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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—

How many Health Risk Assessment requests has the New South Wales Firearms Registry issued since December 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

Between 1 December 2024 and 30 May 2025, the Firearms Registry issued 609 Health Risk Assessment requests.

- * 5288 FIREARMS REGISTRY INTERNAL REVIEWS—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—

Please refer to the response provided for Question on Notice 5199.

- * 5289 NSW POLICE INFORMATION ACCESS APPLICATIONS—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 information access applications under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 were received by the NSW Police Force?
 - (a) For each year since 2014, how many information access decisions were made within 20 working days as required by Section 57(1) of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?
 - (b) Does the NSW Police Force implement ‘stop the clock’ provisions when further information is requested from the applicant to ensure the information access decision is completed within the 20-day statutory timeframe required by Section 57(1) of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?
 - (c) For each year since 2014, for how many information access applications did the NSW Police Force seek to extend the decision period beyond 20 days by agreement with the applicant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force reports each year in its Annual Report the number of information access applications received, the number of applications decided within the 20-day statutory timeframe,

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and the number of applications the NSW Police Force sought to extend the decision period beyond 20 days by agreement with the applicant.

- (a) Please refer to the answer to question 1 above.
- (b) Yes. The NSW Police Force applies the legislation as required.
- (c) Please refer to the answer to question 1 above.

* 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—

With respect to the Mental Health across the Cootamundra Electorate:

- (1) Could you please advise how many people have accessed mental health services for programs in the following local health districts:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (2) Could you please advise how many people are currently on a waiting list to access mental health services or programs across these two local health districts?
- (3) What is the average wait time for someone seeking access to mental health services or programs across these two local health districts?
- (4) What is being done to ensure there are adequate staff to deliver and support mental health programs across these districts?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 1 July 2024 to 30 April 2025, the following number of people have accessed mental health services for programs in Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) and Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD):

LHD	Community contacts	Clients	Hospital separations	Clients
MLHD	77,044	5,642	1,386	964
WNSWLHD	98,081	7,352	986	377

Neither LHD has a waiting list to access mental health services. Following initial triage, all referrals are contacted for assessment within the specified urgency of response category.

In MLHD, the average wait time for community mental health services depends on the assigned urgency of response category; it can be as short as 12 hours, or up to 2 weeks. The average wait time for MyStep counselling is currently up to 12 weeks.

In WNSWLHD, there is no average wait time for those seeking crisis or emergency care, or for those accessing mental healthcare in the community. A rural or remote community may need to wait for the next visit by their outreach clinic but there is the option of support from virtual services if needed.

The LHDs offer incentives in line with the NSW Rural Health Workforce Incentives Scheme to attract suitably qualified and experienced staff. Professional development pathways are also available for nursing staff, particularly the Mental Health Pathways in Practice program, and are being developed for allied health. In addition, WNSWLHD has a well-established psychiatry training program, with a number of the doctors taking up positions in the District once their training has been completed.

- * 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—

With respect to housing for our ageing population:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how she is working with the Commonwealth Government to address the need to invest in housing in regional New South Wales for our ageing population?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise how many homes for our ageing population have been identified for rural and regional New South Wales and where are they to be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is working closely with the Commonwealth Government to maximise the opportunity to grow social and affordable housing across NSW through initiatives including the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF), the National Housing Accord, the Social Housing Accelerator Payment (SHAP), and the National Housing Infrastructure Facility Crisis and Transitional Housing (NHIF CT).

Housing Australia approved 53 projects in NSW under the first round of HAFF, which will help deliver 3,337 new social and affordable homes. This includes two Homes NSW-led projects, which will deliver 230 social and affordable homes. Successful projects in the second round of HAFF have not yet been announced.

Under the SHAP, NSW received \$610.1 million to deliver new and additional social housing, including via partnerships with community housing providers. Homes NSW is delivering 1,500 social homes through the SHAP. Under the NHIF CT, up to \$304.3m has been allocated to construct new crisis and transitional housing or acquire and convert existing residential buildings into such housing in NSW.

Homes NSW delivers all new social housing in accordance with the Silver Level Liveable Housing Design Guidelines in all ground floor or lift-serviced dwellings with level access, supporting tenants to age in place.

- (2) From 2025/26 onwards, Homes NSW has a pipeline of over 1,150 dwellings to deliver in the regions, 85 of which are specifically targeted as seniors housing. Of these 85 seniors' dwellings, 29 are funded by the Northern Rivers Flood Recovery program, and 56 will be funded by the 2025 \$4 billion Boost Program. The seniors' developments are in Ballina, Bega, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo and Queanbeyan local government areas.

As a total, Homes NSW is targeting 26% of the pipeline of 8,400 dwellings to be delivered in regional NSW. New projects are continually passing through due diligence processes and are added to the pipeline. This growth will add to current public housing (owned by Homes NSW), currently split at approximately 22% regional to 78% in metropolitan areas.

Further to above, in financial years 2025 and 2026 the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) will deliver 13 seniors' dwellings in Ballina, Eden, Charlestown and Alstonville. All AHO homes are built to the Silver Level of the Liveable Housing guidelines.

AHO homes are designed and built to improve the living standards of our ageing population through accessible design. Developing homes that do not need major modifications allows elders to age in place, stay on country and be amongst family for longer

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- * 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—

With respect to New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) Control Centres around the State:

- (1) Noting that the NSW RFS has completed a review of fire control centres (FCCs) and identified 13 FCCs that would benefit from priority upgrades, which would include support for an emergency operations centre (EOC), would the Minister please provide a list of the 13 sites identified as part of review?
- (2) Would the Minister please advise the construction status of these 13 identified sites?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise if there is land set aside for a new Riverina FCC?
 - (a) If so, what is the location of this land?
- (4) Noting that the Riverina area has experienced several extreme weather events, of which emergency services cover a vast area, is a fit for purpose FCC needed to accommodate a multiple agency response?
 - (a) If so, when will the new Riverina FCC be constructed and ready for commission?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Please refer to page 35 of the Uncorrected Transcript of Budget Estimates on 11 April 2025 and Supplementary Question 165.
- (3 - 4) The Rural Fire Service continues to work with local councils on future opportunities for FCCs and EOCs, which will be subject to normal Budget processes.

- * 5293 INCIDENTS ON AND NEAR WILLIAM BRADFORD BRIDGE - ROADS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to incidents on and near William Bradford Bridge:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide a detailed report on all types of accidents, including vehicle collisions, pedestrian incidents, cyclist accidents, and any other reported transport-related incidents, that have occurred on and within a 1-kilometre radius on either side of the William Bradford Bridge, including the number of incidents, their severity, and any trends observed?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what safety measures will the Government implement to address road safety risks at the William Bradford Bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Since 2019, there have been five crashes recorded on Burley Griffin Way, within one kilometre on either side of the bridge.
 - In 2019, one crash occurred involving 28 people injured, including 12 moderate injuries and 16 minor or other injuries. There were no serious injuries reported.
 - In 2020, there was one crash with a non-casualty towaway.
 - In 2021, a crash involved a light truck near this location, where there was a serious injury.
 - In September 2024, there was one crash which involved three vehicles, including one towing a caravan.
 - In May 2025, there was one crash involving two trucks on Burley Griffin Way in Harden.

Crash information up to 2023 is available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/statistics/interactive-crash-statistics/lga-view-crashes-map>

- (2) To address road safety concerns, several improvements have been implemented. In 2020, barriers, signage, and delineation were installed to enhance safety. Transport for NSW conducted a detailed safety assessment on 30 May 2025, including the bridge and the 2.5-kilometre stretch on either side. The current signage and road markings on the bridge meet all relevant specifications and Australian Standards. There is clearly visible signage on both approaches to the bridge, including additional warning signs located 700 metres and 200 metres before the bridge, which exceed the requirements of the Standard.

The safety assessment also found the clear zone was otherwise free of hazards and that road pavement, line marking, signage, guardrails, and overtaking zones are all in good condition and compliant with current standards. Nonetheless, the review identified minor enhancements to the Standard. These include the installation of 'No Overtaking on Bridge' signs near the approaches and the installation of width markers where the road narrows.

Beyond the immediate bridge area, potential safety improvements were identified, which will be implemented in the 2025/26 financial year, as follows:

- On the Westbound merge lane (approximately 1.8kms east of the bridge): the 'Form 1 Lane' sign will be replaced with a 'Merge Right' sign. This sign is better suited for lane changes. The 'Left Lane Ends' sign requires minor correction regarding the distance.
- On the Eastbound merge lane (approximately 1.7kms east of the bridge): the 'Form 1 Lane' sign will be replaced with a 'Merge Right' sign, and a 'Left Lane Ends' sign will be installed, with '500 metre' distance sign.

Through the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan for the South East and Tablelands, Transport for NSW has a medium-term initiative for a strategic corridor assessment of Burley Griffin Way.

- * 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—

With respect to rural and regional newspapers:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to support the long-term sustainability of rural and regional printed newspapers?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what steps are in place to ensure that people living in regional New South Wales have access to a diverse range of local news and content?
 - (a) In particular those without access to digitisation platforms?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise how the Government is actively supporting regional newspapers through advertising funding and grants to ensure the long-term sustainability of local news outlets?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government has invested \$6 million through Regional Media Fund grant rounds.
- (2) Information can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/regional-media-fund-round-2>.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.

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- * 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—

With respect to support services for Youth located in Narrandera:

- (1) Could you please advise what Youth support services are available to those living in Narrandera Shire, and where the services are located?
- (2) Could you please advise what is the Government doing to ensure youth support services are based out of Narrandera rather than outreach programs located in areas outside of Narrandera, noting that transport is often a barrier for our Youth in Narrandera?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government delivers the following support services for Youth in the Narrandera Shire:
 - The Homelessness Youth Assistance Program (HYAP), delivered by Anglicare NSW South NSW West and ACT. This program provides unaccompanied children aged 12 to 15 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with integrated support, with the aim of reunifying young people and children with their families and broader support networks, or enabling them to transition to appropriate longer-term supported accommodation. HYAP services are available for youth in Narrandera, and across all the Murrumbidgee district, by outreach from Wagga Wagga (one hour away).
 - Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), delivered by Linking Communities Network, supports homeless and at-risk youth, and their families with integrated specialist homelessness services. The response includes early intervention, rapid rehousing, and intensive wraparound support for youth. Also incorporated is an enhanced response for young people with access to crisis accommodation and support 24 hours, 7 days a week under the Youth Crisis Accommodation Enhancement (YCAE), youth SHS services operates in Narrandera, from Griffith (One hour away).
 - Targeted Earlier Intervention (TEI) services are delivered by several providers: Linking Communities Network, Mission Australia, Intereach and the Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation. Collectively they offer a wide variety of support to youth and their families. TEI services for youth in Narrandera are delivered under two broad streams: Community Strengthening activities that build cohesion, inclusion and wellbeing, such as Indigenous Advocacy and Support and Indigenous Community Engagement; and under Wellbeing and Safety, activities for youth and their families including individualised support. Mission Australia's TEI services are based in Narrandera, others come from Leeton (Thirty minutes away) Wagga Wagga and Griffith (both one hour away).
 - Family Connect and Support (FCS), delivered by 54 Reasons (formerly Save the Children Australia) is a whole-of-family service for young people, children and their families experiencing or at risk of experiencing vulnerability in NSW. Services include (but are not limited to) information and advice, comprehensive assessment, proactive outreach, short term case planning and coordination. Services are delivered in Narrandera by outreach from Wagga Wagga (both One hour away).

The NSW Government has regularly provided grant funding to Narrandera Shire Council to deliver local school holiday activities through the 'Holiday Break' program and provided funding for the Narrandera Active Youth Festival through the 'Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative'.

Other services available to youth in the Narrandera area include Narrandera Shire's Youth Space, Headspace Griffith (Griffith), Fusion Riverina (multiple locations including Narrandera and Coolamon) and Marathon Health Griffith (Griffith).

- (2) The NSW Government recognises importance of resourcing regional, rural, and remote locations with adequate funding to deliver services effectively, however, acknowledges that some services for youth may need to be provided by outreach.

I am advised by DCJ that Narrandera Shire has a significant focus on young people. As a Council, they are dedicated to providing accessible services, events and information to children and young people in their area.

- The Council runs a series of events during Youth Week in craft, music, sport and cultural workshops.
- The Council works closely with the TAFE NSW campus at Narrandera to support young people into training that will facilitate they remain in their community post school. The Council also facilitates work experience and work placements for students from the local schools.
- The Council also has a Youth Advisory Council of young people aged 12-21 years. The Youth Advisory Council is dedicated to:
 - Promoting and advocating for the interests of youth and making recommendations to Council on matters affecting young people and the community
 - Connecting with others to give opinions on matters affecting community
 - Encouraging and supporting youth to become involved in creating new opportunities and projects
 - Creating programs and activities to raise awareness in issues impacting young people
- Previously, the Youth Advisory Council has supported the Council in developing the 2021-2024 Youth Strategy.
- The Narrandera Youth Space was co-designed with children and young people within the Narrandera Shire Library to provide young people with a place to study or meet their friends.
- Headspace Griffith - The Headspace centre at Griffith operates as a 'no wrong door' place for young people who need support with their mental or physical health. In addition, the offer holistic support around alcohol and other drugs, employment and study support.
- Fusion - Fusion is a volunteer run organisation that provides support to young people across the Riverina. Within Narrandera they run an op-shop and a coffee shop to support young people build key life skills.
- This information is publicly available at <https://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au/community/our-people/young-people>
- Mission Australia currently offers a Family Preservation Service in Narrandera to support families to identify their strengths and needs and builds networks to support them to reach their greatest potential.
- This information is publicly available at <https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/servicedirectory/186-children-families/family-preservation-service-riverina7>
- Narrandera also offers young people access to the Transport for NSW Driver Licensing Access Program, one of the few places in the Riverina Murray to facilitate this.
- The NSW Government recognises importance of resourcing regional, rural, and remote locations with adequate funding to deliver services effectively, however, acknowledges that some services for youth may need to be provided by outreach.
- The NSW Government is committed to continuing to invest in early intervention programs that improve outcomes for Youth, and as part of the TEI recommissioning, with new 5.5year contracts commencing from January 2026, DCJ will work with local TEI providers to determine what youth services are needed in Narrandera and how they can best be delivered locally. The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that TEI services for young people and their families are place-based and locally operated when possible.

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- * 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—

With respect to incidents on and near William Bradford Bridge:

- (1) Will the Minister please provide data from Fire and Rescue NSW on all types of accidents, including vehicle collisions, pedestrian incidents, cyclist accidents, and any other reported transport-related incidents, that have occurred on and within a 1-kilometre radius on either side of the William Bradford Bridge, including the number of incidents, their severity, and any trends observed?

Answer—

I am advised:

In the past 12 months Fire and Rescue NSW recorded two motor vehicle accidents with no injuries on William Bradford Bridge, and one motor vehicle accident within 1 kilometre of the bridge on Burley Griffin Way in Murrumburrah.

- * 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—

With respect to Palliative Care Nurses in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many Palliative Care Nurses are allocated to:
- (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) Will the Minister please advise how many people require Palliative Care Nurses in the:
- (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to increase the numbers of Palliative Care Nurses in regional New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

All local health districts, specialist health networks and NSW Ambulance have received annualised enhancements for palliative care. This is funded from the World Class End of Life Care (2022-23 to 2026-27) commitment. This funding has been used to recruit multidisciplinary palliative care staff, including nurses, according to local needs and models of care.

* 5298 THE GOVERNMENT'S FRESH START PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Local Government—

With respect to the Government's Fresh Start Program:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how many apprentices, and trainees will the following local councils receive:
 - (a) Bland Shire Council?
 - (b) Coolamon Shire Council?
 - (c) Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council?
 - (d) Cowra Shire Council?
 - (e) Hilltops Council?
 - (f) Junee Shire Council?
 - (g) Narrandera Shire Council?
 - (h) Temora Shire Council?
 - (i) Weddin Shire Council?
- (2) Please include what field/area they will be working and when are they expected to start?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following numbers are the positions approved in the first 2 funding rounds. The councils may receive funding for further positions if they are successful in future funding rounds.

All round 1 positions started prior to 30 April 2025. Round 2 positions are being recruited for and new recruits will commence from 1 July 2025.

Bland Shire Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Bland Shire Council was approved for:
 - 2 apprentice positions:
 - Apprentice Diesel Mechanic
 - Apprentice Parks and Gardens
 - 12 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Children Services
 - Trainee Biosecurity Trainee
 - Trainee Planner
 - Trainee Human Resources
 - Trainee Animal Control
 - Trainee Sustainability
 - Trainee Sewer Treatment

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- Trainee Work Health and Safety
- Two Trainees Support Worker Aged Care
- Trainee Child Care
- Trainee Information Technology
- 2 cadet positions:
 - Cadet Environmental Engineer
 - Cadet Civil Engineer.
- 2 out of 2 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include:
 - Apprentice Diesel Mechanic
 - Trainee Children Services.

Coolamon Shire Council

- Coolamon Shire Council did not apply in round 1.
- In round 2, Coolamon Shire Council was approved for:
 - One apprentice position:
 - Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic.

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council was approved for:
 - One apprentice position:
 - Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic
 - 4 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Town Planner
 - Trainee Building Surveyor
 - Trainee Water and Sewer
 - Trainee Horticulture
 - One cadet position:
 - Cadet Civil Engineer.
- The round 1 position filled was Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic.

Cowra Shire Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Cowra Shire Council was approved for:
 - One apprentice position:
 - Apprentice Electrician
 - 8 trainee positions:
 - School Based Trainee Saleyards
 - Two School Based Trainees Civil Construction
 - School Based Trainee Information Services Assistant
 - School Based Trainee Finance Assistant

- School Based Trainee Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants
 - Trainee Lighting and Technical Assistant
 - Trainee Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- 6 out of 6 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include:
 - Two School Based Trainees Civil Construction
 - School Based Trainee Saleyards
 - School Based Trainee Information Services Assistant
 - School Based Trainee Finance Assistant
 - School Based Trainee Water & Wastewater Treatment plants.

Hilltops Council

- In round 1, Hilltops Council was approved for:
 - 2 apprentice positions:
 - Apprentice Mechanic
 - Apprentice Civil Construction Plant Operations
 - 4 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Technical Officer – Building
 - Trainee Tourism, Communications and Marketing Assistant
 - Trainee Business Analyst
 - Trainee Library Services Assistant.
- 3 out of 6 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include:
 - Apprentice Mechanic
 - Trainee Tourism, Communication and Marketing Assistant
 - Trainee Library Services Assistant.
- 3 positions have rolled over to round 2.

Junee Shire Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Junee Shire Council was approved for:
 - 3 trainee positions:
 - Two Trainees Information Technology
 - Trainee Spatial Services.
- 1 out of 2 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include:
 - Trainee Information Technology
 - One position to roll over to round 2.

Narrandera Shire Council

- In round 1, Narrandera Shire Council was approved for:
 - One apprentice position:
 - Apprentice Motor Vehicle Mechanic

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- 4 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Horticulture
 - Trainee Events and Tourism
 - Trainee Human Resources
 - Trainee Information Technology.
- All positions from round 1 have commenced.
- Narrandera Shire Council did not apply in round 2.

Temora Shire Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Temora Shire Council was approved for:
 - 3 apprentice positions in Civil Construction
 - 3 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Library Officer
 - Trainee Recreation Centre Assistant
 - Trainee Horticulture.
- 2 out of 2 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include
 - Trainee Recreation Officer
 - Trainee Library Officer.

Weddin Shire Council

- Across rounds 1 and 2, Weddin Shire Council was approved for:
 - 4 apprentice positions:
 - Apprentice Heavy Diesel Mechanic
 - Apprentice Horticulture
 - Two Apprentices Civil Construction Engineering
 - 4 trainee positions:
 - Trainee Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
 - Trainee Information Technology
 - Trainee Customer Service
 - Trainee Biodiversity
 - 2 cadet positions:
 - Cadet Human Resource Officer
 - Cadet Communications Officer.
- 5 out of 7 positions from round 1 have been filled. Positions filled include:
 - Apprentice Horticulture
 - Apprentice Civil Construction Engineering
 - Trainee Information Technology
 - Trainee Customer Service

- Trainee Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator.
- 2 positions from round 1 have rolled over to round 2.

* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the Local Sport Grant Program is planned to open for applications in 2025?
 - (a) If so, what are the expected opening and closing dates for the program?
 - (b) What is the planned funding allocation per electorate for the 2025 round of the Local Sport Grant Program?
 - (c) Does the planned funding allocation per electorate remain consistent with the 2023–24 round, which allocated \$50,000 to each of the 93 New South Wales electorates?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The Local Sport Grant Program is planned to open for applications in 2025.
 - (a) The Office of Sport intends to open the next round of the program before 30 June 2025. Further details are available via <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>.
 - (b) The currently planned funding allocation per electorate for the 2025 round of the Local Sport Grant Program is \$50,000.
 - (c) Yes

* 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—

- (1) Has the lift at Mortdale Train Station failed repeatedly in recent months?
 - (a) If so, why has the lift been out of service so many times?
 - (b) What steps is the Minister taking to investigate and resolve the root causes of these failures?
 - (c) Will the Minister consider a full replacement of the lifts at Mortdale Station to ensure local residents have uninterrupted access to our local train services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are three lifts at Mortdale Station and between April 2025 and May 2025, there were seven instances of these lifts being out of service.
 - (a) There have been a variety of reasons for the unavailability of these lifts ranging from water ingress, suspected power issues, door faults, and scheduled maintenance.
 - (b) The lift contractor completes a review when attending a lift outage to try and determine the root cause of the issue. Appropriate rectification works are completed, or further investigations are undertaken as needed. Additional works may also be recommended to Sydney Trains to improve lift reliability.
 - (c) There are no current plans for full lift replacement as these lifts are 18 years old and are not yet at end of life. Sydney Trains is planning to upgrade the lift doors and thresholds of all three lifts to improve their reliability.

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- * 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—

- (1) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the 2025 period:
- (a) 15 May to 31 May?
 - (b) 1 June to 14 June?
 - (c) 15 June 30 June?

Answer—

I am advised:

For buses in Region 14, operated by CDC:

- (1)
- (a) During the period 15 May 2025 to 31 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 45 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.19 per cent of the 23,828 scheduled trips.
 - (b) During the period 1 June 2025 to 5 June 2025 (inclusive), there were 13 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.18 per cent of the 7,365 scheduled trips. Data is not available for the period 6 - 14 June 2025.
 - (c) Data is not available for the period 15 - 30 June 2025.

- * 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—

In relation to local enrolment changes for Killara High that involve a change to local enrolment areas to Turramurra High:

- (1) Are there plans for this to commence in 2028, similar to the change to enrolment areas involving Killara High and Lindfield Learning Village?

Answer—

Intake area information for Turramurra High School can be found on the School Finder website.

- * 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—

In relation to fare evasion on public transport:

- (1) How many offences were committed in the following financial years:
- (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2022/23?
 - (e) 2023/24?
 - (f) 2024/25?
- (2) How much revenue was collected due to these offences in the following financial years:
- (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?

- (c) 2021/22?
- (d) 2022/23?
- (e) 2023/24?
- (f) 2024/25?

(3) How much revenue was lost in 2023/24 due to individuals not paying a fare?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions about fare evasion are best directed to the Minister for Transport.

* 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—

In relation to fare evasion on public transport:

(1) How many offences were committed in the following financial years:

- (a) 2019/20?
- (b) 2020/21?
- (c) 2021/22?
- (d) 2022/23?
- (e) 2023/24?
- (f) 2024/25?

(2) How much revenue was collected due to these offences in the following financial years:

- (a) 2019/20?
- (b) 2020/21?
- (c) 2021/22?
- (d) 2022/23?
- (e) 2023/24?
- (f) 2024/25?

(3) How much revenue was lost in 2023/24 due to individuals not paying a fare?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance.

* 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—

In relation to the free travel offered on Monday 26 May 2025 for commuters on Sydney Trains and Sydney Metro:

(1) Were there substantial delays on the North Shore Line on 26 May 2025?

- (a) If so, are there plans to have another free travel day given these delays?

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Answer—

I am advised:

On Monday 26 May 2025, trains were delayed due to a police operation, which caused trains to stop between North Sydney and Gosford. Sydney Trains apologises for the inconvenience this caused passengers. There are no plans for another free travel day.

The NSW Government has commenced an independent rail review that will consider performance and passenger experience on the Sydney Trains network.

* 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—

- (1) Has the Government capped the Solar for Apartment Residents Grant Program at buildings with a maximum of 55 apartments?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Why isn't this restriction listed clearly on the 'Solar for apartment residents' website under the heading 'What Buildings Are Eligible'?
- (2) Is the Department aware of how many apartment buildings in New South Wales comprise of 55 or under residential lots?
 - (a) If yes, what is the answer you received?
- (3) Is the Department aware of how many apartment buildings in New South Wales are above 55 residential lots?
 - (a) If yes, what is the answer you received?
- (4) If an apartment building meets the remaining requirements for the Solar for Apartment Residents Grant Program but is deemed "too big", what incentives are available for residents to install energy and cost saving infrastructure like embedded networks and hot water heat pump systems?
- (5) How many residential owners corporations and/or strata managing agents have applied for the Solar for Apartment Residents Grant Program since its announcement?
- (6) How many apartment buildings have received grants under the Solar for Apartment Residents Grant Program since its announcement?
- (7) How many applications have been rejected?
- (8) How many applications are under consideration or have not been resolved?
- (9) If the \$25 million in grant funding is not fully exhausted by 1 December 2025 does the Government plan to expand the program to include larger apartment blocks?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
 - (a) The Solar for Apartment Residents grant program is designed to target medium density residential developments with 3 to 55 units, because it is generally challenging to generate enough energy from a solar PV system on a larger apartment complex to make payback period economical and achieve economies of scale.
 - (b) The information on the eligibility criteria is included in the program guidelines, available online.
- (2) The NSW Government is aware that around 75% of strata schemes have 10 lots or less.

- (3) The NSW Government is aware that around 24% of strata schemes have 11 to 100 lots.
- (4) The NSW Government provides funding for a range of household energy upgrades, including for upgrading hot water systems to heat pumps. Further information is available at www.energy.nsw.gov.au/households/rebates-grants-and-schemes/household-energy-saving-upgrades.

There may also be financial incentives to install solar through the Australian Government's Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme. Further information about solar options can be found on the Australian DCCEE's website at <https://www.energy.gov.au>.

- (5) As of 6 June 2025, 401 applications have been received.
- (6) As of 6 June 2025, no applications have received grants.
- (7) As of 6 June 2025, 25 applications have been rejected.
- (8) As of 6 June 2025, 365 applications are being assessed.
- (9) The Solar for Apartment Residents grant program is funded by the Australian Government, and decisions on extending or expanding the program would need to be considered by the Australian Government.

* 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—

What is the average time that the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning and Minister for Western Sydney, in the capacity of the Minister, takes to respond to correspondence?

Answer—

I am advised that the time taken to respond to correspondence is dependent on a number of factors. The Deputy Premier's office receives a large volume of correspondence, and works to respond to correspondence in a timely manner.

* 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—

In further question to the answer given by the Minister to QON 4899, can the Minister advise what is the definition of “a timely response”?

Answer—

Noting that this question falls outside the scope for questions as laid out in Standing Order 126, definitions of English words can be obtained from English language dictionaries.

* 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—

With respect to the new school hall which was constructed at the Castle Hill Public School can the Minister advise:

- (1) Was a decision made to not install air conditioning within the new school hall?
- (a) If so, why?
- (2) Are there any current plans to install air conditioning within the new school hall?

Answer—

I am advised:

The project has been delivered in line with the Department of Education's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines, which inform the design of new and upgraded schools and are consistent with the policy

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of the former Liberal National Government. Further information is available on the School Infrastructure website.

- * 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—

What works have occurred on the Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange since the project website was last updated on 28 February 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is continuing to collaborate with the City of Ryde and Macquarie Shopping Centre to finalise the design of the Macquarie Park Precinct and Bus Interchange.

- * 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—

- (1) Does 'Solar for Apartment Residents (SoAR)' eligibility apply to renting tenants living in Build To Rent (BTR) premises which are managed without a residential owners corporation or strata managing agent?
 - (a) If not, why are renting tenants in BTR deprived from this solar benefit while owners of strata units and their tenants are allowed?
 - (b) Are there any plans to amend the eligibility criteria?
 - (c) Has your Department ever raised concerns about this disparity with the Department of Planning?
 - (i) If so, have they offered any response?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (a) The SoAR grant program is only available for strata buildings as strata buildings have clearly defined frameworks for shared ownership, decision-making and common area maintenance, as outlined in the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015.
 - (b) Decisions to amend the eligibility criteria for the program would need to be considered by the Australian Government.
 - (c) No.
- * 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—
- (1) How many full-time equivalent special education teacher positions are there at each of the following public schools servicing the Ryde electorate:
 - (a) Ermington Public School (PS)?
 - (b) Melrose Park PS?
 - (c) West Ryde PS?
 - (d) Meadowbank PS?

- (e) Smalls Road PS?
 - (f) Denistone East PS?
 - (g) Kent Road PS?
 - (h) North Ryd 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?
- (2) How many vacant special education teacher positions are there at each of the following public schools servicing the Ryde electorate:
- (a) Ermington PS?
 - (b) Melrose Park PS?
 - (c) West Ryde PS?
 - (d) Meadowbank PS?
 - (e) Smalls Road PS?
 - (f) Denistone East PS?
 - (g) Kent Road PS?
 - (h) North Ryd 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 HS?
 - (q) Marsden HS?

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- (r) Ryde Secondary College?
- (s) Riverside Girls HS?
- (t) Cheltenham Girls HS?
- (u) Carlingford HS?

Answer—

Special Education has been a key focus of the Minns Labor Government's efforts to address the teacher shortages which developed under the former Liberal Nationals Government. Vacancies have fallen significantly as a result of these efforts, including in the Ryde electorate where there is now only one special education position out for recruitment.

- * 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—

Can you detail what (if any) plans your Department has to utilise or invest in new technology solutions to improve the resilience of Sydney's rail network in the event of major maintenance or weather events?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the commencement of operations on the Metro North West Line, Sydney Metro and its operator, Metro Trains Sydney, have made significant investments in resilience programs. A standout example is the Lady Game Drive water treatment facility. In February 2020, heavy rainfall caused major flooding in the North Ryde area, disrupting services for several days. This event triggered a major upgrade of the facility. Since the completion of the works, the area has experienced no further operational issues - even during the heavy rains that impacted Sydney in May 2025.

In addition to infrastructure improvements, Sydney Metro has been actively involved in technology trials aimed at enhancing maintenance efficiency and the delivery of timely information. These efforts reflect a broader commitment to innovation and network resilience.

Sydney Trains is also progressing a range of technology-driven initiatives to improve reliability across its network. These include upgrades to core applications, migration to more scalable and available infrastructure, and ongoing enhancements to existing systems.

Further, several projects are underway to harness data more effectively in support of maintenance activities. These data-driven approaches are designed to optimise performance, reduce downtime, and proactively address emerging issues.

- * 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—

- (1) Is the Metro staff enterprise agreement ending in August 2025?
 - (a) If so, are any strikes, cancellations or slowdowns expected to result from the end of this agreement?
 - (i) If yes, what action is the Government planning to address these expected consequences so that commuters won't be impacted?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Metro operator Metro Trains Sydney is currently negotiating an EBA (enterprise agreement) in line with the Fair Work Act, which requires parties to bargain in good faith by considering all claims put forward and responding to them. Negotiation between unions and Metro Trains Sydney is ongoing.

The Automated Passenger Services Enterprise Agreement 2023 has a nominal expiry date of 22 August 2025, but it does not end after this date. Enterprise agreements continue to apply after the nominal expiry date until they are either replaced by another enterprise agreement or are legally terminated.

* 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—

- (1) As of 1 June 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts will your Department have entered into for any purpose related to Sydney Trains?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor; the date the contract was entered into; and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

All contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are by default considered commercial-in-confidence.

To the extent required by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), Contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are publicly disclosed on NSW eTender (<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices>), with additional information on the Transport for NSW website. Details of Transport for NSW's awarded Class 3 Contracts are available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/contracts-awarded>).

* 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—

- (1) As at 1 May 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to Sydney Ferries?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

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* 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—

- (1) As at 1 May 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to Sydney Buses?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?

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- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- * 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—

- (1) As at 1 May 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to Sydney Metro?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

All contracts entered into by Sydney Metro are by default considered commercial-in-confidence.

Sydney Metro complies with the guidance and requirements of the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework, to deliver the best outcomes for customers and value for NSW taxpayers. Information about all contract disclosures valued at more than \$750,000, including contractor names, dates and descriptions, is published on the Buy NSW website (<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices>). Details of Sydney Metro's awarded Class 3 Contracts are available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/contracts-awarded>).

- * 5319 POTHOLE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) How many reports of potholes have been received in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 in the following suburbs:
 - (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (2) How many potholes have been filled in, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025, in the following suburbs:

- (a) 2101?
 (b) 2102?
 (c) 2103?
 (d) 2104?
 (e) 2105?
 (f) 2106?
 (g) 2107?
 (h) 2108?
 (i) 2084?
- (3) How many frontline staff are employed by Transport for NSW to provide maintenance services in New South Wales including for pothole repairs?
- (4) How much funding was provided to the Northern Beaches Council for pothole repairs in each of the years from 2020 - 2025?
- (5) How much was spent by Transport for NSW on contractors to fill potholes in each of the years from 2020 - 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

POTHOLE REPORTS RECEIVED						
SUBURBS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
2101	96	60	152	72	109	47
2102	16	4	22	9	16	12
2103	20	12	33	9	12	13
2104	0	0	0	0	0	0
2105	3	0	6	1	2	2
2106	8	9	37	28	35	10
2107	61	27	91	25	60	12
2108	6	10	30	14	17	8
2084	15	6	27	12	28	14

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(2)

POTHOLE REPORTS RECEIVED						
SUBURBS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
2101	146	137	189	76	120	33
2102	19	8	17	16	25	9
2103	38	30	40	23	30	8
2104	0	0	0	0	0	0
2105	4	1	9	7	7	0
2106	9	16	30	11	18	4
2107	71	41	56	30	35	9
2108	9	23	59	14	19	2
2084	15	33	115	85	90	25

* The number in the table refers to crew attendance. It is common for crews to fill multiple potholes in one attendance and therefore the total number of potholes filled is greater than the figures provided.

** Transport for NSW does not collect data on potholes on Local Government roads.

(3) Approximately 450 staff might be involved in pothole repairs, as part of Transport for NSW maintenance delivery program.

(4)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Maintenance Grants*	\$459,000	\$459,000	\$459,000	\$465,000	\$471,000	\$478,000	\$2,791,000
Regional & Local Roads Program (Potholes)				\$9,129,829			\$9,129,829
Total	\$459,000	\$459,000	\$459,000	\$9,594,829	\$471,000	\$478,000	\$11,920,829

*Maintenance grants include expenditure on minor activities to maintain the traffic pavement and shoulders of a road to a safe and trafficable condition, including maintenance of associated structures; pothole patching, crack sealing and heavy patching.

(5) Transport for NSW's State Road Asset Performance Contracts (SRAP) came into effect in 2022. The estimated numbers of potholes repaired have been provided for 2020-21, prior to SRAP contract commencement. There is no spend data available for 2020 and 2021 due to the lump sum performance nature of the previous Sydney Maintenance contracts.

The total amount spent from 2022 until 2025 (to date) on potholes:

- 2022: \$6,361,243.

- 2023: \$5,853,723.
- 2024: \$5,360,639.
- 2025 to date: \$3,625,237.
- Total spent: \$21,200,842.

* 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—

- (1) What e-bike education has been run in schools in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2101?
 - (b) 2102?
 - (c) 2103?
 - (d) 2104?
 - (e) 2105?
 - (f) 2106?
 - (g) 2107?
 - (h) 2108?
 - (i) 2084?
- (2) Which schools have been included in the education programs in (1) above?
- (3) On what dates have these programs been carried out at each of the schools listed in (2)?
- (4) Who was involved in the education programs, including:
 - (a) Who ran the programs?
 - (b) What age group of students participated?
- (5) Does the content include:
 - (a) Road rules?
 - (b) Speed limits?
 - (c) Illegal modification of bikes?
 - (d) Where you can and cannot ride e-bikes?
 - (e) Helmet wearing?
 - (f) Penalties and punishments – and if so, which ones?
 - (g) That pedestrians have priority?
 - (h) Etiquette and politeness?
 - (i) Recent accidents?
- (6) What frequency are these education programs run?
- (7) For each of suburbs 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 and 2084 (or in total, if the data is not available per suburb), how many complaints, calls or incidents have been received by Transport for NSW relating to e-bikes in 2024 and 2025 involving:
 - (a) Schools?

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(b) School children?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 6) Transport for NSW provides support to schools through its Road Safety Education Program and works closely with the NSW education sectors to develop road safety education resources for schools and teachers.

As part of the Road Safety Education Program, professional development is provided to schools and can be tailored to the needs and requirements of each individual school. The Road Safety Education Program focuses on developing the capacity of educators to teach about road safety, and provides them with quality, current resources and information.

All road safety activities for schools are published on Transport for NSW's On the Move website for teachers. Transport for NSW has developed road safety information and factsheets for students, teachers and families about e-bikes. These have been provided to all schools via a variety of channels.

Recent road safety workshops within the postcodes include:

- On 23 May, the Department of Education facilitated a road safety education workshop: E bikes Support for the Northern Beaches, which was attended by leaders from local high schools, council and Transport for NSW. Attendees discussed the management of e-bikes on school grounds and explored teaching and communication resources to help enhance safety measures for students commuting to and from school on e-bikes.
The workshop provided schools with information and links to Transport for NSW's resources for students, teachers and families covering road rules, speed limits, illegal modifications, where e-bikes can and cannot be ridden, wearing of helmets and etiquette.
- A school in Warriewood engaged Police to deliver presentations to Years 8 - 12 students on 28 February, 19 and 25 March. The presentations focused on road rules, speed limits, modifications, restrictions, helmets, cautions and fines, risks associated with doubling, recent local crashes involving e-bikes.
Year 10 students from the same school attended a road trauma presentation facilitated by medical staff and emergency services at Royal North Shore Hospital on 28 March. The Royal North Shore Hospital presentation had a strong focus one-bike-related trauma and the dangers associated with unsafe riding practices.

- (7) Transport for NSW does not manage or receive complaints, calls or incidents relating toe-bikes. Local schools, police or councils may receive and manage this information.

* 5321 OPERATION AMAROK—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) For each of suburbs 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 and 2084, please provide a breakdown of Operation Amarok X carried out in May 2025, including:
- (a) number of days the operation was carried out in the suburb?
 - (b) number of people investigated?
 - (c) number of arrests made?
 - (d) number of charges were laid?
 - (e) number of bail compliance checks carried out?
 - (f) number of bail breaches recorded?
 - (g) number of apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO) compliance checks carried out?

- (h) number of ADVO breaches recorded?
- (i) number of arrest warrants executed?
- (2) For each of suburbs 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108 and 2084, how many domestic violence related callouts were made in 2025 in the following months:
- (a) January?
- (b) February?
- (c) March?
- (d) April?
- (e) May to date?
- (3) For 2025 to date, what is the percentage of police resources used on domestic violence related incidents in the Northern Beaches Local Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In relation to Operation Amarok X results in postcodes 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108:
- (a) Operation Amarok X was a statewide operation which took place between 14 May to 17 May 2025. It is not possible to provide the data for each of the postcodes provided.
- (b) Nil.
- (c) One (1) arrest in postcode 2106.
- (d) One (1) charge laid in postcode 2106.
- (e) Nil.
- (f) Nil.
- (g) 12 ADVO compliance checks conducted:
- two (2) in postcode 2084
 - four (4) in postcode 2101
 - one (1) in postcode 2103
 - three (3) in postcode 2106
 - one (1) in postcode 2107
 - one (1) in postcode 2108.
- (h) Nil.
- (i) Nil.
- (2) The table below shows the number of domestic violence-related callouts made in 2025 in postcodes 2084, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, and 2108:

Month-Year	Postcode	Number of CAD Incidents
Jan-2025	2084	4
	2101	23
	2102	1
	2103	5
	2104	5

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	2015	0
	2106	17
	2107	7
	2108	4
Total		66
Feb-2025	2084	0
	2101	5
	2102	3
	2103	9
	2104	0
	2015	0
	2106	3
	2107	9
	2108	2
Total		31
Mar-2025	2084	3
	2101	11
	2102	6
	2103	5
	2104	1
	2015	0
	2106	14
	2107	10
	2108	0
Total		50
Apr-2025	2084	3
	2101	15
	2102	2
	2103	6
	2104	2
	2015	0
	2106	5
	2107	14
	2108	2
Total		49

May-2025	2084	1
	2101	11
	2102	3
	2103	3
	2104	1
	2015	2
	2106	7
	2107	5
	2108	0
Total		33

Note:

- Computerised Aided Dispatch (CAD) incidents have been used as a measure for callouts.
- Year range: Calendar Year 2025 to 31 May 2025.
- CAD Call Type: Primary
- CAD Incident Types: Domestic

- (3) Domestic and family violence offending, and associated harms, consume a significant proportion of policing resources. All police positions are available to respond to reports of domestic and family violence. Numbers of police deployed to enhance the specialist response to domestic and family violence can fluctuate daily in response to crime trends based on operational intelligence and where they are needed most to keep NSW safe.

Northern Beaches Police Area Command uses a suite of strategies to protect the community and to hold perpetrators to account. This includes the dedicated Domestic Violence Team and the engagement of the North West Metropolitan Region High Risk Domestic Violence Team, to target high-risk domestic violence offenders.

Northern Beaches Police Area Command is also supported by specialist police available to respond to domestic and family violence incidents, including Traffic and Highway Patrol Command, Police Transport Command and other specialist squads.

- * 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—

Noting the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport's contribution to debate on the Ports and Maritime Administration Amendment (White Bay Cruise Terminal – Shore Power) Bill 2024 on 20 March 2025:

- (1) What specific advice was provided by Transport for NSW regarding operational inconsistency between the bill and the Commonwealth Navigation Act 2012?
- (2) Was the advice referred to in (1) provided in writing?
- (3) What, if any, other advice did Transport for NSW or the Port Authority of New South Wales provide to the Government in relation to this bill?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is subject to legal professional privilege.
- (2) Yes.

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- (3) Advice provided by Transport for NSW and Port Authority of New South Wales informed the Government's response to this Bill in Parliament.

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- * 5323 ILLAWARRA ROAD/ RUTHERFORD AVENUE INTERSECTION—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Minister provide an update on the proposed \$3.8m upgrade of the new Illawarra Road/Rutherford Avenue intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

The project to install new Traffic Control Signals at the intersection of New Illawarra Road and Rutherford Avenue, Lucas Heights is part of the Road Safety Program. This Program is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments, which is planned to be delivered by 30 June 2027.

Investigation work has commenced on this project.

- * 5324 CORRESPONDENCE RESPONSE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has the Minister received correspondence from me, dated 16 January 2025?

- (a) If so, can the Minister advise when a response will be received for this correspondence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The representation was received in my ministerial office on 28 January 2025.

- (a) A ministerial response was sent on 30 May 2025.

- * 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—

Regarding the priority airstrips selected for the \$15 million Airstrip Improvements in Rural and Remote New South Wales Program:

- (1) What were the parameters and eligibility requirements used in the audit and selection process for determining priority airstrips?
- (2) Could you provide a copy of the audit and condition analysis reports for the White Cliffs and Bourke airstrips?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Public Works completed an audit and condition analysis of 31 airstrips across 19 Local Government Areas and the Unincorporated Far West in September 2024. Stakeholders consulted as part of the audit included local government asset owners, aeromedical and emergency services such as Royal Flying Doctor Service and NSW Ambulance, NSW State Emergency Service, and the Royal Australian Air Force.

A key finding from the audit was the need for major upgrades to accommodate heavier aircraft to future proof access for essential services. The 3 airstrips identified for major upgrades through the Airstrips in Rural and Remote NSW Program are the highest priority airstrips for the Far West, Western NSW and Murrumbidgee Local Health District areas.

- (2) Information from the audit and condition analysis has been provided by the department to Central Darling Shire Council for their application relating to the White Cliffs airstrip and to Bourke Shire Council for their application relating to the Bourke airstrip.

* 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—

What current travel subsidies are available to support school aged athletes from rural and remote areas of New South Wales, to participate in metropolitan sporting competitions?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Regional Transport.

* 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—

What incentives will be available for General Practitioners in rural and remote New South Wales to undertake the training necessary to allow them to medically diagnose and treat children and adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Specific and accredited training will be developed and provided free to GPs and rural generalists who are interested in being able to diagnose and prescribe medication to treat ADHD. Time taken to complete online training will be remunerated with an incentive payment and accredited with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine as continuing professional development.

GPs in rural and remote NSW will be prioritised for training places in the initial phases. Support and mentorship will be provided for GPs who would like to become 'endorsed prescribers' capable of assessing and diagnosing ADHD.

