394 PRIMARY PRODUCER CONCESSIONS—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—
- 5395 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BRIGADES - VOLUNTEERS AND INCIDENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5396 SECOND OFFERING OF HOMES - NSW RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5397 CUDGEN LAKE IN CUDGEN NATURE RESERVE AT CABARITA BEACH—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—
- 5398 ENERGY-EFFICIENT SOLAR OR HEAT PUMP HOT WATER SYSTEM INCENTIVES - TWEED ELECTORATE—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—
- 5399 6KWH AIR CONDITIONER SYSTEM INCENTIVE - TWEED ELECTORATE—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—
- 5400 BOOKING SERVICE PROVIDERS AUTHORISED IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5401 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS - QUEENSLAND RESIDENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5402 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REGISTERED IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General—
- 5403 TWEED ELECTORATE KINETIC BUS ROUTES - AVERAGE DAILY PATRONAGE FIGURES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5404 NEWPORT SPEED ZONE REVIEW—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5405 ELANORA RD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5406 ASSISTED TRAVEL SUPPORT OFFICERS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 5407 JENOLAN CAVES ROADS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5408 MISSING PERSONS DATA—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5409 FERAL ANIMALS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—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—
- 5410 GOOD NEIGHBOURS PROGRAM—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—
- 5411 TRAIN DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS - 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—
- 5412 MATERNITY SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5413 ENDOMETRIOSIS HOSPITALISATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5414 BUS SERVICE DISRUPTIONS - 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—
- 5415 OPERATION AMAROK X—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5416 WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES AND OUTCOMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5417 DEATHS IN CUSTODY AND DURING POLICE OPERATIONS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5418 PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS AND AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAMS - NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 5419 PSYCHIATRISTS EMPLOYED AT LIVERPOOL AND SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5420 M5 CORRIDOR - GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 5421 HEATHCOTE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5422 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - RURAL AND REMOTE EDUCATION STRATEGY FINAL REPORT 2024—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5423 WHITE CLIFFS TO BROKEN HILL BUS TRIAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5424 THE FAR WEST REGIONAL PLAN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5425 RENAL DIALYSIS SERVICES IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5426 REGIONAL BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5427 RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 5428 MUSIC AND LARGE LIVE EVENTS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Steph Cooke 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—
- 5429 SENSITIVE REGULATED LAND 'PINK'—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—
- 5430 KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION FOR TEMORA HOSPITAL—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5431 INFRINGEMENT NOTICES FOR CLEARING—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—
- 5432 YOUTH CRIME FUNDING ACROSS THE STATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—
- 5433 RETURN TO COPPICING IN CATEGORY 2 – SENSITIVE REGULATED LAND AREAS—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—
- 5434 AQUINAS COLLEGE BUS—Mr Mark Coure 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—
- 5435 ARREST WARRANTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General—

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- 5436 FUGITIVES ON THE RUN FROM THE NSW POLICE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5437 NEW LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT ORIENTATED DEVELOPMENT STATE ENVIRONMENT PLANNING POLICY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5438 LAND BEHIND CALOOL CRESCENT IN BELROSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5439 EVENT FUNDING—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5440 STATISTICS AS TO APPRENTICES COMPLETING A TRADE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 5441 FEE FREE APPRENTICESHIPS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 5442 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - LIGHT RAIL—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5443 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - NSW ROADS NETWORK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5444 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - REGIONAL RAIL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5445 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - ACTIVE TRANSPORT—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5446 EASTWOOD COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5447 SMALLS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL BUS ROUTES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5448 ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5449 PLANNING ASSESSMENTS - CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5450 FISH SIZE, BAG, AND BOAT REGULATIONS—Mr Jordan Lane 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—
- 5451 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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- 5452 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5453 PAST TEACHER VACANCY AND EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5454 T4 EASTERN SUBURBS AND ILLAWARRA LINE CANCELLATIONS—Ms Eleni Petinos 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—
- 5455 SUTHERLAND SHIRE BUS SERVICES - DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS—Ms Eleni Petinos 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—
- 5456 E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER INCIDENTS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5457 LOCAL DEFIBRILLATOR SPORTS GRANT—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5458 NORTHERN BEACHES HOSPITAL—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5459 E-BIKE PENALTIES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 5460 SELECTIVE SCHOOL TESTING—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5461 OPIOID SERVICES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5462 MACQUARIE PASS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5463 SENIOR FUEL DISCOUNT - SENIORS—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 5464 SENIOR FUEL DISCOUNT - REGIONAL TRANSPORT—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