* 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—

As of 26 May 2025:

- (1) What is the authorised full-time equivalent (FTE) strength of the St George Police Area Command?
- (2) What is the actual FTE strength of the St George Police Area Command?
- (3) How many FTE positions are currently vacant at the St George Police Area Command?
- (4) What measures are being implemented to address any staffing shortfalls at the St George Police Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force publishes information about employee numbers in each Police Area Command and Police District in its annual report. Staffing numbers at police stations can fluctuate daily in response to leave, crime trends and operational requirements.

All police positions attached to Police Area Commands and Police Districts are flexible resources available to respond to incidents across the district. Local resources are supplemented by specialist police (highway patrol, major crime squads, covert resources, and others) who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries in response to operational needs.

The NSW Police Force closely monitors staffing levels and requirements relative to workload across NSW and prioritises new probationary constables and transfers to areas where they are most needed.

The NSW Government and the NSW Police Force has introduced a range of incentives to recruit and retain police officers such as paying student police officers; a historic pay increase and enhanced conditions; and establishment of the Professional Mobility Program and Elite Athletes Recruitment Pathway pilot program.

* 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—

- (1) What statistical data is available to determine the number of passenger trips during peak hours on the North-West Metro?
- (2) With respect to the statistical data for the number of passenger trips for passengers travelling on the North-West Metro, does the data enable an hourly break down as to the number of passengers using the North-West Metro?
- (3) Is the data referred to in the above questions publicly available?
 - (a) If so where can such data be accessed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW uses the Opal Allocation Model to determine the number of passengers boarding and alighting each mode of transport. By combining Opal information with live timetable data, Transport for NSW is able to model passenger delays, boardings and a lightings, as well as wait times at interchanges across all modes of public transport.

The Opal Allocation Model outcome data is available in 15 minute intervals and can be aggregated into hourly bands. This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://opendata.transport.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/roam-rail-opal-assignment-model>.

* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Department of Education has a policy with respect to the provision of free Wi-Fi access to all students in primary schools?
 - (a) If so, is the policy available to the public?
 - (b) Will the Minister provide a copy of such policy?
- (2) Can the Minister advise whether the Department of Education has a policy with respect to the provision of free Wi-Fi access to all students in secondary schools?
 - (a) If so, is the policy available to the public?
 - (b) Will the Minister provide a copy of such policy?

Answer—

Free Wi-Fi is available to students in all NSW public schools.

Use of the school Wi-Fi by students is governed by the Digital devices and online services for students policy available on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471-01>. The policy provides direction and guidance on the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services for students in NSW public schools.

* 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—

- (1) Has the Minister or otherwise the Department of Education received any complaints as to the Wi-Fi infrastructure at the Castle Hill High School?
 - (a) If so, what action is being taken to investigate the complaints concerning the Wi-Fi infrastructure at the school?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Education's IT Networking and School Infrastructure teams are working with the Principal of Castle Hill High School to examine Wi-Fi connectivity onsite.

* 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—

Are there any aboriginal land claims over Lot 4B Herbert Street, St Leonards?

Answer—

I am advised:

The land claims process is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Property the Hon Steve Kamper MP.

* 5333 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CHATSWOOD—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to public schools in Chatswood:

- (1) Do enrolments at Chatswood High School currently exceed the school's enrolment cap?
- (2) Are there plans to return demountable classrooms to Chatswood High School?
- (3) Is there a growing demand for public high schools in the Willoughby electorate?
 - (a) If so, how is the Government responding to this demand?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any suitable Government owned site in the Chatswood area that could accommodate a new school?

Answer—

I am advised:

Enrolment numbers and information for NSW public schools is publicly available online. As the Member for Willoughby informed the Legislative Assembly on 6 May 2025, "the Coalition's record is clear. We upgraded every school in Willoughby, with some being largely rebuilt".

However, between 2018 and 2023, the top 20 areas for student enrolment growth were all in North West and South West Sydney where, combined, experienced growth of 240%. Despite this, the former Liberal National Government failed to deliver the school infrastructure these growing areas required. This includes Box Hill, in the Electorate of Hawkesbury, which grew from 119 students to 1,445 in 5 years with no schools delivered or planned by the former Liberal National Government when it left office.

Other communities neglected by the former Liberal National Government, while it "upgraded every school in Willoughby", include Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Marsden Park, Gledswood Hills, Gregory Hills, Leppington, Edmondson Park, Riverstone, Austral, Jordan Springs, Nirimba Fields, Schofields and Tallawong.

The Minns Labor Government will continue to prioritise high growth areas, and areas that were neglected by the former Liberal National Government.

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- * 5334 STRATHALLEN AVENUE AND SAILORS BAY ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the intersection between Strathallen Avenue and Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge:

- (1) Is Transport for NSW planning to conduct an audit of this intersection to ensure it is working optimally and safely?
- (2) What measures if any are being considered to address:
 - (a) Speeding?
 - (b) Obstruction of sightlines by foliage?
 - (c) Red light running particularly from the left-hand lane of Sailors Bay Rd eastbound due to the design and phasing of the red light and right turn green light?
 - (d) Pedestrian safety including installation of safety barriers and a mid-block pedestrian crossing on Sailors Bay Road to the east of the intersection?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Transport for NSW has requested a review of current traffic light phasing. It is also investigating opportunities to install red-light running software to improve the monitoring and reporting of drivers running the red lights at this intersection.
- (2)
 - (a) Exceeding a posted speed limit or breaking any other road rule is illegal behaviour and is the responsibility of the NSW Police Force for enforcing road rules.
 - (b) Transport for NSW is responsible for maintaining the intersection of Sailors Bay Road and Strathallen Avenue, Northbridge. The intersection was last inspected on 2 June 2025. During the inspection, no vegetation was identified to be obstructing sightlines, and no other defects were raised. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the referenced location and undertake reactive vegetation maintenance as required.
 - (c) The NSW Speed Camera Strategy is managed through the NSW Centre for Road Safety, which assesses eligible site locations for speed cameras and red-light speed cameras. These cameras are installed at high priority locations that meet the criteria in the NSW Speed Camera Strategy, with a focus on crash risk.
 - (d) Sailors Bay Road, east of this intersection, is classified as a local road and managed by Willoughby Council. Therefore, any requests for pedestrian facilities should be directed to the Council for initial consideration.

In 2022, Bellambi Street was closed to motorists turning left from Sailors Bay Road to improve pedestrian safety and access. This closure was carried out by Willoughby Council.

- * 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—

In relation to digital advertising signs on the Albert Avenue, Chatswood railway overpass:

- (1) Has Transport Asset Manager (TAM) installed a digital advertising sign on the overpass?
 - (a) If so, what consultation was conducted?
 - (i) With whom?
 - (ii) When was it conducted?

- (b) Who was the consent authority?
- (c) Was a prior proposal to install advertising signage on the overpass withdrawn by Transport Asset Holding Entity of NSW (TAHE) in 2023 after community backlash?
 - (i) If so, what has changed since that proposal?
- (d) What, if any, commitments have been made to alleviate impacts of the signage on the bordering Garden of Remembrance?
 - (i) Do these commitments form conditions of consent?
- (e) What are the conditions of consent for the signage, if any?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains installed a digital advertising sign on the Albert Avenue overpass in Chatswood under its advertising agreement with JCDecaux, not the Transport Asset Manager of NSW.

The Conditions of Consent for signage are issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and are standard for these types of development applications. Consent was issued by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 14 April 2022. There was no prior proposal to install advertising signage on the overpass.

Consultation was part of the development application process (DA 10651). A meeting was held 19 October 2023 with the Chatswood RSL Sub-Branch President, and it was agreed the signage can proceed. The decision was confirmed via email on 23 October 2023 by the Chatswood RSL Sub-Branch President. This agreement does not form part of the Conditions of Consent.

- * 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—

In relation to the Digital NSW Photo Card:

- (1) Has the trial of the photo card been ongoing since February 2021?
 - (a) If so, what is the cause of the delay?
 - (b) When is the trial expected to end and a permanent Digital NSW Photo Card made widely available?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) The NSW Digital Photo Card was identified as a 'verifiable credential' that could be trialled as part of the Digital Identity and Verifiable Credentials (DIVC) program. This will consider how digital credentials can be securely shared and verified more broadly. Upgrades to the NSW Digital Photo Card were rolled out in April 2025, providing eligible customers participating in the trial with the option of upgrading the NSW Digital Photo Card as a verifiable credential.
 - (b) Service NSW continues to closely monitor and test the use of the NSW Digital Photo Card in trial as a verifiable credential. Key findings will be used to inform any future plans to expand the availability of the NSW Digital Photo Card.

- * 5337 ROADS AROUND ANZAC PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL, CAMMERAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to roads around Anzac Park Public School, Cammeray:

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- (1) What is the status of consideration by the Centre for Road Safety of the nomination for a speed camera on Ernest Street, Cammeray near Anzac Park Public School?
- (2) Are there any plans to conduct traffic assessments to monitor the impact of changes to the Ernest Street on-ramp by the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway projects, in particular on Ernest, Miller and Lytton Streets, Cammeray?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Ernest Street, Cammeray was recently assessed as part of a major mobile speed camera site selection project. This road was found to be unsuitable for mobile speed camera enforcement as the site selection criteria could not be met.
- (2) Transport for NSW is required to prepare a pre-opening Road Network Performance Plan, as part of the Minister's Condition of Approval for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade project. This Plan will include any updated analysis, including modelling of traffic impacts to the adjoining road network and be prepared before the Western Harbour Tunnel opens in 2028.

In addition, Transport for NSW is required to carry out Operational Road Network Performance Reviews within 12 months and then five years after the Western Harbour Tunnel opens.

* 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—

In relation to the 2025 Selective High School Placement Test:

- (1) Were there disruptions associated with the 2025 selective high school placement test?
 - (a) If so, how many students affected by the disrupted tests live within the Willoughby electorate?
 - (b) Was conduct of the test outsourced to a private operator?
 - (i) What was the value of the contract?
 - (ii) Did the Department maintain oversight of the process and conduct of the test?
 - (iii) Is this arrangement now under review?
 - (c) Does the Government plan to provide equitable and fair adjustments for affected students?
 - (i) If yes, what are these measures?
 - (d) Does the Government plan to conduct a full review into the program and publicly release the findings?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QON 5265.

Further, the disruption that occurred at the large test centres on Friday 2 May 2025 was not acceptable and fell well short of the Department of Education's expectations. The department sincerely apologises for any impact that this has had on parents, carers and students who were sitting the tests.

The department wants all children sitting the placement tests to have the opportunity to do their best in an environment that allows them to do so. To ensure this, the department rescheduled the placement tests for students whose test was postponed. Parents and carers were offered the opportunity for their child to re-sit the test if the issues experienced at the large test centres on 2 May 2025 impacted their child. These tests successfully took place in local public school venues. The department contacted parents and carers of those students who were impacted by the test centre disruptions. The re-sitting of the tests was designed to provide students with an environment in which to demonstrate their academic potential. No student sat the same test twice and there were new tests to ensure fairness for all students.

The Deputy Premier has ordered an independent review into the administration of this year's opportunity class and selective high school testing. Dr Michele Bruniges AM, an expert education academic is examining the challenges and issues identified and providing recommendations on future implementation. Dr Bruniges AM will deliver her report to the NSW Government for its consideration later this year.

* 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—

- (1) Has the Minister received correspondence from me, dated 26 February 2025, requesting a meeting with her to discuss schools in the Willoughby area?
 - (a) If so, when will the Minister respond to this correspondence?
- (2) Will the Minister consider offering me a briefing from Schools Infrastructure NSW on recent school infrastructure decisions in the Willoughby area?

Answer—

I am advised that a response was sent to the member on behalf of the Hon Prue Car MP on 21 June 2025, providing information on school infrastructure in the Willoughby area.

* 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—

In relation to illegal tobacco and vapes:

- (1) How many compliance visits have been conducted by NSW Health within the Willoughby electorate in the past 2 years?
- (2) How many visits resulted in enforcement actions being taken?
- (3) Were any fines issued?
 - (a) What was the value of these?
- (4) What was the value of any confiscated illegal tobacco or vapes?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health does not report tobacco compliance and monitoring information by electorate.

* 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—

Can the Minister provide an update on the reassessment of benchmark funding for the Regional Academies of Sport over the next four years?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The NSW Government provides funding support to performance pathways for athletes, coaches and officials via various grants to the Sports sector.

This includes funding to the eleven Regional Academies of Sport.

Benchmark funding is not terminology used in or relevant to the funding agreements between the Office of Sport and the Academies.

The NSW Government's ongoing funding to the eleven Regional Academies of Sport is referred to in the agreements as 'core funding.' Core Funding levels have remained consistent since 2022/23.

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Periodically, the NSW Government provides additional grants to sector partners including Regional Academies of Sport to support performance pathways and pre-elite athletes.

- * 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—

Recipients of the Men's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Program were due to be announced in January 2025.

- (1) When will successful applicants be named?

Answer—

I am advised:

Successful applicants of the Men's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Program were notified by email in March 2025. Funding awarded to organisations under the grant program was publicly announced in May 2025.

The NSW Government has boosted funding for the Men's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Program to \$1,375,205 - a substantial increase from the \$400,000 originally announced. This required additional consultation and approval processes for the 34 grassroots organisations awarded funding.

- * 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—

Can the Minister provide an update on the development of the New Ambulance Station at South Windsor?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the new South Windsor Ambulance Station is underway. The next steps for the project include finalising the design and seeking planning approval for the new ambulance station.

The community will be kept up to date as the project progresses. The South Windsor Ambulance Station is funded as part of the Government's \$615 million commitment to the NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program.

The program will deliver 30 additional ambulance stations and supporting infrastructure across Sydney, the Central Coast, Newcastle and Wollongong over the coming years, boosting frontline emergency ambulance care.

- * 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—

- (1) Will 50 repaired articulated 'bendy' buses be returned to service by October and all 83 be back in service by the end of the year?

- (a) If so, how many buses are expected to be returned in each of the following months of 2025:

(i) May?

(ii) June?

(iii) July?

(iv) August?

- (v) September?
- (vi) October?
- (vii) November?
- (viii) December?
- (2) When will the 50 new articulated buses announced in March 2025 be in service?
- (3) When will the 10 new double decker buses announced in March 2025 be in service?
- (4) When will the Zero Emissions Buses at the Brookvale depot be in service?
- (5) How will the introduction of the Zero Emissions Buses at Brookvale Depot impact the bus fleet shortage?
 - (a) Will these be additional buses that will add to capacity or will they be replacing buses that will then be removed from service?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW has executed the Deed with the contracted repairer, Wales. The repair program has begun, and based on the current schedule provided by Wales, 51 buses are planned to return to service at the end of October 2025. The remaining 32 buses are planned to be progressively completed from November 2025.
- (2) The 50 new articulated buses have been ordered, and the first bus is expected to be delivered by the end of 2025 and enter service shortly afterwards. Transport for NSW is working with the prime supplier, Scania, to accelerate delivery if possible.
- (3) The ten new double deck buses have been ordered, and Transport for NSW is working with the supplier, Volvo Gemilang, towards delivering the double deck buses in mid-2026.
- (4) Zero Emission Buses at Brookvale Depot are expected to enter service in July 2025 after charging and infrastructure commissioning work is complete. Buses will be progressively delivered through to 2026.
- (5) The Greater Sydney Stage 1 Zero Emission Bus Program will introduce Zero Emission Buses and replace existing diesel or compressed natural gas buses. The introduction of Zero Emission Buses at Brookvale Depot will positively impact fleet shortages by gradually replacing older and less reliable fleet with newer and more reliable buses.

* 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—

- (1) What direct public transport options are available to students traveling to and from Avalon to the Freshwater Senior Campus?
- (2) Is it unusual to have a dedicated morning direct public transport service for High School students, but not a corresponding direct afternoon service?
- (3) Will the Department consider scheduling a dedicated school 199 in the afternoon - leaving at different times on different days to align with school finishing times?
- (4) Given the school is preparing for a transition to a co-ed 7-12 campus, has modelling been carried out by the Department into:
 - (a) The current public transport services available?
 - (b) The additional services needed?

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- (5) If yes, what additional services (if any) have been recognised as being required?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the mornings, students can catch Bus Route 199 which departs Careel Head Road at Burrawong Road, Avalon at 7:40am and arrives at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus at 8:38am.

In the afternoons, students can catch Bus Route 787n which departs NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus at 3:37pm and arrives at Avalon Parade at Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon at 4:49pm.

There are also multiple travel options available in the mornings and afternoons for students travelling from Avalon which include a same bus stop transfer.

- (2) Dedicated school bus services are typically only provided where there is no suitable existing public transport option. While Transport for NSW attempts to support morning and afternoon school travel options, it is not always possible due to operational and efficiency reasons, including variation of school bell times and the availability of buses and drivers.
- (3) There are no plans to introduce variants to Bus Route 199 afternoon services between NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus and Avalon which depart at different times during the week.
- (4 - 5) Transport for NSW is aware there may be an increase in enrolment at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus from 2027 as the school transitions to a Year 7 - 12 campus. With this change, the school catchment area will also be reduced, providing opportunities to optimise school services travelling to and from the school.

Transport for NSW will work closely with NSW Department of Education School Infrastructure and NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus to ensure enrolment data for the 2027 cohort is received in time to make any adjustments required to school bus services in response to changed demand.

- * 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—

- (1) How many of the following bus routes – 190X, 199, 151, 151X and B1 – have been cancelled in the following weeks:
- (a) Each week in March 2024?
 - (b) Each week in March 2025?
 - (c) Each week in April 2024?
 - (d) Each week in April 2025;
 - (e) Each week in May 2024?
 - (f) Each week in May 2025?
- (2) When are the remaining articulated buses currently out of service due to return to Region 8?
- (a) Please specify how many will return in each of the following months of 2025:
 - (i) June?
 - (ii) July?
 - (iii) August?
 - (iv) September?
 - (v) October?
 - (vi) November?

(vii) December?

(3) Can the Department confirm the date when full timetables will be restored with average cancellations (using the 2024 average) for the following routes:

- (a) 199?
- (b) 190X?
- (c) 151?
- (d) 151X?
- (e) B1?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) During the period from 26 February 2024 to 3 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 24 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.57 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 4 March 2024 to 10 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 43 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.03 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 11 March 2024 to 17 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 29 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.69 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 18 March 2024 to 24 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 24 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.57 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 25 March 2024 to 31 March 2024 (inclusive), there were 18 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.45 per cent of the scheduled trips.

- (b) During the period from 24 February 2025 to 2 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 356 trips cancelled. This equates to 8.09 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 3 March 2025 to 9 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 201 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.59 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 10 March 2025 to 16 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 309 trips cancelled. This equates to 7.06 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 17 March 2025 to 23 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 258 trips cancelled. This equates to 5.90 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 24 March 2025 to 30 March 2025 (inclusive), there were 243 trips cancelled. This equates to 5.55 per cent of the scheduled trips.

- (c) During the period from 1 April 2024 to 7 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 34 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.83 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 8 April 2024 to 14 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 32 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.75 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 15 April 2024 to 21 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 22 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.53 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 22 April 2024 to 28 April 2024 (inclusive), there were 19 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.47 per cent of the scheduled trips.

During the period from 29 April 2024 to 5 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 29 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.68 per cent of the scheduled trips.

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- (d) During the period from 31 March 2025 to 6 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 201 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.59 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 7 April 2025 to 13 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 194 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.43 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 14 April 2025 to 20 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 173 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.32 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 21 April 2025 to 27 April 2025 (inclusive), there were 44 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.12 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 28 April 2025 to 4 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 175 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.00 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- (e) During the period from 6 May 2024 to 12 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 31 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.72 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 13 May 2024 to 19 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 53 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.24 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 20 May 2024 to 26 May 2024 (inclusive), there were 66 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.54 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 27 May 2024 to 2 June 2024 (inclusive), there were 47 trips cancelled. This equates to 1.10 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- (f) During the period from 5 May 2025 to 11 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 213 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.87 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 12 May 2025 to 18 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 209 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.78 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 19 May 2025 to 25 May 2025 (inclusive), there were 200 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.54 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- During the period from 26 May 2025 to 1 June 2025 (inclusive), there were 197 trips cancelled. This equates to 4.48 per cent of the scheduled trips.
- (2) Transport for NSW has executed the Deed with the contracted repairer, Wales. The repair program has begun, and based on the current schedule provided by Wales, 51 buses are planned to be returned to service by the end of October 2025. The remaining 32 buses are planned to be progressively completed from November 2025. Of the first 21 buses to be returned to service, 18 are allocated to Region 8, which services the Northern Beaches and Lower North Shore.
- (3) Future timetables are designed to meet capacities and reliability requirements. The dates for implementation of timetables are dependent on availability of drivers and fleet.

* 5347 TESLA CHARGERS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) Of the 250 fast and ultra-fast chargers planned for New South Wales in coming years, how many will be:
- (a) Tesla ultrafast chargers?
- (2) Will all Tesla ultrafast chargers be compatible with all electric vehicles?
- (a) If not, how many of the Tesla ultrafast chargers will be compatible with all electric vehicles?
- (3) Will any of the 250 chargers be in Pittwater?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (b) If not, will the Government consider a new fast or ultra-fast charger in Pittwater?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage.

- * 5348 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2049 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 2049 (re-classification of Captain Cook Drive)?

Answer—

I am advised

The response provided for Question on Notice 2049 remains current.

- * 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—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 2467 (altering geographic names in the Sutherland Shire)?

Answer—

I am advised there is no change to the response previously provided.

- * 5350 QUESTION ON NOTICE 2813 UPDATE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 2813 (disposal of land in Sutherland Shire)?

Answer—

I am advised

The response provided for Parliamentary Question on Notice 2813 remains current.

- * 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—

Can the Government provide any update to its answer to Question on Notice 2906 (operational defibrillators at Sutherland train stations)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following stations in the Sutherland area have fully monitored and operational defibrillators: Sutherland, Cronulla, Waterfall, Kirrawee and Caringbah. Additional defibrillators will be installed in 2025 across the Sydney Trains network. This will include Miranda and Jannali stations, within the Sutherland area.

Further installation of defibrillators in the Sutherland area are subject to detailed review and prioritisation with other Sydney Trains locations.

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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—

- (1) What is the average wait time for accessing mental health, psychology, and allied health services in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the average wait time for accessing mental health, psychology, and allied health services in the Goulburn region?
- (3) What is contributing to any delays in the Goulburn region?
- (4) Are there any current or planned initiatives to expand service availability, such as visiting specialists, telehealth options, or incentives for rural practice?
- (5) Is the demand for psychological assessments and mental health care in Goulburn being captured and reported to inform funding allocations?
- (6) What short-term strategies could be used to reduce waitlists, such as contracting private practitioners or expanding telehealth models?
- (7) Are there any programs in place to assist families or individuals who are waiting months or years for an assessment or diagnosis (e.g., autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), trauma)?
- (8) What are the current barriers to scaling up services for providers?
- (9) Has the Government identified what impacts long waitlists have on families/schools/or the broader health system (e.g. crisis presentations to Emergency Departments)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to mental health services should be directed to the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth.

The NSW Government recently announced changes to make it cheaper and easier for people to access life changing treatment for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) by allowing GPs to treat people with ADHD.

The NSW Government will enable GPs to provide ongoing ADHD prescriptions for children and adults who are on stable doses of medication. A smaller number of GPs will be enabled to assess and initiate psychostimulant medication where appropriate. In both instances, GPs will be required to undertake accredited training and will receive support. Once fully implemented, these reforms will save patients both months of waiting as well as significant costs in accessing treatment.

* 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—

In relation to last week's announcement of Corrective Services NSW's Security Operations Group conducting 1,200 screenings across correctional services complexes:

- (1) How many of the 1,200 visitor screenings occurred at Goulburn's correctional facilities, and what specific contraband was found locally?
- (2) Given Goulburn hosts one of the state's highest-security facilities, what additional protections are in place to prevent smuggling attempts via drone drops or medical escorts?
- (3) What staffing levels are required to maintain spontaneous and routine searches at Goulburn, and are current numbers meeting operational needs?

- (4) Have any recent security breaches at Goulburn resulted in internal reviews or changes to procedure?
- (5) Does the department plan to publish regular data on contraband seizures by correctional centre, including Goulburn, to improve transparency and community confidence?
- (6) How is the success of these blitzes being measured beyond contraband value, is there any public reporting of follow-up prosecutions or sanctions within the facilities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Measures are in place at all NSW correctional centres to prevent the entrance of contraband, taking into account the specific requirements of each facility.
- Corrective Services NSW continually reviews the operational framework of correctional centres to improve the monitoring and control of external perimeters and ensure the ongoing safety and security of inmates and staff.
- The publication of regular data on contraband seizures may compromise the safety and security of a correctional centre.
- Anyone suspected to be in possession of contraband may be subject to further disciplinary action including prosecution by NSW Police.

* 5354 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT BUNGONIA FLATS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the perceived ongoing anti-social behaviour at Bungonia Flats, Goldsmith street:

- (1) What types of anti-social behaviour (ASB) are most commonly reported at the complex?
- (2) How frequently are police called to attend the complex, and has this frequency changed over time?
- (3) What challenges are officers facing when responding to incidents at the complex?
- (4) Have any particular patterns been identified within the complex?
- (5) How will NSW Police measure the success of the service hub trial in reducing anti-social behaviour?
- (6) What kind of police support or presence, if any, is planned during the trial period?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The most reported types of anti-social behaviour include assault; domestic violence; personal violence (including neighbour disputes); and malicious damage. Police also frequently attend in response to mental health-related issues.
- (2) Police are called approximately 100 times per year. The frequency of calls has remained consistent in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.
- (3) The complex presents challenges for police to prevent, disrupt and respond to criminal activity due to social factors and its structural design. Further, delays in obtaining CCTV footage from a third party contractor has caused delays in police investigations.

Surrounding areas, such as a carpark at the rear of the complex, provide opportunity for criminal activity. Also, a public payphone at the front of the complex allows persons to report crime anonymously resulting in police being unable to identify witnesses to a crime.

- (4) Police interactions most commonly occur on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between the hours of 12pm and 12am.

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(5 - 6) The Hume Police District has no involvement in the service hub trial.

* 5355 **CHILDCARE - GOULBURN ELECTORATE**—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Within the Goulburn Electorate, or Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wingecarribee Shire Local Government Areas (LGAs):

- (1) Is there sufficient childcare places in each of these LGAs?
 - (a) If not, is there any planned investment or funding to expand childcare infrastructure in Goulburn?
- (2) Has the Government conducted or commissioned any recent needs analysis or demand modelling for early childhood education specific to these areas?
- (3) What is the average waitlist/waiting time for a childcare place?
- (4) What are the main challenges preventing existing services from expanding capacity (e.g., staffing, funding, physical space)?

Answer—

The NSW Government continues to monitor areas with growing needs for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and is working to support communities with the greatest need.

Moss Vale Public School in the Southern Highlands region is receiving a public preschool under the Minns Labor Government's election commitment to deliver 100 new public preschools by 2027. This is the largest investment in public preschools in NSW history.

* 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—

Within the Goulburn Electorate, or Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wingecarribee Shire Local Government Areas (LGAs):

- (1) How many vacant properties are currently sitting with the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC)?
- (2) What is causing the delay in returning these vacant properties in Goulburn to tenantable condition?
- (3) What is the average turnaround time for a property to become tenant-ready once vacated?
- (4) How many of the properties are currently under maintenance or redevelopment, and what is the timeline for completion?
- (5) Are there specific resource or contractor shortages impacting the re-letting process in Goulburn?
- (6) What strategies are being put in place to speed up the return of these vacant properties?
- (7) Is there a timeline or staged plan for reducing the number of vacant properties?
- (8) How is the Department of Communities and Justice prioritising clients in temporary accommodation while these properties remain unavailable?
- (9) Are there any risk mitigation measures in place to prevent vandalism or damage to long-term vacant properties?
- (10) Could temporary use of vacant properties (e.g., for crisis housing or short-term support services) be explored while awaiting full refurbishment?
- (11) What accountability measures are in place to ensure properties are not left vacant longer than necessary?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of 30 June 2025, there are four vacant properties across these LGAs.
- (2) Extended vacancies may occur during significant repair and restoration activity (such as instances of damage from termites or fire or removal of large unwanted items) or when redevelopment feasibility assessments are being completed.
- (3) The current turnaround time for vacant restoration works is 47 days in the Goulburn Electorate.
- (4) Two properties are undergoing vacant restoration works, which are expected to be ready for re-letting by mid July 2025. The remaining two are redevelopment sites.
- (5) No, contractors servicing the Goulburn Electorate are resourced for their current workload and are onboarding additional trades on a regular basis as required.
- (6) There is a focus on returning vacant properties for reletting as quickly as possible. Weekly meetings to review the progress of works are undertaken with contractors, and any overdue works are individually project-managed to completion. The contractors are also broadening their supplier base to ensure adequate resources are available to complete works in a timely manner.
- (7) See response to question 6.
- (8) Homes NSW works closely with clients in temporary accommodation (TA) to explore all pathways available to secure stable, longer-term housing. There is no cap on the amount of TA a client can access. As long as TA conditions are met and engagement with Homes NSW and relevant support services continues, TA will be extended until more appropriate accommodation is reached.
- (9) Vacant properties in high-risk areas are boarded up to prevent vandalism.
- (10) Homes NSW endeavours to ensure properties do not remain vacant for longer than necessary and are re-let in a short period of time. Properties identified for sale are normally not in a habitable state, hence their nomination for disposal. Homes NSW does utilise short-term leasing arrangements for long-term redevelopment sites where appropriate.
- (11) Homes NSW endeavours to ensure properties do not remain vacant for longer than necessary. Homes NSW works closely with the contractors to ensure properties are re-let as quickly as possible.

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* 5357 HOUSING INVESTMENT IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister advise of what support the Government is providing rural and remote areas to attract investment in housing?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since March 2023, the NSW Government has invested over \$305 million in grants to 51 local councils to support housing in our regions. The regions have received 51 per cent of the Government's total grant investment in this period. This investment is delivering over \$523 million infrastructure and planning projects aligned to housing growth.

Key regional grant programs include:

- \$271 million under the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund Round 3

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- \$7.3 million under the Regional Strategic Housing Fund rounds 2 and 3
- \$16 million under the Voluntary Planning Agreement Fund.

* 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—

Can the Minister advise of what financial support is provided by NSW National Parks for maintaining fire breaks and trails where they border and intersect between private property and National Park land in rural and remote New South Wales?

Answer—

Under the Rural Fires Act 1997, the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) manages fire trails within the NPWS estate. The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is responsible for the provision of support to private landowners when implementing fire breaks and trails on their property.

NPWS undertakes bushfire mitigation works to protect neighbouring properties including prescribed burning and mechanical hazard reduction works, as well as fire trail upgrades and maintenance within the boundary of NPWS managed lands.

Between 1 July 2024 and 6 June 2025, NPWS completed almost 1,600 mechanical hazard reduction activities on national park land, which were primarily undertaken along the interface with private property.

* 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—

Can the Minister advise of what support is available for Aboriginal students in rural and remote New South Wales to attend tertiary education including university?

Answer—

Aboriginal tertiary education is a portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education. However, the Hon Steve Whan MP has provided me the following advice:

Country Universities Centre program:

The NSW Government has invested in the Country Universities Centre (CUC) program so that regional, rural and remote students, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, can access and succeed in higher education without leaving their communities.

With support from the government, CUC has opened 11 regional university study hubs across the state. Of the current CUC students, 8% identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant:

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant (EDAEG) is a key NSW Government initiative supporting the recruitment, training, and retention of Aboriginal people in NSW Public Service agencies and local government. The program promotes long-term career pathways and contributes to Closing the Gap employment targets.

Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) Opportunity Hubs:

Opportunity Hubs are part of the NSW Government's Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment (OCHRE) initiative. These Opportunity Hubs provide supported pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, helping them to transition from school into tertiary education, training, and employment.

The Barranggirra Skilling for Employment Initiative:

This initiative focuses on increasing access, retention, and completion of vocational education and training (VET) for Aboriginal students through culturally appropriate mentoring. Support is available for students undertaking Smart & Skilled part and full qualifications, as well as apprenticeships and traineeships.

TAFE NSW Aboriginal Engagement and Student Support (AESS):

TAFE NSW AESS Branch supports the advancement of Aboriginal communities in NSW through place-based, culturally strong, and Aboriginal-led education and training initiatives that lead into vocational pathways.

TAFE NSW Culturally Safe Support Spaces:

Learners can access purpose-built Culturally Safe Support Spaces, including Yarning Circles, across the majority of TAFE NSW locations. At TAFE NSW Wagga Wagga, new culturally safe spaces, including learning spaces and a yarning circle were recently delivered.

Any additional information should be sought from the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, the Hon Steve Whan MP.

- * 5360 KAMBORA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Kambora Public School in Davidson:

- (1) Are there plans to place the school into recess in 2026?
 - (a) If so, will a decision be made in 2025, given there are only two full terms remaining?
- (2) Are there plans by the Department of Education to actively support the Kambora Parents & Citizens Association in its efforts to attract new enrolments?

Answer—

The school is currently undergoing a consultation process regarding future educational provision. No decision regarding the future educational provision at the school has been made. The Department of Education has been actively supporting the school.

- * 5361 DEFINITION OF 'RECESS'—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) When a school is placed in 'recess' by the Department of Education, are there any students enrolled in the school?
- (2) Is 'recess' another word for 'closure'?

Answer—

Information regarding educational provision procedures can be found on the Department of Education website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2021-0477-05>.

- * 5362 PREMIER'S DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR C2024-03—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

- (1) Can you provide an update in relation to the Premier's Department Circular C2024-03 NSW Government Sector workplace presence?
- (2) Is compliance of this circular mandatory?
- (3) Who is responsible for ensuring compliance of the circular?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Most of the over 450,000 people who work for the NSW Public Service are paramedics, police officers, teachers, nurses and firefighters. Working from home is not an option for them.

The Secretary of the Premier's Department is the head of the Public Service and has issued a circular, specifying that New South Wales Government Sector employees should principally work in an approved office, workplace, or related work site.

The Premier's Department Circular attributes one of the reason for the policy is " ... to pass on our expertise and support to colleagues, particularly those earlier in their careers who benefit from mentoring and on-the-job learning."

This accommodates the variables in work and work types across the public sector, including employees working at various office locations, undertaking off-site work, training, leave and so on.

The Workplace Presence Circular does not change the availability of flexible working arrangements such as flexible hours and scheduling, flexible rostering, hybrid working, part-time work, job-share arrangements and more.

* 5363 PREMIER'S MEMORANDUM M2021-07—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to Premier's Memorandum M2021-07 Appointments to NSW Government boards and committees:

- (1) Since 28 March 2023, have there been any significant or high-level board and committee appointments that have not been approved by Cabinet?
 - (a) If yes, what were the appointments?

Answer—

I am advised:

Premier's Memorandum M2021-07 'Appointments to NSW Government boards and committees' provides that Cabinet approval for Ministerial appointments is required for appointments identified as significant or high-level.

M2021-07 provides that Cabinet approves Ministerial appointments and reappointments to:

- NSW Government boards and committees classified as Group A, Group B, and at levels 3 and above in Groups C, D and E in the Classification and Remuneration Framework for NSW Government Boards and Committees
- Category 1 Reserve Trusts
- an appointment that is required by law to be made by the Governor
- any NSW Government board or committee position not in the above categories that is remunerated at greater than \$10,000 per annum
- acting positions in the above categories of 12 months or longer
- inaugural appointments to a board or committee where a classification (or reclassification) and remuneration recommendation has been received, and
- any other appointment to a NSW Government board or committee which the Premier or Minister considers warrants Cabinet consideration, with the Premier's approval.

M2021-07 provides that Ministers may directly approve all other NSW Government board and committee appointments.

* 5364 LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government plan to continue funding the Love Bites Program through the Department of Education in the 2025-26 Financial Year?

Answer—

Schools have the option of accessing this and other external programs to complement their student wellbeing programs. The Love Bites program has been through quality assurance and is part of the Department of Education's Student Wellbeing external programs catalogue which can be accessed on the department's webpage at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/teaching-and-learning/marketplace/student-wellbeing-programs-providers>.

- * 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—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) What criteria was used to select the 'Onside with the Mariners' program as a recipient for \$1,000,000 in funding to address gendered violence and promote respectful relationships among secondary school students?
- (2) If the Government considered other programs such as the Love Bites program for funding, which operated under similar guidelines?
- (3) How many secondary schools in the Central Coast have participated in the 'Onside with the Mariners' program since being announced in September 2024?
- (4) What mechanisms are being used by the Government to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the 'Onside with the Mariners' program?

Answer—

I am advised that:

'Onside with the Mariners' is a grant program that was identified as an election commitment and managed in accordance with the Grants Administration Guide once the government was elected.

The NSW Office of Sport has published details of the project, via the NSW Grants and Funding Finder website, in accordance with the requirement to publish grant information under the Grant Administration Guide.

The Government may consider similar former programs when determining the scope and criteria of a new grant program.

Since September 2024, three schools have been identified to participate in the pilot stage of the program. A full program is planned to be expanded into additional schools throughout 2025 and 2026.

The project is being managed under a Funding Agreement between the Office of Sport and the Central Coast Mariners that includes project deliverables, performance measures and targets.

- * 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—

- (1) Given the recent rollout of the new Collaborative Care Project to identify healthcare needs in rural communities, would the Minister advise:
 - (a) Will this project be rolled out to other rural areas?
 - (i) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health, in partnership with the Rural Doctors Network, is currently implementing the Collaborative Care Program into 5 new sites: including Wee Waa, Liverpool Plains (Qurindi, Caroonna and Werris Creek), Leeton and Murwillumbah.

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An evaluation of the program in these new sites will be conducted and will inform decisions on future investment in this program.

* 5367 PENSIONER DUTY CONCESSION SCHEMES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Given that the Australian Capital Territory Government has introduced a Pensioner Duty Concession Scheme to assist eligible pensioners to downsize their home to free up larger family homes, would the Treasurer advise:
- (a) Has the Government considered implementing a similar scheme?
 - (b) Has Treasury undertaken any modelling on the economic or social benefits of reducing or waiving stamp duty for pensioners in New South Wales who are moving from a larger home to a smaller dwelling?
 - (c) What support is currently available to assist older homeowners in New South Wales who wish to downsize but are discouraged by high stamp duty costs?

Answer—

The Government has committed to a range of policies to increase housing supply and improve affordability, such as:

- The Pre-sale Finance Guarantee scheme to speed up the delivery more than 5,000 homes
- Establishing the Housing Delivery Authority, that is speeding up the assessment of more than 55,000 homes across New South Wales.
- Rezoned land as part of the Transport Oriented Development (TOD) program, to create capacity for more than 230,000 homes
- Record investment in social and affordable housing
- Funding the Building Commission NSW to reform the building and construction industry and give homeowners confidence in the quality of new construction
- Eliminating unnecessary fees for renters

The NSW Government also provides support for pensioners in other areas, including concessions for motor vehicle registrations, driver licences, travel on public transport, energy bills and property and water rates. Concessions are also provided for ambulance services, the Community Transport Program, and Home and Community Care services, and pharmaceuticals. More information is available at: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/savings-finder>.

Treasury regularly considers the NSW tax settings that fund the revenue to provide the essential services that benefit all people in NSW.

Stamp duty is an important component of NSW revenue and accounts for around 10% of total revenue.

* 5368 REGIONAL PRECINCT PLANNING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

Would the Minister advise if there are plans to expand the Regional Precinct Planning Project being administered by Transport Asset Manager to other regional sites to develop underutilised rail holding property for housing opportunities?

Answer—

I am advised:

Two former Transport Asset Management projects in the Hunter Region- Broadmeadow (Newcastle) and Glendale (Lake Macquarie) - are currently being assessed by housing delivery agencies, Homes NSW and Landcom, for potential residential development.

These housing opportunities may be progressed by Homes NSW or Landcom, depending on the project's scale, strategic alignment, and delivery capability. If neither agency expresses interest in acquiring the sites, the properties will be divested to the open market.

Responsibility for these projects has transferred from Transport Asset Management to Transport for NSW, and there are no current plans to expand the Regional the Precinct Planning Program.

Future identification and selection of opportunities to develop underutilised rail corridor land for housing in regional areas will be undertaken by Transport for NSW, with engagement through the Government Property Audit for Housing.

* 5369 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AUDIT FOR HOUSING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Would the Minister advise if during the recent Government Property Audit for Housing carried out by Property and Development NSW:

(a) Was any land within the Murray electorate identified as being suitable for housing?

(i) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 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—

(1) Would the Minister advise what the wait list numbers are for social housing in:

(a) Griffith?

(b) Leeton?

(c) Deniliquin?

(d) Wentworth?

(e) Hay?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available via: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/about-us/families-and-communities-statistics/social-housing-waiting-list-data.html>

The number of social housing applicants, as of 30 April 2025, by Allocation Zone for the areas nominated is as follows:

Allocation Zone	Priority	General	TOTAL
Griffith	60	172	232
Leeton	21	57	78
Deniliquin	<5	34	NP
Dareton/Wentworth	6	33	39
Hay	<5	10	NP

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Notes:

Cell sizes for less than 5 are suppressed as per Privacy and Confidentiality Policy.

NP = not provided.

* 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—

(1) Would the Minister advise what the average wait list times are for social housing in:

- (a) Griffith?
- (b) Leeton?
- (c) Deniliquin?
- (d) Wentworth?
- (e) Hay?

Answer—

I am advised:

The expected social housing waiting times for general housing applicants is available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/social-affordable/finding-social-and-affordable-housing/social-housing-expected-waiting-times>

The time that an applicant waits for social housing depends on:

- The number of suitable vacancies that occur and how many social housing properties are in the allocation zone.
- The number of approved applicants looking for the same type of property in their allocation zone.
- Whether applicants will accept offers of public housing, community housing or Aboriginal housing (for eligible applicants).
- The number of people approved for priority housing who are placed on the list above people who do not have a priority need.

These variables change regularly and can impact the length of time an applicant waits for social housing.

* 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—

(1) Has Transport for NSW undertaken or commissioned any reviews, assessments or consultations regarding the conversion of designated school bus routes to regular route passenger services since 1 January 2023?

- (a) If so:
 - (i) Will any such changes apply statewide or only in specific regions?
 - (ii) What measures will be implemented to ensure the safety and reliable transport of school children who currently rely on dedicated school bus services?

Answer—

I am advised:

School services are typically only provided where there are no reasonable options for travelling to school. If a dedicated school route is duplicated by another service, which may include a regular passenger route service, Transport for NSW will review the necessity of providing additional services in that area. If there is reasonable capacity on an alternate service, Transport for NSW may withdraw a dedicated school service and reallocate resources elsewhere on the network.

Transport for NSW continually reviews its service offerings to ensure customer needs are met. This service planning principle applies statewide, however, the opportunity to withdraw routes due to service duplication in areas outside of metropolitan Sydney are limited.

Transport for NSW considers a range of factors when planning services to support schools, including feedback received from parents, students, schools and bus operators. Transport for NSW assesses these factors against current and future growth in the wider region, as well as current and emerging travel patterns drawn from sources such as the School Student Transport Scheme and enrolment data.

* 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—

- (1) How many community first responders are currently operating in each local health district or ambulance operational zone across the state?
- (2) How many formal complaints have been received by the Ministry of Health or NSW Ambulance concerning the conduct, performance or availability of community first responders since 1 January 2020?
- (3) How many incidents involving community first responders have been reported to the Government or NSW Ambulance alleging misconduct, malpractice, or a breach of clinical protocol since 1 January 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 4 June 2025, there are 345 NSW Ambulance volunteers across 51 active locations within NSW.

NSW Ambulance manages complaints in line with the NSW Health Complaints Management Policy Directive (PD2020-013). NSW Ambulance manages incidents in line with NSW Health Incident Management Policy Directive (PD2020_047).

Between 1 January 2020 and 4 June 2025, the NSW Ambulance Professional Conduct Integrity Unit reviewed 5 separate incidents relating to allegations of misconduct by community first responders, of which, none were found to breach clinical protocols.

* 5374 PUBLIC LIABILITY FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—

Has the Government considered assuming responsibility for providing public liability insurance coverage for the services performed by volunteer Justices of the Peace in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

In September 2024, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) undertook a targeted consultation process on potential opportunities to reform the regulatory framework applicable to NSW Justices of the Peace. A discussion paper provided to key stakeholders explored potential reforms to the regulatory framework applicable to Justices of the Peace, including options to protect Justices of the Peace from incurring personal liability when carrying out their functions in good faith.

The outcome of this consultation process was the development and introduction of the Justices of the Peace Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill) into NSW Parliament on 25 March 2025. The Bill is available on the NSW Parliament website here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bills/Pages/bill-details.aspx?pk=18726>.

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If passed by Parliament, the Bill will amend the Justices of the Peace Act 2002 to provide NSW Justices of the Peace with a statutory protection from civil liability when carrying out their functions in good faith, which is in effect an immunity from suit.

* 5375 LYONS ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

(1) Can the Minister please provide an update on works to upgrade Lyons Road?

(a) Have resurfacing works been scheduled?

(i) If so, when will this occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is responsible for the maintenance of Lyons Road, Drummoyne and inspects the road monthly, to identify defects and schedule required repairs. Ad hoc inspections and maintenance are also carried out in response to customer feedback.

Transport for NSW most recently inspected the intersection of Lyons Road and Victoria Road on 28 May 2025, at which time pothole defects were raised; these were rectified by Transport for NSW crews on 29 May 2025.

Transport for NSW is aware of a localised section of pavement deterioration at this location and has identified this site for inclusion in the future works programs. In the interim, Transport for NSW will continue to monitor this location and carry out reactive maintenance as required to ensure the intersection remains in an adequate condition for continued safe use for both motorists and pedestrians.

* 5376 BUS LANE CAMERA ON THE GLADESVILLE BRIDGE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

What is the latest update on the bus lane camera to be installed on the Gladesville Bridge on Victoria Road, heading eastbound into the city?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is investigating the installation of a bus lane camera on Victoria Road, between Gladesville Bridge and Lyons Road. If bus lane enforcement is to proceed at this location, the community will be notified prior to implementation.

* 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—

(1) Is the Concord Hospital Emergency Department (ED) currently being refurbished?

(a) If so, will this expand ED capacity?

(b) What is the total project scope, and what is the cost of the project?

(3) How many presentations were there at Concord Hospital ED in 2024?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the answer contained in LA 4696.

This project is funded through Special Purpose and Trust at a cost of \$4.4 million.

Information on presentations to NSW public hospital emergency departments can be found on the Bureau of Health Information website.

- * 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—

- (1) Has a decision been made to refurbish Concord Hospital Emergency Department (ED), rather than include it in Stage 2 of the Redevelopment?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Will the refurbishment expand patient capacity of the ED at Concord Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA 5377.

- * 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—

- (1) As per the Government's announcement and media release on 24 May 2025, what is the proposed location of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger at Breakfast Point?
- (2) As per the Government's announcement and media release on 24 May 2025, what is the proposed location of the EV Charger at Homebush?

Answer—

The location of all the charging stations funded through the EV Fast Charging program can be found on the program master plan map at <https://nswmaps.evenengi.com/>

- (1) 19-21 Tennyson Rd, Breakfast Point.
- (2) There will be three EV fast charging stations in the Homebush area: 3-5 Underwood Rd, Homebush, 4 Carter St, Lidcombe, and 1-5 Hill Rd, Sydney Olympic Park.

- * 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—

- (1) Does the Government plan to build more resilience into the Sydney Trains network so that single incidents do not affect the entire network?
 - (a) If so, how?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW works hard to make sure passengers get where they need to go safely, and on time. Sydney Trains has a target to run 92 per cent of peak services on time.

A lot of work has gone into improving service reliability and network resilience with the development of an Asset Resilience Strategy in 2023. The Strategy outlines the objectives and guiding principles for strengthening the rail network's ability to withstand and recover from climate-related disruptions, natural disasters, external influences, and human-introduced risks.

Sydney Trains spent around \$1.7 billion on maintenance last financial year, including on infrastructure, fleet, facilities and major periodic maintenance. The Rail Repair Plan, completed in June 2024, resulted in passengers spending 35 per cent less time in train delays caused by infrastructure failures. However,

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protected industrial action and severe weather has had detrimental impacts on the reliability of Sydney Trains' services in recent months.

The significant passenger impact following an electrical incident near Strathfield on 20 May 2025 is unacceptable and the NSW Government is working to get it right. The Premier appointed an expert panel of three, to conduct a short independent review, and take a system-wide look at maintenance and reliability. The Review will focus on three specific areas of concern:

- The specific cause of the Tuesday 20 May 2025 electrical incident and what can be done to ensure the system is as resilient as possible in future.
- Investment in the system made after the recent Rail Repair and Fleet Repair Plans, and whether that improved reliability.
- Passenger experience - whether communications with passengers, real time updates and internal communication by Sydney Trains during disruptions is up to scratch.

The Independent Rail Review is underway and will build on the 2023 Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review, which resulted in a significant investment as part of a Rail Repair Plan and a Train Repair Plan to resolve thousands of defects and help improve reliability.

* 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—

- (1) For each month of the year, what is the percentage of on-time running at the following stations:
- (a) Rhodes Station?
 - (b) Concord West Station?
 - (c) North Strathfield Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Trains and NSW Train link (Intercity) performance reports are publicly available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/sydney-trains-and-nsw-trainlink-intercity-performance-reports>)

Sydney Trains' on-time running performance is reported by rail line and not by individual stations. Rhodes, Concord West and North Strathfield stations are located on the T9 Northern Line via Strathfield.

* 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—

- (1) Is the Government planning to increase the platform capacity at Rhodes Station?
- (2) How many times in 2024 & 2025 did Transport for NSW and the Minister's office receive complaints about overcrowding at Rhodes Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2024 and 2025 (as at 3 June 2025), Transport for NSW has not received any complaints about overcrowding at Rhodes Station. There are currently no funded initiatives to increase platform capacity at Rhodes Station.

* 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—

- (1) In response to QON 4701, is the maintenance program for Yaralla Estate publicly available?
- (a) If so, could I please be provided a copy to understand what projects are underway and which projects have been recently completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The maintenance program is not publicly available for any Sydney Local Health District facility, including the Yaralla Estate. However, maintenance projects across all Sydney Local Health Districts are ongoing including for the Yaralla Estate.

Recent maintenance projects undertaken at the Yaralla Estate have included driveway remediation works, painting, external signage and wayfinding upgrades. Additionally, a 2-year restoration program that included extensive internal and external structural repairs has recently been completed at historic Woodbine Cottage on the Estate.

* 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—

- (1) Please advise the following with respect to each primary school in the Castle Hill Electorate:
- (a) The number of permanent filled teaching positions as at 30 June 2023?
- (b) The number of permanent filled teaching positions as at 31 March 2025?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QON 5143.

* 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—

- (1) Please advise the following with respect to each high school in the Castle Hill Electorate:
- (a) The number of permanent filled teaching positions as at 30 June 2023?
- (b) The number of permanent filled teaching positions as at 31 March 2025?

Answer—

Please see answer to LA QON 5143.

* 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—

- (1) Are there any plans to upgrade or replace the flood gauges within the Oxley Electorate to ensure that river height and rainfall gauges function reliably during extreme weather events?
- (2) Will the Government consider a model where each local government area has a single designated provider and maintainer for flood gauges across its river systems?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for the Environment.

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* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister for Veterans provide a detailed breakdown of the Government's expenditure on veterans over the past 12 months, specifying the exact amount spent on each of the following programs and initiatives:
- (a) The Veterans Employment Program?
 - (b) Commemorative events?
 - (c) Health and support services?
 - (d) Other related initiatives support veterans?

Answer—

Funding responsibility for veterans' services and programs predominantly lies with the Commonwealth Government.

However, the NSW Government provides additional programs and initiatives to support veterans and their families.

The 2024/25 NSW Budget provides \$8.950 million for a range of programs and important initiatives to support veterans and their families living in NSW, delivered in collaboration with the Commonwealth Government and ex-service organisations. These initiatives include and are not limited to:

- the Veterans Employment Program
- an annual program of commemorations and events in collaboration with the veteran community and ex-service organisations
- the care and maintenance of the State's war memorials.

Additionally, the NSW Government provides funding for the ongoing operations of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park to recognise and commemorate days such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and other significant anniversary events.

The NSW Government delivers a range of other grant programs which support community awareness and commemoration of Australian military service, as well as activities to support the wellbeing of veterans and their families living in NSW.

* 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—

- (1) Could you please provide a breakdown of road maintenance expenditure for the Lower North East region, specifically managed by the Northern Coastal Hardwoods Forestry Corporation office, for the years:
- (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025 (projected or allocated)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Road maintenance expenditure can be found in Forestry Corporations Annual Report.

- * 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—

In relation to Ebor's Dutton Trout Hatchery:

- (1) How many times have you advertised for staff?
- (2) How did you advertise for staff?
 - (a) What dates did the advertisements run?
 - (b) Where did the advertisements run?
- (3) When did you first advertise?
- (4) If the positions remain unfilled, what is the plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) Recruitment has commenced and closes 13 July. These advertisements can be found on Seek and the I Work for NSW portal.
- (4) Recruitment is underway.

- * 5391 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.

- * 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—

What are you doing to address housing shortages in regional New South Wales towns such as Inverell?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to the response to Question on Notice LA 5226.

- * 5393 MOREE BAIL ACCOMMODATION LOCATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Premier—

Where will the new bail accommodation, which is part of the Moree youth crime package, be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

Youth Justice is working to acquire a suitable property for the Bail Accommodation Program, together with the consortium engaged to design and deliver the program.

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Youth Justice has explored four rental properties and were declined, and have also been exploring properties for purchase, where offers for certain properties have been declined.

Youth Justice is currently exploring new properties and is investing in additional case workers to intensively case manage young people.

The Member for the Northern Tablelands has been consulted by the NSW Government during the process of Youth Justice endeavouring to find accommodation. The Member is encouraged to provide any assistance and suggestions to the NSW Government.

- * 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—

What concessions do primary producers currently receive?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are a number of concessions available to primary producers that can be found here:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/vehicle-registration/fees-concessions-and-forms/primary-producer-registration-concessions>

<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/taxes-duties-levies-royalties/land-tax/exemptions-and-concessions/primary-production-land>

<https://www.ato.gov.au/businesses-and-organisations/income-deductions-and-concessions/primary-producers>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/vocational/funding/nsw-skills-list>

- * 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—

(1) How many volunteers are at each of the following NSW Rural Fire Service brigades:

- (a) Cudgen?
- (b) Bilambil?
- (c) Tweed Coast?
- (d) Murwillumbah?
- (e) Burringbar?

(2) Since the start of this year, how many incidents have each of the following NSW Rural Fire Service brigades responded to and attended:

- (a) Cudgen?
- (b) Bilambil?
- (c) Tweed Coast?
- (d) Murwillumbah?
- (e) Burringbar?

Answer—

(1) (a) 42

- (b) 40
- (c) 37
- (d) 56
- (e) 26
- (2) (a) 90
- (b) 19
- (c) 80
- (d) 67
- (e) 27

* 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—

Regarding the second offering of homes available for relocation released by the NSW Reconstruction Authority for sale:

- (1) In which towns are the 30 additional homes located?
- (2) Now that the sale format for these homes has moved to public auction, how does this process take into account the buyer's circumstances, such as giving preference to flood victims or local residents willing to move a home to flood-free land in the Northern Rivers?

Answer—

(1)

	Release 2a	Release 2b	Total
Kyogle	5		5
Lismore	5	6	11
North Lismore		4	4
South Lismore	3		3
Woodburn	2		2
Bray Park	1		1
South Murwillumbah	4		4
Total	20	10	30

- (2) The first homes for sale were undertaken via an expression of interest (EOI). Through this process, the NSW Reconstruction Authority (RA) prioritised EOI applications with the following considerations.
 - 1. Those who were purchasing a home as their primary dwelling
 - 2. Those who were Resilient Homes Program (RHP) Buyback participants or

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3. Those who were flood impacted in the 2022 flood event and currently in temporary accommodation.

Of the EOI applications received for the first round none of these higher prioritised applicants were RHP Buyback participants, and only three identified as flood impacted. Thirty applicants were local to the Northern Rivers. As a result, the RA has determined an auction will not impede Northern Rivers community members access to the dwellings. The RA will provide more homes to market and will continue to monitor demand.

The auction will have no reserve however buyers will need to provide a \$1000 deposit to secure the home and will have up to 12 months to relocate the home from the current site to lower flood risk land. Homes cannot be moved to sites that are within Priority 1, 2 and 3 areas according to the RA Flood Prioritisation Maps.

- * 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—

Regarding Cudgen Lake in Cudgen Nature Reserve at Cabarita Beach:

- (1) What role, if any, does the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) play in ensuring adequate water flow from the lake into Cudgen Creek?

Answer—

- (1) Cudgen Nature Reserve, including the bed of Cudgen Lake, is managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. NPWS does not control water flow into Cudgen Creek, which is a Crown waterway managed by Crown Lands.

National Parks and Wildlife Service manages Cudgen Lake in accordance with the Cudgen Nature Reserve Plan of Management, while Tweed Shire Council is responsible for implementing the Tweed Coast Estuaries Coastal Zone Management Plan.

- * 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—

- (1) How many residents or business owners in the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have received the incentive for switching from an electric water heater to a new energy-efficient solar or heat pump hot water system in the following timeframes:
- (a) 2024/25 (Financial year to date)?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
- (2) How many residents or business owners of the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have received the incentive for switching from a gas water heater to a new energy-efficient solar or heat pump hot water system in the following timeframes:
- (a) 2024/25 (Financial year to date)?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?

Answer—

The NSW Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) provides incentives for replacing existing electric or gas water heaters with heat pump hot water systems (HPHWs) or solar (electric boosted) water heaters.

- (1) Below are the numbers of businesses and residents who received the incentive for switching from an electric water heater to a new energy-efficient solar or heat pump hot water system in the Tweed electorate between 2022 and 2025:

	HPHWs			Solar (electric boosted) water heater		
Postcode	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
2483	9	12	5	0	3	0
2484	21	19	3	1	2	1
2485	26	25	5	0	0	0
2486	121	79	16	1	5	0
2087	10	10	1	0	2	0
2488	5	4	2	0	0	0
2489	15	12	5	0	1	0
2490	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	208	162	37	2	13	1

- (2) Below are the numbers of businesses and residents who received the incentive for switching from a gas water heater to a new energy-efficient solar or heat pump hot water system in the Tweed electorate between 2022 and 2025:

	HPHWs			Solar (electric boosted) water heater		
Postcode	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
2483	1	2	0	0	0	0
2484	1	1	0	1	0	0
2485	0	1	0	0	0	0
2486	0	0	1	0	2	0
2087	0	2	1	0	0	0
2488	0	0	0	0	0	0
2489	1	1	0	0	1	0
2490	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	7	2	1	3	0

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It is important to note that for installations that happen in a given calendar year, the Accredited Certificate Provider (ACPs) have until 30 June the following year to register the certificates with the Scheme Administrator (IPART). This data reflects the installations that have been registered with IPART and as such, the data for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 may be incomplete.

* 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—

- (1) How many residents of the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have received the incentive for installing a new 6kWh air conditioner system in the following timeframes:
 - (a) 2024/25 (Financial year to date)?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?
- (2) How many residents of the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have received the incentive for replacing an old air conditioner with a 6kw split system in the following timeframes:
 - (a) 2024/25 (Financial year to date)?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2022/23?

Answer—

The NSW Energy Savings Scheme (ESS) provides incentives for installing efficient air-conditioners for different capacities up to 65kW. The Government does not collect data on the specific capacity (in kilowatts) of air conditioners incentivised under the ESS nor does it distinguish between new installations and replacement of existing systems.

Details of air conditioner installations for different capacities up to 65kW incentivised under the ESS in the Tweed Electorate between 2022 and 2025 can be found below:

Postcode	Households			Businesses		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2483	0	10	2	0	1	1
2484	0	42	22	0	4	1
2485	0	29	2	0	3	0
2486	0	43	16	0	4	0
2487	0	27	10	0	3	0
2488	0	10	4	0	0	0
2489	0	7	4	0	0	0
2490	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	0	170	60	0	15	2

It is important to note that for installations in a given calendar year, the Accredited Certificate Provider has until 30 June the following year to register the certificates with the Scheme Administrator (IPART). This

data reflects the installations that have been registered with IPART and as such, the data for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 may be incomplete.

- * 5400 BOOKING SERVICE PROVIDERS AUTHORISED IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

How many booking service providers are currently authorised in the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490)?

Answer—

I am advised:

As a type of service has not been specified, Transport for NSW is unable to respond to this question.

- * 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—

Since the opening of Tweed Valley Hospital on 14 May 2024, what percentage of Emergency Department presentations were residents of Queensland?

Answer—

I am advised:

Queensland residents have accounted for about 14% of presentations to the Tweed Valley Hospital Emergency Department since opening.

- * 5402 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REGISTERED IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General—

How many Justices of the Peace are currently registered in the Tweed Electorate (in each of the postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Postcode	Number of JPs
2483	55
2484	98
2485	90
2486	185
2487	75
2488	15
2489	39
2490	7

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* 5403 TWEED ELECTORATE KINETIC BUS ROUTES - AVERAGE DAILY PATRONAGE FIGURES—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

(1) What are the average daily patronage figures for the following Tweed Electorate Kinetic bus routes:

- (a) 600?
- (b) 601?
- (c) 602?
- (d) 603?
- (e) 604?
- (f) 605?
- (g) 606?
- (h) 608?
- (i) 609?

Answer—

I am advised:

The average daily patronage figures for the listed Tweed Electorate Kinetic bus routes are:

- (1) (a) 780
- (b) 595
- (c) 62
- (d) 353
- (e) 80
- (f) 169
- (g) 3
- (h) 75
- (i) 13

The amounts above have been calculated based on each route's actual days of operation e.g. Routes 606 and 609 are weekdays only; they do not operate on weekends or public holidays.

* 5404 NEWPORT SPEED ZONE REVIEW—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

(1) Did Transport for NSW agree to carry out a speed zone review in Newport due to be completed in June 2024?

- (a) If so, was this review carried out?
 - (i) If so, was the review completed?
 - (ii) Has the review been published or provided to any stakeholders?
 - (iii) What were the outcomes of the review?
 - (iv) Have any changes to speed zones been implemented as a result of the review?
 - (v) Are any changes to speed zones planned as a result of the review?
- (b) If the review is yet to be completed, can you advise when it will be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW carried out a speed zone review on Barrenjoey Road in 2024. As a result of the review, the speed limit on Barrenjoey Road, between Beaconsfield Street and 25 metres north of Crane Lodge Place, will reduce from 60km/h to 50km/h. This is expected to be implemented in the second half of 2025. Stakeholders will be advised of changes in advance.

Speed limit review data is stored in systems and not in a report format. I have asked Transport for NSW to provide a briefing to the Member for Pittwater.

* 5405 ELANORA RD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the proposed design intersection of Elanora Road and Wakhurst Parkway as part of the current proposal for “Wakehurst Parkway improvements - Frenchs Forest to Narrabeen” (Elanora Intersection Design):

- (1) What modelling or assessment has the Department done to quantify the risk of the following and what were the results:
 - (a) Increased traffic banking up Elanora Road?
 - (b) Increased risk-taking behaviour to take advantage of a gap in traffic across two lanes as drivers try to ‘run the gauntlet’?
 - (c) Risk of t-bone accidents, including in comparison to accident history?
 - (d) Risk of hitting the concrete median strip when turning?
- (2) Has the Department considered and modelled the safety of alternative options, including a seagull intersection and what were the results?
- (3) Has anyone from the Department driven the Elanora Road > right hand turn > Wakehurst Parkway in peak hour, or at all?
- (4) Can a seagull intersection be constructed on the lake side without having to:
 - (a) acquire land?
 - (b) trigger environmental assessments?
- (5) Can a seagull intersection be constructed on the non-lake side without having to:
 - (a) acquire land?
 - (b) trigger environmental assessments?
 - (c) other?
- (6) How many seagull lanes/merging lanes have been built in New South Wales that don’t comply with current road design and safety standards, and didn’t comply at the time of approval?
- (7) Has the modelling and consideration of alternative design options accounted for the fact that no large trucks will be using the lane as they are prohibited from using Elanora Road due to current restrictions and physical limitations of hairpin turns?
- (8) Given that large trucks won’t use the lane, could the length of the lane be shorter and be a legitimate exception to current design standards?
- (9) How many engineers evaluated the proposed design and how many considered an alternative design to be safer?
- (10) Has the Department modelled the impact of cars doing U-turns as recommended by the Department in its frequently asked questions (FAQ) responses on traffic flows?

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- (11) Is the seagull lane built on the Wakehurst Parkway outside the Sydney Academy of Sport compliant with current road and design standards and was it at the time it was built?
- (12) Given that the Department states that a seagull design “was not pursued due to the impact of this design on nearby vegetation as well as funding constraints”, what is the additional cost associated with a Seagull design?
 - (a) Could that cost and/or environmental impacts be reduced if a shorter (non-compliant) seagull lane was constructed on the basis that no large trucks will be using the lane?
- (13) What impacts will the entirety of the Wakehurst Parkway improvements - Frenchs Forest to Narrabeen have on flooding and flood proofing?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is advancing plans for safety and capacity upgrades, including intersection improvements, along Wakehurst Parkway. The project received approval in 2024, and the detailed design is currently underway.

Transport for NSW understands that local residents still have questions and concerns regarding Elanora Road. In response, on Monday 26 May 2025, the Wakehurst Parkway Improvements project team met with approximately 50 residents at the Bilarong Reserve Hall for a community information drop-in session regarding the Elanora Road intersection design. Transport for NSW thanks the residents and community members for taking the time to meet with the team and discuss their concerns.

The intersection of Elanora Road and Wakehurst Parkway is currently unsafe, contributing to eight recorded injury crashes between 2017 and 2021. Residents also report frequent non-injury crashes, which aligns with Transport for NSW's findings.

Transport for NSW investigated five designs to address these safety issues. Each was assessed against the project's objectives and development criteria. The approved design underwent a rigorous planning approval process and was ultimately determined to be the best solution. Further information is available in the Wakehurst Parkway Improvements Review of Environmental Factors and Response to Submissions Report on the Transport for NSW project page: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/wakehurst-parkway-improvements>

* 5406 ASSISTED TRAVEL SUPPORT OFFICERS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA) direct employees of the Department or contractors?
- (2) If they are contractors, what work is the Department doing to ensure that:
 - (a) They are fully servicing all suburbs of the Northern Beaches LGA?
 - (b) They are being appropriately remunerated to ensure retention?
 - (c) They are being appropriately trained?
- (3) What training is provided to ATSO officers?
 - (a) How long is their training prior to commencing their role?
 - (b) Do they participate in mandatory ongoing training?
 - (c) If so, what are the requirements of that ongoing training?
- (4) What is the eligibility criteria for ATSO support?
 - (a) Are children required to be part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to be provided with ATSO support?

- (5) What work is being done by the Department to improve the accommodation of children with disabilities in schools?
- (a) Is there a focus on ensuring that children with disabilities should not have to travel long distances to schools that can accommodate them?

Answer—

Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) are employees of the NSW Department of Education. ATSOs undertake a range of mandatory training, including on the essentials of their role, child protection awareness, the code of conduct, emergency care and work health and safety. ATSOs also undertake yearly training on Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Anaphylaxis, including administering an EpiPen (adrenaline auto-injector). Some students receiving assisted transport have specialised emergency health support or behaviour support, and ATSOs receive extra training in these cases.

Schools also provide training and briefings for ATSOs on the individual support needs of the students they will supervise on Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) services.

Students are eligible after the ASTP consults school staff and parents on student needs and it is determined that their complex health and/or behaviour needs require the services of an ATSO to ensure their safety and wellbeing while travelling to and from school. Children are not required to be part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to be provided with ATSO support.

Information on the work being done by the Department to improve support for children with disabilities in schools is available on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-community/inclusive-education-for-students-with-disability>

- * 5407 JENOLAN CAVES ROADS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the upgrades to Jenolan Caves roads:

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on Two Mile Road?
- (a) What is the expected completion and reopening date?
- (2) Can you please provide a progress update on Five Mile Road?
- (a) What is the expected completion and reopening date?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The slope repair work currently underway at Two Mile on Jenolan Caves Road is progressing well and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2025, weather permitting.

Once the slope work is complete, work will commence on the culverts and drainage components of the repairs, followed finally by the repairs to the pavement, which are expected to be completed by the end of June 2026.

The reopening of the Jenolan Caves precinct and return to operations will be a decision for Jenolan Caves Trust. Transport for NSW will continue to work with the Trust to ensure all work is completed in line with its renovations and reopening plans.

- (2) Transport for NSW, NSW Government and Jenolan Caves Trust continue to assess the long-term viability of Five Mile on Jenolan Caves Road. A decision on the repair of the major failure at Five Mile is yet to be finalised.

Natural disaster funding is being sought for the repairs to numerous smaller failures along this stretch of road. Two repair projects are currently underway, at Blue Lake and The Flint; work at these locations is expected to be completed by December 2025.

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Transport for NSW will continue to scope and develop a number of projects to stabilise and restore sections of the road to pre-disaster condition. Tenders will be let for these packages of repairs once Natural Disaster claims have been assessed and approved.

* 5408 MISSING PERSONS DATA—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, how many persons have been reported missing in New South Wales in 2025?
- (2) Of those missing person cases reported in 2025:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many have been missing for longer than 90 days?
- (3) How many missing persons were reported in New South Wales in the following calendar years?
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2020?
- (4) Of those missing person cases reported in 2024:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many are still missing?
- (5) Of those missing person cases reported in 2023:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many are still missing?
- (6) Of those missing person cases reported in 2022:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many are still missing?
- (7) Of those missing person cases reported in 2021:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many are still missing?
- (8) Of those missing person cases reported in 2020:
 - (a) How many have been located alive?
 - (b) How many have been located deceased?
 - (c) How many are still missing?

- (9) How many long-term missing persons are outstanding in New South Wales?
- (10) What is the average time for a missing person to be located in New South Wales?
- (11) For the following calendar years how many missing persons cases involved a police dog finding a missing person alive:
- (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2020?
- (12) For the following calendar years how many missing persons cases involved a police dog finding a missing person deceased:
- (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2021?
 - (e) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 3,989
- (2) (a) 3,831
(b) 51
(c) 26
- (3 - 8) The table below shows the number of missing persons reported in NSW each calendar year from 2020 to 2024 and, of these, the number located alive, the number located deceased, and the number still missing:

Missing Persons 2020-2024	
2024	
Number of missing persons reported	9,714
Number of missing persons located alive	9,384
Number of missing persons located deceased	119
Number of persons still missing	28 Missing in NSW 4 Missing Interstate 3 Missing Overseas
2023	

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Number of missing persons reported	10,977
Number of missing persons located alive	10,630
Number of missing persons located deceased	109
Number of persons still missing	13 Missing in NSW 4 Missing Interstate 4 Missing Overseas
2022	
Number of missing persons reported	9,913
Number of missing persons located alive	9,565
Number of missing persons located deceased	111
Number of persons still missing	17 Missing in NSW 1 Missing Interstate 2 Missing Overseas
2021	
Number of missing persons reported	9,335
Number of missing persons located alive	9,012
Number of missing persons located deceased	94
Number of persons still missing	19 Missing in NSW 3 Missing Interstate 2 Missing Overseas
2020	
Number of missing persons reported	9,933
Number of missing persons located alive	9,528
Number of missing persons located deceased	95
Number of persons still missing	17 Missing in NSW 2 Missing Interstate 3 Missing Overseas

- (9) The table below shows the number of long-term missing persons outstanding in NSW:

Location	No. of cases
Missing in NSW	836
Missing Interstate	33
Missing Overseas	32

- (10) In 2025, the average time taken for a missing person to be located is 2.3 days.
- (11) The table below shows the number of missing person cases each year involving a police dog locating a missing person alive:

Calendar Year	No. of cases
2024	34
2023	42
2022	43
2021	51
2020	59

Note: Data provided relates to police dog responses where a missing person was directly located by a police dog/handler as a result of this track/search. Data has not been included which relates to incident responses where:

- A police dog has located clothing or other items belonging to a missing person located clothing or other items belonging to a missing who was later located by other means;
- A police dog was actively tracking in the direction of a missing person who was located by alternate methods i.e. by support police, returning to a residence/other location and found by other persons.

- (12) The table below shows the number of missing person cases each year involving a police dog locating a missing person deceased:

Calendar Year	No. of cases
2024	5
2023	5
2022	3
2021	5
2020	9

Note: Data incorporates Cadaver Detection Dog searches following specific requests for assistance from the operational field of the NSW Police Force.

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- * 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—

In relation to feral animals in New South Wales:

- (1) Can you please list programs currently in operation to control feral animals?
- (2) What resources or funding can farmers access to assist with feral animal management?
- (3) How much funding has the Government provided to combat rising feral animal populations?
- (4) Is there a limit to the amount of assistance in the form of funding or resources one farmer can receive from Local Land Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Local Land Services is currently delivering the Feral Pig and Pest Program 2024/25. Since 1 July 2024, LLS has completed the following control programs:
 - 39 aerial shooting programs
 - 486 coordinated landholder group baiting programs for wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs and rabbits
 - coordinated and delivered autumn aerial baiting programs targeting wild dogs in 10 regions
 - nine aerial shooting programs are in progress, or due to be completed prior to 30 June 2025 in the following regions: Hunter, Riverina, South East & Western
- (2) LLS provides advice to the public on the most effective pest control methods for their specific situations. More information can be found here:
<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/help-and-advice/pest-control>.
- (3) The NSW Government has invested significant resources into our Feral Pig and Pest Program. The NSW Government is also investing \$10 million into our Good Neighbour Program.
- (4) LLS focuses on ensuring support is available by encouraging coordinated, integrated pest control programs. LLS works with landholders and land managers to deliver group-based solutions, recognising that collaborative efforts are more effective in reducing pest impacts than individual action alone.

Landholders are still responsible for managing pests on their own properties, but LLS helps by providing advice, tools, and opportunities to work together for better outcomes.

- * 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—

In relation to the Good Neighbours Program:

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on the Good Neighbours Program?
- (2) What is the funding allocation for the Good Neighbours Program?
- (3) How has this funding been allocated across regional locations, and can you please list each region and its funding allocation?
- (4) What was the outcome of the environmental scan?
- (5) What was the outcome of the behavioural insights research?
- (6) Which projects were selected to be part of this program?

- (7) Can you provide an update on stakeholder engagement?
- (8) Can you provide an update of on-ground activities that commence in February 2025?
- (9) Will the program be continued past 30 June 2026?

Answer—

- (1) Information on the Good Neighbours Program can be found here:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/local-land-services/projects/good-neighbours-program>
- (2) The Good Neighbours Program is a \$10 million election commitment to tackle pest and weed infestations at the interface between privately owned and publicly managed land.
- (3) Funding has been allocated to priority projects across the State. Information on projects can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/local-land-services/projects/good-neighbours-program>
- (4) The Environmental Scan prioritised on-ground activities for the Good Neighbours Program. Additionally, project management systems and data recommendations were provided to Local Land Services.
- (5) The Behavioural Insights project remains underway, with the final report yet to be received.
- (6) Information on the Good Neighbours Program can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/local-land-services/projects/good-neighbours-program>
- (7) The Good Neighbours team maintains regular meetings with the stakeholder reference group which includes key public agencies such as Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS), Crown Lands, Forestry Corporation, and Landcare.
- (8) All on-ground activities are now underway.
- (9) The Good Neighbours Program is currently funded until 30 June 2026.

* 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—

In relation to the ongoing train reliability issues across the New South Wales rail network, including recent service disruptions that have impacted commuters in the North Shore electorate:

- (1) Has the Government undertaken an assessment of the primary causes of recent train delays and cancellations specifically affecting the T1 North Shore Line?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details of any operational, staffing, or infrastructure challenges that have contributed to service reliability issues on this line?
- (3) What specific measures are being implemented to improve train punctuality, frequency, and reliability on the T1 North Shore Line?
- (4) Are there any planned upgrades, maintenance works, or timetable adjustments scheduled for the T1 line that aim to reduce future disruptions?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeline for delivery?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Following the significant customer impact of an electrical incident near Strathfield on 20 May 2025, the Premier appointed an expert panel of three, to conduct a short independent review, and take a system-wide look at maintenance and reliability. The Independent Rail Review is focusing on three specific areas of concern:

- the specific cause of the Tuesday 20 May electrical incident and what can be done to ensure the system is as resilient as possible in future
- investment in the system made after the recent Rail Repair and Fleet Repair Plans, and whether that improved reliability
- passenger experience - whether communications with passengers, real time updates and internal communication by Sydney Trains during disruptions is up to scratch.

The Review is underway and will build on the 2023 Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review, which resulted in a significant investment as part of a Rail Repair Plan and a Train Repair Plan to resolve thousands of defects and help improve reliability.

- (2) The performance of trains can be affected by several factors, including passenger illness, security issues, weather conditions as well as train, signal, track, overhead wiring and points issues.

The primary causes of rail service disruptions to the T1 North Shore Line are infrastructure issues, such as the incident near Strathfield on 20 May, security issues, and protected industrial action between September 2024 and February 2025, and the backlog of maintenance schedules, resulting in temporary speed restrictions.

- (3 - 4) Various initiatives to improve reliability on the T1 line are underway, including the Train Repair Plan, a coordinated program of train maintenance; security initiatives targeting trespass and vandalism; and rail maintenance and upgrade works which are ongoing across the network.

The 2024 timetable change on 20 October 2024, along with the opening of the extension of the Sydney Metro network to Sydenham, has provided some relief on the T1 North Shore Line. The intent of future timetables is to implement opportunities to optimise and improve service provisions

- * 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—

In relation to maternity services in New South Wales:

- (1) How many maternity beds are currently available in public hospitals across New South Wales?
- (2) What was the number of maternity beds available in public hospitals five years ago?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a list of the reasons for each closure or reduction of maternity units in the following Local Health Districts (LHDs):
 - (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Far West Local Health District?
 - (c) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (d) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (e) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (f) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (i) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (j) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?

- (k) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
- (m) Sydney Local Health District?
- (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (o) Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (4) What measures have been implemented to support expectant mothers in areas affected by maternity unit closures?
 - (a) Could you please provide details of any programs, services, or resources introduced?
- (5) What planning or review processes has the Government undertaken to assess the need for additional maternity beds or services?
 - (a) Could you please outline the key findings and any resulting actions?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts determine the number of beds based on operational requirements.

No NSW Health birthing services have closed in the last 2 years.

The Minns Labor Government is supporting women and their babies with more than \$83 million to boost maternity care as part of the 2025-26 NSW Budget. The investment will include an additional 53 additional midwives in regional NSW, funding to support seven family care centres and five mobile services, and free vaccinations for pregnant women to protect them and their babies.

Since taking office, the Minns Labor Government has opened and expanded birthing services in regional NSW including new Midwifery Group Practices in Port Macquarie, Glen Innes, Goulburn, Moruya, Shoalhaven and expanded services in Wollongong and opened home birthing on the Central Coast.

A number of birthing services were suspended or ceased completely prior to the Minns Labor Government taking office, including: Muswellbrook Hospital (2022), Wyong Hospital (2020), Ryde Hospital (2020), Parkes Hospital (suspended in 2019), Gloucester Soldier's Memorial Hospital (2019), Milton Ulladulla Hospital (2016), Mullumbimby & District Hospital (2016), Bourke MPS (2015), Casino and District Hospital (2013), Manilla MPS (2013), Wee Waa MPS (2013), Bellinger River District Hospital (2013), Quirindi Hospital (2012), Narrandera Health Service (2011).

In the 2024-25 State Budget, the Minns Labor Government announced \$21.3 million to establish Gudjaga Gunyahlamia Birth Centre and Community Hub, Australia's first Aboriginal owned and midwifery led free standing birth centre and community hub in Nowra.

Local health districts plan and provide maternity services and models of care across NSW according to their local population needs, birth numbers and availability of staff.

NSW maternity services are networked into 8 tiered perinatal networks across NSW and the ACT, each led by a tertiary referral maternity unit. This networked system enables obstetric consultation, referral, and transfer of women to higher level facilities if they develop pregnancy complications that require services unavailable locally.

* 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—

In relation to endometriosis hospitalisations in New South Wales:

- (1) What is the number of hospitalisations related to endometriosis in New South Wales public hospitals for the most recent reporting year (2022–23), providing the data separately for each of the following Local Health Districts:

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- (a) Central Coast Local Health District?
 - (b) Far West Local Health District?
 - (c) Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (d) Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
 - (e) Mid North Coast Local Health District?
 - (f) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District?
 - (h) Northern NSW Local Health District?
 - (i) Northern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (j) South Eastern Sydney Local Health District?
 - (k) South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (l) Southern NSW Local Health District?
 - (m) Sydney Local Health District?
 - (n) Western NSW Local Health District?
 - (o) Western Sydney Local Health District?
- (2) What has been the trend in the number of hospitalisations for endometriosis in women aged 20 to 24 in New South Wales public hospitals over the past ten years?
- (a) Could you please provide:
 - (i) The number of hospitalisations for each year?
 - (ii) Any observed year-on-year increases or decreases?
- (3) What support services are currently available in New South Wales public hospitals for patients hospitalised with endometriosis?
- (4) What plans are there to expand support services for endometriosis patients in New South Wales public hospitals?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 20 pain services across NSW, providing a wide range of evidence-based clinical services and pain management interventions for both adults and children. Pain clinics offer in-person and telehealth evidence-based treatment that is provided by multidisciplinary teams including medical, psychology, nursing, physical therapy and allied health clinicians.

Local health district gynaecology clinics and pain clinics receive referrals for women with endometriosis and pelvic pain. Services provide evidence-based clinical services and multidisciplinary care, including pain management interventions, diagnostics and gynaecological surgeries, and other treatment options for endometriosis symptoms. Women who require a higher level of specialist expertise to treat complex endometriosis may be referred to tertiary services.

* 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—

In relation to the ongoing bus service disruptions affecting the North Shore electorate:

- (1) What is the current number of bus driver vacancies in Greater Sydney Bus Contract Region 8, which includes the North Shore?
- (2) How does this compare to the number of vacancies in the same region in:
 - (a) December 2024?
 - (b) January 2025?
 - (c) February 2025?
 - (d) March 2025?
 - (e) April 2025?
 - (f) May 2025?
- (3) What recruitment strategies have been implemented to address the bus driver shortage in the North Shore electorate?
- (4) Could you please outline any targeted initiatives to attract and retain bus drivers in the North Shore region?
- (5) Could you please outline any additional incentives or support the Government is giving to bus drivers in the North Shore electorate to improve service reliability?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of the week ending 1 June 2025, there were 20 driver vacancies in Contract Region 8, which equates to 2.7 per cent of the full driver requirement.
- (2)
 - (a) December 2024: 27 driver vacancies, which equates to 3.6 per cent of the full driver requirement.
 - (b) January 2025: 29 bus driver vacancies, which equates to 3.9 per cent of the full driver requirement.
 - (c) February 2025: 37 bus driver vacancies, which equates to 4.9 per cent of the full driver requirement.
 - (d) March 2025: 39 bus driver vacancies, which equates to 5.2 per cent of the full driver requirement.
 - (e) April 2025: 31 bus driver vacancies, which equates to 4.1 per cent of the full driver requirement.
 - (f) May 2025: 25 bus driver vacancies, which equates to 3.3 per cent of the full driver requirement.
- (3) Keolis Downer Northern Beaches, the contracted bus operator of Region 8, continues to offer incentives and initiatives including: sign-on bonuses, driver referrals, and covering out of pocket expenses for Driver Authority and the Working With Children Check. Keolis Downer Northern Beaches has also boosted advertising on various social media and career platforms, along with signage on destination boards and in front of depots.

In addition, Transport for NSW's Bus Driver Recruitment campaign has recently been relaunched, running for seven weeks from 12 May 2025 to 30 June 2025.
- (4) The Bus Driver Recruitment campaign is strategically designed to reach potential new drivers in high-demand areas, using a mix of targeted media channels. The content has been tailored for culturally and linguistically diverse communities across relevant social media platforms and radio stations.

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- (5) Transport for NSW has regular care and maintenance scheduling and timetable adjustments to improve reliability of services, which also has a positive impact for drivers' work conditions.

* 5415 OPERATION AMAROK X—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to the recent Operation Amarok X domestic violence compliance blitz, during which police laid 1,316 charges, conducted 1,276 bail compliance checks, and completed 12,926 Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) compliance checks with a total of 535 breaches identified:

- (1) How many ADVO and bail compliance checks were conducted by NSW Police in the following months:
- (a) May 2024?
 - (b) June 2024?
 - (c) July 2024?
 - (d) August 2024?
 - (e) September 2024?
 - (f) October 2024?
 - (g) November 2024?
 - (h) December 2024?
 - (i) January 2025?
 - (j) February 2025?
 - (k) March 2025?
 - (l) April 2025?
- (2) How many ADVO and bail compliance checks were conducted by NSW Police in the 12 months prior to Operation Amarok X in each of the following Police Area Commands:
- (a) Sydney Police Area Command?
 - (b) Inner West Police Area Command?
 - (c) Northern Beaches Police Area Command?
 - (d) North Shore Police Area Command?
 - (e) Parramatta Police Area Command?
 - (f) Blacktown Police Area Command?
 - (g) Campbelltown Police Area Command?
 - (h) Penrith Police Area Command?
 - (i) Bankstown Police Area Command?
 - (j) Canterbury-Bankstown Police Area Command?
 - (k) Liverpool Police Area Command?
 - (l) Sutherland Police Area Command?
 - (m) Hornsby Police Area Command?
 - (n) Ryde Police Area Command?
 - (o) St George Police Area Command?

- (3) What trends have been identified in the rate of breaches detected during these compliance checks over the same period?
- (4) What processes are in place to prioritise high-risk cases during compliance checks?
- (5) How does NSW Police monitor and evaluate the outcomes of compliance checks to inform future enforcement strategies?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The table below shows the number of ADVO and bail compliance checks conducted by the NSWPF in each of the months requested:

Month-Year	Number of checks	
	ADVO Compliance Checks	Bail Compliance Checks
May-24	16,904	9,389
Jun-24	6,830	8,344
Jul-24	7,090	8,497
Aug-24	19,073	9,392
Sep-24	6,129	6,826
Oct-24	5,513	6,026
Nov-24	13,156	5,966
Dec-24	5,404	5,512
Jan-25	6,653	7,205
Feb-25	15,954	7,311
Mar-25	6,193	7,102
Apr-25	5,814	6,921

- (2) The table below shows the number of ADVO and bail compliance checks conducted by each of the requested Police Area Commands in the 12 months prior to Operation Amarok X:

PAC	Number of checks	
	ADVO Compliance Checks	Bail Compliance Checks
Bankstown	1,528	385
Blacktown	1,194	1,295
Campbelltown City	1,893	1,121

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Campsie	699	589
Inner West	2,324	1,864
Ku-ring-gai	2,071	790
Liverpool City	1,935	647
Nepean	1,261	1,223
North Shore	842	341
Northern Beaches	1,949	1,255
Parramatta	2,158	794
Ryde	3,393	1,370
St George	1,668	1,165
Sutherland Shire	2,305	1,459
Sydney City	1,456	521

Notes regarding above data tables:

- Data current to: 19 June 2025
 - Event reported date: 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025
 - ADVO compliance check figures include both completed and attempted compliance checks.
 - ADVO compliance check figures show a noticeable increase in certain months. This increase is primarily due to Operation Amarak being conducted during that period.
 - Some Police Area Commands (PACs) requested do not correspond with existing PACs. Data provided for the PAC believed to be intended.
- (3) The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research releases its Recorded Crime Statistics each quarter, identifying trends in relation to the rate of breaches detected during ADVO Compliance Checks, including identifying factors that affect the distribution and frequency of these breaches.
- (4) The NSW Police Force Apprehended Domestic Violence Order Compliance Check Standard Operating Procedures sets out factors to be considered when assessing the suitability for an ADVO Compliance Check to be conducted. The Bail Compliance Check Standard Operating Procedures incorporate an assessment and priority rating tool which provides guidance on the indicators to be considered when allocating a compliance check priority rating. They aim to ensure that checks on those that pose the greatest risk are prioritised.
- Regular meetings held at Police Area Commands/Police Districts also review current factors that may influence the decision to prioritise high-risk cases.
- (5) Compliance checks are monitored and reviewed by Police Area Commands/Police Districts to ensure compliance with standard operating procedures. Morning Crime Review meetings, monthly Prevention, Disruption and Response (PDR) meetings and other regular meetings provide a forum for reviewing compliance checks and consideration of further prevention or disruption strategies to ensure victim safety and prevent re-offending.

- * 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—

In relation to women's health services and outcomes in New South Wales:

- (1) What programs and initiatives are currently funded or supported by the Government to improve women's health across the state?
- (2) How does NSW Health monitor disparities in women's health outcomes across different regions and demographic groups?
- (3) What measures are in place to increase access to specialist women's health services, particularly in rural and remote areas of New South Wales?
- (4) What recent reviews or consultations on women's health services has the Government conducted, what were the key findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 2023-24 State Budget included a \$34.3 million funding boost over 4 years for Women's Health Centres across metropolitan and regional NSW.

NSW Health provides services and programs targeted to addressing the health needs of women across the state, including:

- Reproductive and sexual health, including pregnancy choices
- Healthy lifestyles
- Chronic disease
- Mental health
- Screening (for example, for cervical cancer)
- Tobacco, alcohol and drugs
- Sexual assault and domestic violence.

Monitoring data about the health of the NSW population, including comparisons by sub-groups and categories, is available at HealthStats NSW.

- * 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—

In relation to the 2024 State Coroners Court Annual Report on deaths in custody and during police operations:

- (1) What actions has the Government taken in response to the increase in deaths reported to the Coroner as occurring in custody or during police operations in 2024?
- (2) What measures are in place to address the disproportionate number of deaths involving First Nations peoples in custody or police operations?
- (3) What programs or training currently exist to support police officers in managing mental health crises, as recommended by recent coronial findings?
- (4) What mechanisms does the Government have to monitor and ensure the implementation of coronial recommendations related to deaths in custody and police operations?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1 – 2) The NSW Police Force response to recommendations delivered by the Coroner in 2004 are recorded in the 2024 State Coroners Deaths in Custody/Police Operations Report and are also maintained and published by the Department of Communities and Justice. Responses to recommendations that have not yet been documented are currently being reviewed.