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- 5465 WILCANNIA WEIR INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL—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, and Minister for Youth—
- 5466 USE OF AI IN CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FIREARMS REGISTRY TO FIREARMS LICENCE HOLDERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 5467 DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS—Mr Matt Cross 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—
- 5468 SCHOOL RECESS CLOSURE AND MERGER DATA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5469 FINES FOR ILLEGAL TREE REMOVAL—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—
- 5470 LOWER NORTH SHORE ENROLMENT ZONE - SCHOOL CATCHMENT CHANGES—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—
- 5471 ELECTRIC VEHICLE REPAIR CLASS—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—
- 5472 GOVERNMENT'S FRESH START PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 5473 COMMISSIONS CHARGED BY STRATA MANAGERS—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—
- 5474 LOT 4B HERBERT ST AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5475 SYDNEY TRAINS AND SYDNEY METRO—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—
- 5476 MOWBRAY RAD AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—
- 5477 POLYSTYRENE BEADS POLLUTION INCIDENT—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—
- 5478 SYDNEY METRO BREAKDOWN AT BARANGAROO STATION - 27 MAY 2025—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—
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- 5480 WESTCONNEX M8 INTERCHANGE SITE - REPORTS AND DATA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 5482 MAINTENANCE IN HEADLEASE PROPERTIES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 5483 WESTCONNEX M8 INTERCHANGE SITE - CONSULTANT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 5485 SCHOOL AND CHILD & YOUTH OPAL CARDS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 5486 BUS CONNECTIVITY—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads 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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- 5488 EPPING BRIDGE PROJECT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
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- 5490 ENROLMENT CAPS OF SCHOOLS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5491 TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION AT PENNANT HILLS RD AND EVANS RD INTERSECTION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5492 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE - TRANSPORT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 5493 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE - EDUCATION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
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- 5508 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM—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—
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- 5511 SERVICE NSW MOAMA—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5512 CROSS BORDER LICENSING - LEARNERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- 5513 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5514 REGION 6 BUS CANCELLATIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads 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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- 5516 NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER AT BREAKFAST POINT—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—
- 5517 FUNDING FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—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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- 5519 RHODES FIRE STATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
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- 5524 OPAL CONCESSION DIGITAL PAYMENT ACCESS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 5525 FERAL PIG COMBATting EXPENDITURE—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—
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- 5534 M91 PARRAMATTA TO HURSTVILLE BUS ROUTE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 5535 PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE SCHEME FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTOR—Ms Robyn Preston 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—
- 5536 EXPRESS SERVICES FROM GRANVILLE RAILWAY STATION—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 5537 FAUNA BRIDGE - MONA VALE RD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5538 KNIVES IN RETAIL STORES—Ms Jacqui Scruby 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—
- 5539 SCHOOL SPORTS BUSES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5540 PROPOSED DATES OF FOREST HARVEST—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—
- 5541 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT APPLICATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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5542 IMPLEMENTATION OF KOALA PROTECTION - DEADMANS CREEK—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Can the Minister provide an update on the implementation of koala protection measures along Heathcote Road at Deadmans Creek?

5543 PUBLIC HOUSING DWELLINGS - HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Can the Minister advise the number of public housing dwellings in the electorate of Holsworthy?

5544 BUS SERVICE CHANGES - HOLSWORTHY—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads 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 change bus routes or timetables in Holsworthy?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW in possession of any plans to change bus timetables in Holsworthy?
- (3) Does the 2025-26 NSW Budget allocate any additional funding to bus services in Holsworthy?
 - (a) If not, why not?