(3) Commencing at recruitment and continuing throughout their career, NSW Police Force officers undertake various training programs and mandatory continuing policing education. All student police officers receive comprehensive foundational mental health theory and scenario-based training at the Goulburn Police Academy prior to attestation. All NSW Police Force officers receive annual mental health training on a range of de-escalation strategies and crisis management scenario-based training.

Mandatory training in 2023-24 required all NSW Police Force officers to complete on line training in communication strategies, and signs and symptoms of mental ill health and other disorders. In the 2024-25 training year, it is mandatory for all NSW Police Force officers to complete face-to-face training in relation to responding to members of the community who may be experiencing symptoms of mental ill health and other disorders.

The NSW Police Force reviews training regularly to ensure best practice. This includes consideration of national and international research, critical incident analysis, emerging trends, use of force data analysis, changes to legislation, and the findings of a Coronial inquest or other oversight bodies.

(4) Where recommendations are made to NSW Ministers and Government Agencies, they are required to report to the Attorney General within six months of receiving a coronial recommendation in accordance with Premier's Memorandum 2009-12 'Responding to Coronial Recommendations', outlining any action to be taken to implement the recommendation. The Department of Communities and Justice maintains and publishes coronial recommendations and the subsequent responses.

* 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—

In relation to Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations and after-school hours care programs in public schools in the North Shore electorate:

- (1) How many public schools in the North Shore electorate have been required to tender for after-school hours care services in the past 12 months?
- (2) What support or guidance has been provided to P&C Associations in the North Shore electorate regarding the tendering process for after-school care services?
- (3) What support is currently in place for existing providers if they are required to re-tender?
- (4) Can the Minister provide data on the number of after-school hours care providers currently operating in public schools in the North Shore electorate?

Answer—

Local P&C Association run services are not required to tender for after-school care services.

The Department of Education has developed a comprehensive guide regarding Out of School Hours Care tendering, as well as regular Industry briefings.

Information regarding before- and after-school hours care can be found on school websites.

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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—

- (1) How many psychiatrists were employed at Liverpool Hospital in:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) At present?
- (2) How many psychiatrists were employed at Sutherland Hospital in:
 - (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) At present?
- (3) How many staff specialist psychiatrists are currently employed at:
 - (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?
- (4) How many senior staff specialist psychiatrists are currently employed at:
 - (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?
- (5) How many Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) psychiatrists are currently on contract at:
 - (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions are best directed to the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth.

* 5420 M5 CORRIDOR - GRAFFITI AND VANDALISM—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the M5 corridor:

- (1) How often is the corridor inspected for graffiti and vandalism?
- (2) What actions are undertaken by Transport for NSW or Transurban to investigate instances of graffiti and vandalism?
- (3) What preventative measures are in place or being considered to reduce the incidence of graffiti and vandalism along the M5 corridor?

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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Motorway operators of WestConnex M5 East and M5 Southwest motorways conduct daily drive-through inspections of both the motorways, proactively monitoring and inspecting for issues such as vandalism and graffiti along the corridor.
- (2) In addition to the proactive daily inspection schedule, the motorway maintenance teams also respond reactively to any reports of graffiti. This involves visiting reported locations and scheduling the earliest possible removal. While the remediation timeframe depends on various factors, including site access, proximity to the motorway, and safety considerations, the respective motorway operators aim to remove any offensive or graphic graffiti within 48 hours of receiving a report.
- (3) Currently, both the M5 East and M5 Southwest corridors are monitored by CCTV 24 hours a day. While motorway operators' primary focus remains incident management and driver safety on the road, their cameras also capture sections of the open motorway noise walls along the M5 Southwest, as well as off-corridor areas of the M5 East, including parts of Linear Park and its underpasses.

* 5421 HEATHCOTE ROAD UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to the Heathcote Road upgrade between Infantry Parade, Holsworthy and the Avenue, Voyager Point:

- (1) What was the original date of expected completion?
- (2) What is the current expected date of completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) December 2024.
- (2) I refer to the response to LA 4993.

* 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—

- (1) How many teacher vacancies were filled in Barwon?
- (2) Which Barwon schools have the Priority Recruitment Support Program in place?
- (3) How many teachers and school counsellors have relocated to Barwon schools under the rural and remote financial incentives scheme?

Answer—

I am advised that in 2024, there were a total of 132 appointments made to public schools in the Barwon electorate. Since the Minns Labor Government came to office, vacancies in Barwon have fallen by 63%.

In the Barwon electorate there are 18 schools which currently receive dedicated support for teacher recruitment needs through the department's Priority Recruitment Support model. This includes:

- Baradine Central School
- Bourke High School
- Bourke Public School
- Brewarrina Central School

- Broken Hill High School
- Collarenebri Central School
- Condobolin High School
- Coonabarabran High School
- Coonamble High School
- Coonamble Public School
- Gilgandra High School
- Menindee Central School
- Narrabri High School
- Walgett Community College High
- Walgett Community College Primary
- Wee Waa High School
- Wilcannia Central School
- Willyama High School

As at June 2025, the department has provided Relocation Support Payments to 41 teachers and school counsellors engaged at Barwon electorate schools.

* 5423 WHITE CLIFFS TO BROKEN HILL BUS TRIAL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) What were the findings from the consultation of the White Cliffs to Broken Hill trial bus service?
- (2) Will the bus service continue beyond October 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

The evaluation of the trial bus service was completed in May 2025, and made the recommendation to “continue or extend the service beyond its current term”. It noted areas for service improvement, in particular, customer satisfaction, service quality and service promotion to improve community engagement and patronage growth.

Transport for NSW is in the process of determining next steps.

* 5424 THE FAR WEST REGIONAL PLAN—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

When will the draft Far West Regional Plan 2041 be made final?

Answer—

I am advised:

The strategic planning framework is under review to make sure it meets NSW's long-term needs and aspirations. This may require updates to existing regional plans. A decision on the finalisation of the draft Far West Regional Plan 2041 will be considered once this review is complete.

* 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—

With respect to renal dialysis services in rural and regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise which of the following areas provide renal dialysis services?
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District:
 - (i) Boorowa Multipurpose Service?

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- (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) Will the Minister please advise what is the Government doing to expand renal dialysis services for the:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (3) Will the Minister please advise how many people in rural and regional New South Wales require renal dialysis?
 - (a) Of these how many people travel out of their hometown to access this service?
 - (b) How far do these people have to travel to access this service?

Answer—

I am advised:

Murrumbidgee Local Health District provides District-wide multidisciplinary renal services, including 4 renal dialysis units, self-care dialysis units, support for home dialysis patients, chronic kidney disease clinics and renal supportive care for patients with chronic kidney disease.

The Western NSW Local Health District provides comprehensive, multi-layered renal services, along with numerous facility-based sites for supervised self-care dialysis in a range of its smaller and more remote hospitals.

- * 5426 REGIONAL BUS INDUSTRY TASKFORCE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

With respect to changes recommended in the Bus Industry Taskforce review:

- (1) Are small partnerships, like those in regional areas who provide buses services to small communities including school children now required to become a registered company?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) Will the Minister please advise what exemptions are in place to allow small partnerships in regional areas to continue as a partnership?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. This is to address continuity of service and operating risks and was supported in the Taskforce review by industry and Transport for NSW. These risks arise in public transport contracts when accreditation and safety requirements are impacted by the death or incapacity of a sole trader or partner.

There are no exemptions being offered to any of the regional operators, as the reasons behind the recommendation encompasses continuity of service and operating risks, including safety requirements, which apply to all operators.

- * 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—

With respect to the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how much of the funding allocated to this program has been provided to the following health districts:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
 - (b) Western NSW Local Health District?
- (2) Minister, how has this funding been used in these districts?
- (3) Minister, how many people are currently on a mental health plan across each of these local health districts?

Answer—

I am advised:

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is funded \$350,000 (ex GST) per year for 2 FTE Rural Adversity Mental Health Program Coordinators.

Western NSW Local Health District is funded \$700,000 (ex GST) per year for 4 FTE Rural Adversity Mental Health Program Coordinators.

Districts use this funding for salaries, on-costs, vehicles, travel and special projects.

Mental health treatment plans are a matter for the Australian Government as part of the Better Access Initiative. A mental health treatment plan is not required to access NSW Health services, including the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program.

- * 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—

With respect to music and large live events in regional New South Wales:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise how is the Government working to bring large music and live entertainment to regional areas of New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what investments are the Government considering in terms of large capacity entertainment venues to host music and live entertainment events in regional areas of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The government is helping to bring large music and entertainment events to regional areas through funding, regulatory change and policy work.

Sound NSW provided emergency funding to help support music festivals held in regional NSW as part of the Contemporary Music Festival Viability Fund. This investment supports existing music

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festivals experiencing financial strain to continue, preventing further job losses and providing attendees with access to a vital part of the live music industry.

In April 2025, Lost Paradise on the Central Coast, Bluesfest in Byron Bay and Yours and Owls in Wollongong were announced as recipients of the first round of the Contemporary Music Festival Viability Fund.

Large music and live entertainment events are also supported through Destination NSW, including via the Regional Event Fund, which has distributed almost \$14 million to more than 500 individual events since 1996.

Through two tranches of its 'Vibrancy Reforms', the NSW Government has removed a significant amount of red tape that has stifled music and entertainment in the regions. This has included offering extended trading and license fee discounts to live music and performance venues, reforming the noise complaint system to end single-neighbour campaigns to shut down venues, and by removing the 5km clubs rule.

Finally, regional music and entertainment is a key strategic priority of the NSW Contemporary Music Strategy, released in December 2024, and provides a roadmap for government support to the contemporary music industry over the next decade.

Proposed actions to support the invigoration of music across regional NSW include:

- Grow NSW music tourism: develop music tourism projects and campaigns to promote music across the state and drive increased visitation; and
 - Support communities to collaboratively market and deliver local music events.
- (2) Research and consultation undertaken in 2024 as part of the State of the Scene report identified that the lack of permanent outdoor venues for hire at affordable rates is a barrier to the growth of the live music industry in NSW.

The NSW Government, through Sound NSW and Create NSW, is currently exploring market needs for new outdoor festival and concert infrastructure for large scale events, including preferred locations. The market sounding, now underway, seeks to explore market need and priorities, identify opportunities, and determine interest to deliver new outdoor festival and concert infrastructure.

In May 2025, the NSW Government also announced a new policy, known as 'Michael's Rule', incentivising international touring acts to add Australian support acts to their line-ups at large capacity government-owned venues, including regional venues.

The incentive will see the NSW Government reduce venue hire fee by \$20,000 for each eligible show across the Venues NSW network, with the aim of giving Australian artists opportunities to play to huge crowds and reach new fans.

Questions about investments in large capacity entertainment venues in the Venues NSW network should be directed to the Minister for Sport.

* 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—

With respect to property owners where their property has been zoned Category 2 – sensitive regulated land 'pink' as a result of the Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) Map?

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what on-site investigations have been carried out to identify endangered flora and fauna?
- (a) When was this carried out?

- (b) What location/s was this carried out?
- (c) Was permission sort from landholders to access their properties?
- (d) What were the findings?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what compensation will the Government provide to the landholders who as a result of this Category 2 zoning now have been advised their land is no longer equity in their land?

Answer—

- (1) Onsite investigations have not been carried out by the Government with the specific purpose of surveying for individual endangered flora and fauna species within the Mallee and Mallee Broombush CEEC map (zoned pink on the Transitional Native Vegetation Regulatory Map).

As of 13 June 2025, Bionet (the Government's biodiversity data repository) holds 23 systematic flora surveys and 1,302 records of threatened fauna species within the Mallee and Mallee Broombush CEEC map.

- (a) The Bionet data was collected between 1991 and 2022.
- (b) Survey and species site locations can be downloaded through Bionet as open-source shapefiles.
- (c) All site survey data collected is done so with landholder permission.
- (d) The Bionet site data referred to above was not collected for the purpose of determining Native Vegetation Regulatory Map categories.
- (2) Landholders adversely impacted by the mapping of Category 2 Sensitive Regulated Land on their land are not entitled to compensation.

* 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—

With respect to Temora District Hospital Redevelopment:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise will the Temora District Hospital Redevelopment include key worker accommodation?
 - (a) If so, for how many staff?
 - (b) If not the reasons behind this?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District is considering options for procuring accommodation in the Temora township.

* 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—

With respect to property owners where their property has been zoned Category 2 – sensitive regulated land ‘pink’ as a result of the Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) Map?

- (1) Have landholders been issued with infringement notices of ‘Alleged unauthorised clearing of native vegetation in a Regulated Rural Area’, when they have not been clearing, but coppicing?
 - (a) If so, why?

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Answer—

The legislation, as written and passed by the previous Coalition government, does not draw a distinction between 'clearing' and 'coppicing'. This is why the current government is working to try and resolve this issue, despite it being ignored for around a decade.

The Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code cannot be applied where critically endangered ecological communities occur, preventing rotational harvesting of broombush and mallee in those areas.

* 5432 YOUTH CRIME FUNDING ACROSS THE STATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Premier—

With respect to the previous announced \$13.4 million youth crime package for Moree:

- (1) Premier, could you please advise what is the Government's plan to deliver funding for youth crime across other areas of the state?
 - (a) Which areas will this include?
 - (b) When will this be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

- In addition to the \$13.4 million youth crime package for Moree announced in March 2024, the NSW Government announced \$12.9 million to fund regional crime prevention initiatives across the state including:
- \$10.1 million to expand Youth Action Meetings (YAMs) in nine Police Districts. This means YAMs is now delivered across 22 Police districts.
- Expansion of the Safe Aboriginal Youth Patrol Program (SAY) to an additional five locations - Moree, Orange, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and expanded services in Dubbo. The SAY Program will be delivered across 10 locations.
- In February 2025, the NSW Government announced more than \$6 million in additional funding to address youth crime in Moree, Bourke and Kempsey over 5 years
- The 2025-26 Budget invests a further \$5.5 million to increase youth diversion programs.

* 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—

With respect to property owners where their property has been zoned Category 2 – sensitive regulated land 'pink' as a result of the Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) Map?

- (1) When can landholders return to coppicing in Category 2 – sensitive regulated land areas?

Answer—

- (1) The legislation, as written and passed by the previous Coalition government, does not draw a distinction between 'clearing' and 'coppicing'. This is why the current government is working to try and resolve this issue.

Landholders wishing to harvest broombush or mallee from Category 2 - sensitive regulated land may seek approval from the Native Vegetation Panel. The government is assisting with this process.

Landholders may also apply for a review of the Category 2 – sensitive regulated land mapping on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map through the free map review service provided by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

- * 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—

(1) Will the Minister consider implementing a direct school bus service from the Oatley electorate to Aquinas Catholic College in Menai?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response to LA 2189, which remains current.

- * 5435 ARREST WARRANTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Attorney General—

How many arrest warrants are there in New South Wales as at 1 June 2025?

Answer—

The question should be directed to the Hon. Yasmin Catley MP in her capacity as the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism.

- * 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—

How many fugitives are there on the run from the NSW Police as at 1 June 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

The term 'fugitive' is not used by the NSW Police Force when looking for an offender. The data requested is unable to be provided as it is not a recorded measure in NSW Police Force systems.

- * 5437 NEW LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT ORIENTATED DEVELOPMENT STATE ENVIRONMENT PLANNING POLICY—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to councils providing new Local Environment Plans in response to the Transport Orientated Development State Environment Planning Policy:

(1) Once a council has submitted their plan and it is approved by the department, can the plan be amended?

(a) If yes, are there any conditions?

Answer—

I am advised:

A council can make amendments via the process to amend a Local Environmental Plan, known as a planning proposal. Any proposed amendment must meet or exceed the number of new homes that are expected under the Transport Oriented Development controls. Council should also demonstrate it has considered the Transport Oriented Development - Guide to Strategic Planning. The guide is available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's website at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/transport-oriented-development-program/transport-oriented-development>

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- * 5438 LAND BEHIND CALOOL CRESCENT IN BELROSE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to land owned by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure behind Calool Crescent in Belrose:

- (1) Are there plans to have drainage built?
- (2) Has the Department been in touch with nearby property owners in relation to any rainwater damage?
 - (a) If yes, are there plans for compensation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Department has contacted the neighbouring property of the affected land and will continue to engage with them regarding this issue.
 - (a) The Department is not aware of any current claim for compensation. If a claim is made it will be considered by the NSW Government's insurer.

- * 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—

With respect to funding which has been provided by the Government for events which support tourism, for each such event which has received funding please advise:

- (1) Which events have received funding from the Government in inclusive the period commencing 1 April 2023 and ending on 31 May 2025?
- (2) What was the amount of the funding provided to each event?
- (3) Does the Government have a compliance and or audit policy in place to ensure that funding provided has been correctly applied by the event organiser and or the applicant for funding in each instance?
 - (a) If so, is the compliance or audit process a public document?
- (4) With respect to question (3) above, if a compliance and or audit policy exists, will the Minister make available a copy of such policy?
- (5) With respect to each event which has received funding from the Government, assuming there exists a compliance or audit policy, has each event organiser which has received funding complied with the compliance and or audit policy?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Details of events supported by Destination NSW in 2023-2024 are available at <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/major-events-supported-by-destination-nsw> at <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/major-events-supported-by-destination-nsw-in-fy24-25>.
Details of events funded through the Regional Event Fund are available from the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder.
- (2) The amount invested in individual events listed at <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/major-events-supported-by-destination-nsw> is commercial-in-confidence to enable Destination NSW to bid for and acquire events in a competitive market. Contractually neither party can disclose the investment amount.

Grants awarded through the Regional Event Fund are published in accordance with Premier's Memorandum M2022-07 Grants Administration Guide. Information on the latest grant recipients

can be found on the NSW Government Grants and Funding Finder (nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

- (3) Destination NSW considers event investment proposals against assessment criteria, informed by its strategic objectives or relevant funding program guidelines. Event owners are invited to submit an expression of interest for investment based on assessment criteria.
 - (a) Assessment criteria for event investment is available on the Destination NSW website at <https://www.destinationnsw.com.au/events/event-investment>
- (4) Due to the competitive nature of major event acquisition and consistent with the approach of other Australian state and territory major events agencies, Destination NSW does not publish the full policy.
- (5) Destination NSW investment in events is subject to the achievement of various contracted milestones and performance deliverables that address the organisation's strategic objectives. Information relating to the delivery of events and measurement against key performance indicators is published in the Destination NSW annual report.

* 5440 STATISTICS AS TO APPRENTICES COMPLETING A TRADE—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to apprentices completing a trade, please advise:

- (1) For each of the Castle Hill, Kellyville, Riverstone, Winston Hills, Londonderry and Blacktown Electorates, how many apprentices were employed as at 30 June 2023, 30 June 2024, and as at the most recent date for which information is available (please specify the date) in each of the said electorates?
- (2) Would the Minister advise with respect to each apprentice, and for each of the periods and electorates mentioned in (1) above, what trades/qualifications were those apprentices undertaking?

Answer—

- (1) Data on the number of apprentices and trainees in training in New South Wales is publicly available on the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) website at <https://www.ncver.edu.au/>.
- (2) For Londonderry, Blacktown, Riverstone, and Winston Hills Electorates, the sectors with the highest number of apprentices over these periods were in construction trades, and community services.

For Castle Hill Electorate, the sectors with the highest number of apprentices over these periods were in construction trades, business, community services and mechanical trades.

For Kellyville Electorate, the sectors with the highest number of apprentices over these periods were in construction trades, business, and community services.

* 5441 FEE FREE APPRENTICESHIPS—Mr Mark Hodges to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

With respect to the Government's Fee Free Apprenticeship Program, funding pursuant to the Smart and Skilled Program:

- (1) When did the Fee Free Apprenticeship Program commence?
- (2) As at 31 May 2025, how many apprentices have received a Fee Free Apprenticeship?
- (3) Did the Government advertise the Fee Free Apprenticeship Program?
- (4) In the event the answer to (3) above is in the affirmative, how did the Government advertise the Fee Free Apprenticeship Program?

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- (5) In the event the answer to (3) above is in the affirmative, was there a budgeted amount for the advertising budget?
- a) If there was a budget amount for the advertising cost, what was the amount of the budgeted advertising cost?

- (6) In the event the answer to (3) above is in the affirmative, what was the actual cost of the advertising?

Answer—

- (1) Fee free apprenticeships commenced on 1 July 2018. Fee free traineeships commenced on 1 January 2020.
- (2) As at 31 May 2025, approximately 152,637 apprentices have received a fee free apprenticeship, and approximately 119,398 students have received a fee free traineeship.
- (3) The Department of Education did not engage in any paid advertising for the fee free apprenticeships and traineeships program. The department promoted the program through its own website and Skills NSW social media channels.
- (4) See answer to question 3.
- (5) Promotion of programs through departmental websites and social media channels are funded through existing departmental resources.
- (a) No.
- (6) N/A.

* 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—

- (1) As at 1 June 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to Sydney and/or Newcastle and/or Parramatta Light Rail?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

All contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are by default considered commercial-in-confidence.

To the extent required by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are publicly disclosed on NSW eTender (<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices>), with additional information on the Transport for NSW website. Details of Transport for NSW's awarded Class 3 Contracts are available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/contracts-awarded>).

* 5443 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - NSW ROADS NETWORK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) As at 1 June 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to the NSW Roads Network?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

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* 5444 COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE CONTRACTS - REGIONAL RAIL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

- (1) As at 1 June 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to regional rail?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

All contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are by default considered commercial-in-confidence.

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* 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—

- (1) As at 1 June 2025, how many commercial-in-confidence contracts has your Department entered into for any purpose related to active transport?
- (2) Can you please tabulate the name of each contractor and the date the contract was entered into?
- (3) Can you separately tabulate the name of each contractor and a high-level description of the service provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

All contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are by default considered commercial-in confidence.

To the extent required by the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), contracts entered into by Transport for NSW are publicly disclosed on NSW eTender (<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices>), with additional information on the Transport for NSW website. Details of Transport for NSW's awarded Class 3 Contracts are available on the Transport for NSW website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/industry/contracts-awarded>).

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- * 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—

What are the details of project number 91 “Eastwood Commuter Carpark” which is currently listed on the Transport for NSW website?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Eastwood Commuter Car Park project was replaced with the now completed West Ryde Commuter Car Park, which was delivered to help cater for passengers in that area.

- * 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—

- (1) What plans does the Government have to review school bus route options for students attending Smalls Road Public School (PS)?
- (2) Given the school has now been operational for a number of years, are there any distinguishable trends in enrolment data that might give cause to consider new or modified routes?
- (3) Specifically, will you consider a route for residents living in the West Ryde section of the Smalls Road PS catchment?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport.

- * 5448 ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) When lodged through State Significant planning pathways, are energy generation projects considered "State Significant Infrastructure" or "State Significant Development"?

- (a) If "State Significant Development", why is this the case, and what (if any) prerequisites are required for a given project to be considered "State Significant Infrastructure"?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Development that is of significance to the State and requires development consent is generally considered State Significant Development (SSD).
 - (a) The circumstances in which a development may be declared State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) can be found at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-02/declaration-of-ssi-and-cssi-state-significant-infrastructure-guide.pdf>

- * 5449 PLANNING ASSESSMENTS - CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Are there any planning pathways in New South Wales where climate change is considered at any stage of a planning assessment?
 - (a) If so, under which planning pathways?
 - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Climate change is considered under section 4.15(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which requires a consent authority to consider environmental impacts in development applications.

* 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—

- (1) When were the regulations that set fish size, bag, and boat limits last reviewed?
- (2) What (if any) plans does the Government have to comprehensively review size, bag, and boat limits?
- (3) What factors are taken into account when making changes to these regulations?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development - Fisheries regularly reviews management arrangements, including recreational fishing size and bag limits, using the latest scientific information.
- (2) Refer to Question 1.
- (3) A wide variety of factors and data sources are considered when evaluating changes to recreational size and bag limits, including but not limited to:
 - Relevant biology and lifecycle traits
 - Scientific stock assessments
 - Commercial catch and effort data
 - Recreational catch and effort data
 - Compliance data
 - Social and economic considerations, including stakeholder feedback
 - Policy and legislative requirements

* 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—

Please provide the following information regarding ambulance calls and response times in the Miranda Electorate:

- (1) How many calls were received of each of the three levels of urgency (P1: Emergency, P1A: Highest priority, P2: Urgent) in the last four quarters in the following statistical areas (SA2):
 - (a) Menai – Lucas Heights – Woronora?
 - (b) Illawong – Alfords Point?
 - (c) Sutherland – Kirrawee?
 - (d) Oyster Bay – Como – Jannali?
 - (e) Sylvania – Taren Point?
 - (f) Miranda – Yowie Bay?

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- (g) Gymea – Grays Point?
- (h) Caringbah?
- (2) What was the average response time for each respective level of urgency (P1: Emergency, P1A: Highest priority, P2: Urgent) in each of the last four quarters for the following statistical areas (SA2):
 - (a) Menai – Lucas Heights – Woronora?
 - (b) Illawong – Alford's Point?
 - (c) Sutherland – Kirrawee?
 - (d) Oyster Bay – Como – Jannali?
 - (e) Sylvania – Taren Point?
 - (f) Miranda – Yowie Bay?
 - (g) Gymea – Grays Point?
 - (h) Caringbah?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

* 5452 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many days during each individual month between January 2022 and May 2025 were mobile speed cameras deployed in the Miranda electorate as a whole?
- (2) How many days during each individual month between January 2022 and May 2025 were mobile speed cameras deployed in the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2234?
 - (b) 2232?
 - (c) 2229?
 - (d) 2228?
 - (e) 2227?
 - (f) 2226?
 - (g) 2225?
 - (h) 2224?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Month	Number of days Mobile Speed Cameras deployed
Jan-22	17
Feb-22	9

Mar-22	5
May-22	11
Jun-22	16
Jul-22	3
Aug-22	15
Sep-22	20
Oct-22	17
Nov-22	11
Dec-22	17
Jan-23	14
Feb-23	14
Mar-23	13
Apr-23	16
May-23	19
Jun-23	15
Jul-23	16
Aug-23	18
Sep-23	14
Oct-23	11
Nov-23	11
Dec-23	9
Jan-24	3
Feb-24	12
Mar-24	15
Apr-24	11
May-24	14
Jun-24	18
Jul-24	21
Aug-24	20
Sep-24	19
Oct-24	21
Nov-24	21
Dec-24	22
Jan-25	22
Feb-25	22
Mar-25	21
Apr-25	20
May-25	28

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- (2) Number of days between January 2022 and May 2025 mobile speed cameras deployed in postcodes: 2234, 2232, 2228 and 2227.

*Note: For postcodes: 2224, 2225, 2226, and 2229 – there was Nil deployment.

Postcode	Month	Number of days the Mobile Speed Camera Deployed
2227	Jan-22	13
2227	Feb-22	5
2227	Mar-22	2
2227	May-22	6
2227	Jun-22	11
2227	Jul-22	1
2227	Aug-22	13
2227	Sep-22	18
2227	Oct-22	12
2227	Nov-22	10
2227	Dec-22	15
2227	Jan-23	14
2227	Feb-23	14
2227	Mar-23	13
2227	Apr-23	16
2227	May-23	19
2227	Jun-23	15
2227	Jul-23	16
2227	Aug-23	18
2227	Sep-23	14
2227	Oct-23	11
2227	Nov-23	11
2227	Dec-23	9
2227	Jan-24	3
2227	Feb-24	12
2227	Mar-24	15
2227	Apr-24	11
2227	May-24	14
2227	Jun-24	16
2227	Jul-24	16
2227	Aug-24	17
2227	Sep-24	16
2227	Oct-24	17
2227	Nov-24	14
2227	Dec-24	14
2227	Jan-25	17

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2227	Feb-25	19
2227	Mar-25	13
2227	Apr-25	13
2227	May-25	17
2228	Jan-22	13
2228	Feb-22	6
2228	Mar-22	3
2228	May-22	5
2228	Jun-22	7
2228	Jul-22	2
2228	Aug-22	7
2228	Sep-22	7
2228	Oct-22	6
2228	Nov-22	3
2228	Dec-22	5
2228	May-24	1
2228	Jun-24	9
2228	Jul-24	11
2228	Aug-24	11
2228	Sep-24	9
2228	Oct-24	13
2228	Nov-24	10
2228	Dec-24	12
2228	Jan-25	14
2228	Feb-25	11
2228	Mar-25	13
2228	Apr-25	17
2228	May-25	19
2232	Jan-22	30
2232	Feb-22	25
2232	Mar-22	7
2232	May-22	23
2232	Jun-22	29
2232	Jul-22	4
2232	Aug-22	30
2232	Sep-22	29
2232	Oct-22	30
2232	Nov-22	28
2232	Dec-22	27
2232	Jan-23	19

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2232	Feb-23	10
2232	Mar-23	19
2232	Apr-23	14
2232	May-23	18
2232	Jun-23	19
2232	Jul-23	19
2232	Aug-23	25
2232	Sep-23	25
2232	Oct-23	27
2232	Nov-23	29
2232	Dec-23	25
2232	Jan-24	25
2232	Feb-24	24
2232	Mar-24	28
2232	Apr-24	22
2232	May-24	22
2232	Jun-24	22
2232	Jul-24	23
2232	Aug-24	24
2232	Sep-24	24
2232	Oct-24	24
2232	Nov-24	17
2232	Dec-24	18
2232	Jan-25	22
2232	Feb-25	18
2232	Mar-25	27
2232	Apr-25	27
2232	May-25	22
2234	Jan-22	7
2234	Feb-22	5
2234	Mar-22	6
2234	May-22	3
2234	Aug-22	1
2234	Sep-22	2
2234	Oct-22	11
2234	Nov-22	5
2234	Dec-22	7
2234	Jan-23	1
2234	Mar-23	6
2234	Apr-23	1

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2234	May-23	10
2234	Jun-23	6
2234	Jul-23	11
2234	Aug-23	10
2234	Sep-23	12
2234	Oct-23	6
2234	Nov-23	15
2234	Dec-23	10
2234	Jan-24	8
2234	Feb-24	12
2234	Mar-24	5
2234	Apr-24	15
2234	May-24	10
2234	Jun-24	2
2234	Jul-24	3
2234	Aug-24	9
2234	Sep-24	9
2234	Oct-24	6
2234	Nov-24	11
2234	Dec-24	15
2234	Jan-25	13
2234	Feb-25	9
2234	Mar-25	10
2234	Apr-25	4
2234	May-25	7

Note: Deployment can be done on more than one postcode on the same day.

* 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—

- (1) How many teachers were employed (full-time equivalent) at the commencement of Term 1 2023 for each of the following schools:
- (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?
 - (h) Jannali Public School?
 - (i) Jannali East Public School?

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- (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?
 - (u) Taren Point Public School?
 - (v) Endeavour Sports High School?
 - (w) Sylvania High School?
 - (x) Port Hacking High School?
 - (y) GyMEA Technology High School?
 - (z) The Jannali High School?
 - (aa) Menai High School?
- (2) How many teachers were employed (full-time equivalent) at the commencement of Term 1 2024 for each of the following schools:
- (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?
 - (h) Jannali Public School?
 - (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?
 - (u) Taren Point Public School?
 - (v) Endeavour Sports High School?
 - (w) Sylvania High School?
 - (x) Port Hacking High School?
 - (y) Gymea Technology High School?
 - (z) The Jannali High School?
 - (aa) Menai High School?
- (3) How many teacher vacancies were there at the commencement of each term since Term 1 2023 for each of the following schools:
- (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?
 - (h) Jannali Public School?
 - (i) Jannali East Public School?
 - (j) Sutherland Public School?
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 - (m) Kareela Public School?
 - (n) Bates Drive School?
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 - (p) Gymea North Public School?
 - (q) Miranda Public School?
 - (r) Miranda North Public School?
 - (s) Sylvania Heights Public School?
 - (t) Sylvania Public School?
 - (u) Taren Point Public School?
 - (v) Endeavour Sports High School?
 - (w) Sylvania High School?

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- (x) Port Hacking High School?
 - (y) Gymea Technology High School?
 - (z) The Jannali High School?
 - (aa) Menai High School?
- (4) How many teachers were employed (full-time equivalent) at the commencement of Term 1 2024 for each of the following schools:
- (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?
 - (h) Jannali Public School?
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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' 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, a significant reduction.

It is disappointing that the Member for Miranda does not believe teachers deserve a pay rise, having criticised the Minns Labor Government's decision to lift teachers' wages and instead promised to bring back the wages' cap.

As the Member was advised on 13 June 2025, vacancy data for all NSW schools, including the schools listed, was provided in answer to LA QoN 5111.

* 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—

- (1) How many trains on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra line have been cancelled over the following months in 2024?
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?
 - (e) May?
 - (f) June?
 - (g) July?
 - (h) August?
 - (i) September?
 - (j) October?
 - (k) November?
 - (l) December?
- (2) How many trains on the T4 Eastern Suburbs and Illawarra line have been cancelled over the following months in 2025?
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) 71
 - (b) 96
 - (c) 76
 - (d) 47

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- (e) 74
- (f) 77
- (g) 54
- (h) 112
- (i) 141
- (j) 60
- (k) 182
- (l) 92
- (2) (a) 313
- (b) 264
- (c) 193
- (d) 128

Sydney Trains and NSW Train Link Performance Reports are publicly available (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/sydney-trains-and-nswtrainlink-intercity-performance-reports>).

When delays or cancellations occur, timetable changes such as skipping scheduled stops may be made. This helps minimise the impact of the delay on following services and for the majority of passengers.

* 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—

- (1) How many buses servicing the Sutherland Shire ran over 10 minutes late over the following months in 2024?
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?
 - (e) May ?
 - (f) June?
 - (g) July?
 - (h) August?
 - (i) September?
 - (j) October?
 - (k) November?
 - (l) December?
- (2) How many buses servicing the Sutherland Shire ran over 10 minutes late over the following months in 2025?
 - (a) January?

- (b) February?
- (c) March?
- (d) April?
- (3) How many buses servicing the Sutherland Shire have been cancelled over the following months in 2024?
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?
 - (e) May ?
 - (f) June?
 - (g) July?
 - (h) August?
 - (i) September?
 - (j) October?
 - (k) November?
 - (l) December?
- (4) How many buses servicing the Sutherland Shire have been cancelled over the following months in 2025?
 - (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?

Answer—

I am advised:

Monthly On-Time Running results by bus region are published on the Transport for NSW website: (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/buses-on-time-running>)

* 5456 E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER INCIDENTS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many incidents did police respond to involving e-bikes/e-scooters in the following postcodes in 2025:
 - (a) 2224?
 - (b) 2225?
 - (c) 2226?
 - (d) 2227?
 - (e) 2228?
 - (f) 2229?

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- (g) 2232?
(h) 2234?
- (2) How many incidents did police respond to involving e-bikes/e-scooters in the following postcodes in 2025:
- (a) 2224?
(b) 2225?
(c) 2226?
(d) 2227?
(e) 2228?
(f) 2229?
(g) 2232?
(h) 2234?

Answer—

I am advised:

The table below shows the number of incidents recorded involving e-bikes/e-scooters in 2024 and 2025 in postcodes 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2232 and 2234:

Postcode	Reported incidents involving e-bikes/scooters	
	2024	2025 (to 22 June)
2224	6	0
2225	0	0
2226	4	7
2227	1	8
2228	11	18
2229	17	22
2232	9	0
2234	2	1

Note:

- Data extracted relies on the accurate recording of e-Bikes ore-Scooters. Extensive manual review would be required to confirm whether other vehicle types (for example bicycles, motorcycles etc) have been used in place of e-bikes and e-scooters.
- All types of incidents e.g. property that has been stolen, vehicles committing traffic offences, reported lost property etc, are considered in this response.
- WebCOPS incident recordings are not indicative of a police response and only reflects that an incident has been recorded.
- Data current to 22 June 2025.

* 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—

- (1) How Many Automated External Defibrillators were issued to NSW Sport and Recreation facilities and clubs under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program in the following rounds:
- (a) 2018-2019?
(b) 2019-2020?
(c) 2020-2021?

- (d) 2021-2022?
- (e) 2022-2023?
- (f) 2023-2024?
- (g) 2024-2025?
- (2) What was the total amount of funding provided to NSW Sport and Recreation facilities and clubs under the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program in the following rounds:
 - (a) 2018-2019?
 - (b) 2019-2020?
 - (c) 2020-2021?
 - (d) 2021-2022?
 - (e) 2022-2023?
 - (f) 2023-2024?
 - (g) 2024-2025?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Details of past recipients of grant programs are available on the Office of Sport and NSW Government Grant and Funding finder websites.
- (2) The total amounts awarded to past recipients are available on the Office of Sport and NSW Government Grant and Funding finder websites.

* 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—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if principles of equity could be applied to the 2014 deed agreement?
 - (a) Specifically, is there scope to rescind, renegotiate, or alter the deed's profit guarantees through to 2038 to better align with public interest and healthcare expectations, and achieve a fair price for a wholesale purchase?
- (2) Have any step-in provisions been triggered by Healthscope under the Deed?
 - (a) If so, what impact does this have?
- (3) If the Auditor found that there have been breaches of the deed, is Healthscope still entitled to windfall profits?
 - (a) If so, why?
- (4) What is the formula by which windfall profits are determined?
- (5) Will the Government consider establishing a hotline for community members concerned about healthcare services at Northern Beaches Hospital?
- (6) How will the Government ensure that healthcare services remain consistent with Healthscope in receivership?
- (7) Will the Government consider buying the whole hospital, including the private beds to convert to public beds given the growing population of the Northern Beaches?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that Healthscope does not receive a windfall gain.

Northern Beaches Hospital will continue to operate and provide health services to the community without interruption while discussions between Healthscope and the NSW Government take place.

Payment and costing information are confidential under the terms of the NBH Project Deed. The State is prohibited from disclosing this information..

- * 5459 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 aged 16 and over in the following periods:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
- (2) What is the exact number of penalties issued to e-bike users aged under 16 in the following periods:
 - (a) 2024?
 - (b) 2025 to date?
- (3) Is there a policy to only target and penalise e-bike users aged 16 and over?
 - (a) If yes, why?
- (4) Who is responsible for paying penalties issued to under 16 year olds?
- (5) Have the police got the ability to test if an e-bike has been illegally modified (other than speed cameras)?
 - (a) If not, has this technology been researched?
- (6) Do the police use speed cameras in New South Wales to catch e-bike users who are breaking the law?
- (7) Do police have the power to confiscate illegally modified e-bikes?
 - (a) If so, how many have been confiscated in New South Wales in 2024 and 2025?
- (8) How does an illegally modified e-bike (speeds up to 50km/hr) differ from a moped in terms of road rules i.e. how is it different to an unregistered moped?
 - (a) If it differs, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike users in NSW aged 16 and over and under 16:

Legal action calendar year	Count of Infringement Notices	
	Issued to person aged 16 and over	Issued to person aged under 16
2024	147	0
2025 (to 10 June)	350	2

The table below shows the number of penalties issued to e-bike users in the requested postcodes aged 16 and over and under 16:

Legal action calendar year	Count of Infringement Notices
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	Issued to person aged 16 and over	Issued to person aged under 16
2024	1 (issued in postcode 2103)	0
2025 (to 10 June)	1 (issued in postcode 2108)	0

Note:

- Data current to: 10 June 2025
 - Measure: Count of unique infringement notices
 - Vehicle Type: Non registerable vehicle
 - Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike
 - Age is based on the difference between the person's latest recorded date of birth in policing systems and the date of the incident.
 - Data relies on the accurate recording of e-bikes. Confirming whether other vehicle types (e.g. bicycle, motorcycles etc.) have been used is not possible without extensive manual review.
- (3) The NSW Police Force does not have a policy that targets e-bike users 16 years of age and over.
- (4) Payment of infringement notices is a matter for Revenue NSW.
- (5) The NSW Police Force does not rely on any technology, nor is it currently undertaking any research into technology, to determine if an e-bike has been illegally modified.
- (6) No. NSW speed cameras are operated by Transport for NSW.
- (7) Yes. Subject to individual incidents/ offences an illegally modified e-bike may no longer fit the definition of a vehicle (bike) and now fit the definition of a motor vehicle. Certain offences may result in sanctions placed upon the vehicles owner and it is seized, or the illegal e-bike is seized as an exhibit and Court proceedings commenced. Further provisions under the Road Transport Act may apply in relation to a s79 Seizure of an unregistrable vehicle, with a further application for forfeiture to the Crown put before the Courts.
- (a) The NSW Police Force does not hold data relating to the number of non-compliant and illegally modified e-bikes confiscated.
- (8) Road rules are administered by Transport for NSW. This question should be directed to the Minister for Roads.

* 5460 SELECTIVE SCHOOL TESTING—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Did the Department of Education approve the decision to centralise selective and opportunity class (OC) testing into 'super testing locations', rather than continuing with the established practice of using local schools?
- (a) If so, why?
- (b) Was this decision made in consultation with stakeholders such as principals, Parents and Citizens Associations, and parent groups?
- (2) Did the Department conduct a risk assessment regarding transport accessibility, crowd management, and welfare impacts for younger students expected to arrive at venues such as Randwick by 7:45am?
- (3) What role did cost-saving considerations play in the decision to outsource the testing to a private provider and use centralised venues?
- (4) What contractual arrangements were in place between the Department and the private contractor responsible for running the selective and OC testing?
- (5) Was the testing process mismanaged?

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- (a) If so, has the Department issued a breach notice or taken any disciplinary or financial action in response to the mismanagement of the testing process?
- (6) What planning, safety and crowd management standards were required under the contract?
- (a) Were these met?
- (7) Was a decision made to allow the best of two scores to be used for students who sat both the disrupted and re-scheduled tests?
- (a) If so, what was the basis of this decision?
- (b) Was an equity assessment undertaken regarding the advantage this may confer on students who had the opportunity to re-sit, compared to those who only sat once?
- (c) Was the option to re-sit extended to all students across New South Wales who felt their exam was compromised?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (8) Can the Minister confirm whether any questions — including reading texts or mathematics items — were repeated across the original and re-scheduled selective or OC exams?
- (a) If so, how many questions or passages were repeated, and how has the Department accounted for the impact this may have on results?
- (9) Has an independent review been commissioned to validate the fairness and integrity of the exam content across both sittings?
- (10) Was the super testing location for Northern Beaches students was Randwick, requiring travel times of up to 90 minutes each way, including for Year 4 children?
- (11) What plans are in place to ensure equitable access to selective education for students on the Northern Beaches, especially given limited places at Manly Selective and increasing demand due to overflow from other areas?
- (12) Will the Department consider expanding capacity or additional selective stream options on the Northern Beaches?
- (13) Will the findings of the Department's internal enquiry into the 2025 selective and OC test rollout be made public?
- (14) Will the Minister consider publishing detailed information about test administration errors, question repetition (if any), and any steps taken to address systemic inequity?

Answer—

The decision to outsource the delivery and administration of testing to private provider was made by the former Liberal National Government under the former Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell in August 2022.

While a decision had been made in April 2020 to award a contract to Cambridge University Press and Assessment (CA), this was only for the development of a computer-based test for the 2021 to 2024 opportunity class and selective high schools (Selective Education) placement tests.

COVID-19 delayed the development and implementation of the computer-based test and in August 2022, CA made the decision not proceed due to a strategic direction to move away from bespoke assessment.

As a result, the then Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell approved a new tender that expanded the scope of services beyond just the development of a computer-based test.

This included:

- Test Administration
- Test centre venues sourcing and test centre management

- Invigilation Resourcing and Management
- Security, confidentiality and fraud management as part of service delivery
- Marking of test papers and scoring.
- Provision and administration of computer-based testing software.
- Help desk support
- Device and IT Management

The new tender, with expanded scope of services, was released on 28 February 2023, just 3 days before the caretaker period ahead of the 2023 State Election.

Following an open Request for Tender procurement process, the department contracted Janison Solutions to manage the Selective Education Test Provider and Test Centre Management Services. The relevant contract award notice is available at: <https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices/C0BB10FE-AF90-0092-20169CB80B597D60> and the contract is available publicly on the department's website at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/about-us/supplying-to-us/media/documents/DOE03514-22_Selective_Education_Test_Provider_and_Test_Centre_Management_Services.pdf. The disruption that occurred at the large test centres on Friday 2 May 2025 was not acceptable and fell well short of the Department of Education's expectations. The department sincerely apologises for any impact that this has had on parents, carers and students who were sitting the tests.

The department wants all children sitting the placement tests to have the opportunity to do their best in an environment that allows them to do so. To ensure this, the department rescheduled the placement tests for students whose test was postponed. Parents and carers were offered the opportunity for their child to re-sit the test if the issues experienced at the large test centres on 2 May 2025 impacted their child. These tests successfully took place in local public school venues. The department contacted parents and carers of those students who were impacted by the test centre disruptions.

The re-sitting of the tests was designed to provide students with an environment in which to demonstrate their academic potential. No student sat the same test twice and there were new tests to ensure fairness for all students.

The Deputy Premier has ordered an independent review into the administration of this year's opportunity class and selective high school testing. Dr Michele Bruniges AM, an expert education academic is examining the challenges and issues identified and providing recommendations on future implementation. Dr Bruniges AM will deliver her report to the NSW Government for its consideration later this year.