5545 HOME SCHOOLING IN BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many children both primary and high school are currently registered and accepted for home schooling in Broken Hill?
- (2) What was the percentage increase in these numbers from 2023 to 2024?
- (3) How many children are currently on the waiting list in Broken Hill for assessment for home schooling?

5546 GRENFELL MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE—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 Grenfell Multipurpose Service (MPS):

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what consultation is the State Government having with the Federal Government in relation to co-funding Grenfell MPS?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what consultation has been done and will be done, with the local community of Grenfell in relation to preserving the history of one of the oldest Medical Facilities in Western New South Wales?

5547 QON 4951 FOLLOW UP—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 answers provided for previous QON 4951 – Native Vegetation Mapping in the Bland Shire:

- (1) Minister, you advised the Government will accept information by Local Land Services who conducted an on the ground review of the mapping, would you please advise why the NSW

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) will not accept this information?

- (2) Minister, you advised you have written to the Threatened Scientific Committee requesting a review of the CEEC determination:
- (a) When do you expect to see a response to this request?
 - (b) How and will this information be made public?

5548 BULLYING IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Bullying in New South Wales Schools:

- (1) Minister, what is the current rate of reported bullying incidents in New South Wales public schools, including both physical and online (cyberbullying) incidents, for the most recent reporting year?
- (2) Minister, how are schools currently required to report and respond to allegations of bullying, and are these protocols consistent across all public schools?
- (3) Minister, what support is available to students, parents, and teachers following a bullying incident, including mental health services and counselling?
- (4) Minister, what specific programs or initiatives are currently being implemented or expanded to prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive school environments?
- (5) Minister, is there a plan to review or strengthen anti-bullying policies in response to concerns from students, parents, or school staff, particularly in regional and disadvantaged communities?

5549 ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

With respect to Aboriginal Land Claims:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many active land claims are there for each local government area across the Cootamundra electorate:
 - (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) Minister, could you please provide a map of each Aboriginal Land Claim across each of these local government areas?
 - (a) If not, then could you please provide a list of all sites relating to these claims?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise are any of these claims impacting the delivery of vital infrastructure to these local government areas?
 - (a) If so, where and what is being done to work through any issues?

5550 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

With respect to Working with Children Checks:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how long does it take for a Working with Children Check to be issued?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise whilst an applicant is waiting on their application to be assessed, what are the regulations for that applicant to be working with children during this time?
 - (a) If they are allowed to be working with children during the ‘assessment’ process, how are we assuring we are keeping our children safe?

5551 RABBIT CONTROLS IN THE JUNEE SHIRE—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 Rabbit Controls in the Junee Shire:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing around rabbit control in the Junee Shire?
 - (a) In particular the Old Junee area?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what consultation has been done in regard to a rabbit plague management plan for the area?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what subsidies are available for residents in the Junee Shire to help them with the costs of rabbit bait and other control measures?
- (4) Will the Minister please advise what consultation is being done with the Minister for Regional Transport around the large amount of rabbit burrows along the railway line between Marrar and Old Junee?

5552 FIREARMS LICENCING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

With respect to firearms licencing:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise if there have been changes to firearms licencing requiring new applicants and renewal applicants to undertake a medical assessment?
 - (a) If so, can the Minister please provide details of these changes, including when they were implemented, and the specific medical criteria involved?

5553 QON 4464 FOLLOW UP—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Follow up question from QON 4464 – Foodbanks School Breakfast 4 Health Program:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise the names of the 35 schools in the Cootamundra electorate who are part of the School Breakfast 4 Health Program?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise how do schools who are interested in taking part of this program apply?

5554 REGIONAL ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING IN THE 2025–26 BUDGET—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With respect to Regional Allocation of School Infrastructure Funding in the 2025–26 Budget:

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- (1) Minister, of the \$9 billion allocated for school infrastructure over the next four years in the 2025–26 New South Wales Budget, how much funding is specifically allocated to regional and rural areas of New South Wales?
- (2) Minister, which regional towns or communities will benefit from new schools, major upgrades, or co-located public preschools as part of this funding commitment?
- (3) Minister, what assessment criteria were used to determine regional school infrastructure priorities in this budget?
- (4) Minister, how does the Government plan to ensure regional areas are not overlooked in future enrolment growth planning and infrastructure delivery?
- (5) Minister, will the Government commit to publishing a detailed breakdown of regional versus metropolitan school infrastructure investment for transparency and accountability?
- 5555 2025 SELECTIVE AND OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TESTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- In relation to the 2025 selective and opportunity class (OC) placement tests:
- (1) Will the final score distribution be released for the two separate tests?
- (2) How can parents get in touch with Dr Bruniges to provide a submission?
- (3) In relation second test undertaken for the 2025 selective and opportunity class (OC) placement tests, how many questions were also asked in the first test, broken down by test paper?
- 5556 ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO TO THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IN GORDON, KILLARA, LINDFIELD, AND ROSEVILLE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- In relation to Ku-ring-gai Council's alternative scenario to the Transport Oriented Development in Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, and Roseville:
- (1) How will new and upgraded infrastructure be funded?
- (2) Are there plans to have Government funding similar to Transport Oriented Development (TOD) Accelerated Precincts?
- 5557 FODDER SUBSIDY—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—
- Will the Minister consider a freight and fodder subsidy to help those suffering with drought and flood?
- 5558 METERING ENVIRONMENTAL WATER—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—
- Will the Minister implement the metering of environmental water to align with public expectations that they be accountable for this scarce resource?
- 5559 ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- The new Griffith Base Hospital is to open this month. When will the health department provide 24/7 Orthopaedic services in Griffith?
- 5560 RE-ASSIGNMENT OF USED HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will the Minister consider the reuse of existing equipment from the old Griffith Base Hospital such as wheel chairs, adjustable beds, aides etc to be gifted to organisations in the local area who look after disadvantaged people?

- 5561 RE-PURPOSING ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT TO LEETON—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Will the Minister consider allowing the old ultrasound equipment from the old Griffith Base Hospital to be relocated to Leeton Hospital to establish access to much needed ultrasound services for their community?

- 5562 PLANNING PORTAL ISSUES—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—

Will the minister look into imported solar and wind components to ensure that no harmful chemicals are used in their manufacture?

- 5563 WATER ACCOUNTABILITY—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—

Will the Minister review the state's water holdings, listing entitlements and rules based water on one publicly searchable platform?

- 5564 WATER SHARING PLANS CONCURRENCE—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—

Does the minister plan to argue for the right to have concurrence over the Water Sharing Plans?

- 5565 WATER SHARING PLANS—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—

Is the Minister planning to delay the review of the Water Sharing Plans to coincide with the Murray Darling Basin Review in 2026?

- 5566 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES NATURAL DISASTER DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SURVEY SUBMISSIONS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

(1) In relation to the NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Natural Disaster Damage Survey, can the Minister please answer the following:

- (a) How many damage survey submissions have been received by the NSW DPI in relation to the Australian Government reference number (AGRN) 1212 disaster event?
- (b) When is the NSW DPI Natural Disaster Damage Survey scheduled to close for submissions related to AGRN 1212?
- (c) When the data has been collated for the AGRN 1212 event, will this data be formally submitted to the Premier's Office or the NSW Reconstruction Authority to support a request for expanded assistance, including a Category D declaration?

- 5567 FRAUDULENT CLAIMS FOR DISASTER PAYMENTS—Mr Michael Kemp 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—