* 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—

- (1) Within the Goulburn Electorate, or Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan Shire and Wingecarribee Shire Local Government Areas;
 - (a) How is the Government addressing the lack of after-hours support for people in crisis with opioid dependency in regional and rural New South Wales?
 - (b) What mechanisms are in place to ensure people in regional New South Wales receive ongoing, coordinated, and face-to-face care after initial contact, especially for those without stable housing or transport?
 - (c) What is being done to increase the number of prescribers and clinics offering opioid substitution treatment (OST) in regional areas?
- (2) Across all of New South Wales:
 - (a) Can the Minister detail how many publicly funded detox and residential rehabilitation beds are currently available in each local health district?
 - (i) Could you please detail the specific location?

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- (ii) How many of these detox or residential rehabilitation beds are specifically allocated for opioid use treatment?
- (b) How is the Government supporting regional expansion of opioid services, particularly community-driven services?
- (c) What funding is currently allocated to harm minimisation, and early intervention programs in regional New South Wales health services?
- (d) Does the Government publish localised data on opioid-related emergency presentations, overdose deaths, or treatment wait times in regional areas?
- (e) Is there a state-wide strategy specifically focused on opioid addiction, and how does it address the disproportionate burden faced by regional communities?
- (i) What are the measurable targets?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of NSW Health funded withdrawal management and residential rehabilitation services is on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod. Specific services in a region can be found on the Your Service Hub (<https://yourroom.health.nsw.gov.au/getting-help/Pages/your-service-hub.aspx>)

NSW Health funds an opioid treatment prescriber education program. Scholarships are available for medical professional working in regional and remote NSW (<https://otac.org.au/scholarships/>).

The HealthStats NSW website provides information on opioid-related harms, including emergency department presentations, hospitalisations and deaths.

In late 2024, the NSW Government held a Drug Summit the Government is carefully considering the recommendations from the Summit.

Information on recent investments in regional areas is on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/summit/publications/service-delivery-funding.pdf>.

* 5462 MACQUARIE PASS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to Macquarie Pass:

- (1) What data is held by Transport for NSW on the number of accidents, blockages, or weather-related events that have caused Macquarie Pass to close in the last five years?
- (2) How many of these incidents required police or emergency services intervention?
- (3) Has the Government explored targeted engineering solutions to address known pinch points, particularly where trucks regularly become stuck?
- (4) Is there a plan to improve the reliability of Macquarie Pass and safeguard this critical transport link for the region?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In the five-year period from 2020 to 2025, 64 road closures have been reported on the Illawarra Highway at Macquarie Pass due to crashes, breakdowns, and weather-related incidents.
- (2) Of the 64 total closures, 59 have required emergency services attendance.
- (3) Transport for NSW is progressing plans to improve safety on Macquarie Pass by proposing the installation of new heavy vehicle restriction signage. The intent of the signage is to provide advance

warning of size and weight limitations, allowing heavy vehicle drivers the opportunity to seek alternative routes before reaching the Pass.

- (4) Transport for NSW carries out routine maintenance work every three months on Macquarie Pass, including the maintenance of roads, electronic signage, vegetation, safety barriers, gutters and drains, as well as litter collection.

Transport for NSW is focused on incremental safety improvements, such as the current work on Macquarie Pass at Clover Hill Road, which includes a new dedicated turning lane to improve safety for those turning from the Illawarra Highway onto Clover Hill Road. This work will be followed by further slope stabilisation work on Macquarie Pass in late 2025.

The road corridor's importance and resilience risks are noted in the draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan which is anticipated to go on public exhibition in July 2025.

- * 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—

In regard to the NSW Seniors Card and Senior Savers Card that provides eligible seniors access to a discount of 4 cents per litre on every fuel purchase at participating United service stations, can you please confirm the following:

- (1) Can seniors still access the fuel discount using a physical fuel discount card at participating United service stations?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Were participating seniors formally notified of any changes that requires only the use of a mobile phone app?
- (3) What provisions or alternatives exist for senior citizens who do not own or feel comfortable using smartphones or mobile applications?
- (4) Has the Government assessed the accessibility and geographic coverage of United fuel stations in regional New South Wales, including my electorate of Clarence, where access to United service stations are limited?
- (5) Will the Minister consider reinstating the original \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) United Petroleum made a unilateral business decision to no longer accept physical fuel discount cards from 16 December 2024. The NSW Government does not support their decision. As a consequence, United Petroleum's Seniors Card partnership agreement has been terminated. This means United Petroleum will no longer enjoy a featured partnership position on the Seniors Card website, nor will they be included in Seniors Card discretionary promotions. It's important to note Seniors Card holders may still claim the four cent per litre discount through United Petroleum's app if they choose to do so.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) This is a matter for United Petroleum. Seniors Card holders with concerns about United Petroleum's decision are encouraged to make their views known to their Customer Solutions Team on 1300 383 587.
- (4) The NSW Government is not responsible for assessing the geographical coverage of individual fuel retailers. My job is to advocate for the interests of Seniors Card members, not United Petroleum's commercial interests.
- (5) This is a decision for the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

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- * 5464 SENIOR FUEL DISCOUNT - REGIONAL TRANSPORT—Mr Richie Williamson to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In regard to the NSW Seniors Card and Senior Savers Card that provides eligible seniors access to a discount of 4 cents per litre on every fuel purchase at participating United service stations, can you please confirm the following:

- (1) Can seniors still access the fuel discount using a physical fuel discount card at participating United service stations?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Were participating seniors formally notified of any changes that requires only the use of a mobile phone app?
- (3) What provisions or alternatives exist for senior citizens who do not own or feel comfortable using smartphones or mobile applications?
- (4) Has the Government assessed the accessibility and geographic coverage of United fuel stations in regional New South Wales, including my electorate of Clarence, where access to United service stations are limited?
- (5) Will the Minister consider reinstating the original \$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (4) is a matter for the Minister for Seniors.
- (5) The Regional Seniors Travel Card will not be reinstated. The Government is investing significantly more than the previous Liberals and Nationals government in regional road repairs and disaster recovery on roads.

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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—

What date will the Minister make public the findings and recommendations of the Wilcannia Weir independent review?

Answer—

I am advised:

Following finalisation of its report, the Independent Review Panel provided me with an in-person briefing on 18 June 2025. Following this meeting, I am taking considering the findings and the most appropriate way forward for the project. I remain committed to making the findings publicly available once I have considered them.

While this occurs, work continues on other important initiatives in Wilcannia aimed at improving water security. This includes works related the additional emergency bore groundwater bore for Wilcannia as well as working with Central Darling Shire Council on the planned upgrade of the Wilcannia water treatment plant.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is committed to keeping the community informed on these projects and will continue to provide regular updates as they progress.

* 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—

(1) Does the NSW Firearms Registry utilise any artificial intelligence programs to prepare correspondence to firearm licence holders or firearm licence applicants?

(a) If yes, when did the Firearms Registry commence using artificial intelligence programs?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) No.

* 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—

In relation to grounds for disciplinary action for real estate agents under the Property and Stock Agents Act 2002 and the Property and Stock Agents Regulation 2022:

(1) Does the Government have plans to review disciplinary actions, including monetary penalties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government has invested \$8.4 million to establish the Strata and Property Services Taskforce to ensure real estate agents comply with their obligations under relevant legislation. The Government has an ongoing reform agenda to ensure disciplinary action that may be taken against a person is fit for purpose.

* 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—

(1) How many schools were put into recess in:

(a) 2023?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2025?

(2) How many schools were closed in:

(a) 2023?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2025?

(3) How many schools were merged in:

(a) 2023?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2025?

(4) As at June 2025, how many school consultative groups have been established in order to consider placing a school in recess, closure or merger?

(a) What are the schools?

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Answer—

Information on school establishments and changes are published in the Department of Education Annual Report.

Further information, including advice regarding community consultation, is available in the Educational provision – change in future school operation procedures on the department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2021-0477-05>.

- * 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—

In relation to fines for illegal tree removal:

- (1) Does the revenue go into the New South Wales Consolidated Fund?
(a) If no, where goes the revenue go?

Answer—

I am advised:

Where the fine for illegal tree removal is issued by a state agency, the recovered funds may be directed to the Consolidated Fund.

Where the fine for illegal tree removal is issued by local government authorities, including councils, fines are retained by the respective local government authority.

- * 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—

Given recent school catchment changes to establish the Lower North Shore Enrolment Zone:

- (1) What plans are there, if any, for a school bus from the suburbs of Castlecrag, Northbridge, and Cammeray to Mosman High School?
(a) When will a school bus service begin?
(b) What support is being provided to affected families with transport in the meantime?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is no current plan to introduce a new school service from these suburbs to Mosman High School.

The current bus network supports students who wish to travel to Mosman High School from the 'Lower North Shore Enrolment Zone'. However, some journeys may require a transfer between bus services at a suitable location.

Transport for NSW regularly monitors demand for school services, and where necessary, adjusts services 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 like buses.

- * 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—

In relation to the proposed new Electric Vehicle (EV) repair class in the Motor Dealers and Repairers Regulation remake:

- (1) Will there be a transition period to obtain the necessary qualifications?
- (2) Will the Government provide any support to repairers in obtaining those qualifications?
- (3) Has the Government modelled the impact on availability of qualified EV repairs and if this will meet demand?

Answer—

I am advised:

- The Government is currently considering feedback from public and industry consultation on the draft Motor Dealers and Repairers Regulation 2025.

- * 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—

In relation to the Government's Fresh Start Program:

- (1) Why is this program targeted at the local government sector?
- (2) Will this program exacerbate shortages of apprentices available to work for small businesses in other industries and sectors?
- (3) Are there any concerns regarding the Fresh Start Program and its impact on availability of apprentices to small businesses?
 - (a) If so, has the Office of Local Government been contacted regarding these concerns?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon, Ron Hoenig MP.

- * 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—

In relation to commissions charged by strata managers:

- (1) Does the Government have a plan to ban strata managers from receiving commissions?
 - (a) If yes, what consultation is been conducted and with whom?
- (2) Has the Government conducted any modelling into the affect on the strata industry of a ban on commissions?
 - (a) If so, what was the findings?
 - (b) When will such modelling be released?
 - (c) If modelling has not been conducted, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Please refer to the answers provided to:
- Question on Notice 4634, tabled on 22 April 2025 in the Legislative Assembly,

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- Question on Notice 3822, tabled on 27 May 2025 in the Legislative Council, and
- Question on Notice 5155, tabled on 17 June 2025 in the Legislative Assembly.

* 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—

In relation to Lot 4B Herbert St at Royal North Shore Hospital:

- (1) Is Lot 4B is surplus to requirements?
 - (a) If yes, has the Government conducted any modelling to support this claim?
 - (i) If yes, when will this be released to the public?
 - (ii) If not, why not and what is used to justify those claims?
- (2) Has the Board of the North Shore Local Health District expressed concerns regarding the sale of Lot 4B?
- (3) Does the sale of Lot 4B fail to align with the hospital's campus master plan and represent a degradation of the campus?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Lot 4b was declared surplus to Health needs by the previous Government in 2014. The Royal North Shore Hospital Master Plan 2023-2063, developed by Northern Sydney Local Health District, identifies Lot 4b as a zone for complementary services, rather than future clinical expansion. The plan ensures that any residential development on this site will not affect the campus' current or future ability to provide clinical care. The identified clinical expansion zones ensure the ability to double the campus' clinical capacity over the next 40-years.

* 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—

In relation to Sydney Trains and Sydney Metro:

- (1) What was patronage at the following stations each month from April 2024 to the most recent month data available:
 - (a) St Leonards?
 - (b) Artarmon?
 - (c) Chatswood?
 - (d) Crows Nest?
- (2) What are each of these stations ranked in terms of patronage of stations in the Sydney Metropolitan area?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

	Average weekday passenger trips (excluding weekend and public holidays)			
Month	St Leonards Station	Artarmon Station	Chatswood Station	Crows Nest Station

Apr-24	13,972	3,993	23,940	Not Applicable*
May-24	14,883	4,196	24,992	
Jun-24	14,488	4,093	24,592	
Jul-24	13,671	3,839	23,857	
Aug-24	13,585	4,152	27,325	9,225
Sep-24	10,474	3,866	27,849	9,086
Oct-24	10,242	3,842	28,233	9,282
Nov-24	10,181	3,945	28,575	9,652
Dec-24	8,445	3,535	26,906	9,156
Jan-25	7,027	2,825	23,636	8,404
Feb-25	9,301	3,683	28,391	10,465
Mar-25	10,286	4,093	30,695	11,229
Apr-25	9,834	3,820	29,767	10,551
May-25	9,177	3,843	28,607	10,910

*Crows Nest Metro Station commenced operations on 19 August 2024, as part of the Sydney Metro City extension.

- (2) According to the May 2025 average weekday passenger trips data, the rankings out of over 200 stations are as follows:

- St Leonards - 27th
- Artarmon - 68th
- Chatswood - 6th
- Crows Nest - 23rd

* 5476 MOWBRAY RAD AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Roads, and Minister for Regional Transport—

In relation to the Mowbray Rad and Pacific Highway intersection at Chatswood:

- (1) What progress has been made to reduce congestion at this intersection and the nearby intersection of Orchard and Mowbray Roads with Elizabeth Street?
- (2) Were plans for a new school on the adjacent metro dive site cancelled?

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- (a) If so, had Transport for NSW decided on any road changes or improvements prior to the cancellation of the new school on the adjacent metro dive site?
- (b) What impact did the cancellation of the school have on improvement of the intersection?
- (3) Has land from the adjacent former Sydney Metro site been reserved for road widening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is carrying out a network review of the State's key road corridors in Sydney's Lower North Shore and Northern Beaches, which includes the intersection of Pacific Highway and Mowbray Road in Chatswood.

The nearby intersection of Mowbray Road, Orchard Road and Elizabeth Street in Chatswood is classified a regional road under the care and control of Willoughby City Council.

- (2) In late 2024, it was announced the NSW Government would not proceed with a school development on the residual land of the Chatswood dive site.

Construction has been completed at the dive site and the extended Frank Channon Walk shared pedestrian and cycle path is open to the public. There is residual land remaining that is not required for Metro operations and Sydney Metro is in discussions with Landcom around the future usage of this land.

- (a) No preferred option had been determined, as options were being investigated. Future access and performance improvements to the intersection will consider the opportunities and constraints of the location, including adjacent future use of the former metro dive site.
- (b) No impact.
- (3) The property line of the residual land fronting Mowbray Road and the Pacific Highway has been set back to allow for potential future improvements at the adjacent intersection.

* 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—

- (1) Has the Government provided any assistance to Willoughby City Council to clean up and investigate a pollution incident involving the release of millions of polystyrene beads in Flat Rock Creek, Northbridge in May 2025?
- (2) Has there been any compliance action taken in relation to this incident?
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to ban the sale of polystyrene beads?

Answer—

- (1) Willoughby City Council are the appropriate regulatory authority to investigate this matter. The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) were not notified of the incident but have since contacted Council who confirmed that the clean-up was completed by the end of May 2025.
- (2) The pollution is believed to have occurred from damaged bean bags left on the street for waste collection. The EPA understands Council does not have sufficient evidence of the source of these bags, and therefore Council has not taken any compliance action at this time.
- (3) In the NSW Plastics: The Way Forward consultation paper, the NSW Government has proposed to phase out the supply of loose-fill packaging and moulded or cut packaging made of expanded and foamed plastic, including expanded polystyrene. This does not specifically include polystyrene beads.

* 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—

- (1) Did the Sydney Metro break down at Barangaroo Station on 27 May 2025?
 - (a) If so, has an investigation into the cause of the breakdown been conducted?
 - (i) What was the cause?
 - (b) How will Sydney Metro learn from the incident to improve communication and information provided to commuters?
 - (c) Are there any other lessons from the incident?

Answer—

I am advised:

At 4.03pm on Wednesday, 27 May 2025, a train at Barangaroo Metro Station came to a stop due to a train fault related to the pantograph. The train was travelling towards Sydenham, with approximately 100 customers on board who detrained at Barangaroo.

A carousel service was implemented between Tallawong and Barangaroo stations, operating with 4-minute frequencies. Two shuttle bus services were implemented between Sydenham and Barangaroo, running at approximately 16-minute frequencies.

All stations were serviced, and customers were communicated with via station announcements and Passenger Information Displays. At 5.57pm, customer numbers were filtered at Barangaroo platforms to allow for ease of passengers alighting and boarding services. The impacted trainset was moved at approximately 6.50pm, and full services resumed at 6.58pm.

Sydney Metro operator, Metro Trains Sydney is currently investigating the train fault and the cause of the incident is being investigated.

Metro Trains Sydney implements robust investigative processes and reviews, which ensure continuous improvement and adherence to best practice in network disruption preparedness, including the communication and information provided to customers.

Sydney Metro is reviewing various components of how Metro Trains Sydney responded to this incident and has made it clear to the operator they fell short of expectations during this incident. Sydney Metro will continue to work with Metro Trains Sydney to improve their incident response process and communication with customers.

* 5479 WESTCONNEX M8 INTERCHANGE SITE - INDEPENDENT AUDITOR—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the role of the Independent Auditor in relation to Environment Protection Licence No. 4627 (EPL4627):

- (1) How many Independent Auditor reports and interim reports have been received by Transport for NSW?
 - (a) On what dates were these received?
- (2) Are there concerns about the quality of the data received in relation to EPL4627?
 - (a) If so, how has the Independent Auditor responded to these concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) In relation to the requirement under Environment Protection Licence 4627 (EPL4627) to engage a NSW EPA accredited Site Auditor, in place since 28 May 2021, Transport for NSW has received 15 interim advice letters on the following dates:
- 7 July 2021
 - 15 September 2021
 - 11 October 2021
 - 25 October 2021
 - 29 October 2021
 - 11 March 2022
 - 19 October 2023
 - 21 December 2023
 - 5 January 2024
 - 7 March 2024
 - 23 April 2024
 - 9 May 2024
 - 3 September 2024
 - 24 January 2025
 - 17 April 2025
- (2) While there have been some data gaps and errors in the EPL 4627 monitoring results, Transport for NSW considers the data quality is within its expected range of errors given the complexity and constraints at the site. The Site Auditor has also noted the data set is fit for its intended purposes.

* 5480 WESTCONNEX M8 INTERCHANGE SITE - REPORTS AND DATA—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With respect to reports and data provided by consultants to Transport for NSW for the period 1 January 2020 to the present regarding compliance with Environment Protection Licence No. 4627 (EPL4627):

- (1) Has Transport for NSW received a number of reports by Community Environment Monitoring environmental scientist Charlie Pierce that have documented multiple errors and deficiencies in the monitoring reports for EPL4627?
- (a) If so, what actions has Transport for NSW taken in response to these findings?
 - (b) Does Transport for NSW consider the quantity of errors in the EPL4627 data to be within its expected range of errors?
 - (c) What reasons have been identified for the multiple gaps and errors in the data?
 - (d) What actions did the Environmental Protection Authority recommend to Transport for NSW to improve the quality of the data in relation to the monitoring of EPL4627?
- (2) What steps does Transport for NSW take to evaluate the quality of the data supplied by contractors in relation to EPL4627 before it is published by Transport for NSW?
- (3) What steps has Transport for NSW staff taken to evaluate the quality of other monitoring and other work done by WSP on Transport for NSW projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW has received reports by Charlie Pierce regarding monitoring data for St Peters Interchange.
 - (a) Transport for NSW has met with Community Environmental Monitoring and discussed the issues raised by Mr Pierce. Transport for NSW has also reviewed the data, published correction logs, and is in the process of updating relevant historical monitoring data published since 2020.
 - (b) Transport for NSW considers the quantity of data gaps and errors in the EPL4627 monitoring data is within its expected range of errors given the complexity and constraints at the site, such as ongoing construction works, limited time-window for accessing and collecting samples from the monitoring points.
 - (c) The main reasons for the multiple gaps and errors in the data are:
 - (i) difficulties in accessing monitoring points, and some monitoring points being damaged by ongoing construction works which required replacement.
 - (ii) difficult environmental media (i.e. landfill leachate)
 - (iii) human error in recording (i.e. measurement unit)
 - (iv) human error in the laboratory or field measurement processes (recording details in the chain of custody, assigning tests, missing method holding time)
 - (d) In some instances, the EPA has requested clarifications and correction of data, and Transport for NSW has responded to these queries.
- (2) Transport for NSW has engaged Waste Assets Management Corporation (WAMC), which is part of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, specialising in the rehabilitation and management of closed landfills, to manage the St Peters Interchange landfill site. As part of this, WAMC reviews and evaluates the quality of the monitoring data provided by WSP. Transport for NSW then conducts a final check before publishing the data.
- (3) Internal contract reviews are undertaken on a quarterly basis on contractors of a certain value, including WSP contracts.

* 5481 SHEBA MEDICAL CENTRE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by NSW Health and Sheba Medical Centre in February 2023:

- (1) Is this still in place?
- (2) Until what date will this Memorandum be valid?
- (3) What Department or area within NSW Health holds the relationship with Sheba Medical Centre?
- (4) What specific undertaking(s) have been or are being made by NSW Health and Sheba Medical Centre under this Memorandum?
- (5) What steps, if any, has NSW Health undertaken to ensure Sheba Medical Centre has no ties to the Israel Defence Forces or to any enterprises identified by the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner as being participants in Israel's occupation of Palestinian Territories?
- (6) Have you or your office been briefed, and if so on what date(s), on:
 - (a) The Memorandum of Understanding?
 - (b) Any connections between Sheba Medical Centre and the Israel Defense Forces?

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(7) If briefings of the nature described above did occur, what actions if any were taken as a result?

Answer—

I am advised:

In February 2023, the Ministry of Health established a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sheba Medical Centre, Israel, for cooperation in the fields of health and medical research translation and commercialisation. The MoU is intended to continue over a period of 5 years.

The Ministry's Office for Health and Medical Research provides secretariat for the MoU. To date, the conversations between NSW and Sheba Medical Centre have been exploratory, with no tangible undertakings to note.

I met with representatives from Sheba Medical Centre and was briefed on the progress of the MoU in February 2025.

NSW Health abides by advice provided by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the relationship between Australia and Israel.

* 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—

In relation to head leased properties managed by Homes NSW:

- (1) Are tenants required to contact Homes NSW to arrange repairs and maintenance, or do they liaise directly with the private property managers?
 - (a) For repairs or maintenance required in the common areas of head leased properties (either where there is a mix of head leased and Housing Portfolio properties, a mix of head leased and market properties, or where the entire building is head leased), how does the reporting pathway differ to reporting maintenance inside individual units that are head leased?
- (2) Once reported by the tenant, are subcontractors organised by Housing Portfolio or the private landlord/property manager?
 - (a) In instances where the maintenance is organised by the private landlord or property managers, what reporting requirements (if any) are in place to ensure Homes NSW is aware of the required works and condition of the property?
 - (b) Are private property managers and/or landlords provided with a framework for minimum acceptable timelines to action requests for repairs or maintenance?
 - (c) Is there a requirement for the areas requiring maintenance or repairs in a head leased property to first be inspected by a licensed tradesperson before a decision is made regarding whether said works are actioned?
 - (d) Are subcontractors and private property managers required to provide evidence to Homes NSW regarding the quality of works?
- (3) Does Homes NSW have oversight of the list of subcontractors engaged by private property managers which manage head leased properties?
 - (a) Have these subcontractors and their work been audited to ensure all works completed are to Housing Portfolio standards?
 - (b) Are private subcontractors and head lease property managers provided with a quality assurance framework to ensure any future works are completed to Housing Portfolio standards?

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- (4) If a tenant is not satisfied with the works completed by the subcontractors of private property managers, what pathways are available for reporting this?
- (a) Does Housing Portfolio review these cases?
 - (b) Are there ramifications for property managers that repeatedly engage subcontractors that provide unsatisfactory maintenance?
- (5) Regarding the nature of works completed in headlease properties:
- (a) Does Homes NSW collect data regarding the common maintenance and repair requests in head leased properties?
 - (b) Is Homes NSW aware of the average timelines for actioning maintenance or repair requests in headlease properties?
 - (c) How do the timelines for actioning maintenance, or the types of repairs required, differ between headlease properties and those managed by Homes NSW?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) During the term of a headlease, the owner is responsible for general repairs and maintenance to the property. As per the Homes NSW Headleasing Guidelines, any requests for maintenance or repairs will go through the Maintenance Response Centre (MRC), which will manage the request and make contact with the relevant owner or managing agent.
 - (a) The reporting pathway for maintenance or repairs in common areas of headleased properties is the same as reporting maintenance for individual headleased units.
- (2) As per the Homes NSW Headleasing Guidelines, generally, all maintenance and repair work required for a headlease property is the responsibility of the landlord. In some instances of tenant damage, however, repairs are the responsibility of Homes NSW. Homes NSW has no contractual liability under the standard lease agreement to perform repairs and maintenance on headlease properties. However, some exceptions apply (especially when the repair is urgent).
 - (a) There are no reporting requirements currently in place to advise Homes NSW of all repairs at head leased properties although some information is logged through records of call and repair requests made through the MRC.
 - (b) The Residential Tenancies Act 2010 does not specify a fixed timeframe for completing non-urgent repairs. While there is no definitive deadline, a landlord is expected to address non-urgent issues within a reasonable timeframe (Homes NSW considers a reasonable timeframe to be around 14 days).

Under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, landlords have a legal obligation to address urgent repairs as soon as possible, but the specific timeframe for doing so can vary. The NSW Fair Trading website clarifies that landlords have 24 hours to arrange repairs and must then carry them out as soon as practicable.
 - (c) This is at the discretion of the landlord.
 - (d) No.
- (3) No. Each landlord and property manager will engage a contractor of their choice.
 - (a) No.
 - (b) No.
- (4) Tenants can contact the MRC or their Client Service Team, to report failure by the landlord to carry out acceptable repairs. In these instances, Homes NSW may advocate on behalf of the tenant to ensure the repairs are rectified satisfactorily. Applications to the NSW Civil and Administrative

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Tribunal (NCAT) will be considered as an option to resolve disputes about repairs or non-compliance of the landlord's obligation to complete repairs.

- (a) In some cases, yes.
- (b) In matters where repairs are not resolved, Homes NSW will apply to NCAT. Homes NSW may also discontinue business arrangements with any property landlord or agent that does not meet the requirements of the Headlease program (including unsatisfactory maintenance responses and resolutions).
- (5) (a) No.
- (b) No.
- (c) No reliable data is available; however timeframes should be in line with the Residential Tenancies Act.

* 5483 WESTCONNEX M8 INTERCHANGE SITE - CONSULTANT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With respect to WSP or one of its subsidiaries being appointed as the consultant for the monitoring of compliance with Environment Protection Licence No. 4627 (EPL4627) at the WestConnex M8 Interchange site:

- (1) What is the period and cost of any contracts with WSP for the monitoring of compliance with EPL4627 since 2018?
- (2) What was the period and costs of contracts with Golder Associates for the monitoring of compliance with EPL4627 since 2014?
- (3) Were any potential conflicts of interests between WSP and any of its subsidiaries identified in relation to other contracts with the Government in selection of a contractor for the monitoring of compliance with EPL4627?
- (4) What actions, if any, were taken to mitigate any potential conflicts of interest between WSP and any of its subsidiaries in the monitoring of compliance with EPL4627?

Answer—

I am advised:

WSP have been engaged directly by Transport for NSW since 2023 for the monitoring associated with EPL 4627. Details of the contract and variations are published under The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) which requires government agencies to publish the details of any contracts they have entered into with private sector entities, with a value of \$150,000 or more.

Golder Associates were not directly engaged by Transport for NSW for monitoring at St Peters Interchange during this period.

No potential conflicts of interest were identified as part of the procurement process for the engagement of WSP. As such, no mitigation actions were required.

* 5484 SAFE HAVEN FUNDING—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—

In relation to the operating hours and staffing levels at Safe Haven Newtown:

- (1) Is recruitment underway at the Newtown Safe Haven?
 - (a) If so, how many staff members are expected to be onboarded?
 - (b) What will be the new hours of operation once these staff members are onboarded?

- (c) What is the expected date that these new operating hours will come into effect?
- (2) What information was used to determine the operating hours for Safe Haven Newtown?
 - (a) Which data was used to inform the volume of recruitment necessary to facilitate this extension in operating hours?
 - (b) How are operating hours for Safe Havens throughout New South Wales set?
 - (c) Who is the decision maker for the operating hours at Safe Havens throughout New South Wales?
 - (d) Which stakeholders are consulted when determining the operating hours for Safe Havens in New South Wales?
- (3) What are the average staffing levels during Newtown Safe Haven's current operating hours (10am – 4pm, four days a week)?
 - (a) How will this differ to the staffing levels during the service's extended operating hours?
- (4) What level of demand has Newtown Safe Haven experienced outside of its current operating hours, via:
 - (a) Phone enquiries?
 - (b) Online enquiries?
 - (c) On site enquiries (if applicable)?
 - (d) Any other method?
- (5) What level of demand has Newtown Safe Haven experienced during its current operating hours, via:
 - (a) Phone enquiries?
 - (b) Online enquiries?
 - (c) On site enquiries (if applicable)?
 - (d) Any other method?
- (6) What services exist for those who require support usually offered by Safe Haven during the hours outside 10AM – 4PM on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Newtown Safe Haven is currently recruiting to the role of Senior Peer Worker. This will not change the operating hours.

Each local health district determines Safe Haven operating hours based on local data and stakeholder consultation, including input from consumers, carers, partner agencies, and staff.

The staffing model for the Newtown Safe Haven consists of 3 full-time staff members being a Senior Peer Worker, a Peer Worker, and a Senior Mental Health Clinician. No changes to staffing levels are proposed.

On average, Newtown Safe Haven receives 5 phone, 5 online and 5 onsite enquiries per week outside of its current operating hours.

During current operating hours, Newtown Safe Haven receives an average of 5 phone enquiries per week, 5 online enquiries per week, and 10 onsite enquiries per day.

For individuals requiring support outside Newtown Safe Haven's operating hours, alternative services are available through the 24/7 Mental Health Line, acute care service, emergency departments, and other Safe Havens.

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Suicide is a complex issue, and preventing suicide requires a coordinated approach involving local communities, NGOs, and the private sector, and government services. The NSW Government is committed to increasing suicide prevention support as part of our aim to reduce the suicide rate across NSW. The introduction of the Suicide Prevention Bill 2025 in June of this year will better understand, prevent and respond to suicide and suicidal distress across the state.

* 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—

- (1) What was the total number of students registered for a School Opal card in each of the following postcodes for each calendar year since 2022 (inclusive):
 - (a) 2234?
 - (b) 2232?
 - (c) 2229?
 - (d) 2228?
 - (e) 2227?
 - (f) 2226?
 - (g) 2225?
 - (h) 2224?
- (2) What was the total number of students registered for a Child and Youth Opal card in each of the following postcodes for each calendar year since 2022 (inclusive):
 - (a) 2234?
 - (b) 2232?
 - (c) 2229?
 - (d) 2228?
 - (e) 2227?
 - (f) 2226?
 - (g) 2225?
 - (h) 2224?
- (3) What was the total number of tap-ons recorded using School Opal cards at each of the following train stations for each calendar year since 2022 (inclusive):
 - (a) Caringbah Station?
 - (b) Miranda Station?
 - (c) Gymea Station?
 - (d) Kirrawee Station?
 - (e) Sutherland Station?
 - (f) Jannali Station?
 - (g) Como Station?
- (4) What was the total number of tap-ons recorded using Child and Youth Opal cards at each of the following train stations for each calendar year since 2022 (inclusive):

- (a) Caringbah Station?
- (b) Miranda Station?
- (c) Gymea Station?
- (d) Kirrawee Station?
- (e) Sutherland Station?
- (f) Jannali Station?
- (g) Como Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

Postcode	Year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
2234	857	678	690	352
2232	727	588	734	334
2229	587	438	557	265
2228	326	275	333	140
2227	263	198	240	113
2226	388	266	350	156
2225	252	173	204	89
2224	280	211	293	117
Total	3680	2827	3401	1566

(2)

Postcode	Year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
2234	83	106	101	46
2232	96	89	104	54
2229	71	103	90	57
2228	60	48	53	29
2227	43	53	40	18
2226	57	62	63	26
2225	21	35	28	11
2224	27	46	34	20
Total	458	542	513	261

(3)

Train Station	Year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Caringbah	62,885	70,318	63,950	26,327

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Miranda	30,364	31,598	27,441	11,128
Gymea	15,350	17,599	14,939	6,798
Kirrawee	12,393	16,739	16,656	7,172
Sutherland	61,970	69,163	57,018	23,478
Jannali	15,514	19,689	20,128	8,772
Como	5,617	7,921	7,682	3,370
Total	204,093	233,027	207,814	87,045

(4)

Train Station	Year			
	2022	2023	2024	2025
Caringbah	22,342	24,104	18,723	8,372
Miranda	66,856	68,506	56,268	23,472
Gymea	19,628	22,251	18,096	8,961
Kirrawee	18,124	18,243	15,296	7,133
Sutherland	61,408	68,910	71,891	32,121
Jannali	22,802	26,195	23,758	10,195
Como	7,775	8,822	7,635	3,505
Total	218,935	237,031	211,667	93,759

* 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—

In relation to bus connectivity to Epping Metro Station from area between Terry Road and Carlingford Road:

- (1) Has the Minister investigated direct bus connections to Epping Metro from the area between Terry Road and Carlingford Road?
- (2) Should the Minister have examined the need for adequate bus services in the area, could the Minister provide the anticipated timeline for any actions planned to resolve this issue?
- (3) Can the Minister provide detailed data on the number of commuters who have tapped on using Opal cards (or similar ticketing instruments) at bus stops located between Terry Road and Carlingford Road in Epping for the following years:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Route 550, which operates between Parramatta and Macquarie Park via Epping, runs every 15 minutes 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. Other

routes in this area operate regularly during peak periods but have varying service frequency at other times.

Demand for direct connections and more frequent services to Metro stations (including Epping Station) from surrounding areas is being assessed as part of ongoing service planning work. The feasibility of any new or improved bus services depends on the availability of funding and fleet. Other key considerations, including bus turnback and layover requirements at stations, like Epping, are integral to planning future service enhancements.

The area between Carlingford Road and Terry Road is large and bus services operating in this area have disparate service levels. Transport for NSW is working to identify opportunities to improve service frequency where possible. However, funding or fleet has not been allocated to address this matter.

- (3) (a) 2023 - 3,620.
- (b) 2024 - 4,070.
- (c) 2025 (January to May) - 4,450.

Note: This data is based on Opal transaction and indicates passengers who tapped on to the Opal network, encompassing all card types.

- * 5487 EPPING TRAIN STATION FENCE—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—

In relation to the damaged fence on Langston Place outside Epping Train Station:

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Department has investigated the damaged fence on Langston Place outside Epping Train Station?
 - (a) If so, what steps are being taken to assess and repair it?
 - (b) Has the fence has been in a state of disrepair since January?
 - (i) If so, is the Minister able to advise what steps have been taken to ensure the safety of local residents?
 - (c) What improvements are planned for once the issue is resolved, to mitigate the future risk of it occurring again?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW apologises for the delay in repairing the fence on Langston Place, outside Epping Station. The last damage to the fence was on 15 March 2025. The repair work was completed on 13 June 2025.

- * 5488 EPPING BRIDGE PROJECT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the Epping Bridge Project:

- (1) Could the Minister please confirm how the Government plans to address the poor performance of the Carlingford Road, Ray Road, and Rawson Street intersections, all currently operating at an unacceptable Level of Service F, as well as the congestion issues within Epping Town Centre, particularly on Rawson Street, as part of and in connection with the Epping Bridge project?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm what advice or measures are being considered to help ease future congestion that may result from the proposed addition of a westbound general traffic lane on the new Epping bridge?

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- (3) Can the Minister advise whether they are working with Parramatta City Council to improve traffic flow and intersections in the streets surrounding the Epping Bridge Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As part of the Future Transport Strategy, Transport for NSW is working to improve transport options for its customers, providing more choice in how and when they travel. Epping is well serviced by various transport modes including rail, metro and bus services, and it has a growing active transport network, in addition to its road network. By promoting sustainable travel behaviour to flatten peak demand and optimise the network, Transport for NSW will maximise the use of the existing infrastructure and support growth through integrated planning.
- (2) Extra road capacity is being provided by adding an additional westbound traffic lane into Beecroft Road and an additional southbound right-turn into Blaxland Road. These two new lanes will increase the capacity of both roads, ease congestion in both directions, and improve safety across the bridge.

The third westbound lane will merge into two just before the pedestrian overbridge on Beecroft Road. However, future Epping Town Centre development may present opportunities to improve road capacity in this area.

- (3) Transport for NSW is consulting with City of Parramatta Council on both the Epping Bridge Project and the development of the Epping Town Centre Master Plan for the western side of the town centre.

* 5489 T9 TRAIN LINE—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—

In relation to the T9 Train Line:

- (1) Could the Minister please outline the steps that the Government is taking to improve the on-time performance of trains on the T9 line?
- (2) Can the Minister detail what (if any) plans your Department has to invest in or utilise technology solutions to improve the resilience of Sydney's rail network in the event of major maintenance, incidents, or weather events?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW works hard to make sure passengers get where they need to go, safely, and on time. Sydney Trains has a target to run 92 per cent of peak services on time.

A lot of work has gone into improving service reliability and network resilience, with the development of an Asset Resilience Strategy in 2023. The Strategy outlines the objectives and guiding principles for strengthening the rail network's ability to withstand and recover from climate-related disruptions, natural disasters, external influences, and human-introduced risks.

Sydney Trains spent around \$1.7 billion on maintenance last financial year, including on infrastructure, fleet, facilities and major periodic maintenance. The Rail Repair Plan, completed in June 2024, resulted in passengers spending 35 per cent less time in train delays caused by infrastructure failures. However, protected industrial action and severe weather has had detrimental impacts on the reliability of Sydney Trains' services in recent months.

Following the electrical incident near Strathfield on 20 May and the significant impact on passengers, the Premier appointed an expert panel of three, to conduct a short independent review, and take a system-wide look at maintenance and reliability. The Independent Rail Review is underway and will build on the 2023 Rail Infrastructure and Systems Review, which resulted in a

significant investment as part of a Rail Repair Plan and a Train Repair Plan to resolve thousands of defects and help improve reliability.

- (2) Several technology initiatives are underway to support reliability on the Sydney Trains network. These initiatives include upgrades to applications, migration to infrastructure with improved scalability and availability, and general ongoing system improvements. Projects to better utilise data to support maintenance activities are also in progress.

* 5490 ENROLMENT CAPS OF SCHOOLS—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the enrolment caps of schools within the Epping electorate:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether there are schools within the Epping electorate that are currently operating at or above their designated enrolment caps?
- (a) If so, can the Minister list the schools that are operating at or above their designated enrolment caps?
- (b) Could the Minister confirm whether a strategy is in place to address this?

Answer—

Enrolment numbers and information for NSW public schools is publicly available.

The Minns Labor Government is investing a record \$9 billion in new and upgraded schools, which includes significant investment in building new classrooms to replace demountables, which grew by 35% under the former Liberal Nationals Government. This includes a major redevelopment of Cumberland High School and Carlingford West Public School.

* 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—

- (1) Are there plans to install traffic lights at the intersection of Pennant Hills Rd and Evans Rd?
- (a) If so, could you please outline the details of the installation plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

As part of the development of the corridor investigation of Pennant Hills Road, a high-level investigation and rapid appraisal was undertaken for this intersection, to identify potential measures to improve accessibility. The strategic investigation recommended the upgrade of Pennant Hills Road and Evans Road for further development and investigation.

Progression of further investigation, including strategic design and assessments, is subject to a business case assessment and State-wide funding prioritisation process.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor traffic conditions at this site.

* 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—

Can the Minister advise what the average turnaround time is for ministerial correspondence written to the Minister?

Answer—

I am advised:

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My office receives a large volume of correspondence, and works to respond to correspondence in a timely manner.

- * 5493 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE - EDUCATION—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can the Minister advise what the average turnaround time is for ministerial correspondence written to the Minister?

Answer—

Please refer to LA QoN 5307.

- * 5494 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister advise what the average turnaround time is for ministerial correspondence written to the Minister?

Answer—

I am advised:

Timeframes for the management of correspondence are outlined in the Department of Premier and Cabinet Circular C2021-09 Ministerial Correspondence Handling.

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- * 5495 ACCESS TO REIMBURSED AIR TRAVEL THROUGH ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—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 of any plans to increase access to reimbursed air travel through Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) rather than expecting patients to travel greater distances than 600 km one way via road?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Eligibility for air travel is set out in the IPTAAS Assessment Guidelines, which are publicly available on the IPTAAS website. Eligible patients will receive reimbursement for the full cost of an economy rate ticket.

The air approval criteria offer a broad range of reasons why a patient may require air travel. It is at the discretion of the referring practitioner to decide whether air travel is required for their patient.

- * 5496 INCREASE IN ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME PATIENTS—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 of any updates on the targets of increasing new Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) patients to 45,000 per year by 2026?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Regional Health Strategic Plan 2022-2032 is complemented by a Priority Framework, which sets 19 targets by 2026.

Data on the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) is available in the Baseline Monitoring and Evaluation Summary Report on the NSW Health website on the Regional Health page.

* 5497 TREASURER'S ADVANCE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

(1) What was the Treasurer's Advance in:

(a) 2023-24?

(b) 2024-25?

Answer—

(1) The Treasurer's Advance has not featured in Appropriation Bills for the 2023-24 or 2024-25 financial years.

* 5498 LAND TAX RELIEF—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—

As of the most recent date available:

(1) What is the total number of residential landlords who have received land tax relief?

(2) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to residential landlords?

(3) What is the total number of commercial landlords who have received land tax relief?

(4) What is the total dollar value of land tax relief given to commercial landlords?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tax expenditures and concessions are available in Appendix C of Budget Paper 1.

* 5499 LOCAL SPORTS GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

(1) Does the Government plan to fund the Local Sports Grants Program in the 2025-26 financial year?

(a) If so, when will the program commence?

(b) What will be the funding amount for each electorate?

(i) Will the Government consider increasing the previous funding amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000 given it did not open for the 2024/25 financial year?

(c) Will the program follow the same guidelines and eligibility criteria of the previous round?

Answer—

I am advised that:

(1) Yes.

(a) Applications opened on 30 June 2025.

(b) Funding of \$50,000 is allocated to each electorate under the Local Grant Sport Program 2025.

(i) Funding of \$50,000 is allocated to each electorate under the Local Grant Sport Program 2025.

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- (c) Details of the program guidelines (including eligibility) are available via the Office of Sport website: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants>.

* 5500 INTERSECTION OF DAVISTOWN ROAD AND AVOCA DRIVE—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Is Transport for NSW planning to conduct an investigation for an upgrade of the Davistown Road and Avoca Drive intersection?
- (2) Has an investigation into the upgrade of this intersection been taken prior to 2025?
- (3) Does the Minister have an approximate costing for the delivery of an upgrade to this intersection?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW currently has no plans to investigate an upgrade at this location.
- (2) A strategic assessment of potential improvements was undertaken around 2017. However, funding to progress the work was not secured at the time, and as a result, the project did not proceed.
- (3) The cost of any future upgrade will depend on the scope of the preferred solution and the proposed construction timeframe. Until these details are determined, a cost estimate cannot be provided.

* 5501 BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many applications were received from the Central Coast Local Government Area for the Boating Infrastructure for Communities Grants Program?
 - (a) How many of these applications were successful?
- (2) What actions were taken by the Government to encourage local councils, government agencies, community groups and the private sector to submit a registration of interest for the program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Five applications were received; applications were assessed by the panel in May 2025 and successful projects will be announced shortly.
- (2) The opportunity was promoted on the NSW Grant Finder website, as required under the Grants Administration Guide, and on the Transport for NSW website to ensure broad accessibility for potential applicants.

Transport for NSW contacted all applicants who had submitted applications in the Boating Now round 4 program to inform them about the new registration of interest process. Transport for NSW also emailed information to its list of stakeholders who had previously expressed interest in receiving direct contact and communication about this program and others under the Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme.

* 5502 VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS ON THE EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many speeding fines were issued in the Eastern Distributor in the 2024-25 financial year?
 - (a) How many of these speeding fines were during a change in the variable speed limit?
- (2) How many speed cameras are located in the northbound lanes of the Eastern Distributor?
- (3) How many speed cameras are located in the southbound lanes of the Eastern Distributor?

- (4) If motorists are travelling within the Eastern Distributor during a change in the variable speed limit, is there a grace period to accommodate change in speed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Speeding fine data is publicly available on the Revenue NSW website.
- (2) One.
- (3) One.
- (4) Yes, there is a delay in enforcement of the lower speed limit to allow motorists sufficient time to respond.

* 5503 UPGRADE OF AVOCA DRIVE, KINCUMBER—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister advise the total amount of funding provided to date for the upgrade of Avoca Drive?
- (2) Can the Minister advise as to when the consultation report for the upgrade of Avoca Drive will be publicly available?
 - (a) How many submissions were received for the project?
- (3) What are the next steps for the delivery of the upgrade after the completion of the consultation report?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW project website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/avoca-drive-upgrade-at-kincumber>)
- (2) Transport for NSW received 337 submissions in response to the display of the strategic design options. A report outlining the feedback and responses was made publicly available in June 2025.
- (3) Next steps are the concept design and environmental assessment. Feedback received during the display of the strategic design options will continue to be considered as the project progresses. It is expected the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors will be placed on public display for further consultation in 2026.