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- (1) In relation to fraudulent claims made under previous Natural Disaster Relief Grants, can the Minister please answer the following:
- (a) How many claims under the Natural Disaster Relief Grants Australian Government reference number (AGRN) 1012 program were identified as fraudulent or ineligible due to false or misleading information?
 - (i) Of those identified as fraudulent, how many were referred for prosecution?
 - (ii) How many of those prosecutions have been successfully completed to date, and what penalties were issued?
 - (b) What systems or safeguards are currently in place to detect and prevent fraudulent claims within the administration of AGRN 1212 and AGRN 1198?
- 5568 CATEGORY D GRANTS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) In relation to the criteria and activation of Category D assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), can the Minister please answer the following:
- (a) What specific thresholds or criteria must be met to trigger a request for Category D assistance under the DRFA?
 - (b) Is there a defined economic or damage-based threshold for the agriculture sector that informs the decision to seek Category D assistance?
 - (c) Has the Minister made any formal recommendation to the Premier to pursue a Category D declaration for any region impacted by Australian Government reference number (AGRN) 1212 or AGRN 1198?
- 5569 NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- (1) In relation to the administration and processing of Natural Disaster Relief Grants, can the Minister please answer the following:
- (a) How many staff are currently employed within the NSW Rural Assistance Authority, that are responsible for processing Natural Disaster Relief Grant applications?
 - (b) Is the NSW Rural Assistance Authority adequately resourced to manage the volume of claims associated with these declared disaster events?
 - (c) Has the department received any additional funding or staffing to assist with the administration of these grants?
 - (d) What is the average number of business days it takes to process a Natural Disaster Relief Grant for each of the Australian Government reference number (AGRN) 1212 and AGRN 1198 declarations?
 - (e) How many Natural Disaster Relief Grant applications have been received to date for each of the AGRN 1212 and AGRN 1198 declarations?
 - (f) How many Natural Disaster Relief Grant declarations have been successfully processed and paid out during the 2025 financial year?
- 5570 YOUTH ON TRACK—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

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- (1) Are the quarterly Key Performance Indicator (KPI) reports for the Youth on Track program regularly publicly published to date?
 - (a) If not, can the Minister please explain why?
 - (2) Is the 2022 Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) report the most recent formal evaluation of Youth on Track?
 - (a) If so, was it used to inform the program's design or tender requirements during the 2024 contract procurement process?
 - (3) What is the timeline for the Department of Communities and Justice to publicly release future evaluation reports or performance data related to the Youth on Track program?
 - (4) Are all Youth on Track providers across New South Wales required to report against a standardised set of outcome indicators, or do individual service providers have flexibility in how they define and report program outcomes?

5571 SUBURBS LEFT OFF DISASTER PAYMENTS—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the New South Wales East Coast Severe Weather Personal Hardship Assistance, can the Minister please answer the following questions:

- (1) Will the Minister confirm whether there are any plans to include the following suburbs in the eligible areas for the New South Wales East Coast Severe Weather Personal Hardship Assistance:
 - (a) Bagnoo (2446)?
 - (b) Bago (2446)?
 - (c) Barraganyatti (2441)?
 - (d) Brombin (2446)?
 - (e) Collombatti (2440)?
 - (f) Comara (2440)?
 - (g) Dondingalong (2440)?
 - (h) Dorriggo (2453)?
 - (i) Gleniffer (2454)?
 - (j) Greenhill (2440)?
 - (k) Huntington (2446)?
 - (l) Hyland Park (2448)?
 - (m) Marlo Merrican (2441)?
 - (n) Moparrabah (2440)?
 - (o) Mungay Creek (2440)?
 - (p) Rosewood (2447)?
 - (q) Sherwood (2440)?
 - (r) Temagog (2440)?
 - (s) Tewinga (2449)?
 - (t) Upper Pappinbarra (2446)?
 - (u) Utungun (2447)?