* 5504 SPECIFIC PURPOSE ACCESS LICENCES—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 Specific Purpose Access Licences have been issued in each year for the:
 - (a) Murrumbidgee?
 - (b) Murray?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) A total of 42 Specific Purpose Access Licenses have been issued in the Murrumbidgee.
A year-by-year breakdown is as follows:

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Water Year/ FY	Total number of SPAL WALs	SHARE COMPONENT
2004/05	2	902.25
2005/06	2	1
2006/07	3	5.4
2007/08	1	1
2008/09	1	500
2009/10	8	19.7
2010/11	2	6
2011/12	6	11433
2012/13	2	22.95
2013/14	1	2
2014/15	3	6.5
2015/16	0	0
2016/17	0	0
2017/18	0	0
2018/19	2	228.9
2019/20	1	1000
2020/21	3	536
2021/22	2	330
2022/23	1	15
2023/24	2	1802
2024/25	0	0
Total number of WAL SPALs	42	16811.7

- (b) A total of 153 Specific Purpose Access Licenses have been issued in the Murray.

A year-by-year breakdown is as follows:

Water Year/ FY	Total number of SPAL WALs	SHARE COMPONENT
2004/05	2	6
2005/06	6	12
2006/07	14	2887
2007/08	63	164
2008/09	21	51
2009/10	3	23
2010/11	4	6

2011/12	1	1
2012/13	3	12601
2013/14	3	3287
2014/15	0	0
2015/16	3	372
2016/17	5	24
2017/18	4	4
2018/19	4	4727
2019/20	7	9433
2020/21	3	39
2021/22	4	40
2022/23	0	0
2023/24	1	2
2024/25	2	8
Total number of WAL SPALs	153	33,687

* 5505 RETURN TO WORK SUPPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

- (1) Given the recent changes to Workers Compensation legislation, would the Minister advise what programs or training is being proposed in relation to:
 - (a) Effective management of return-to-work cases?
 - (b) Increased access to necessary and effective services to ensure timely, safe and sustainable return to work programs?
 - (c) Guidance on development of policies, procedures and knowledge regarding suitable duties?

Answer—

Thank you for your interest in the effective management of return to work cases. This is a priority area of the Government and I am pleased to provide you with further information.

I'm advised:

Work has begun on a whole of government Return to Work Strategy.

While all employers in NSW are required to establish a return to work program, the NSW Government has established a whole of government Return to Work Strategy for workers in the public sector.

The Return to Work Strategy aims to build enduring systems to assist injured workers and support public sector agencies manage return to work more effectively.

The new Strategy will give workers the opportunity to access jobs across the whole of their agency and outside of their agency where they have capacity to return to work.

We know that last year the NSW Government was unable to provide suitable work for over 3,000 employees with active workers compensation claims who have capacity for work.

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The Strategy is in its implementation stage, and to give it the best chance of success, its implementation is being led by a new team in the Premiers Department which has received dedicated funding from the government of up to \$1.2 million per year.

The Strategy will look at a range of measures including improving return to work planning and provision of suitable duties across agencies, developing effective workplace supports and strengthening cooperation and commitment across agencies to offer suitable and alternative opportunities to return to work.

The Minns Labor Government has also conducted an operational review of icare which not only identified \$23 million of savings per annum but has worked to improve the claims management process which assists in supporting workers to return to work.

As part of our reforms we are focusing on improving the prevention and treatment of psychological injuries which occur at work.

I was pleased that the NSW Parliament recently passed the Industrial Relations and Other Legislation Amendment (Workplace Protection) Bill in the NSW Parliament which makes the prevention of injuries central to the system.

In particular, measures have been introduced to support the prevention of injury and support return to work including:

- New jurisdictions for workplace bullying and sexual harassment which establish a ‘one-stop shop’ through the NSW IRC for complaints from NSW Government and local government employees. Remedies include ordering a public apology, ordering an employer take specified actions to stop unlawful conduct, or ordering damages of up to \$100,000.
- Adding return to work for injured employees as an industrial matter in the IRC which expands their ability to hear matters related to injured worker return to work matters for public sector and local government workers brought forward by their union.

These reforms also reinforce the NSW Government’s biggest investment in workplace mental health prevention in the state’s history, through a \$344 million Workplace Mental Health package, which includes:

- SafeWork funding for injury prevention, including 51 new SafeWork NSW Inspector positions, boosting the number of SafeWork NSW Investigators who also specialise in psychosocial risk.
- Wraparound psychological support services for people navigating the claims process.
- WH&S compliance and enforcement to strengthen psychosocial hazard prevention.

These changes reinforce the Minns Labor Government's commitment to preventing psychological injury in the workplace on the front end which will reduce the amount of injured workers coming through the system and ensure those who require return to work assistance are supported.

For more information regarding return to work programs I refer you to the Minister for Customer Services and Digital Government.

More information can also be found at <https://www.sira.nsw.gov.au/return-to-work-programs>.

* 5506 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY WAIT TIMES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Would the Minister advise what are the current wait times for emergency room presentations at Griffith Base Hospital?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Information about emergency department performance is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information's website.

- * 5507 MINING WATER ACCESS LICENCES—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 how many water licences are held by mining companies in the Murray electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 11 water access licences owned by mining companies that operate mines within the Murray electorate.

- * 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—

(1) Would the Minister provide an update in relation to the Sustainable Communities Program Early Investment Round in relation to:

- (a) How many applications were received?
- (b) How many applications have been approved?
- (c) Has all the early round funding been exhausted?
- (d) When does the next round of funding begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 35 applications were received.
- (b) Applications are currently under assessment with successful projects to be announced soon.
- (c) As applications are currently under assessment, the total funding allocation is not yet known.
- (d) The timing of next round of funding will be announced shortly.

- * 5509 MURRAY COMBINED DROUGHT INDICATOR—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) Would the Minister provide the Combined Drought Indicator figures for the Murray electorate for:

- (a) Non-Drought?
- (b) Recovering?
- (c) Drought Affected?
- (d) Drought?

Answer—

The NSW-Combined Drought Indicator (CDI) is not aggregated for NSW electorates.

Up-to-date CDI figures for NSW, LLS regions and Local Government Areas are available through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development [website](#).

A detailed assessment of drought for each LLS region is published each month in the NSW Seasonal Conditions Update.

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- * 5510 DECLARATIONS REQUIRED FROM FARMERS REGARDING LIVESTOCK GRAZING UNDER OR NEAR RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSETS—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 Government intend to require farmers to declare whether livestock have been grazed beneath or adjacent to wind turbines or solar farms in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government does not intend to require farmers to declare their livestock have grazed beneath or adjacent to wind turbines or solar farms in NSW.

- * 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—

- (1) What criteria or parameters does the Government use to determine whether a Service NSW location, such as the agency in Moama, should be upgraded to a dedicated Service NSW Centre?
- (2) Given the 13 per cent increase in Moama's population over the past year, will the Government consider establishing a dedicated Service NSW Centre in Moama?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) Service NSW has regard to a range of criteria when determining suitable locations for a service centre. These include:
 - Estimated population growth and proximity to other service centres and council agencies
 - Utilisation rates in the nominated council agency and nearby Service NSW points of presence
 - Network optimisation to balance the allocation of existing resources
- (2) While there are currently no plans to replace the existing agency, Service NSW continues to monitor the network with regard to the above criteria.

- * 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—

- (1) How many New South Wales learner driver licences have been issued in the past five years to individuals residing at a Victorian residential address, broken down by year and Service NSW office location within 50 kilometres of the Victorian border?
- (2) How does the Government account for the additional workload on Service NSW staff in cross-border towns when Victorian residents access New South Wales licensing services due to earlier age eligibility?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport.
- (2) I am advised Service NSW considers a range of factors including forecasts on customer volumes, to inform workforce planning and resource allocation. In addition, Service NSW regularly reviews its network to ensure accessibility of services. Factors such as population density, estimated population growth by region and the distance to, and utilisation of, existing Service NSW services is considered.

* 5513 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many new preschools in the Drummoyne electorate 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 across NSW.

* 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—

- (1) In relation to the buses in Region 6, how many services were cancelled during the following months in 2025:
- (a) January?
 - (b) February?
 - (c) March?
 - (d) April?
 - (e) May?
 - (f) June?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) There were 516 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.36 per cent of scheduled trips.
(b) There were 483 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.35 per cent of scheduled trips.
(c) There were 444 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.29 per cent of scheduled trips.
(d) There were 382 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.27 per cent of scheduled trips.
(e) There were 703 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.46 per cent of scheduled trips.
(f) Up to 12 June 2025, there were 223 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.39 per cent of scheduled trips.

* 5515 ROUTE 502—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—

- (1) Will Transport for NSW look at improving bus route 502 to bring more frequent services during the day?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW received complaints that the route 502 bus timetable does not line up with the ferry timetable at Cabarita Wharf?

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(a) If so, how will Transport address this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

Daytime services on Route 502 reduced in frequency and shortened from Cabarita Wharf - Drummoyne to Cabarita Wharf - Five Dock because the service averaged between 2 and 6 passengers per trip (across the entire trip).

F3 ferry services operate at a higher frequency than route 502 services and therefore not every F3 trip connects with a route 502 service.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the 502 route and where necessary adjust frequencies in response to any changes in demand.

* 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—

In relation to the recently announced new electric vehicle charger at Breakfast Point, could you please provide details about the number of chargers and cables, the rate of charging, the exact location and installer company?

Answer—

The NSW Government is co-funding an Electric Vehicle (EV) fast charging station at 19-21 Tennyson Rd, Breakfast Point.

The station will be installed by Tesla Motors Australia.

It will include 6 charging bays, with the standard Combined Charging System (CCS2) plug type compatible with most EVs on the road, and with a rate of charge of 350kW+ for each bay.

The location can be found on the program master plan map, along with details of all other sites supported through this program at: <https://nswmaps.evenergi.com/>.

* 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—

In relation to plans to increase housing supply for the Canada Bay local government area:

(1) What plans does the Sydney Local Health District have for new and renovated health infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information can be found on the Sydney Local Health District website.

* 5518 FUNDING FOR NEW SCHOOLS IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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 the Canada Bay local government area:

(1) What plans does the Department have for new and renovated school infrastructure?

Answer—

Information regarding the Minns Labor Government's record \$9 billion investment in new and upgraded school is available on the School Infrastructure website.

The Minns Labor Government is delivering a significant upgrade to Concord High School, that was neglected by the former Liberal National Government for 12 years. The works will include 32 new permanent classrooms, 5 new specialist spaces for visual arts, performing arts and PDHPE, 3 new support classrooms, a new school hall and canteen, new administration and staff facilities, and a refurbishment of the school library. Importantly, the upgrade will remove all 15 demountable classrooms placed on the school by the former Liberal National Government.

It should be noted that, throughout 2021 and 2022, the Concord High School P&C had repeatedly raised the urgent need for an upgrade with the then Education Minister, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, including through the former Member for Drummoyne. This included repeated invitations to meet with the P&C and visit the school.

In October 2024, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Early Learning, the Hon. Prue Car MP, was proud to join the principal Victor Newby, school leaders and the Member for Reid, Sally Sitou MP, who has been a strong advocate for the school, in marking the start of construction of this vital, and desperately needed, school upgrade.

Furthermore, the former Liberal National Government had not progressed planning for any other schools in the Canada Bay LGA when it left office. The Minns Labor Government is proud to now be rebuilding public education in NSW, as it was elected to do.

- * 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—

Can you provide an update about the Rhodes Fire Station and plans to deliver a new station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Rhodes Fire Station continues to operate and is staffed by on-call firefighters. Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) continues to work on the best long-term solution to service the City of Canada Bay.

- * 5520 A NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN THE DRUMMOYNE ELECTORATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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 the Canada Bay local government area:

- (1) What plans does the Department have for another high school in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QON 5518.

- * 5521 TRAFFIC ON VICTORIA ROAD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to plans to increase housing supply for the Canada Bay local government area:

- (1) What plans does the Department have to relieve traffic at Victoria Road in Drummoyne?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response to LA 5056.

- * 5522 WOOLLOOMOOLOO POLICE STATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Is the Government planning to reopen the Woolloomooloo Police Station?

- (a) If so, when?

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(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force reaffirms its commitment to re-occupy the previously-leased Woolloomooloo Police Station, contingent upon completion of the proposed remediation works by the property owner and compliance with work, health and safety standards.

A start date for these works is yet to be advised by the property owner. In the interim, the Kings Cross Police Area Command maintains a strong presence in the Woolloomooloo area.

* 5523 MODIFIED E-BIKES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Does NSW Police do operations to check if e-bikes have been modified to exceed speeds above the legal limit?
- (2) How many accidents involving e-bikes have been reported in the local government area of The City of Sydney in the last two years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Police Force does not conduct operations specifically to check if e-bikes have been modified to exceed legal speed limits. However, it does conduct operations targeting their illegal use.
- (2) The table below shows the number of accidents involving e-bikes reported in the local government area of The City of Sydney in the past two years:

Event Reported Date	Count of Incidents
21/06/2023 to 21/06/2024	58
22/06/2024 to 22/06/2025	93

Notes:

- Data extracted relies on the accurate recording of E-Bikes or E-Scooters. Extensive manual review would be required to confirm whether other vehicle types (for example bicycles, motorcycles etc) have been used in place of E- Bikes and E-Scooters.
- The following postcodes within The City of Sydney LGA have been used: 2000, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2037, 2038, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2050
- Incident categories: Major Traffic Crash, Minor Traffic Crash, Minor Traffic Collision
- Vehicle Type: Non registrable vehicle.
- Sub-Vehicle Type: E-Bike, E-Scooter
- Data current to: 22 June 2025.

* 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—

With regard to the contract for the Opal ticketing system for public transport being extended to September 2026:

- (1) What is the Government doing during the current contract to ensure Opal concession card holders have the same opportunity as adult fare travellers to use:
 - (a) Opal concession cards in digital wallets?
 - (b) Pay concession rates through contactless transactions like payWave?
- (2) When will opal concession card holders be able to use digital contactless payment options?
- (3) What features will the Government require from the successful tender for the upgraded public transport ticketing system to ensure people with concession cards can access the same options for payment as adult fare travellers?

Answer—

I am advised:

There is currently no plan for adult or concession Opal card holders to load cards into their digital wallets under the current contract. This functionality was trialled in 2021 for 12 months for 10,000 customers but was discontinued after the trial period.

Transport for NSW is currently in the early stages of investigating options for concession customers to be able to use contactless payments.

One of the objectives of Opal Next Gen, the program to upgrade public transport ticketing, is that all passengers, including those eligible for Concession fares, will be able to use a credit or debit card or their device to pay for travel on the Opal network, by linking their preferred card to their eligible entitlements and accounts.

Opal Next Gen includes requirements that will deliver a stable, reliable and account-based ticketing system that is an equitable and accessible ticketing system, supporting all customer needs across all transport modes.

* 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—

- (1) How much money has been spent on combatting feral pig numbers in the following years:
 - (a) 2025 so far?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2022?
 - (e) 2021?
 - (f) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total amount of spend on the major pest programs (Special Purpose Pest Management Levy, Feral Pest Programs and Bushfire Recovery Programs), is listed below:
 - (a) 2025 so far - \$13.5 million
 - (b) 2024 - \$16.8 million
 - (c) 2023 - \$15.6 million
 - (d) 2022 - \$3.8 million

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(e) 2021 - \$11.9 million

(f) 2020 - \$4.6 million

It should be noted that expenditure excludes pests managed through other activities such as under National Heritage Trust or NRM Outcomes.

* 5526 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) What is the total amount of funding the Government has spent on the New England Highway in the following years:

(a) 2025 so far?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2023?

(d) 2022?

(e) 2021?

(f) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) 2025: \$239.01 million

(b) 2024: \$168.33 million

(c) 2023: \$169.77 million

(d) 2022: \$136.28 million

(e) 2021: \$154.13 million

(f) 2020: \$162.89 million

* 5527 OXLEY HIGHWAY FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) What is the total amount of funding the Government has spent on the Oxley Highway in the following years:

(a) 2025 so far?

(b) 2024?

(c) 2023?

(d) 2022?

(e) 2021?

(f) 2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) In-year expenditure on projects has not yet progressed through the annual audit process. Expenditure on material projects is published in Transport for NSW's Annual Report, and forecast amounts will be included in the 2025-26 NSW Budget Papers.

(b) 2024 - \$50.09 million

- (c) 2023 - \$53.40 million
- (d) 2022 - \$33.89 million
- (e) 2021 - \$43.73 million
- (f) 2020 - \$56.06 million

* 5528 OXLEY HIGHWAY ROAD SLIPS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) How many road slips have occurred along the Oxley Highway in the following years:

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

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 124.
(b - c), (f)
No slips above the routine maintenance threshold.
(d) 6.
(e) 70.

* 5529 WALCHA SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

What are you doing to support small businesses in Walcha who have been impacted by the closure of the Oxley Highway brought on by recent adverse weather?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW and Commonwealth governments have announced jointly funded grants of up to \$25,000 for small businesses and primary producers impacted by this severe weather event. Eligible small businesses could receive up to \$25,000 to help with the restoration of business assets.

Under the Recovery Grant for Small Businesses and Non-Profit Organisations an initial amount up to \$5,000 can be claimed in relation to eligible funding activities, with evidence of damage, such as photographs, required. To be eligible for subsequent payments up to \$20,000, a business owner must show evidence of payment for eligible funding activities.

The Commonwealth's Disaster Recovery Allowance is a short-term income support payment to assist individuals, small business owners and farmers who experience a loss of income for up to 13 weeks from the date the loss of income has occurred as a direct result of a disaster.

The Service NSW Business Bureau, launched in October 2023 provides one front door access to government information, services and support to NSW businesses through the following services:

- frontline support through Business Concierges
- digital self-service including a Business Profile and Business Bureau mobile app

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- targeted communications including electronic direct mail, social media and promotional campaigns
- stakeholder engagement including with local councils and business associations.

* 5530 FERAL PIG CONTROL - THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS—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—

What are you doing to control feral pig numbers across the Northern Tablelands?

Answer—

I am advised:

North West Local Land Services has been working with landholders across the Northern Tablelands electorate to implement coordinated integrated pest management control programs for feral pigs and other priority pest animals in targeted locations.

This includes:

- Aerial operations
- Coordinated on-ground control
- Access to loan traps for participating landholders
- Training courses

North West Local Land Services continues to work with land managers across the electorate to build capacity to implement coordinated integrated pest animal control programs.

* 5531 THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL STAFF VACANCIES—Ms Eleni Petinos 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 nursing positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?
- (2) How many vacant nursing positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent midwifery positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
 - (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?

- (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?
- (4) How many vacant midwifery positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
- (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?
- (5) How many full-time equivalent medical officer positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
- (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?
- (6) How many vacant medical officer positions were there at the Sutherland Hospital at the commencement of each of the following years:
- (a) 2021?
 - (b) 2022?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2024?
 - (e) 2025?

Answer—

I'm 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.

* 5532 MODELS OF RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In the January 2025 additional budget hearing, it was advised that NSW Health and the NSW Police Force are working together to explore models of response to mental health incidents.

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the current model of response used by the NSW Police Force when responding to mental health incidents?
- (2) Is there intention to implement an alternative model of response?
 - (a) If so, what is the model and when is it likely to be introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

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The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into by NSW Health (including NSW Ambulance) and the NSW Police Force sets out the principles which guide how agencies work together when delivering services to people with mental health problems. The MoU incorporates provisions of the Mental Health Act 2007 (NSW) and the Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990 (NSW).

In 2023, the NSW Police Force commissioned a review into its role and response to mental health incidents within the community. The scope of the review included the training police officers receive, the role of police in responding to mental health incidents in the community, current operational models, and potential options for alternative response models.

The NSW Police Force, NSW Health and NSW Ambulance have set up a working group of senior officials to consider the findings of the review and to develop options with a focus on a health led response to mental health incidents in the community.

- * 5533 TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR VETERANS—Ms Robyn Preston 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—

Can the Minister provide an update on what is being done to increase travel subsidies for Veterans, as discussed in the 2025 Additional Hearing budget meeting?

Answer—

I am advised:

The harmonisation of Veterans entitlements such as those for travel has been a topic of discussion on a national level at the Veterans Ministerial Council (VMC) chaired by the Hon Matt Keogh MP.

To ensure that all veterans are treated equally across the country, the NSW Government has committed to work through the VMC and the Commonwealth, States and Territory Committee to harmonise concessions.

Portfolio responsibility for travel concessions is with the Minister for Transport, the Hon John Graham MLC. Travel concessions offered by Transport for NSW is available here:
<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-fares/eligibility-concessions/veteran>.

- * 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—

I have received reports of an unreliable bus service on the M91 Parramatta to Hurstville bus route, resulting in overcrowding on these buses and at the bus stops and that the service has been diminished to 'set-down only services' or scheduled buses being cancelled.

- (1) What has caused this disruption?
- (2) How will you prevent this disruption from happening in the future?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contracted bus operator, Transit Systems, has advised that the disruptions to the M91 service are due to an increase in buses and other vehicle traffic around the Bankstown precinct which are impacting the M91 corridor.

Transit Systems has undertaken a range of activities to mitigate delays of service, including directing its Customer Relation Infrastructure team to monitor both Parramatta and Granville locations to conduct load checks to identify any issues that may exist or may arise. Further, Transit Systems bus drivers and the Transit Systems Operations Control Centre have been issued reminder notices to ensure they are not operating services as 'Set Down Only' and to look out for intending passengers.

- * 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—

What is the Government doing to fully subsidise the cost of implementing their Portable Long Service Leave Scheme for the Community Services Sector which would otherwise cost the community services sector \$84 million to fund it themselves?

Answer—

I'm advised:

This issue is a matter for the Hon Sophie Cotsis MP, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety.

- * 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—

Express services from Granville railway station were removed in October 2024.

- (1) Can the Minister confirm if there is intention to reinstate these services, and if not what is your alternative solution?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to re-establishing express services at Granville. Transport for NSW, in collaboration with Sydney Trains, is currently exploring options to deliver these new express services.

Granville continues to be serviced by the T1 Western Line during the early morning and late-night hours.

- * 5537 FAUNA BRIDGE - MONA VALE RD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the final design for the Mona Vale Road West upgrade includes a fauna bridge near Kimbriki Road to connect Garigal and Ku-ring-gai Chase National Parks?

- (2) Has an environmental impact assessment been undertaken specifically in relation to the need for wildlife connectivity in this corridor?

- (a) If yes, what were its findings?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A fauna bridge is included in the project.

- (2) The Review of Environmental Factors and appendices can be found on Transport for NSW's project website

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/media/documents/rww/projects/01documents/mona-vale-road/mona-vale-road-west-ref-vol-1.pdf>

- * 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—

- (1) Is there a legal requirement to display knives in retail outlets in locked cabinets or behind counters in New South Wales?

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- (2) Has the Department conducted any risk assessments or consultations with NSW Police or public safety experts regarding the public display of such knives, following the Bondi Junction incident in April 2024?
- (3) What legislative or regulatory powers does the Minister currently hold under the Fair Trading Act 1987 or other relevant legislation to require that large knives be stored in locked cabinets or behind counters?
- (4) Has the Government considered introducing mandatory safety display requirements for retailers selling large knives, similar to those in place for other restricted items such as aerosol paint cans or cigarette products?
- (5) Have any compliance actions or warnings been issued in the past 12 months to retailers in breach of general product safety guidelines relating to dangerous items like knives?
- (6) What engagement, if any, has the Government had with major retailers (e.g., Bunnings, Kmart, sporting goods stores) regarding safer knife display policies?
- (7) Is the Minister aware of any jurisdictions in Australia or overseas that have implemented stricter controls on the retail display of knives, and has the Department considered adopting similar measures?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Attorney General and the Minister for Police.

* 5539 SCHOOL SPORTS BUSES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Has the cost of hiring buses for school excursions and events increased since the privatisation of the local bus network on the Northern Beaches?
- (2) What analysis has the Government conducted to assess the impact of bus privatisation and contracting arrangements on school access to affordable transport for extracurricular activities, such as sport, excursions, and cultural events?
- (3) Prior to the privatisation of Region 8 bus services (covering the Northern Beaches), were there specific provisions or subsidies in place for schools to access public buses or hire buses from State Transit at lower cost?
- (4) Have the current private bus operators—such as Keolis Downer—been required under their contracts to provide equitable access or capped rates for school excursions and events?
- (5) Has the Department of Education raised concerns with Transport for NSW regarding how increased transport costs are affecting students' participation in non-curriculum activities?
- (6) What (if any) current funding or subsidy mechanisms are in place to assist public schools with transport costs for extracurricular activities, and have these been adjusted to reflect the rising costs in privatised transport regions?

Answer—

Schools work to mitigate any challenges associated with bus provision in order to maintain reasonable costs for families and to support a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students. School principals consider local context when managing travel arrangements for student activities, taking into consideration travel time, student and community interests, cost and student cohort sizes.

I am advised the Deputy Premier and former Minister for Transport met to discuss this matter. The questions relating to transport should be referred to the Minister for Transport.

* 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—

- (1) For the following state forests, could you please list the proposed dates of harvest for all sections of the forest and that section's locality:
- (a) Vittoria State Forest?
 - (b) Dog Rocks State Forest?
 - (c) Vulcan State Forest?
 - (d) Hampton State Forest?
 - (e) Gurnang State Forest?
 - (f) Sunny Corner State Forest?
 - (g) Lidsdale State Forest?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All of these State forests contain many timber plantations of varying ages that are intended to be harvested and replanted. In each timber plantation a thinning harvest will be proposed approximately 15 years after establishment and a clearfall harvest approximately 28-40 years after establishment, after which each area will be replanted.

* 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—

In relation to renewable energy project applications in New South Wales and Renewable Energy Zones (REZ):

- (1) As of 1 June 2025, how many renewable projects have 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?
- (2) As of 1 June 2025, 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?
- (3) As of 1 June 2025, how many renewable projects are currently proposed for each of the REZ:
- (a) Central-West Orana REZ?

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- (b) South-West REZ?
 - (c) New England REZ?
 - (d) Hunter-Central Coast REZ?
 - (e) Illawarra REZ?
 - (f) Total for New South Wales?
- (4) As of 1 June 2025, 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?
- (5) As of 1 June 2025, how many renewable projects are currently in the planning system outside of REZ, listing locations?
- (a) How many renewable projects have been approved in New South Wales outside of REZ?
 - (i) Please list locations.
 - (b) How many renewable projects have not been approved in in New South Wales outside of REZ?
 - (i) Please list locations.
 - (c) How many renewable projects are currently in the planning system outside of REZ?
 - (i) Please list locations.
 - (d) How many renewable projects are currently proposed in New South Wales outside of REZ?
 - (i) Please list locations.
- (6) As of 1 June 2025, how many proposals has the Independent Planning Commission declined?
- (a) Could you please list the reasons for each decline of proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 5) Data requested on renewable energy projects and their status can be found on the Major Projects Portal at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>.

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.

- (6) The Independent Planning Commission (IPC) has refused one renewable energy project. Details of projects and reasons for determinations can be found on the IPC website at: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au>.

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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?

Answer—

I am advised:

In December 2024, Transport for NSW consulted with the community and other key stakeholders regarding improved koala protection at Deadmans Creek. The feedback has been summarised, and responses provided in a Submissions Report, which will soon be published online. Transport for NSW will notify the community and relevant stakeholders once the report is available.

In May 2025, Transport for NSW awarded the construction contract to Mack Civil, with work expected to begin in the coming months.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Housing Type	No of dwellings
Public housing	1,014
Aboriginal housing	91
Aboriginal Community Housing	15
Community housing	525
Total	1,645

Notes:

- (1) Source: Social housing residential dwellings as of 30 June 2024.
- (2) The number of social housing residential dwellings by housing type by DCJ district is publicly available at
https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings_17032188360200/Dashboard?publish=yes

- * 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) Transport for NSW regularly reviews bus routes across Sydney. These reviews are typically prompted by customer feedback or issues such as punctuality and overcrowding. Transport for NSW aims to resolve these problems and enhance the bus network, while considering funding and operational constraints.

Transport for NSW is investigating opportunities to introduce new bus services to several areas, including in Holsworthy. If service changes are planned, Transport for NSW will engage with the community before they are implemented.

- (3) The NSW Government is investing \$452 million into the State's bus network over the next four years, with a specific focus on improving services in Southwest Sydney. This funding will be used to enhance service frequency and reliability for communities across NSW, including in Southwest Sydney.

* 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?

Answer—

Home schooling registration data is published annually at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2025-07/home-schooling-data-reports-relating-to-2024.PDF>. The data is based on Broken Hill as a region.

As at June 2025, there are 18 applications for home schooling registration being processed for children from Broken Hill.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health is working with the Australian Government's Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to develop a program approach for MPS state and federal capital funding. Community and key stakeholder consultation will occur during this process.

- * 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 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?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has accepted information from Local Land Services related to on ground review of native vegetation mapping.
- (2) The Threatened Species Scientific Committee is an independent body of scientists and is not subject to the control or direction of the Minister.

- * 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?

Answer—

There is zero tolerance for bullying in NSW public schools. Schools have a responsibility to take action to help prevent any form of bullying and to respond appropriately when it occurs.

Information and resources for parents in relation to bullying and cyberbullying are available on the department's website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/schooling-initiatives/anti-bullying>.

All NSW public schools must follow the Department of Education's Student Behaviour Policy and have a School Behaviour Support and Management Plan, to provide consistent procedures for reporting and responding to bullying, including cyberbullying.

The plan is required to include effective strategies to identify, prevent and respond to disruptive student behaviours, including bullying and cyber-bullying. Schools have access to a range of supports for student wellbeing. There are more than 2,000 wellbeing roles in NSW public schools and every NSW public school student has access to the School Counselling Service.

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The NSW Education Standard Authority (NESA) published a Statement of Intent: Our Shared Commitment to Addressing Bullying in NSW Schools, signed by the sector heads of the NSW Department of Education, Catholic Schools NSW and the Association of Independent Schools of NSW in May 2025. This statement outlines all three sectors' commitment to supporting schools to strengthen the prevention, identification of and responses to student bullying and cyberbullying.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 3 July 2025, there were a total of 2,844 undetermined or part undetermined Aboriginal land claims (ALCs) in the Cootamundra electorate. A number of these ALCs extend across Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries.

The number of undetermined or part undetermined Aboriginal land claims in each LGA is:

Bland Shire - 643

Coolamon Shire - 159

Cootamundra-Gundagai Region - 369

Cowra Shire - 272

Hilltops Region - 568

Junee Shire - 107

Narrandera Shire - 235

Temora Shire - 186

Weddin Shire - 338

Individual maps cannot be readily provided. A number of these claims overlap spatially and temporally. A list of ALCs as at 3 July 2025 is provided at Attachment A.

The suitability of Crown land for use to support infrastructure can be a complex matter that requires the consideration of several factors including the status of undetermined ALCs. Other considerations include the native title status of the land, reserve purpose and existing community use.

Crown Lands is aware the Narrandera Shire Council depot extension is currently impacted by an undetermined ALC. Crown Lands provided advice to council on the 4 and 10 July 2025 about the process to request a priority determination of the ALC or acquisition pathways as a measure to provide council with options.

Crown Lands provides advice to councils and other authorities to help them understand the process and timeframes related to the determination of ALCs.

There are options for acquiring authorities to acquire land subject to undetermined ALCs for the delivery of vital infrastructure. This includes consultation with the claimant Local Aboriginal Land Council to facilitate a withdrawal of the claim or to seek priority assessment of ALCs. Acquiring authorities can make inquiries and requests for Crown Lands to undertake priority assessment of ALCs by emailing alcpriorityrequests@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Attachment A can be viewed on the Parliament's website at Questions and Answers Tracking.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Office of the Children's Guardian's (OCG) Annual Report 2023/24 reports over 91% of Working with Children Check (WWCC) applications were cleared within 5 days.
- (2) People with no records of concern may be able to work on an application number, which the employer must verify. Importantly, a national criminal history check is automatically and immediately conducted when an application is submitted.

The Children's Guardian can and will impose an interim bar if there is risk to the safety of children, pending the outcome of a formal risk assessment. If an applicant receives an interim bar, the verifying employer will be notified and the applicant must immediately stop working in child-related employment.

- (3) People who have received an interim bar are prohibited from working with children, until a risk assessment is made with a clearance or bar decision.

NSW Government's WWCC Scheme continues to exceed the WWCC National Standards, which were informed by recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. We are also pursuing a range of reforms to further strengthen the WWCC system and expedite the integration with other jurisdictions' systems. However, the WWCC system is only one element of the Government's child safety system.

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The Office of the Children's Guardian also requires that all organisations in child-related work or volunteering must implement and comply with the Child Safe Standards to strengthen their policies and practices, deliver child-safe services and environments for children. The Child Safe Scheme was legislated in 2021.

The Office of the Children's Guardian also provides free, practical resources and offers training to help organisations keep children safe. This includes resources and training to support child safe recruitment and build a child safe culture in hiring and managing workers who prioritise child safety.

- * 5551 RABBIT CONTROLS IN THE JUNEES 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Riverina Local Land Services (LLS) provides tailored support, advice and resources to land managers for the management of invasive species. All land managers in NSW have a General Biosecurity Duty to manage pest animals on their land.

Riverina Local Land Services have been conducting rabbit control programs in Junee, Coolamon and Temora Local Government Areas (LGA) for the past 5 years. This includes the issuing of 1080 and Pindone poisoned carrots to landholders.

In addition, for the past three years, Riverina LLS has engaged a pest animal contractor to conduct rabbit shooting and harbor destruction across all land tenures.

To further support rabbit control, Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus KS (RHDV KS) was released on 10 sites within the mentioned LGA's at no cost to landholders.

In relation to the Old Junee area, Riverina LLS has engaged ground contractors covering 10 holdings, both private and public.

- (2) Riverina Local Land Services have consulted with landholders to address rabbit management in the region, specifically:
 - Over 150 landholders have been consulted individually to understand and support their specific rabbit control management.
 - Riverina LLS participated in 1 community meeting and hosted 1 field day focused on rabbit management in the mentioned LGA areas.
 - Riverina LLS has developed a draft strategic management plan for these affected shires. This plan incorporates best practice rabbit management principles as identified in the Riverina Strategic Pest Animal Management Plan to be implemented on a landscape scale.

- (3) Riverina Local Land Services has provided approximately \$100,000 in subsidies via the special purpose pest management rate to support rabbit control efforts in the Junee Shire and surrounding areas.
- (4) Riverina LLS are liaising with UGL Regional Linx, who manages all operations and maintenance on the country regional network. Riverina LLS have supplied maps of the corridor within the management plan area that encompasses the Old Junee district. Riverina LLS are advised that UGL Regional Linx is working with their vegetation management section to understand what best practice rabbit control management options are available in this area. In addition, Riverina LLS has engaged ground contractors covering 10 holdings, both private and public.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

There have been no changes to require all new applicants or licence holders on renewal to undertake a medical assessment.

Updates have been made to the Health Risk Assessment (HRA) framework for new and renewal applicants, which requires applicants to undertake a medical assessment only if they meet one or more criteria outlined in the publicly available 'Health Risk Assessment - Guidance for Health Practitioners'.

The criteria outlined in the HRA is based on risk factors relevant to firearm possession and now includes both psychological and non-psychological conditions, such as dementia, serious head injuries, history of self-harm or mental instability, and lifestyle factors that may affect safe firearm possession. The HRA framework is applied in accordance with the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry's Decision-Making Guidelines and Section 11 of the Firearms Act 1996.

The revised HRA allows general practitioners with at least five years of treatment history or access to the applicant's medical records to conduct assessments additionally. A new licensing condition allows the Firearms Registry to issue a licence to individuals with well-managed health conditions, provided that they agree to submit updated medical records upon request.

The Firearms Registry now notifies medical practitioners when a licence is issued following an HRA, providing for better oversight and timely intervention if a licence holder's health status changes.

* 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?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to LA QON 4464.

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- * 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:

- (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?

Answer—

\$2.1 billion over 4 years will be invested in regional NSW to deliver new and upgraded schools across regional New South Wales, including the rebuild of Willyama High School and a brand-new new primary school for the West Dapto area. In addition to new and upgraded schools, the NSW Government is continuing to deliver on its commitment to boost access to early learning through the delivery of 100 public preschools, with 49 to be built in the regions.

Regional communities benefiting from new schools, major upgrades and public preschools announced in this budget are publicly available in the Budget Papers.

Decisions on the funding of schools are considered as part of a robust budget process that ensures the delivery of infrastructure where it is needed across the State.

The Department of Education closely monitors population trends to meet enrolment needs. The NSW government's Enrolment Growth Audit made recommendations to improve infrastructure planning and ensure schools are delivered where and when they are needed. Improvements include refining enrolment projections, using local data for planning, collaborating with councils and developers, prioritising land in growth areas, coordinating across government and closely monitoring high growth regions.

- * 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?

Answer—

The Deputy Premier ordered an independent review into the administration of this year's opportunity class and selective high school testing. Dr Michele Bruniges AM, an expert education academic has been engaged to examine the challenges and issues identified and provide recommendations on future implementation. An update will be provided later this year.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Both state and local development contributions apply in the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) areas to assist with the delivery of infrastructure.

The NSW Government collects contributions via the Housing and Productivity Contribution (HPC). The Government has committed up to \$1 billion from the HPC over ten years, available as grants to help councils deliver large local infrastructure such as regional parks and sporting facilities across the four high-growth regions: Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Lower Hunter and Illawarra-Shoalhaven.

Councils will continue to collect contributions via their local infrastructure contributions plans.

It is noted that the Leader of the Opposition's Budget Reply Speech on 26 June 2025 in the Legislative Assembly also agrees with the HPC.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Rural Assistance Authority is responsible for administering natural disaster assistance measures on behalf of the NSW Government.

In the instance of a Category B Natural Disaster Declaration, Natural Disaster Transport Subsidies are made available to eligible primary producers and primary production enterprises for the transport of fodder and/or water to a property, stock to/from agistment, stock to sale or slaughter, or bee or oyster movements following a declared natural disaster. Eligible applicants can access up to 50% of the total freight cost to a maximum of \$15,000 per farm enterprise per financial year.

Natural Disaster Donated Fodder Transport Subsidies are also available to organisations that donate, and transport donated fodder to a central location within NSW for the benefit of three or more primary producers with livestock, in the event of a declared natural disaster. This scheme pays for the costs of donating and transporting donated fodder to affected properties or storage facilities in a central location up to a maximum of distance of 1,500 kilometres.

Natural Disaster Declarations are not made for areas in drought and have not since 2013. The financial assistance offered under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements is not activated for drought in the way it is for floods, storms or fires.

This has been a feature since the 2013 National Drought Agreement, entered into by the previous government.

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- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

All water users who extract licenced water from a water source are required to be metered, unless they qualify for an exemption. Exemptions are currently available for works deemed as low risk and are not specific to what the water is used for.

Metering is to be implemented where environmental water is extracted under a licence.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new Griffith Base Hospital operating theatres will have planned and emergency orthopaedic surgery in accordance with its role delineation.

Patients requiring complex orthopaedic surgery or trauma surgery are transferred to the designated trauma center at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, which is part of the NSW trauma system and provides higher level care for seriously injured patients.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Assets relating to the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment have been assessed for reuse, salvaging, and/or repurposing. Where the disposal of property by way of donation or gift of the property to a third party is proposed, local health districts must follow section 5.6 of the Government Sector Finance (GSF) Act 2018.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District supports the donation of excess equipment to local charities, in line with the requirements of the Act.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The ultrasound equipment from the old Griffith Base Hospital is at end of its useful life and cannot be repurposed for another health service facility.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District is working with the Leeton Hospital Auxiliary on the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for Leeton Hospital.

- * 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?

Answer—

The import of solar and wind components and the regulation of chemicals in imported products is a matter for the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS) established under the Industrial Chemicals Act 2019 (Cth), oversees the import and manufacture of industrial chemicals in Australia.

AICIS ensures that chemicals used in products, including those in renewable energy components, comply with national safety standards.

The Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS) is the national framework to manage the environmental risks of industrial chemicals. It establishes consistent standards for the import, manufacture, use and disposal of industrial chemicals and articles containing these chemicals, aiming to reduce their environmental impact.

NSW passed the IChEMS Bill in 2023. I believe all states and territories have now passed the Bill and are signed up to the scheme. Chemicals are listed in IChEMS according to their environmental risk, and appropriate risk measures are applied. IChEMS can restrict or ban the import of products containing environmentally hazardous chemicals.

The Australian Government is responsible for regulating the import of items and ensuring compliance with the IChEMS standards.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will continue to ensure that relevant information is available online. The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water regularly reviews what information is available and ways to improve accessibility.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Under the Water Management Act 2000, the Minister for Agriculture has no concurrence role over Water Sharing Plans.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Agriculture and Fisheries branches provide advice as part of an interagency working group and endorsement through the Regional Water Senior Officer Group for 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The review and replacement of water sharing plans is a statutory requirement. The review and subsequent replacement must be undertaken before the end of the 10-year duration of each plan. If a two-year extension is provided for, the review can occur in those two years.

I am aware that there are six regulated water sharing plans that require reviewing before their 2026 expiry. I support in-principle the extension of the inland regulated plan replacements until 2028, noting that I am still considering any statutory action required.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) publishes updated LGA level summaries on its website.
- (b) Surveys can be submitted at any time. The survey remains open and is actively collecting information from primary producers impacted by the AGRN 1212 event.
- (c) The Department has been submitting the Primary Industries Natural Disaster Damage reports to the Reconstruction Authority weekly (unless there was a significant change or by specific request) since 26 May 2025 for AGRN 1212. A Category D Declaration for AGRN 1212 was announced on 4 July 2025.

* 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—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
- (a) 279 claims were deemed fraudulent for AGRN 1012 across Special Disaster Grant, Rural Landholder Grant and Critical Producer Grant programs.
 - (i) Two cases were referred for prosecution, the remainder were managed internally.
 - (ii) Two cases referred to the NSW Police are currently under investigation.
 - (b) The Program Guidelines, which are developed collaboratively by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the NSW Reconstruction Authority and the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA), have been updated to include additional evidence requirements from applicants. This includes photos of direct damage (including metadata) and proof of insurance.

To reduce fraud risk, the Natural Disaster Relief Grant has been lowered to \$5,000 and there is no upfront payment available for the Rural Landholder Grant.

External probity advice has been provided for this program, and program assurance is completed for the life of the program.

The RAA has developed internal procedures for managing cases, and the program team meets on a fortnightly basis to discuss cases.

* 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?

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Answer—

I have been advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Disaster Recovery.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) As of 1 July 2025, 25 staff were employed for processing Natural Disaster Relief Grant and Rural Landholder Grant applications and claims.
- (b) The NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) has a long history of operating with an agile workforce, designed to rapidly scale up and down in response to high volumes of work. This includes engaging specialist staff on fixed-term contracts to support the delivery of financial assistance programs.
To manage the volume of applications, the RAA is currently recruiting additional staff to assist with the assessment and processing of applications and claims.
- (c) Grant program budgets are approved by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in consultation with the NSW Reconstruction Authority. The budget includes an allowance for program administration, to cover the cost of resourcing staff to support program delivery.
- (d) As of 1 July 2025, the average number of business days to process natural disaster grant "complete" applications is 8.3 days. Complete applications are those which have been submitted with all necessary information to make an assessment on eligibility.
- (e) As of 30 June 2025, 454 Natural Disaster Relief Grant applications had been received for AGRN 1212, and 323 Natural Disaster Relief Grant applications had been received for AGRN 1198.
- (f) Up until 30 June 2025, the RAA had approved 40 Natural Disaster Relief Grant applications. Of these, 39 applicants received an upfront payment or had claims processed.

* 5570 YOUTH ON TRACK—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Hon. Jihad Dib MP, in his capacity as the Minister for Youth Justice.

* 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) Dorrigo (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)?

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- (q) Sherwood (2440)?
 - (r) Temagog (2440)?
 - (s) Tewinga (2449)?
 - (t) Upper Pappinbarra (2446)?
 - (u) Utungun (2447)?
 - (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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

The full list of suburbs which are eligible for the NSW East Coast Severe Weather Personal Hardship Assistance payment can be found on the Service NSW website -

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/financial-assistance-after-a-natural-disaster/suburbs>

The selection criteria are based on emergency services data and impact assessments which look at suburb level impact, not individual impact. For a suburb or township to be eligible it must be located within a Local Government Area covered by the Natural Disaster Declaration and evidence must demonstrate it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) was subject to an evacuation order issued by the NSW State Emergency Service (SES)
- (b) was isolated/cut off by the severe weather and/or
- (c) sustained damage to residential properties meeting the threshold of either >10 residential dwellings; or greater than 0.1% of all residential dwellings in the location - whichever is the lesser number.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. Denistone Station's operating hours were not extended due to the blackout.

Passengers requiring support could seek assistance from the Train Guard as trains continued to service this station. Emergency lighting was installed on the evening of 20 January 2025 until the power issue was resolved. Customers with access to transport apps on their mobile phones could also check train running information.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Historically, Homes NSW has not kept records indicating whether social housing properties, delivered by government, have embedded electricity networks. Homes NSW has started to collect this data for new developments. Since June 2017, Homes NSW has delivered 6 mixed-tenure developments that have embedded electricity networks.
 - (a) Two of these projects are in the Ryde electorate.
- (2) Homes NSW has complete records on all social housing properties with embedded internet networks. It is the responsibility of tenant to choose a suitable provider for their individual homes.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government has completed a Street Count each year since 2020 to provide a point-in-time count of the number of people sleeping on the streets across the state. In the City of Sydney LGA, the street count results were as follows:
 - (a) 272
 - (b) 225
 - (c) 277
 - (d) 280

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(e) 346

This data is publicly available at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/homes-nsw/social-housing-resources/street-count>.

* 5575 REVIEW OF HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (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?

Answer—

The Government has received the report of a review into the Home Building Compensation Fund conducted by Bronwyn Weir and is considering the findings. The Review delivers on a Minns Labor Government election commitment to review the state's home building compensation scheme.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Accoya is one of many alternative manufactured timber products.
- (2 - 4) The NSW Government is committed to a sustainable forestry industry and is developing a Forestry Industry Action Plan.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has undertaken a desktop assessment of the Broad Area Habitat Search (BAHS) undertaken by Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) and has not identified any non-compliances.

The EPA is inspecting the forestry operations undertaken in Styx River State Forest throughout July 2025 to determine whether the activities have been carried out in a manner consistent with the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (CIFOA).

- (2) On 9 July 2025, the EPA inspected the operation and did not identify any noncompliances with the CIFOA.
- (3) The maximum penalty that can be imposed on a corporation by a court is:
- \$5 million for or an offence that was committed intentionally and that caused or was likely to cause significant harm to the environment.
 - \$1 million for any other offence.

Alternatively, a penalty notice can be issued for this offence which carries a penalty of \$15,000.

* 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?

Answer—

Between January 2023 and July 2025, PES received 48 reports related to allegations of employee misconduct involving one or more students included in the NCCD in the Iron Cove Network.

The Community Complaint procedures provide direction and guidance on raising concerns about the department's products, services, employees and complaint handling. Independent dispute resolution and advocacy services are available to assist parents and carers resolve disputes with NSW public schools. More information can be found on the department's website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/your-feedback/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students>.

Parents and carers can also access the Disability Advocacy Futures Program (DAFP) which is a program delivered by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. It provides funding to advocacy services to support individuals and families with a person with disability to navigate and access NSW Government services.

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Reports concerning students with disability that may constitute employee misconduct, that is an allegation of reportable conduct, are referred to the department's Professional and Ethical Standards Directorate (PES).

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) For the 2025/26 Get NSW Active program, \$50 million of funding was available, supplemented by an additional \$10 million for the Get Kids Active program. Project awards are prioritised based on funding allocations proportional to population, with 40% set aside for regional and outer metropolitan areas.

The program received 320 applications from 113 councils across NSW (88% participation rate). Of these, 214 applications came from 82 regional and outer metropolitan Councils (84%). There were 76 successful projects in total. Of these 40 (53%) were awarded to Councils in regional and outer metropolitan areas. The total funding allocated to these regional and outer metropolitan projects was \$27.8 million (46% of the total).

- (2) The Get NSW Active program prioritises funding for projects that offer the greatest potential to increase walking and cycling in NSW. The program aims to encourage the adoption of active travel options, promote healthy travel behaviours, and positively shift public perception of active transport as a viable transport mode.

Projects can be large-scale, such as new bridges that enable a range of new walking and cycling trips. However, smaller projects, like a combination of footpath and road crossing upgrades within a village (delivered under one application), are equally strong candidates if they can provide continuous and connected walking and cycling paths leading people on journeys and to destinations.

- (3) Project funding is prioritised based on population, with 40% set aside to regional and outer metropolitan areas. However, this allocation is contingent on the submission of a sufficient number of eligible and merit-based projects.
- (4) When funding is provided for construction activities, Transport for NSW requires Council to conduct pedestrian and cyclist counts both prior to construction and six months after the projects

opening. This data is collected to monitor and evaluate program outcomes and to inform planning for future rounds of the Get NSW Active.

- (5) Maps showing successful projects, based on data submitted by Council in applications, are published annually on the Get NSW Active website (<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/programs/get-nsw-active>).
- (6) Funding decisions for the NSW Government are made through established processes and in accordance with the NSW Grants Administration Guide.

Notably, 40% of the funding for the Get NSW Active program was directed toward projects in regional and outer metropolitan areas, while 15% was allocated to areas within Western Parkland City. This approach ensures greater support for active transport initiatives in parts of NSW that have historically received comparatively less investment relative to their population size.

Furthermore, a maximum of three grants, to a combined total value of \$5 million, can be awarded to any single council. These maximums limits are in place to ensure that the Get NSW Active program effectively benefits communities across all of NSW.

- (7) For the 2025/26 funding round, average grant award values were as follows:
 - Metropolitan design projects - \$330,000
 - Regional design projects - \$250,000
 - Metropolitan construction (Get NSW Active) - \$1.3 million
 - Metropolitan construction (Get Kids Active) - \$380,000
 - Regional construction (Get NSW Active) - \$1.9 million
 - Regional construction (Get Kids Active) - \$370,000.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised that:

This information is available on <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding> and is available within the Office of Sports Annual Reports.

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* 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?

Answer—

- (1) For the purposes of this answer, only NSW Government and Rates funding to South East Local Land Services has been included (no external projects)

2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
\$14,692,950	\$16,159,109	\$15,647,189

- (2) There has been an increase of 3.4 FTE since 2022/23. Total FTE funded by NSW Government and Rates (not including external projects).
- (3) There are currently 82.8 FTE funded by NSW Government and Rates in South East Local Land Services. Staff are distributed across all functions of LLS and on an as-needs basis.
- (4) The NSW Government has requested that the Natural Resources Commission undertake an audit of South East Local Land Services performance in delivering against its Local Strategic Plan.
- (5) The NSW Government has provided additional funding to combat the threat of feral pigs and other pests in 2023/24, 2024/5 and has recently announced \$13.1m funding for 2025/26.
- (6) The NSW Government commissions the Natural Resources Commission to undertake regular audits of Local Land Services effectiveness.

- (7) The Australian Government targets funding through the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) to achieve goals associated with Threatened Species and Ecosystems. NHT also allocates funding to NRM Regions (Local Land Services Regions) to enhance climate resilience in primary production systems.
- (8) The proportion of funding allocated for feral pest management is constantly adapting to need across all LLS regions.
- (9) In the first three quarters of 2024/25, South East Local Land Services provided 6,704 1:1 technical consultations, 210 awareness raising events (4,392 participants) and 34 training events (404 participants). Similar funding is available in the 2025/26 year to achieve the same results. South East Local Land Services also continues to invest in the development of employees extension skills.
- (10) The NSW Government has requested that the Natural Resources Commission undertake an audit of South East Local Land Services performance in delivering against its Local Strategic Plan.
- (11) Of the NSW Government funded roles, South East Local Land Services has 75 frontline employees who provide advice directly to constituents. Most enquires are responded to within 48 hours.

* 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?

Answer—

- (1) Transgrid is responsible for determining operational decisions for the delivery of Humelink, including route selection, construction method, and project staging. Transgrid is also responsible for the allocation of community benefit funding.
- (2 – 7) These questions should be directed to Transgrid.
- (8) Transgrid's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes a series of detailed technical studies and reports that identify and assess potential project impacts and set out how these will be minimised or managed. The EIS can be found at transgrid.com.au/about-the-eis/.

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Consideration and approval of both capital expenditure and any future operational expenditure for Humelink is separate to the EIS process, and is the responsibility of AER.

* 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—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The average wait time at individual Service NSW testing locations is not static and is subject to a range of factors including staff availability and the additional measures put in place to allow for more bookings such as Super Saturdays.
- (2) Please see the response to Question 1.
- (3) From 1 January to 30 June 2025 Service NSW Goulburn conducted 1,130 driving tests.
- (4) NSW residents can book a driving test at any Service NSW location offering testing services. From 1 January to 30 June 2025, 485 driving tests were conducted at Service NSW Goulburn for applicants residing outside the broader Goulburn/Yass region.
- (5) Service NSW continually monitors the availability of driving test slots across the network. Where possible, when an increased demand is identified, measures are implemented to address the increase, including opening additional slots through Super Saturdays and moving driver testers between service centres.
- (6) Service NSW is working to reduce wait times across the network. Driver testing capacity has been increased by approximately 30% compared with the same period last year by implementing a range of measures including:
 - (a) Adding up to 430 additional driving test appointments on Saturdays from 22 February to the end of June 2025. This number reduced from July 2025 due to staff availability to undertake overtime shifts. Service NSW is now offering approximately 150-250 additional driving test appointments per week on Saturdays in July and this will continue into August 2025 at nominated locations.
 - (b) Recruitment to fill vacancies and employ additional driver testers.

- (7) Please see the response to Question 6 (b).
- (8) Service NSW Goulburn has one authorised driver tester. The number of authorised driver testers in Sydney metropolitan locations varies depending on the size of the centre and the demand for driving tests. Allocation of authorised driver testers to a centre fluctuates with driver testers moving between centres as required.
- (9) Please see the answer to Question 1.
- (10) Please see the answer to Question 6.

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- * 5584 HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED PARTNER SCHOOL PROGRAM—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to the High Potential and Gifted Partner School Program :

- (1) What specialist school facilities will be installed/upgraded at Casula High School?
- (2) What specialist school facilities will be installed/upgraded at Lurnea High School?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government's \$100m High Potential and Gifted Education Partner School Program is part of its unprecedented \$9 billion investment in new and upgraded schools across NSW. This includes a major investment to upgrade specialist facilities at Lurnea High School, and Casula High School in the electorate of Macquarie Fields. This investment will broaden the education opportunities for students and support talent development within these schools. Information on the upgrades being delivered by the Minns Labor Government is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education/hpge-partner-schools>.

I want to acknowledge the Member for Macquarie Fields, the Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP for his commitment to public education and ensuring every child reaches their potential, as well as his hard work, on behalf of his community, to deliver these important upgrades.

This stands in contrast to the former Liberal National Government who neglected families in Macquarie Fields and Holsworthy by failing to deliver the school infrastructure these communities deserve. This included a failure by the Liberals to deliver any major upgrades to high schools in Holsworthy.

- * 5585 LIVERPOOL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regards to Liverpool High School (provision name):

- (1) What upgrades will be undertaken?
- (2) What is the exact budget allocation for upgrades?

Answer—

Information about the project is available on the School Infrastructure website and in the NSW budget papers. Designs were shared with the community at an information session in March 2025. I want to acknowledge the Member for Liverpool, Charishma Kaliyanda MP for her hard work in helping deliver this project and her tireless commitment to listening to her community and advocating on their behalf.

This stands in contrast to the former Liberal National Government who neglected families in Liverpool and Holsworthy by failing to deliver the school infrastructure these communities deserve. This included a failure by the Liberals to deliver any major upgrades to high schools in Holsworthy.

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In contrast, the Minns Labor Government is expanding high potential and gift education opportunities at Lurnea High School by upgrading the school's creative and performing arts spaces, TAS spaces, its school hall and entrance way. At James Busby High School, the Minns Labor Government is delivering a new creative and performing arts facility, upgrades to the sports facility and upgrades to classrooms.

- * 5586 M5 MOOREBANK AVE TO HUME HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With regards to the M5 Moorebank Ave to Hume Highway Upgrade:

- (1) What is the total commitment by the Government?
- (2) What is the total commitment by the Commonwealth?
- (3) When is the upgrade expected to be completed?
- (4) For the next 4 years, what is the budget allocation per year to 2028-29??

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) The Australian and NSW governments have committed \$190 million each (a total of \$380 million) to deliver the M5 Motorway, Moorebank Avenue to Hume Highway Upgrade.
- (3) On 10 July 2025, Transport for NSW signed a contract with Seymour Whyte to design and construct the Upgrade. These works are forecast to be completed in 2029, however, may be subject to change depending on any scheduling, delivery or value optimisations identified during the design phase.
- (4) The 2025-26 NSW Budget allocated \$356.7 million over four years (2025-26 to 2028-29 financial years) to the project.

- * 5587 ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE INTRAVITREAL INJECTION TREATMENT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

The Macular Disease Foundation is requesting support for investment into adequate and equitable access to affordable intravitreal injection treatment for age pensioners and those suffering from early onset neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether the Government will support offering the procedure in public hospital outpatient clinics?

Answer—

I am advised:

Currently, there are no public NSW Health clinics that provide intravitreal injection services for macular degeneration. Patients can access this treatment through private ophthalmologists, who may offer discounted or bulk-billed options upon negotiation:

Decisions relating to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) are the responsibility of the Australian Government. In March 2025, I approved a once-off funding grant of \$180,000 to the Macular Disease Foundation Australia to support the provision of services for individuals living with macular disease.

- * 5588 FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT IN WALGETT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

NSW Fire and Rescue departments overriding purpose is to enhance community safety, quality of life and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, property, environment, and economy of New South Wales.

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the Fire and Rescue department in Walgett is relocating its base?

- (a) If yes, where is the new location?
- (2) Does the Minister consider the relocation of the Walgett Fire and Rescue service to be aligned with the department's objective mentioned in the opening statement?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW has no plans to relocate or close Walgett Fire Station.

- * 5589 TOILET FACILITIES AT WAKEHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government have plans to upgrade the toilet facilities at Wakehurst Public School?

Answer—

The Department of Education continues to work with the school on plans to upgrade facilities, noting the significant backlog of maintenance issues left by the former Liberal National Government, which failed to deliver the vital school infrastructure our school communities deserve.

- * 5590 DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Davidson High School:

- (1) Does the school have heaters for the classrooms?
- (a) If yes, are they unflued gas heaters?
- (b) If no, are there plans to install heaters?
- (2) Does the school have air conditioning for the classrooms?
- (a) If no, are there plans to install air conditioning?

Answer—

Please refer to answer to Question on Notice 5591.

- * 5591 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS - EXPOSURE IMPACTS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Department of Education acknowledge that exposure to unflued gas heaters causes increased respiratory symptoms, particularly in atopic children?

Answer—

NSW Health provides publicly available advice regarding the use of unflued gas heaters, including correct usage procedures. The department inspects the performance of all gas heaters every year between February and April and ensures that heaters meet the current performance standards. Unflued gas heaters have been progressively removed from schools in instances where the heater reaches the end of its useful life, and where air conditioning is installed.

- * 5592 311 BUS SERVICE—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—

With regard to the 311 bus route during Vivid Sydney 2025:

- (1) Will the Government consult on making the temporary route permanent given it would provide the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct a public transport service and 23 residents signed a letter on 12 June 2025 requesting the change?

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Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW considers a range of factors when planning service changes, including feedback received from customers, bus operators and other stakeholders. Feedback from the community is valued and taken into consideration as part of future timetable and service planning.

The NSW Government will address rising demand for more bus services across Sydney and regional NSW, with an additional \$452 million allocated in the 2025-26 Budget, to increase the number of services, accelerate the rollout of new buses on to the road, and meet rising costs for local bus operators across NSW.

The NSW Government formed the NSW Bus Industry Taskforce to consider the quality, reliability and safety of bus services across NSW, and the effectiveness of the current networks in meeting the range of community needs.

In response to the Taskforce's recommendations, the NSW Government has allocated \$23.8 million to develop a Medium-Term Bus Plan to investigate opportunities for bus service improvements across the State. The plan will include the development of a program of improvements based on an assessment of customer demands.

While there are no current plans to alter route 311, Transport for NSW will investigate opportunities to improve bus services in Greater Sydney as part of this work.

* 5593 COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRE MEDIATION SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—

With regard to the planned closure of the current iteration of Community Justice Centres (CJCs):

- (1) How will mediation services be provided in New South Wales without CJCs?
- (2) What will be the role and responsibility of existing CJC mediators within future Government mediation services?
- (3) Will future Government mediation services provide for:
 - (a) Court ordered mediation services?
 - (b) Community organisation referred mediation services?
 - (c) Council referred mediation services?
 - (d) Police referred mediation services?
 - (e) Self referred mediation services?
- (4) For the disputes above for which the answer was 'yes', how?
- (5) For the disputes above for which the answer was 'no', how will the Government ensure these matters are able to be resolved through free mediation?
- (6) For the disputes above for which the answer was 'no', why has the Government decided not to accept such disputes and how will these disputes be resolved?
- (7) What new government resources will be provided to community legal centres for disputes no longer accepted by the Department of Communities and Justice?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 1 July 2025, the Department of Communities and Justice has provided mediation services for disputes that are currently required under legislation to be referred to Community Justice Centres (CJCs) for mediation. This includes matters referred by order of the court and disputes involving incorporated

associations. These disputes will be mediated under the CJC model, by mediators appointed under the Community Justice Centres Act 1983. Other classes of disputes are no longer being accepted.

The NSW Government remains committed to ensuring the people of NSW have access to resources and other services to help resolve their disputes quickly and informally where possible. The appropriate resources and/or service will depend on the issues in dispute.

For example, other alternative dispute resolution options include but are not limited to:

- NCAT that uses a range of alternative dispute resolution processes, such as conciliation and mediation, to help resolve issues in dispute.
- Industry and dispute specific government entities also deal with a range of disputes and consumer problems, such as NSW Fair Trading, Legal Aid NSW, the NSW Small Business Commissioner and various Ombudsman; and mediation services are also available through private sector organisations.

* 5594 REPORT ON THE 2024 NEW SOUTH WALES DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

(1) Will the Government respond to the report?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so:

(i) How will the Government prepare its response?

(ii) What committees and/or reference groups will be set up and who will be members of these groups?

(iii) Who will be consulted?

(iv) What is the timeline for responding?

(v) What government agencies will contribute to the response?

(vi) How will the response be coordinated?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Drug Summit Co-Chairs delivered their report on 3 April 2025 and requested that the NSW Government respond within 6 months.

The NSW Government is carefully considering the report's findings and will deliver a whole-of-government response in due course. Agencies are working in close collaboration through cross-government governance structures to provide advice to government.

* 5595 EVICTION GROUNDS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

With regard to the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Termination Notice for Significant Renovations or Repairs) Regulation 2025, which replaced Subsections (1) and (2) of Clause 23D of the Residential Tenancies Regulation 2019, with the effect of removing the requirement for landlords to provide evidence before evicting tenants on the ground of needing to conduct renovations or repairs:

(1) Who requested this change?

(2) When was that request made?

(3) Who was consulted before the change was made?

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- (4) What is the justification for the change?
- (5) How will the Government monitor use of the renovations and repairs ground to ensure it is only used for genuine significant renovations and repairs that require the vacation of a property?
- (6) Are any other requirements for evidence associated with an eviction in the regulation under review?
 - (a) If so, which ones and why?

Answer—

I am advised:

Evidence is required should a landlord wish to terminate a lease in order to carry out significant repairs or renovations at the rental property. A written statement, signed and dated by the landlord, must explain:

- why the renovations or repairs are significant;
- why the property must be vacant for the works to be carried out; and
- the proposed commencement date of the works.

The Government undertook stakeholder consultation during the drafting of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Regulation 2025. Feedback was considered from both tenant advocates and industry stakeholders and informed the content of the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Termination Notice for Significant Renovations or Repairs) Regulation 2025. The Government has taken a balanced approach to evidence requirements when ending a lease.

The Government has invested \$8.4 million in the Rental Taskforce to monitor implementation of the rental reforms and enforce the legislation.

- * 5596 **STOLEN LICENCE PLATES**—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

- (1) How does the Government support people who have had their vehicle licence plates stolen?
- (2) How does the Government ensure people who have had their licence plates stolen are not penalized by, or subjected to financial hardship due to replacement plate fees?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Roads.

- * 5597 **TAXI PLATE LICENCE COMPENSATION**—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—

With regard to the cancellation of taxi plate licences:

- (1) Has the Government reviewed the adequacy of compensation provided to taxi plate licence holders who bought before the introduction of rideshare?
 - (a) If not, why not and when will an assessment occur?
 - (b) If so, what conclusions were made on the appropriateness of compensation to service loans on plates and prevent hardship?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure that taxi plate licence holders who bought before the introduction of rideshare are fairly compensated for shortfalls in compensation already provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government established an industry financial assistance scheme valued at \$905 million to support taxi licence owners impacted by the point to point industry reforms transition to the new arrangements. This includes \$145 million that was paid to the point to point transport industry prior to 2023. It also includes a \$760 million financial assistance scheme to owners of eligible taxi licences to assist in adjusting to the removal of limits on taxi licence supply.

Detailed eligibility criteria and payment amounts per licence were established by the Point to Point (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Regulation 2017. There were approximately 4,100 taxi licence owners eligible to apply for financial assistance in respect of 5,660 taxi licences. As of 23 April 2025, 4,029 applications have been approved, representing over 99 per cent of eligible licence owners. A total amount of \$684 million has been paid out.

Transport for NSW has no current plans to review the taxi financial assistance scheme.

* 5598 NEW SAFETY AND INFORMATION STANDARDS FOR LITHIUM-ION E-MICROMOBILITY DEVICES—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 new safety and information standards for lithium-ion e-micromobility devices:

- (1) How many days notice of the new standards was given between publication and their commencement?
 - (a) Is this enough time for the industry to adjust and perform the extra testing and certification now required?
- (2) Has Fair Trading modelled any unintended consequences of the reform including the reduction of the availability of higher quality e-bikes?
- (3) Has there been recognition of international testing protocols to reduce costs and reduce redundant testing?
- (4) Will these standards apply to on line, offshore sales?
 - (a) What resources are in place to enforce these standards on online distribution channels?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information relating to the mandatory safety standards and the information standard for lithium-ion e-micromobility devices can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/safety-home/electrical-safety/lithium-ion-battery-safety/new-standards-for-lithium-ion-batteries-e-micromobility-devices>

* 5599 ROOF ANCHOR SYSTEMS AND WORKER SAFETY AT HEIGHTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to roof anchor systems and worker safety at heights:

- (1) Will the Minister request an independent investigation into regulatory enforcement of noncompliant roof anchor systems, including allegations of serious injury and fatalities?
- (2) Does the Government plan to enforce compliance with AS/NZS 1891.4:2009 in its original form, and exclude reliance on AS/NZS 5532:2013 or AS/NZS 5532:2025, given industry confusion and safety concerns?

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- (3) Will the Government review the appropriateness of maintaining AS/NZS 5532:2013 and AS/NZS 5532:2025 in circulation and consider withdrawing them, in favour of a clear mandate on AS/NZS 1891.4:2009 as the only applicable standard for manufacturers, installers and persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs)?
- (4) What action will the Government take to identify and penalise businesses and individuals allegedly supplying non-compliant roof anchor systems, including product recalls, Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) deregistration, and legal sanctions?
- (5) Will the Minister investigate claims that cartels within the industry have knowingly disseminated false or misleading information for financial gain, risking worker safety and causing serious disruption to compliant operators?

Answer—

I'm advised;

- (1) Falls from heights remains a regulatory priority, and SafeWork NSW continues to focus on preventing such incidents through regulatory oversight and enforcement. The NSW work health and safety legislation requires fall control measures to be identified and implemented in accordance with the hierarchy of controls.
- (2) AS/NZS 1891.4:2009 and AS/NZS 5532:2013 address distinct aspects of fall protection systems and are not interchangeable.
- (3) The Government is committed to ensuring applicable safety standards remain appropriate. Currently, AS/NZS 5532:2013 and the proposed draft revision, AS/NZS 5532:2025, provide critical safety requirements for anchor design, testing, and labelling. These requirements are not addressed by AS/NZS 1891.4:2009.
- (4) Designers, manufacturers, importers, and suppliers of height safety products have duties under NSW work health and safety legislation. Where non compliance with these duties is identified, SafeWork NSW will continue to take appropriate regulatory action.

Matters relating to corporate misconduct should be referred to Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as the national integrated corporate, markets, financial services and consumer credit regulator.

- (5) Matters relating to anti-competitive behaviour should be referred to Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and may also be referred to ASIC.

* 5600 BUS SHORTAGE IN SYDNEY METROPOLITAN BUS CONTRACT REGION 7—Mr Tim James 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—

In relation to the bus shortage in Sydney metropolitan bus contract region 7:

- (1) Have the withdrawn articulated buses been repaired and returned to the Willoughby depot?
 - (a) How many are now in service at Willoughby depot?
- (2) Have the fifteen buses transferred to the Willoughby depot from other operators begun operations?
 - (a) If not, when will this occur?
- (3) Is there now any shortage of buses at the Willoughby depot?
 - (a) If yes, how many and how is that been addressed?
- (4) What longer term measures are being taken to replace older transferred buses with newer buses?
- (5) Is Transport for NSW considering purchasing newer buses that have become available from an operator in Victoria?

- (a) If yes, will these be made available to the Willoughby depot?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) The bus repairs are progressing and Transport for NSW is monitoring delivery timelines. As of 22 July 2025, nine remediated articulated buses have returned to service: 7 for Keolis Downer Northern Beaches and 2 for Busways. Four have been returned to the bus operators and are undergoing recommissioning activities prior to returning to service: 3 for Keolis Downer Northern Beaches, 1 for Transdev John Holland Buses.

- (4) Transport for NSW's Zero Emission Buses Program will transition NSW's 8,300 diesel and gas fleet to zero emission technology by 2047. The Program is being undertaken in stages to enable industry to build capability and capacity. Stage 1 is underway, commencing in 2023, with 11 depots in Greater Sydney to be transitioned to electric technology, a new electric depot built at Macquarie Park, and 1,219 new electric buses by 2028. As depots are completed with the supporting infrastructure, new electric buses are being deployed. The Zero Emission Bus Transition Plan will see the full transition of buses in Greater Sydney completed by 2035.

Transport for NSW is developing a fleet deployment model with the progressive introduction of new Zero Emission buses; the model will identify and replace older buses with alternative buses of a younger age across the Greater Sydney network.

- (5) Second hand diesel buses from Victoria are not being considered currently due to fleet suitability.

* 5601 SYDNEY METRO - FUTURE EXPANSION—Mr Tim James 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 plan to invest in future expansion of the Sydney Metro beyond the projects already underway?
- (2) Will further Metro projects be committed to ensure a continuous pipeline of projects so the over decade of construction expertise and capacity remains beyond the completion of Metro West in 2032?
- (3) Is the Sydney Metro a 'vanity megaproject'?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about planning for future extensions of the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport project is publicly available at <https://www.sydneymetro.info/planning-future-extensions>
- (2) Investment decisions on extending the Metro network are a matter for the NSW Government.
- (3) Sydney Metro is revolutionising how Australia's biggest city travels, connecting Sydney's north west, west, south west and greater west to fast, reliable turn -up-and-go metro services with fully accessible stations. Information about Sydney Metro is publicly available at <https://www.sydneymetro.info/about>

* 5602 STAGE 2 OF THE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AT CAMMERAY PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Could the Minister provide an update on Stage 2 of the playground upgrade at Cammeray Public School?
- (2) Will the Government commit the funding to progress this stage?

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Answer—

Information on the Minns Labor Government's record \$9 billion investment in new and upgraded schools can be found on the School Infrastructure website at <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/>

This investment includes the upgrade at Cammeray Public School, which was neglected by the former Liberal National Government. The upgrade will replace the demountables left on the school site by the Liberals with a new two-storey building inclusive of 4 new permanent classrooms and 2 practical activities areas.

* 5603 ACCESS CHANGES TO WARRINGAH FREEWAY FROM ERNEST STREET, CAMMERAY—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to changes to access to the Warringah Freeway from Ernest Street, Cammeray:

- (1) What traffic modelling has been conducted on the impact of removing Ernest Street access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, particularly in relation to the potential for rat running through local streets such as Lytton Street and Moodie Street in Cammeray?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW assessed the risk of increased congestion and safety concerns for residents on these narrow local streets due to diverted traffic flows?
- (3) Will the Government consider retaining access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge from Ernest Street?
 - (a) If not why not?
- (4) If the closure proceeds, will the Government investigate mitigation measures such as:
 - (a) A dedicated right-turn lane and signal at the intersection of Winnie Street and Military Road, Cremorne?
 - (b) A dedicated right-turn lane and signal at the intersection of Ben Boyd Road and Military Road, Neutral Bay?
 - (c) Local measures at Lytton or Moodie Streets, Cammeray?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is currently carrying out a road network review to assess and inform a Road Network Performance Plan, as required by Condition E147 in the Minister's Conditions of Approval. This will evaluate if any network improvements may be required in northern Sydney before the opening of Western Harbour Tunnel. The focus will be on the road network surrounding the project, including Miller Street and Falcon Street. Relevant Councils will be consulted during the development of this plan.
- (2) A further review of operational network performance will be carried out within 12 months and again at five years after Western Harbour Tunnel is open (expected in 2028), to confirm its operational impacts on surrounding arterial roads and major intersections, and whether any further mitigation measures are required to address road impacts in the adjoining area.
- (3) Given the overall network benefits and availability of alternative ramps onto and off the freeway, the Project is not expected to materially increase drivers using Lytton Street and Moodie Street to access Falcon Street.

Speed limits on both Moodie and Lytton Streets are already limited to 50km/hr and raised traffic calming devices are in place on Lytton Street. The project will not alter this or other road regulations drivers are required to follow while using these streets.
- (4) (a) In 2022, Transport for NSW managed a 'Have Your Say' consultation program seeking feedback on the introduction of a permanent 'no right turn' from Winnie Street, Cremorne

onto Military Road. With most of the community opposing the proposal, the project did not proceed and no further modifications are planned.

- (b) No modifications at this intersection are planned by the Warringah Freeway Upgrade project.
- (c) No modifications to Lytton or Moodie streets are planned by the Warringah Freeway Upgrade project due to the reasons stated above.

* 5604 FLAT ROCK CREEK—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to Flat Rock Creek that flows through Artarmon, Naremburn and Northbridge:

- (1) Are any studies or research underway into ongoing fish deaths due to lack of oxygen in the water in certain conditions?
- (2) Are there any strategies or projects planned to mitigate this?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is aware of a significant fish kill which occurred in Flat Rock Creek in 2022. The fish kill was due to a major fire at the Cleanaway Pty Ltd, Artarmon waste management facility. More details can be found on the public record at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/Working-together/Community-engagement/updates-on-issues/Clean-up-notice-issued-for-Flat-Rock-Creek-fish-kill.

The EPA is not aware of, nor has been advised of, any ongoing fish deaths since 2022. Further, the EPA is not aware of any studies or research underway in relation to fish deaths due to lack of oxygen in Flat Rock Creek.

Willoughby City Council conducts routine water quality monitoring of Flat Rock Creek as there is a former landfill (now Bicentennial Reserve) located within the Creek catchment area. More information can be found on Council's website at www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Residents/Waste-and-recycling/Legacy-landfill-management.

The former landfill is a declared contaminated site and is managed through a Voluntary Management Plan. For more details about the plan, see <https://app.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/clm/docs/html/n20241707.htm>.

- (2) There are no specific mitigation strategies or projects planned for Flat Rock Creek in relation to fish deaths or low oxygen levels in the water.

* 5605 CHATSWOOD STATION—Mr Tim James 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—

In relation to Chatswood Station:

- (1) Is the current single accessible gate sufficient to serve the patronage of this station?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase the number of accessible gates?
 - (a) If yes, when will this occur?
- (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of entry points to the paid concourse?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1) Chatswood Station intermittently experiences minor to moderate queues to access the wide gate throughout the day. In any instances of significant crowding, the Chatswood Station team implement a customer management plan.

(2 - 3) There are currently no plans in this regard.

* 5606 LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION PROGRAM—Mr Tim James 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—

In relation to the Local Small Commitments Allocation Program (LSCAP):

(1) Did the Labor candidate for Willoughby at the 2023 election promise a grant of \$100 000 to organisation Resilience Together under the LSCAP for the purpose of after school language lessons in local primary schools?

(2) What is the status of this grant?

Answer—

I am advised; that the nominated project was described as "Deliver up to \$100,000 to Resilience Together towards afterschool language lessons in local public and Catholic primary schools." LSCA funding was proposed to fund approximately 50% of the cost of delivering an after school second language program at public and Catholic primary schools across the Willoughby LGA.

The project application and assessment were completed in line with this description, the project was found not to have merit through the assessment process, and I did not approve this project in Tranche 13 on 7 March 2024. This Brief is publicly available through the LSCA website.

On 25 March 2024, the LSCA Program Office informed the organisation of the funding decision. On 28 March 2024, the LSCA Program Office held a feedback session with the Organisation.

The funds associated with this nominated project were redistributed within the Willoughby electorate to playground and park projects.

* 5607 OUTSTANDING CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE - ROADS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) When you became Minister for Roads, did your office establish a handover process for any outstanding constituent correspondence?

(a) If so, how many constituent matters addressed to the former Minister have you now provided responses for?

(b) How many remain outstanding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Correspondence is handled in line with the ministerial correspondence policy

(<https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/ministers-correspondence-policy>).

* 5608 OUTSTANDING CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE - TRANSPORT—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) When you became Minister for Transport, did your office establish a handover process for any outstanding constituent correspondence?

(a) If so, how many constituent matters addressed to the former Minister have you now provided responses for?

(b) How many remain outstanding?

Answer—

I am advised:

Correspondence is handled in line with the ministerial correspondence policy

(<https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/ministers-correspondence-policy>).

* 5609 SOCIAL AND/OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDER AUDITS—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) Does your Department audit social and/or affordable housing providers?

(a) If so, please supply the date of the latest audit for each provider operating in the Ryde electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are a range of operational performance, compliance and audit systems for social and affordable housing providers.

Social housing services delivered by Homes NSW is monitored through regular performance monitoring and is subject to audit from the Department of Communities and Justice Internal Audit division and performance audits from the NSW Audit Office.

Social and affordable housing services delivered by registered community housing providers (CHPs) are subject to regular compliance assessments from the Office of the Registrar of Community Housing (ORCH). The compliance assessment reviews the CHPs performance against a regulatory code that covers a range of performance areas including quality housing services, good governance and financial sustainability.

The frequency of the compliance assessments undertaken by ORCH depends on the tier of registration of the CHP. Registered CHPs are categorised into three tiers of registration, proportionate to the level of risk for the scale and type of operations. Compliance assessments for Tier 1 and 2 providers are carried out annually, whereas assessments for Tier 3 providers are carried out biennially.

Targeted or triggered compliance assessments may be conducted where circumstances require.

More information can be found on the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) website here:

<https://nrsch.gov.au/providers/guidance-and-policy/assessment-policy.html>

The ORCH has provided the following list of compliance assessment for all registered CHPs that own or manage at least one property within the Ryde electorate area:

Ryde Electorate - Compliance Assessment Dates of Registered Community Housing Providers

CHP Name	Date Final Report Approved	Tier	Assessment Cycle
Achieve Australia Ltd	24/09/2024	3	Biennial
BlueCHP Housing Limited	19/06/2025	2	Annual
Bridge Housing Limited	26/05/2025	1	Annual

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Community Connections Australia	16/08/2023	3	Biennial
Disability Services Australia Limited	30/09/2024	3	Biennial
EchoRealty NSW & ACT Limited	31/01/2025	2	Annual
Evolve Housing Limited	19/12/2024	1	Annual
Home in Place (Australia) Limited	16/06/2025	1	Annual
Link Wentworth Housing Limited	11/04/2025	1	Annual
Mission Australia Housing	05/05/2025	1	Annual
Mission Australia Housing Partnership Limited	07/05/2025	1	Annual
My Foundations Youth Housing Ltd	28/02/2025	3	Biennial
New Horizons Enterprises Ltd	06/11/2024	3	Biennial
NSWALC Housing Ltd	17/03/2025	2	Annual
Seton Villa	28/02/2025	3	Biennial
The Northcott Society	19/09/2024	3	Biennial
The Uniting Church Australia Property Trust (NSW) for Uniting (NSW,ACT)	28/05/2025	2	Annual
Women's Housing Company Ltd	26/05/2025	1	Annual

* 5610 CONSIDERATION OF NON-PLANNING METRICS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Does your Department recognise non-planning metrics such as the demographic makeup of a community; or the popularity of a given activity when determining whether to approve an individual development or rezoning application?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure considers social impacts, including whether the supporting social infrastructure exists and has capacity to service the proposed rezoning or development.

The assessment and decisions on applications are made on merit as is required by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

* 5611 TG MILLNER REZONING REVIEW RR-2025-2—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Was the 'Record of Decision' for the TG Millner Rezoning Review RR-2025-2 changed at any stage after the meeting of the Planning Panel?

(a) If so, what was the nature of the change?

- (b) If so, why was the record changed?
- (c) If so, what is the origin of the information that was published before the change was made?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Record of Decision was corrected to appropriately amend the record for accuracy following an administrative error by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

The amendment was made to clarify that it was the Department, not the Minister, that provided advice to council regarding open space requirements. This advice was given in the context of future open space requirements for development in Macquarie Park.

- The published information misrepresented the source of advice, due to an inaccurate paraphrasing of a Departmental briefing report. Once the error was identified by the Department, the published record was amended by the panel with the correct wording and uploaded as a replacement of the previous Record of Decision.

* 5612 500X BUS ROUTE—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) Are you modifying the 500X Bus Route from a West Ryde – Central Business District (CBD) service to become a Parramatta - CBD service?
 - (a) If so, how many additional stops will be added to the 500X bus route?
 - (b) If so, what is the estimated additional patronage for this service?
 - (c) If so, when will this modification take effect?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investing \$452 million into the State's bus network over the next four years. As part of this commitment, Transport for NSW has received funding to expand the 500X service to connect Sydney CBD with Parramatta along the Victoria Road corridor.

Transport for NSW has begun working to progress the 500X extension project, and is currently working to determine the preferred stopping pattern and other relevant operational considerations. Modelling additional patronage impacts associated with this route extension has not been undertaken. More frequent and faster service associated with the 500X would be expected to drive patronage above what is currently experienced on the all-stops 501. Further patronage growth would be expected as new developments come online.

Specific implementation timeframes will be subject to operational and fleet availability.

* 5613 WESTERN SYDNEY PUBLIC HOUSING - HOUSING—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—

- (1) In relation to each of the Homes NSW properties at 270-278 Burwood Road Belmore, 140 The Boulevard Punchbowl, and 34 Dudley Street Punchbowl:
 - (a) Are there any plans to redevelop or otherwise modify these homes?
 - (i) If so:
 - (A) What is the substance of these plans?

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(B) What is the anticipated timeline for works?

- (b) How many dwellings currently exist?
- (c) How many dwellings are currently occupied?
- (d) How many maintenance requests logged with Homes NSW are currently unresolved?
- (e) For dwellings that are currently vacant, why are these vacant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Homes NSW has identified the sites at 278-280 Burwood Road and 54 Lakemba Street, Belmore and 150 The Boulevarde and 34 Dudley Street, Punchbowl, for redevelopment. 140 The Boulevarde, Punchbowl, is not a Homes NSW property.
 - (i) (A) The proposed redevelopment at Belmore will replace outdated existing buildings with an estimated 152 new, high-quality and accessible social and affordable housing units. These will include a communal room, and basement parking.

The proposed redevelopment at Punchbowl will replace outdated existing buildings with an estimated 114 new and high-quality and accessible social and affordable housing units. These will include a communal room and basement parking.
 - (B) State Significant Development Applications are expected to be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in September 2025. Subject to approvals, construction on both projects is scheduled to commence by the end of 2026.
- (b) The Belmore site currently has 24 dwellings, housing 42 tenants and the Punchbowl site currently has 26 dwellings, housing 37 tenants.
- (c) All dwellings are currently occupied, and tenants have been advised of the proposed site redevelopments. The relocation process for these tenants is currently underway.
- (d) There are currently a total of six open work orders at the following Homes NSW sites:
 - 278 Burwood Road, Belmore= two
 - 34 Dudley Street, Punchbowl= one
 - 150 The Boulevarde, Punchbowl= three
- (e) No dwellings are currently vacant at the Homes NSW sites.

* 5614 WESTERN SYDNEY PUBLIC HOUSING - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Has the Department for Planning entered into any pre-lodgment meetings pertaining to any Homes NSW properties in Western Sydney (specifically within the Canterbury Bankstown, Cumberland, Parramatta, Fairfield, Liverpool, and Campbelltown Local Government Areas)?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) In what suburbs are these located?
 - (ii) What is the total number of existing dwellings at these properties?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Homes NSW have held pre-lodgement meetings on two Homes NSW properties in Western Sydney.
 - (i) The two properties are located in Belmore and Punchbowl within the Canterbury Bankstown local government area.
 - (ii) Both sites contain a total of 50 dwellings. 24 at the Belmore site and 26 at the Punchbowl site.

* 5615 DRUG-FACILITATED SEXUAL ASSAULT—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Does NSW Police collect data to track annual or decade-long trends in offences of sexual assault that are drug-facilitated?
- (2) Why are incidents of drug-facilitated sexual assault not included as a separate offence category in the quarterly Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) statistics?
- (3) What is the average wait time for NSW Police to follow up a report made through the Sexual Assault Reporting Option (SARO)?
- (4) Within the 12 months to December 2024, why did only 6.7% of reported sexual assaults proceed to court within 90 days of a report being made to NSW Police, while most other violent offences have a significantly higher proportion that proceed to court within that time period?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Data relating to drug-facilitated sexual assault is contained in database narratives and cannot be extracted in a statistical format.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Attorney General as the Minister responsible for the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.
- (3) The Sexual Assault Reporting Option allows victim-survivors to decline follow up action from Police at the time the report is made, which the majority elect to do. Consequently the New South Wales Police do not measure this data.
- (4) The data is reflective of the legal action rate for sexual assault offences, which has remained stable over time, rather than a timeliness issue with the commencement of proceedings in sexual assault matters.

The NSW Police Force has moved away from an emphasis on legal action rates and adopted a more victim-centric and trauma-informed approach, which acknowledges that it may not always be in the best interests of a victim-survivor to immediately commence criminal proceedings.

* 5616 AUTISM SUPPORT CLASSES—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are there currently any autism support classes for children with a Level 2 autism diagnosis available in the Northern Beaches region?
- (2) How many such support classes currently operate in the region, and at which public schools are they located?
- (3) What is the average wait time or waitlist length to access a support class in this region?
- (4) What is the process for enrolling in a support class if the student is not currently in the public school system?
- (5) Is part-time enrolment in a public school (e.g. two days per week) permitted alongside enrolment at a non-government school, and if so, what is the process?

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- (6) In what circumstances, if any, can National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding be used to engage a privately sourced in-school support worker not employed by the Department?
- (7) Kambora Public School is reportedly consulting on the viability of establishing a support class. Can the Minister provide further detail on the consultation process, current status, and expected outcome?

Answer—

The Department of Education publishes data on support classes operating in NSW public schools at: <https://data.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-education-specialist-support-classes-by-school-and-support-needs-type>

Students seeking a support class provision are considered through a placement panel process. Parents/carers of students not enrolled in a NSW public school can contact their local public school to discuss a support class request, who will work with the family to assess their eligibility.

If a support class placement is appropriate, the school submits an access request, which is considered through the placement panel process. This is a collaborative process involving the parent/carer, school, and, where appropriate, other professionals. The Enrolment of students policy does not allow shared enrolment or short-term attendance between public and non-government schools.

Where appropriate, a school principal may allow NDIS-funded therapy services on school grounds during school hours if the service supports learning, does not interfere with curriculum access, and does not disrupt others. These arrangements are at the principal's discretion and oversight.

Each year the department completes a support class planning process, which is currently underway for the 2026 school year. From 2025, this process is being centralised. This improved process aims for equitable distribution and improved resource use, utilising data-informed, student-centred decisions for support class locations.

* 5617 LAND CLEARING—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 the Department investigated any of the 62 land clearing incidents identified in New South Wales by the Australian Conservation Foundation and its citizen science project?
 - (a) If yes:
 - (i) How many involved mapped habitat for nationally or state-listed threatened species, including the koala, greater glider, or brush-tailed rock wallaby?
 - (ii) Are any of the properties cleared located near or adjacent to World Heritage Areas?
 - (iii) What regulatory or enforcement actions have been taken, or are planned, in response to these identified land clearings?
- (2) What oversight mechanisms does the Department have in place to detect unlawful land clearing on agricultural land, especially on livestock and beef production properties?
- (3) Will the Government be cooperating with the Commonwealth Government in investigating the 76 cases referred to them as potential breaches of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?
- (4) Is there a current intergovernmental agreement or protocol between New South Wales and the Commonwealth for coordinated enforcement action when nationally threatened species habitat is cleared?
- (5) How many prosecutions or enforceable undertakings have been issued in relation to unlawful native vegetation clearing since 2020?

- (6) Will the Department commit to publishing maps and data on land clearing incidents and investigations, including those identified by non-government organisations and citizen scientists?
- (7) Given that many cases involved beef production, is the Minister aware of any efforts to trace beef sourced from properties involved in unlawful land clearing in New South Wales?
- (8) Has the Department engaged with major food retailers or processors (e.g. Hungry Jack's, Patties Foods, Woolworths, ALDI) regarding sustainable sourcing policies and state-based enforcement?
- (9) What additional resourcing or reforms are being considered to improve the Department's ability to detect and respond to native vegetation clearing, particularly in remote or rural areas?