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- (v) Valla (2448)?
 - (w) Willawarrin (2440)?
 - (x) Yarras (2446)?
 - (y) Yarravel (2440)?
 - (z) Yippin Creek (2446)?
- (2) Can the Minister outline the criteria used to determine which suburbs are included on the eligibility list?
- 5572 QON 4352 FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- (1) In response to QON 4352, is Denistone Station staffed beyond the hours of 6am-2pm on weekdays?
 - (a) If not, how was face to face support and customer service to passengers provided, when the blackouts occurred during non-daylight hours?
- 5573 EMBEDDED NETWORKS - SOCIAL AND/OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING—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, and Minister for Youth—
- Of all homes currently or previously owned by, managed, administered or otherwise by Homes NSW (or its predecessor agencies):
- (1) How many social and/or affordable homes in New South Wales currently utilise embedded electricity networks?
 - (a) Of those, how many (if any) are located in the Ryde electorate?
 - (2) How many social and/or affordable homes in New South Wales currently utilise embedded internet networks?
 - (a) Of those, how many (if any) are located in the Ryde electorate?
- 5574 SYDNEY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT HOMELESSNESS NUMBERS—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, and Minister for Youth—
- (1) What were the Sydney Central Business District homelessness numbers for the 12 months to each of the following dates:
 - (a) 30 June 2021?
 - (b) 30 June 2022?
 - (c) 30 June 2023?
 - (d) 30 June 2024?
 - (e) 1 July - Present/latest available recording date?
- 5575 REVIEW OF HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- (1) When will the review into the Home Building Compensation Scheme be finalised?

- (2) When and how will decisions about any changes to the Home Building Compensation Scheme be made, including lifting the threshold for build cost requiring insurance?
- (3) When will any reforms to the Home Building Compensation Scheme be implemented, including lifting the threshold for build cost requiring insurance?

5576 MANUFACTURING AND USE OF NATIVE HARDWOOD ALTERNATIVES—Mr Michael Regan 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) Is the Government aware of the ‘Accoya’ product (radiata pine modified through a process of acetylation to increase durability), which can be used as an alternative supply for most native hardwood applications?
- (2) What is the Government doing to support local manufacturing of alternative materials, such as Accoya (currently manufactured overseas), for applications where native hardwood is traditionally used?
- (3) How is supporting manufacturing and use of native hardwood substitutes being considered as part of the development of the New South Wales Forestry Industry Action Plan?
- (4) When is the New South Wales Forestry Industry Action Plan expected to be finalised?

5577 ILLEGAL LOGGING IN STYX RIVER STATE FOREST—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the Government doing to investigate the actions of Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) and their reported failure to undertake the required Broad Area Habitat Search (BAHS) within a 6 month period prior to commencing logging in the Styx River State Forest?
- (2) Will the Government undertake an on-site survey to investigate the impact this logging has had on habitats in the State Forest?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) What penalties can be imposed if FCNSW is found to have not conducted a BAHS prior to logging this area as required?

5578 COMPLAINTS AGAINST SCHOOLS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many complaints has your Government, the Department of Education and/or local schools in the catchment received regarding the treatment of neurodiverse students or students with a disability across the Iron Cove Network by teachers or other school staff in:
 - (a) 2025?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
- (2) Of the matters referred to in response to (1), if any, how many incidents involved students who are no longer enrolled at the school to which the complaint relates?
- (3) What procedures does the Department have in place, if any, to ensure proper and impartial consideration of complaints being brought by parents on behalf of students against school principals in the Iron Cove Network?
- (4) What procedures does the Department have in place, if any, to ensure parents are appropriately supported through the process of pursuing a complaint against a school on behalf of a student?

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5579 GET NSW ACTIVE TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

- (1) What proportion of total funding under the Get NSW Active Transport program is allocated specifically to regional and rural councils, and how does this compare to the proportion of applications received from these areas?
- (2) How does the program address or consider the specific challenges of active transport in regional New South Wales, such as longer distances between destinations and limited public transport options?
- (3) Are there any measures in place to ensure equitable distribution of funding across all regional areas, including those with historically limited infrastructure investment?
- (4) What metrics or benchmarks are used to measure the impact of funded projects, particularly in increasing walking and riding participation in regional communities?
- (5) Can the Government provide data on the geographic spread of successful projects within regional New South Wales to identify any gaps in coverage?
- (6) Has the Government evaluated whether the current program funding levels are sufficient to meet the higher infrastructure needs in regional and outer metropolitan areas?
- (7) What is the average grant size awarded to regional projects compared to metropolitan projects under the program?

5580 AQUATIC CENTRE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What funding has the Government allocated since election in 2023 towards aquatic centre infrastructure across New South Wales?
- (2) What funding has the Government allocated since election in 2023 towards aquatic centre infrastructure across the Goulburn electorate?
- (3) What funding streams have been available specifically that could be applied towards the upgrade or construction of aquatic facilities in Yass?
- (4) What funding has been provided or committed by the Government for the aquatic facility currently under development in Crookwell?
- (5) What grant programs are currently open or scheduled to open that would enable local councils to seek funding for aquatic centres in regional New South Wales?
- (6) What role does projected population growth or regional climate play in determining eligibility or priority for funding new or upgraded aquatic centres?
- (7) Has any aquatic facility in the Goulburn electorate been deemed ineligible or returned state funding in the past two years, and if so, on what grounds?

5581 SOUTH EAST LOCAL LAND SERVICES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman 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 total funding has the Government allocated to South East Local Land Services (LLS) in each of the past three financial years?
- (2) Has there been any change in the number of funded staff positions within South East LLS since 2023?

- (3) How many full-time equivalent positions are currently funded within South East LLS, and how are these distributed across functional areas?
- (4) What assessment has the Government undertaken to ensure that current LLS staffing levels are adequate to support landholders across the 55,600 square kilometres of the South East region?
- (5) What additional investment or program support has been provided to South East LLS to address increasing pressures such as invasive species, biosecurity threats, or weather events?
- (6) What performance measures does the Government use to evaluate the effectiveness of LLS in supporting agricultural sustainability and biodiversity across regional New South Wales?
- (7) Has the Government considered targeted funding for LLS in regions with high ecological or agricultural value?
- (8) What proportion of South East LLS funding is allocated to pest species management, and has this changed in response to the recent escalation of wild dog, feral pig, and rabbit incursions?
- (9) How many community engagement events or on-ground support programs were delivered by South East LLS in the past year, and what resourcing is available to continue or expand these efforts?
- (10) Has the Government undertaken or commissioned any recent reviews into the adequacy of LLS regional coverage, particularly for remote or under-served local government areas within the South East region?
- (11) What is the timeframe constituents are waiting for appointments with LLS?

5582 QON 5024 FOLLOW UP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the Humelink Project, in follow up to QON 5024:

- (1) Who holds responsibility for determining operational decisions for the delivery of HumeLink, including route selection, construction method, and project staging?
- (2) How much total funding is available under the HumeLink Community and Council Benefits Program across New South Wales?
- (3) How is the funding under the HumeLink Community and Council Benefits Program allocated to individual local government areas?
- (4) What portion of HumeLink community benefit funding is allocated specifically to telecommunications infrastructure, including mobile phone and internet services?
- (5) What is the location of any mobile phone towers or telecommunications upgrades funded or proposed through HumeLink-related community benefits?
 - (a) How were these locations determined?
- (6) What is the total amount of funding allocated to general community projects under the HumeLink community benefits scheme?
- (7) Is funding to local councils provided under the HumeLink benefits program distinguished from general community benefit allocations, and if so, how?
- (8) Have any guidelines or policy frameworks been issued by the Government or Transgrid to define how local government infrastructure burdens, such as water supply or roads, are considered in funding decisions?

5583 SERVICE NSW BOOKINGS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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- (1) What is the average wait time for a driving test booking at each Service NSW testing location across Sydney?
- (2) What is the current average wait time for a driving test in Goulburn?
- (3) How many driving tests have been conducted at the Goulburn Service NSW centre in the past six months?
- (4) How many of those test bookings were made by applicants residing outside the Goulburn region?
- (5) Has the Government undertaken any assessment of the impact of increased demand from metropolitan residents on regional Service NSW testing centres?
- (6) What measures are being taken to ensure that local residents in regional areas are not disadvantaged by increased competition for driving test bookings from applicants residing in Sydney?
- (7) Has the Government considered increasing the number of driver testing officers or appointments available to address this increased demand?
- (8) How many authorised testing officer positions are currently allocated to Goulburn, and how does this compare with allocations in metropolitan centres?
- (9) What is the longest current wait time for a driving test at a Service NSW location in Sydney?
- (10) What steps is the Government taking to reduce wait times for driving tests in metropolitan areas?