Answer—

- (1) The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has not provided the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) with the location details of the 62 alleged clearing events noted in its report, and there is insufficient level of detail in the maps included in the report to identify the location of the alleged illegal land clearing. Without that detail DCCEEW cannot confirm if any matters that it has investigated or is currently investigating are the incidents in the ACF report.
- (2) DCCEEW detects potential unlawful native vegetation clearing through remote surveillance including aerial surveys and satellite imagery. Satellite monitoring occurs across the State fortnightly through the early change monitoring program, and the more detailed annual State-wide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS). DCCEEW also detects alleged illegal land clearing through field investigations and audits, and through investigating all cases reported by the public through the Environment Line.
- (3) DCCEEW will investigate any case referred to it by the Australian Government that relate to alleged breaches of NSW legislation.
- (4) No.
- (5) Between January 2020 and December 2024, the DCCEEW completed nine successful prosecution cases for illegal land clearing under the now repealed Native Vegetation Act 2003 or the Local Land Services Act 2013. In the same time, DCCEEW accepted 12 enforceable undertakings under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 for matters involving clearing native vegetation.
- (6) DCCEEW publishes information about remediation orders and enforceable undertakings on public registers available on its website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/policy-and-law/public-registers>.

Publishing maps of incidents and investigations may be a breach of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and could compromise ongoing investigations and law enforcement.
- (7) No.
- (8) No.
- (9) The NSW plan for nature was published in July 2024. It sets out the NSW Government's commitments to stop excess land clearing and improve environmental protections in the Land Management Framework. It sets out an integrated package of actions that are currently being implemented including a wholesale review by the Natural Resources Commission on how to protect and restore regional landscapes; making amendments to the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018; and reinstating caps on land clearing, among other measures.

* 5618 NUMBER OF CARS IN PITTWATER—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many vehicles are currently registered in the following suburbs:

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- (a) 2101?
- (b) 2102?
- (c) 2103?
- (d) 2104?
- (e) 2105?
- (f) 2106?
- (g) 2107?
- (h) 2108?
- (i) 2084?
- (j) 2097?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 18008.
- (b) 7783.
- (c) 10419.
- (d) 3749.
- (e) 1929.
- (f) 8967.
- (g) 14152.
- (h) 1737.
- (i) 4876.
- (j) 12742.

* 5619 AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Which public schools in the Balmain electorate do not currently have air conditioning installed?
- (2) Of the schools referred to in (1) above, which schools currently have:
 - (a) Approval to install air conditioning?
 - (b) A plan to install air conditioning?
 - (c) Funds available to cover the cost of installing air conditioning?
- (3) Is there any reason why a school Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) who intends to fund the installation of air conditioning would not be able to choose one particular supplier over another?
 - (a) If so, what is the reason?
- (4) What is your Government and/or the Department of Education doing, if anything, to encourage and support communication and collaboration between school P&Cs and local representatives in the Asset Management Unit?

Answer—

The Department of Education's maintenance program, including air conditioning upgrades, are assessed in consultation with schools. School principals can nominate projects for additional air conditioning.

While a P&C can express a preference, in accordance with the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework and the Department of Education's procurement guidelines the supplier must be prequalified under the relevant contractor panel and the procurement process must be transparent and compliant. The department becomes responsible for air conditioning units once installed including their ongoing maintenance and safety.

Principals work closely with Asset Services Officers to determine the priorities of school communities, including those raised by P&Cs. Local Asset Services Officers are available to provide support and guidance where needed to ensure that P&C initiatives align with relevant requirements.

* 5620 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Are there any restrictions on schools that have not reached their enrolment caps from being able to take out-of-area students from other schools?
 - (a) If so, what are the restrictions?
 - (b) If not, what protections are in place to ensure enrolments at established schools in neighbouring areas do not decline to unsustainable levels?
- (2) What plans does your Government have, if any, to manage declining enrolments in local public schools?
- (3) What plans does your Government have, if any, to ensure public schools with declining enrolments are adequately resourced and managed sustainably into the future?

Answer—

Schools follow the Enrolment Policy and Enrolment in Kindergarten to Year 12 Procedures which is available on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2002-0006-01>.

The NSW Government has a range of initiatives underway to support NSW public schools, including building new and upgraded schools where they are needed, rolling out High Potential and Gifted Education opportunities and delivering targeted programs to support student outcomes, including small group tuition. The department is also monitoring population changes closely, including in areas where the proportion of school-aged children is decreasing.

The department is working with school leaders across the state to provide resources to support schools, including strengthening transition to school and transition to high school.

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* 5621 ELECTIVE SURGERY CATEGORY 1 PATIENTS - OUTSOURCED IMAGING—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 Minister advise why elective surgery category 1 patients in public hospitals requiring further testing for clinical review and analysis are having to outsource magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scanning by private providers?
 - (a) Should public scanning facilities in public hospitals be prioritised for the use of category 1 – urgent elective surgery patients?

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Answer—

I am advised:

As a specific NSW Health facility has not been identified it is not possible to provide a response to this question.

- * 5622 ELECTIVE SURGERY URGENCY CATEGORIES - TIMEFRAME FOR TREATMENT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Public hospitals use elective surgery urgency categories to classify patients requiring surgery for their illness, all of which are linked to a recommended timeframe for treatment.

- (1) Can the Minister advise what the New South Wales target percentages are for the percentage of patients treated within the recommended timeframe based on their category of urgency?
- (2) Can the Minister provide details for actual surgeries completed in each of these categories against surgeries queued for completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health Policy Directive PD2022_001 Elective Surgery Access sets out the requirements for local health districts and specialty health networks to manage patients on planned surgery lists according to their clinical urgency category.

Information on planned surgery admissions in public hospitals is publicly available in the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Australian hospital statistics: Elective Surgery waiting times reports and the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services -Part E, Section 12.

Further details re also publicly available in the Bureau of Health Information's (BHI) Healthcare Quarterly reports and on the BHI website.

- * 5623 LIST OF PRESUMPTIVE CANCERS FOR FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Has the Government expanded the list of presumptive cancers for firefighters, to improve access to workers' compensation, following policy work undertaken by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, icare, and New South Wales Treasury?

Answer—

I am advised:

The presumptive cancers for firefighters currently listed in Schedule 4 to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 are: primary site brain, leukaemia, breast, testicular, bladder, kidney, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, multiple myeloma, prostate, ureter, colorectal and oesophageal cancer.

Firefighters diagnosed with other types of cancers may continue to seek support through the workers compensation scheme while policy work is undertaken by the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, icare and NSW Treasury on options to amend the schedule.

- * 5624 HEALTHSHARE LAUNDRY PROVISION—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 is currently evaluating information received after consulting with several existing private customers about transitioning to alternative laundry service providers. Customers will be supported with any transition away from HealthShare NSW Linen Services.

- * 5625 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE STAGE 2—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In the 2025-26 Budget, the "Davidson Electorate Report" under "Restart NSW Fund Program and Projects" lists "Lindfield Learning Village Stage 2" budgeted as "\$109 million".

- (1) Can you provide an update on this project?

Answer—

Lindfield Learning Village Stage 2 main works have been completed and the new facilities are being enjoyed by the school. Further updates can be found on the School Infrastructure website at: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/l/lindfield-learning-village-stage-2.html#category-project-updates>

- * 5626 THE EDUCATION FUTURE FUND—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can you please provide an update in relation to the Education Future Fund?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is on track to deliver on its commitments under the Education Future Fund, those being the commitment to employ an additional 250 school counsellors in NSW public schools to support students and the commitment to establish an ongoing, targeted Literacy and Numeracy tutoring program in all NSW public schools, which has been delivered and is running across the state.

- * 5627 NSW BUSINESS BUREAU - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

As of 30 June 2025, how many full time equivalent staff are there at the NSW Business Bureau?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Small Business.

- * 5628 ANNUAL REPORT TABLING—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

Does the Government have plans to have responsible Ministers table all Annual Reports in Parliament by 30 November as required by the Government Sector Finance Act 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under section 7.13 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018, the responsible Minister for a reporting GSF agency is to table the annual reporting information for the agency in each House of Parliament as soon as practicable (but no later than within 5 months or any other period prescribed by the regulations) after the end of the annual reporting period for the agency.

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- * 5629 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ENROLMENT PROCEDURES—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Section 34a of the Education Act 1990 empowers the principal of a government school to require a person seeking to enrol the child at the school to provide proof, to the satisfaction of the principal, of the child's identity, date of birth and home address.

- (1) What, if any, circumstances would permit School Principals, Teachers or other Department of Education staff to visit the address provided by a Parent or Guardian, after the school has already received documentary evidence or statutory declarations pertaining to the child?
 - (a) If such circumstances exist:
 - (i) Are these visits permitted to be unannounced or without the consent of the Parent or Guardian?
 - (ii) Are these visits permitted to take place when the child or young person is at home without their parent or guardian?
 - (iii) Are Department of Education Staff allowed to enter the residence when the child or young person is at the residence without their parent or guardian?
 - (iv) What safeguards does the Department of Education have in place to ensure the safety of a child or young person who is at their place of residence and unaccompanied by their parent or guardian at time of a visit by Department of Education staff, who would presumably be unknown to the child?
 - (v) Are these practices consistent with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, particularly in relation to consent, notice, permission for direct questioning of a child and the collection of personal information?
- (2) Has any specific guidance been provided to Principals of schools that are near or above their maximum capacity for local student enrolments, in relation to the above?

Answer—

Section 34(a) of the Education Act 1990 (the Act) permits the principal of a school to request evidence of a child's residential address, to ensure an application for local enrolment is genuine.

The Department of Education's Enrolment in Kindergarten to Year 12 procedures provide guidance to schools and principals regarding assessing a student's eligibility for enrolment. On occasion it may be necessary to verify the residential address of a prospective student.

Any specific concerns can be raised with the Department of Education.

- * 5630 SCHOOL CLEANER PAY AND WORKING CONDITIONS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Within the Newtown electorate, how many cleaners are currently working in:
 - (a) public schools?
 - (b) TAFEs?
 - (c) Other education facilities?
- (2) Of each of the above, how many are on privately managed contracts?
 - (a) What actions is the Government taking to ensure fair working conditions and pay for these workers?
- (3) Does the Government plan on bringing the contracts of cleaners working in public schools, TAFEs or other education facilities in the Newtown electorate, which are currently privately managed, into the Department of Education, in line with the Hunter and Central Coast?

- (a) If so, when?
- (4) What actions is the Government taking to reduce the risks of modern slavery-like conditions such as deceptive recruiting, debt bondage, or forced labour for cleaners in the Newtown Electorate?

Answer—

The cleaning of NSW public schools is currently managed under a whole-of-government contract administered and managed by NSW Public Works. As NSW Public Works is the current manager of the whole-of-government contract, questions relating to cleaners within the Newtown Electorate should be directed to NSW Public Works.

On 6 June 2025, the Minns Labor Government, announced reforms to help deliver enhanced cleaning contracts which will see the Department of Education assume responsibility for managing cleaning arrangements for all public schools, TAFE and participating agencies from 1 January 2026. These changes stemmed from the Government's commitment to review the contracting arrangements for cleaning services in public schools.

The department's direct management of contracts will deliver better oversight and ensure cleaning reflects, in particular, the day-to-day needs of schools.

There will also be opportunities to strengthen cleaning outcomes and better align cleaning services with the day-to-day operational needs of schools such as ensuring high-traffic areas, including toilets and corridors, are cleaned with appropriate frequency. Through these new contracts, the Government aims to improve cleaning outcomes for schools, support fair employment and working conditions for cleaners, and strengthen operational oversight.

For the Hunter and the Central Coast regions, cleaners will be directly employed by the Department of Education. This will be a first step in understanding how direct employment can support fair wages, manageable workloads, and stronger workforce connections. These insights will inform future decisions about the contracting of school cleaning.

* 5631 SYDNEY WATER SITES—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—

- (1) Regarding Sydney Water sites within the Inner West Council local government area:
- (a) How many sites are there in total?
- (b) For each site:
- (i) What is the total area of the site;
- (ii) What is the total Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the site?
- (c) Are any of these sites currently not in active use?
- (i) If so, how many?
- (d) For sites where there is undeveloped land, is there an internal process by which undeveloped land can be reviewed and possibly utilized for public use?
- (e) Which of these sites has a current use agreement between Sydney Water and Inner West Council?
- (2) Are there planned or ongoing reviews of Sydney Water site(s):
- (a) In the Inner West Electorate for the enablement of these sites to be used as public spaces where possible, and to be managed by local council?
- (b) On Station Street in Newtown for the enablement for the site to be used as public open spaces where possible?

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- (i) If not, why not?
- (c) On Weston Street in Dulwich Hill, for the enablement of the site to be used as public open spaces where possible?
- (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- (a) Sydney Water owns 127 sites in the Inner West Council Area.
- (b) (i) Total area ranges from 12m² to 234,549 m².
(ii) Gross Floor Area is not measured. Sydney Water properties in this area contain critical wastewater, stormwater and potable water assets including stormwater canals, stormwater basins, wastewater pumping stations, pipelines and water reservoirs. Some also contain Sydney Water works depots.
- (c) All sites are in use.
- (d) Sydney Water undertakes internal reviews periodically to identify properties that are surplus to operational needs, which are then assessed for alternative uses. Sydney Water welcomes engagement on public uses of its property including consideration of Council proposals.
- (e) Four Sydney Water properties are currently leased to Inner West Council at Haig Ave in Croydon, Arguimbau St in Annandale, Frampton St in Marrickville and Creek St in Camperdown.

(2)

- (a) See answer to (1)(d).
- (b) The site at Station Street in Newtown has several critical assets including stormwater channels, large potable water mains and a pressure tunnel shaft. The property is also listed on the State Heritage Register. To ensure appropriate security and unrestricted access to these assets for operation and maintenance, this site cannot be used as a public space.
There are also safety reasons to restrict access to the community.
- (c) The site at Weston Street in Dulwich Hill is a critical access point for the underground pressure tunnel. There is also electrical infrastructure housed on this site and the property is listed on the State Heritage Register. To ensure appropriate security and unrestricted access to these assets for operation and maintenance, this site cannot be used as a public space. There are also safety reasons to restrict access to the community.

* 5632 UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY (UTS) AND NSW UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What oversight does the Minister have over the financial governance and accountability and strategic decision making in public universities, including University of Technology Sydney (UTS)?
- (2) Is there a current or planned review, and if so what by whom and on what timeline, of:
 - (a) Key executive salaries across public universities in New South Wales?
 - (b) The use of external consultancy services at public universities, including the use of public funds for said consultancy services?
 - (c) University governance or financial decision-making throughout public universities in New South Wales?

- (3) Is there scope to improve mechanisms for parliamentary or public scrutiny of New South Wales universities given their public status and significant financial and societal value?

Answer—

- (1) NSW universities are established as autonomous institutions under their own Acts of Parliament. University councils are ultimately responsible for making financial and strategic decisions in the best interests of their institutions, students, staff and the broader community, having regard to the objects and functions of the university as outlined in university Acts.

University councils and members are not subject to external direction from the NSW government.

The Australian Government, through the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

(TEQSA), is responsible for regulating universities against the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 and other relevant legislation. These requirements include standards for good governance, financial viability, academic integrity, quality assurance, and student safety and support.

NSW university Acts include certain powers that allow access to information about university commercial operations and decision-making, and for referrals to the Auditor-General or the Ombudsman.

University Acts also give the Minister a role in some university council appointments and land decisions where the land was given to the university from the State for nominal or less than market value.

As the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, the NSW Department of Education and I work with NSW universities to help ensure they are able to meet the interests of the State and the local communities they operate in. This includes through regular engagement with university leaders to discuss NSW priorities and concerns, the tabling of annual reports and active advocacy to the Australian Government on policy, funding and regulatory settings affecting NSW universities.

- (2) The Australian Government is the main funder and regulator of higher education. It is considering remuneration, decision-making and governance in universities as part of its implementation of the Australian Universities Accord. The Australian Government established an Expert Council on University Governance (the Council) in January 2025. The Council is tasked with strengthening university governance as part of the response to Priority Action 5 of the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report. The Council will provide expert and technical governance advice to the Federal and State/Territory Education Ministers about how to improve university governance and performance.

The Council is currently developing University Governance Principles and Recommendations that aim to significantly strengthen institutional governance, stakeholder representation, make universities better places to study and work and improve accountability across the sector. Ministers will consider the recommendations at the October Education Ministers Meeting.

- (3) NSW universities currently undergo Parliamentary scrutiny through a variety of mechanisms. This includes the requirement under the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 for the 10 public universities to provide copies of annual reports no more than four months after the end of the calendar year. These reports are tabled in Parliament. NSW public universities' financial statements are audited each year by the NSW Auditor General and the NSW Audit Office provides a yearly report to Parliament on the universities' financial statements and annual reports. The Auditor-General can also conduct performance audits of the universities.

Universities' annual reports can be inquired into by the Public Accounts Committee.

NSW public universities engage in parliamentary processes, including through hearings conducted by the NSW Legislative Council.

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The existing framework seeks to balance university independence and the central role of the Australian Government in the funding and regulation of higher education, with public accountability.

* 5633 CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) Are there any current or past contracts or memorandums of understanding between any Government department and Check Point Software Technologies (Australia) Pty Ltd?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which department(/s)?
 - (ii) What services were contracted?
 - (iii) When were the contracts and/or memorandums of understanding entered into and when do/did they cease?
 - (iv) What steps has the Government and/or relevant departments undertaken to ensure Check Point meets the Supplier Code of Conduct and other relevant behaviour standards set out within the Government Procurement Policy Framework?
 - (v) Has the Government and/or relevant departments been briefed on any connections between Check Point, Israel Aerospace Industries, or the IC3 consortium?
 - (A) If so, when did briefing(/s) occur and who was present?

Answer—

I am advised this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement.

* 5634 NEW SOUTH WALES SMART SKILL INITIATIVE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE NORTHERN INLAND—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the New South Wales Smart Skill Initiative for the Community College Northern Inland:

- (1) Has funding for this program been cut?
 - (a) If so, by how much in the financial year 2025/2026?
- (2) What other funding is available to support the College and its students?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon. Steve Whan MP, Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education.

* 5635 GENERAL PRACTICE (GP) SINGLE EMPLOYER MODEL—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 general practice (GP) Single Employer Model:

- (1) How many doctors have been employed since the program's inception?
- (2) How many doctors have been employed under this program across the Northern Tablelands in the following years:
 - (a) 2025 so far?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Health Rural Generalist Single Employer Pathway began in 2024 and has supported a total of 50 trainees since its inception.

In 2024, there were no trainees in the Northern Tablelands region. In 2025, there is one trainee in the Northern Tablelands region.

Recruitment for the 2026 clinical year opens on 15 July 2025, with positions available across all participating regional local health districts, including Hunter New England.

- * 5636 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the New England Highway:

- (1) How many potholes have been filled in between Glen Innes and Uralla?
- (2) Are there plans to undertake additional work such as re-sheeting?

Answer—

I am advised

Over 3,600 potholes have been repaired along the New England Highway between Glen Innes and Uralla.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the area and undertake works as required, including heavy patching to address potholes.

- * 5637 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE - NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) How are many Justices of the Peace (JP's) are registered in the Northern Tablelands in the following years:
 - (a) 2025 so far?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised the number of people registered as Justices of the Peace in the Northern Tablelands for the past three years is outlined below:
 - (a) 2025 (so far) – 594
 - (b) 2024 – 526
 - (c) 2023 – 406

- * 5638 REGIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to regional road construction:

- (1) What is the anticipated life expectancy of newly constructed or re-sheeted roads?
- (2) What are regional roads made from?
- (3) Is the material used today different from the material used 30 years ago?
 - (a) If yes, why?

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- (4) Are you satisfied with the life expectancy of regional roads today?

Answer—

I am advised

- (1) Newly constructed sealed or paved State Road in regional New South Wales has a designed life expectancy of 40 years, but an expected life expectancy of between 30 to more than 60 years. Lifespan is dependent on a variety of factors, including traffic volumes, environmental conditions, the quality of construction and its ongoing maintenance.

The average pavement age is currently 33.8 years and 32.1 per cent of road pavements are 50 years or older.

- (2) State Roads in Regional New South Wales are constructed to deal with current and projected transport demand.

For lightly trafficked roads with limited freight usage, Transport for NSW uses granular pavements with thin bituminous surfacings, such as spray seals or thin asphalt. This construction is used on about 84 per cent of the regional State Road network and on over 99 per cent of roads carrying fewer than 2,000 vehicles per day. For roads with traffic volumes over 4,000 vehicles per day, 14 per cent use thick asphalt layers (greater than 100 mm), and 32 per cent are constructed with rigid concrete. As traffic volumes escalate and heavy vehicle loads increase, deep lift asphalt and concrete pavements become increasingly cost-effective.

- (3) There have been changes to regional roads. While core materials such as gravel, crushed rock, and bitumen are still used, there have been improvements in material quality and how they are selected and placed.

Advancements in materials science, a better understanding of local conditions, and stricter engineering standards have led to the use of more durable aggregates, improved bitumen binders, and more rigorous pavement design and compaction practices. These improvements aim to increase road longevity, reduce maintenance needs, and better withstand heavier and more frequent traffic.

In addition, environmental and sustainability considerations have influenced material selection and availability. The increased use of recycled concrete and asphalt has minimised the environmental impact of material sourcing.

- (4) Transport for NSW continually seeks to improve to maintain a sustainable regional road network. The performance of regional State Roads has improved with better materials, designs, and maintenance practices. However, Transport for NSW recognises the challenges such as increasing freight loads, climate impacts (e.g., flooding and heat), and the vast size of the regional State Road network. As such, Transport for NSW is always working to extend road life and improve value for money for taxpayers through innovation and ongoing investment.

- * 5639 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EAST ARMIDALE—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 affordable housing in East Armidale:

- (1) Will Homes NSW be building affordable housing in East Armidale?

- (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)

- (a) Homes NSW is planning to complete due diligence for a site in East Armidale, which is bordered by Dangarsleigh Road, Galloway Street and Parry Parade, by November 2025.

The East Armidale site is owned by Homes NSW and has an active Development Application (DA). Homes NSW is considering this DA for inclusion in the current project pipeline.

Homes NSW currently envisages that the potential development on the site will be a mixed-tenure community, including social and affordable homes.

- * 5640 BUSINESS NSW HOUSING IN NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST (NENW) REPORT—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 Business NSW Housing in New England North West (NENW) Report:

- (1) Will you adopt the recommendations of this report?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government welcomes the Business NSW Housing in New England North West (NENW) report and their motivation to work with the NSW government to address the housing affordability challenges in the NENW region. Homes NSW has commenced work that addresses many of the recommendations concerning social and affordable housing.

Homes NSW is restoring over 33,500 social homes to make them safe and improving its maintenance system by focusing on quality, accountability, and better outcomes for tenants.

Social housing properties owned by Homes NSW in the New England area were transferred to the management of Community Housing Providers (CHPs) as part of the Social Housing Management Transfer program in 2019. Homes NSW does not directly fund maintenance on CHP-managed properties, as they have independent budgets for it.

An exception to this is some properties managed by the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) (under Homes NSW), which maintains homes in the New England region through the Facilities Maintenance contract. This contract covers over 900 homes and includes both Planned and Reactive maintenance. Five hundred and seventy one of these homes are in the New England Region.

In 2025, the AHO completed 42 property upgrades in the New England region. In addition, through a separate program, the AHO upgraded a further 19 homes.

Over the coming years to June 2028, the AHO is projecting to upgrade a further 127 homes in this region.

Homes NSW is committed to supporting the growth and capacity of the community housing sector in NSW and recognises the important role it plays in expanding the number of social and affordable homes delivered in NSW. Homes NSW is committed to enhancing its partnerships and collaboration with community housing providers and Aboriginal community housing providers.

The NSW Government notes the report's recommendations regarding investment in prefabricated factory housing. Homes NSW has been developing a Modern Methods of Construction capability for NSW in cooperation with industry with the aim of demonstrating the effectiveness of modular social homes and investigate how off-site manufacturing can deliver more homes sooner. Regional NSW is the priority for this work.

- * 5641 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ART MUSEUM FUNDING—Mr Brendan Moylan 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—

In relation to funding for the New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM):

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- (1) Has funding been reduced by \$80,000 per year?
 - (a) If yes, why?
- (2) How will you support important cultural institutions in regional areas such as NERAM?

Answer—

- (1) No. New England Regional Art Museum was unsuccessful in the 4year multi-year competitive funding program. It had the opportunity to then apply for funding in the 2-year multi-year funding program. The outcomes of the current funding round have not yet been determined.
 - (a) Refer to question 1.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to supporting arts and culture across NSW. Funding is provided through the Arts and Cultural Funding Program administered by Create NSW, which manages project and multi-year competitive grants across 10 art forms including the visual arts.

* 5642 GET HOOKED FISHING SCHOOLS PROGRAM—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—

Regarding the Get Hooked fishing schools program:

- (1) Which primary schools in the Tweed Electorate (or in postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) have taken part in the program in the last 12 months?
- (2) Have any high schools in the Tweed Electorate (or in postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490) shown interest in the high school program?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Murwillumbah Public School, Fingal Head Public School, Tumbulgum Public School, Tweed Heads Public School, Tweed Heads South Public School, Caldera School, and Kingscliff Public School.
- (b) Tweed River High School

* 5643 NURSE PRACTITIONERS - NORTHERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—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 in the Northern NSW Local Health District?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required.

* 5644 FRESH START PROGRAM—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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—

I am advised:

- (1) To date, two funding rounds have been awarded under the Fresh Start Program (the Program). Nine new apprentices, trainees, and cadets funded under round 1 of the program have commenced at Tweed Shire Council (Council), including:
- two apprentice positions
 - five trainee positions
 - two cadet positions.
- One additional trainee position funded under round 1 will carry over to round 2 and commence employment at Council from July 2025.
- Six provisionally approved positions in round 2 are currently in recruitment and can commence employment at Council from July 2025.
- (2) The roles funded by the program at Council, by position type, are:
- Apprentice Plumber (round 1)
 - Apprentice Carpenter (round 1)
 - Trainee Social Media and Digital Content Creator x 2 (round 1)
 - Trainee Geographic Information Systems x 2 (round 1)
 - Trainee Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catchment and Land Management (round 1)
 - Cadet Engineer (round 1)
 - Cadet Building Surveyor (round 1)
 - Trainee Building Surveyor (position rolled over to round 2)
 - Apprentice Instrumentation Technician (round 2)
 - Apprentice Horticulture - Cemeteries (round 2)
 - Apprentice Greenskeeper and Sports Fields (round 2)
 - Trainee Water (Female) (round 2)
 - Cadet Ecologist - Environmental Planning (round 2)
 - Cadet Town Planner (round 2).

* 5645 CAPITAL WORKS AT TWEED HEADS COURT HOUSE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Attorney General—

Regarding capital works currently underway at Tweed Heads Court House:

- (1) What specific works are being undertaken on the court house building?
- (2) What specific works are planned for the adjoining Community Corrections building?
- (3) How many staff (permanent, temporary and contractor) have been relocated to work out of Murwillumbah Court House during these building works?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The works at the Tweed Heads Courthouse are a combination of minor capital works and major periodic maintenance. For 2025/26, capital works include full replacement of:
 - All roofing, guttering, flashings and downpipes.

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- Mechanical and electrical switchboard upgrades.
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacement.

While the building is vacant to undertake the roof replacement, the following major periodic maintenance works have been scheduled:

- Cleaning and repainting of eaves and soffits.
- Minor internal repairs such as ceiling repair and painting.
- External pressure cleaning and garden maintenance.

(2) Specific works for the Community Corrections building include:

- Replacement of all roofing, guttering, flashings and downpipes.
- Cleaning and repainting of eaves and soffits.

(3) Court sittings and registry services have been temporarily relocated to Murwillumbah Courthouse while work is underway. Seven staff have been temporarily relocated, with the timeframes for these works expected to be from 24 June to 1 August 2025.

The Department of Communities and Justice is working closely with the Chief Magistrate's Office and local stakeholders to ensure the transfer of matters has minimal impact on court participants and their matters, other than the change of location.

* 5646 CROWN LAND DETAILS FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE ELECTORATE OF TWEED—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Can the Minister advise the specific addresses and details for all Crown Lands for each Government-owned property within the Electorate of Tweed?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of Crown land located in the Tweed electorate is provided in Attachment A.

Land associated with the Aboriginal Housing Office, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation or that includes residential dwellings has been excluded for privacy reasons.

The ePlanning Spatial viewer can be used to identify Crown land:

<https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/resources/determine-if-land-is-crown-land-or-a-crown-road>.

* 5647 FIRE AND RESCUE STAFF - THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Separately for each Fire and Rescue station within the Tweed Electorate:

- (1) As at 30 June 2025 (or the nearest date for which data is available), what was the authorised number of staff at that station?
- (2) As at 30 June 2025 (or the nearest date for which data is available) what was the actual number of staff employed at that station?

Answer—

I am advised that

- (1) The authorised establishment for all stations in the Tweed Electorate as at 30/06/25:

Station	Current Staffing	Type
Banora Point	16	On-Call
Kingscliff	19	On-Call
Tweed Heads	21	Permanent
Tweed Heads	17	On-Call

- (2) The number of staff employed at all stations in the Tweed Electorate as at 30/06/25:

Station	Current Staffing	Type
Banora Point	16	On-Call
Kingscliff	16	On-Call
Tweed Heads	22	Permanent
Tweed Heads	17	On-Call

- * 5648 SHELTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ESCAPING VIOLENCE - THE TWEED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many shelters for women and children escaping violence are available in the Tweed Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are four women's refuges operating in Northern NSW, including one women's refuge located in the Tweed Local Government Area (LGA) which is managed by Third Sector Australia and is called "Tweed Shire Women's Service".

Under the Core and Cluster program, an additional four women's refuges will be established in Northern NSW. These refuges are in the process of being established in the Tweed, Clarence Valley and Richmond Valley LGA's.

- * 5649 RETURN AND EARN—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Regarding Return and Earn:

- (1) How many containers have been recycled in the Tweed Electorate in:
- (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?

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Answer—

- (1) The number of containers returned in the Tweed Electorate as at 4 July 2025 are:
- (a) 14,233,993
 - (b) 28,707,508
 - (c) 28,652,133

* 5650 HOUSING FOR MEMBERS OF THE NSW POLICE FORCE IN THE TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Regarding housing for members of the NSW Police Force in the Tweed Electorate:
- (a) How many dwellings are owned?
 - (b) How many dwellings are occupied?

Answer—

I am advised:

Homes NSW solely manages the police housing portfolio.

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Housing as Homes NSW falls within her portfolio of responsibilities.

* 5651 ‘RELIEF AND RECOVERY’ PAST PAYMENTS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How much money was spent on ‘relief and recovery’ payments in:
- (a) 2015/16 Financial Year?
 - (b) 2016/17 Financial Year?
 - (c) 2017/18 Financial Year?
 - (d) 2018/19 Financial Year?
 - (e) 2019/20 Financial Year?
 - (f) 2020/21 Financial Year?
 - (g) 2021/22 Financial Year?
 - (h) 2022/23 Financial Year?
 - (i) 2023/24 Financial Year?
 - (j) 2024/25 Financial Year?

Answer—

For the 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 financial years this information is publicly available and is captured in the annual reports of Resilience NSW and the NSW Reconstruction Authority. The NSW Reconstruction Authority will release its 2024-2025 annual report in the fourth quarter of this calendar year.

The NSW Reconstruction authority does not have access to the financial data of the NSW Government agencies which administered relief and recovery payments for the 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 financial years.

* 5652 ‘RELIEF AND RECOVERY’ FUTURE PAYMENTS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How much money is forecast to be spent on ‘relief and recovery’ payments in:

- (a) 2025/26 Financial Year?
- (b) 2026/27 Financial Year?
- (c) 2027/28 Financial Year?
- (d) 2028/29 Financial Year?

Answer—

The RA has a recurrent and capital budget approval for relief and recovery programs as follows:

- (1) \$988million
- (2) \$499 million
- (3) \$223 million
- (4) \$92 million

These budgets support relief and recovery programs, including those funded by the state and those jointly administered under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. However, they do not account for targeted payments that may be required during this period. At this stage, it is not possible to forecast additional programs or specific payments, as recovery needs through to 2028–29 remain uncertain.

* 5653 FIRE TRAILS - LENGTH—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How many kilometres of fire trails are there in:
 - (a) New South Wales State Forests?
 - (b) New South Wales National Parks?
 - (c) New South Wales Crown Lands?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
 - (a) This question should be directed to the to the Minister for Agriculture
 - (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage; and
 - (c) This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property

* 5654 FIRE TRAILS - MAINTENANCE COSTS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) What is the yearly cost of maintaining fire trails in:
 - (a) New South Wales State Forests?
 - (b) New South Wales National Parks?
 - (c) New South Wales Crown Lands?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:
 - (a) This question should be directed to the Minister for Agriculture;
 - (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage; and

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

* 5655 FIRE TRAILS - FUNDING SPENT—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) How much funding was spent by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service to maintain fire trails in:

- (a) New South Wales State Forests?
- (b) New South Wales National Parks?
- (c) New South Wales Crown Lands?

Answer—

(1) I am advised:

- (a) This question should be directed to the Minister for Finance
- (b) This question should be directed to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Heritage; and
- (c) This question should be directed to the Minister for Lands and Property.

* 5656 PACIFIC BR9 WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING HELMETS—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

For each Rural Fire Service Area Command, how many Pacific BR9 Wildland Firefighting helmets have been issued by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Rural Fire Service has issued the following numbers of BR9 Wildland firefighting helmets by Area Command:

Greater Sydney	10,436
Hunter	7,111
North Eastern	5,029
North Western	5,309
South Eastern	7,880
South Western	6,574
Western	9,108

* 5657 HAND HELD OR HELMET MOUNTED TORCHES—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

For each Rural Fire Service Area Command, how many hand held or helmet mounted torches have been issued by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Rural Fire Service has issued the following numbers of hand-held or helmet mounted torches by Area Command:

Greater Sydney	287
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Hunter	301
North Eastern	107
North Western	19
South Eastern	178
South Western	66
Western	198

* 5658 NEW SOUTH WALES RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND BRIGADES DONATIONS FUND - MONEY SPENT—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How much money was spent by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donations Fund in:
- (a) 2019/20 Financial Year?
 - (b) 2020/21 Financial Year?
 - (c) 2021/22 Financial Year?
 - (d) 2022/23 Financial Year?
 - (e) 2023/24 Financial Year?
 - (f) 2024/25 Financial Year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donations Fund (the Fund) is a separate entity from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), governed by six Trustees. Fund activities are reported to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

* 5659 NEW SOUTH WALES RURAL FIRE SERVICE AND BRIGADES DONATIONS FUND - FUTURE SPENDING—Mr Gurmesh Singh to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

- (1) How much money is forecast to be spent by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donations Fund in:
- (a) 2025/26 Financial Year?
 - (b) 2026/27 Financial Year?
 - (c) 2027/28 Financial Year?
 - (d) 2028/29 Financial Year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Rural Fire Service and Brigades Donations Fund is a separate entity from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), governed by six Trustees, not the RFS.

* 5660 MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR STATE ROADS IN THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

What is the maintenance budget for State roads in the Sutherland Shire in 2025-26?

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Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW does not allocate a maintenance budget specific to Local Government Areas.

- * 5661 GANNONS ROAD TO CRONULLA SEGMENT OF THE SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA ACTIVE TRANSPORT LINK—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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) When will the route for the Gannons Road to Cronulla segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) be chosen?
- (2) When will construction start on the Gannons Road to Cronulla segment of the SCATL?
- (3) When will the Gannons Road to Cronulla segment of the SCATL be open for use?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is engaging with Sutherland Shire Council to determine the route alignment. Once a preferred route alignment has been identified, Transport for NSW will seek feedback on the preferred design from the Community Reference Group and the broader community.

Construction and opening start dates depend on finalisation of the design, constructability and delivery methods. These dates will be estimated once design is finalised.

- * 5662 OAK ROAD TO SYLVANIA ROAD SEGMENT OF THE SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA ACTIVE TRANSPORT LINK—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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) When will the route for the Oak Road to Sylvania Road segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) be chosen?
- (2) When will construction start on the Oak Road to Sylvania Road segment of the SCATL?
- (3) When will the Oak Road to Sylvania Road segment of the SCATL be open for use?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is engaging with Sutherland Shire Council to determine the preferred route alignment. Once a preferred route alignment has been identified, Transport for NSW will seek feedback on the preferred design from the Community Reference Group and the broader community.

Construction and opening start dates depend on finalisation of the design, constructability and delivery methods. These dates will be estimated once the design is finalised.

- * 5663 SYLVANIA ROAD TO JACKSON AVENUE SEGMENT OF THE SUTHERLAND TO CRONULLA ACTIVE TRANSPORT LINK—The Hon. Mark Speakman 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) When will the route for the Sylvania Road to Jackson Avenue segment of the Sutherland to Cronulla Active Transport Link (SCATL) be chosen?
- (2) When will construction start on the Sylvania Road to Jackson Avenue segment of the SCATL?
- (3) When will the Sylvania Road to Jackson Avenue segment of the SCATL be open for use?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is engaging with Sutherland Shire Council to determine the route alignment. Once a preferred route alignment has been identified, Transport for NSW will seek feedback on the preferred design from the Community Reference Group and the broader community.

Construction and opening start dates depend on finalisation of the design, constructability and delivery methods. These dates will be estimated once design is finalised.

- * 5664 CARLINGFORD AMBULANCE STATION PROJECT—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to Carlingford Ambulance Station project:

- (1) Can the Minister clarify what amount of the A\$615.5m NSW Ambulance Infrastructure Program has been allocated for this project in 2025/26?
- (2) Can the Minister advise of the location chosen for the ambulance station on Pennant Hills Road?
- (3) Is the Minister able to advise when construction will begin?
- (4) Can the Minister advise what date this project will be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The details on the New Carlingford Ambulance Station were provided in the media release on the announcement on 11 April 2025 which can be found at this address: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/ministerial-releases/carlingford-one-step-closer-to-a-new-ambulance-station>

Construction and operational timeframes will be determined as the project progresses, and the community will continue to be kept up to date.

- * 5665 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS - THE EPPING ELECTORATE—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the use of demountable classrooms in schools within the Epping electorate:

- (1) Can the Minister provide the number of demountable classrooms at each of the following schools:
 - (a) Carlingford Public School?
 - (b) Carlingford West Public School?
 - (c) Epping Heights Public School?
 - (d) Epping North Public School?
 - (e) Epping West Public School?
 - (f) Murray Farm Public School?
 - (g) North Rocks Public School?
 - (h) Oatlands Public School?
 - (i) Roselea Public School?
 - (j) Telopea Public School?
 - (k) Yates Avenue Public School?
 - (l) Beecroft Public School?

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- (m) Burnside Public School?
- (n) Karonga School?
- (o) Carlingford High School?
- (p) Cheltenham Girls' High School?
- (q) Cumberland High School?
- (r) James Ruse Agricultural High School?
- (s) Muirfield High School?

Answer—

Information on demountables at NSW public schools is publicly available on the School Infrastructure website.

Demountables at Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School have been used temporarily during construction on the major upgrades the Minns Labor Government is delivering for the two schools, upgrades which were promised by the former Liberal National Government but never delivered. Removal of the demountables will occur as the works are completed.

It should be noted that for all other schools in Epping, the former Liberal-National Government was responsible for installing approximately 70% of the demountables that are currently on local school sites, and it left office with no plan to remove them.

- * 5666 RISING PREVALENCE OF VAPING—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the rising prevalence of vaping:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number and quantum of fines given to tobaccoconists in the Epping electorate for the following years:
 - (a) 2022/23?
 - (b) 2023/24?
 - (c) 2024/25?
- (2) Can the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the number of fines and penalties issued within the Epping electorate, categorised by each of the following offence types:
 - (a) Vaping in smoke-free area?
 - (b) Businesses allowing vaping in smoke-free areas?
 - (c) Illegal sale or possession of vaping goods?
 - (d) Importing or dealing with prohibited vaping goods?
 - (e) Prison sentences between 6 months – seven years?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Health does not report tobacco compliance and monitoring information by suburb or electorate.

There were 180 retail inspections conducted in the Northern Sydney Local Health District from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024. During this period, 40 penalty notices were issued with fines totaling \$48,400. Data for 2025 is being collected as the year progresses.

- * 5667 BUS INVESTMENT FROM THE 2025-2026 BUDGET—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—

In relation to the bus investment from the 2025-26 Budget:

- (1) Could the Minister please advise what amount of the \$452 million bus investment will directly benefit the Epping electorate?
- (2) Can the Minister advise what number of these new buses will be servicing the Epping electorate?
- (3) Is the Minister able to clarify whether the current bus routes will be updated with additional bus services?
- (4) Can the Minister advise whether there will be any new bus routes added to the area?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2025-26 State Budget allocated \$452 million for additional bus fleet and services across NSW. This investment will support fleet upgrades and service enhancements for residents, workers and students. The funding supports a wide range of projects and areas and has not been allocated to individual electorates.

Transport for NSW is investigating ways to improve existing bus connections to provide better access to key transport interchanges and support new transport infrastructure.

- * 5668 REVENUE RECONCILIATION IN THE 2025-2026 BUDGET—Ms Monica Tudehope to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

In relation to revenue reconciliation in the 2025-2026 Budget:

- (1) Can the Minister specify which projects have contributed to the revenue in each of the following categories, as detailed in Table 5.2: Revenue Reconciliation in Budget Paper No. 1:
 - (a) Capital?
 - (b) Expense?
 - (c) Other measures?

Answer—

A list of measures in the 2025-26 Budget which have contributed to the revenue related expense, capital and other measures line in Table 5.2 Revenue Reconciliation is available in Appendix B. Measures Statement in Budget Paper No.1 Budget Statement.

- * 5669 2025-2026 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR METRO IN EPPING—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—

In relation to 2025-2026 Budget allocation for Metro in Epping:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how much of Metro's budget will be allocated to additional metro services for Epping in 2025/26?

Answer—

I am advised

Transport for NSW is committed to providing the best possible services for passengers.

Currently, passengers on the M1 Metro North West & Bankstown Line receive a service every 4 minutes in the peak on weekdays. On weekends there is a service on average every 10 minutes. Additional Metro

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services are provided on the weekends to support additional demand from major events and planned trackwork on the Sydney Trains network.

There are no planned changes to the current Sydney Metro timetable.

- * 5670 2025-2026 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR HEAVY RAIL IN EPPING—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—

In relation to 2025-2026 Budget allocation for Heavy Rail in Epping:

- (1) Can the Minister please advise how much of Heavy Rail's budget will be allocated to additional train services for Epping in 2025/26?

Answer—

I am advised

The 2025-26 NSW Budget includes an increase in the Sydney Trains operating budget. The NSW Budget does not allocate spending by individual station or area.

- * 5671 TELOPEA REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WADE STREET TOWERS—Ms Monica Tudehope 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 Telopea Redevelopment of the Wade Street Towers, also known as 'The Three Sisters':

- (1) Can the Minister confirm when the refurbishment works will be completed?
(2) Is the Minister able to advise whether the Minister has discussed with Ministerial colleagues with responsibility for transport infrastructure the need for more parking for the area as it continues to grow?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Refurbishment works at the Wade Street Towers are expected to be completed by late 2025. This information was published in the June Telopea Community Newsletter.
(2) The Telopea Concept Plan lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) complies with parking requirements nominated in the Parramatta City Council Development Control Plan. This information is available on the DPHI major projects portal.

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- * 5672 POLICE AMBULANCE AND CLINICAL EARLY RESPONSE (PACER) PROGRAM—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Can the Minister advise how long the Police Ambulance and Clinical Early Response program has been in operation for on the Central Coast?
(2) Can the Minister confirm the number and names of police area commands the Police Ambulance and Clinical Early Response (PACER) program is utilised in?
(3) Does the Minister plan to continue the operation and funding of the PACER program for the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The PACER program is owned, funded and administered by NSW Health. The first pilot program commenced in 2018 and the program later expanded in 2020 and 2021. Questions regarding the management and continuation of funding for the PACER program on the Central Coast should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- (2) PACER is operational in 16 Police Area Commands (PACs) and four Police Districts (PDs) as follows:
 - Brisbane Waters PD
 - Tuggerah Lakes PD
 - Richmond PD
 - The Hume PD
 - Nepean PAC
 - Ku-ring-gai PAC
 - North Shore PAC
 - Northern Beaches PAC
 - Ryde PAC
 - Eastern Beaches PAC
 - St George PAC
 - Sutherland Shire PAC
 - Bankstown PAC
 - Campbelltown City PAC
 - Liverpool City PAC
 - Kings Cross PAC
 - Surry Hills PAC
 - Sydney City PAC
 - South Sydney PAC
 - Blacktown PAC
- (3) Refer to answer to question 1.

* 5673 2025-26 BUDGET – 439 BUS ROUTE—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—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget includes funding for more bus services and is restoring service routes such as the M52.

- (1) Will the Government be reinstating the 439 bus?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is investing \$452 million into the State's bus network over the next four years.

Transport for NSW is building an integrated transport network that moves away from the 'one seat ride' from the suburbs to CBD network, to a network that acknowledges Sydney's dispersed population and employment centres. This allows better access to centres of growing importance like Burwood, Macquarie Centre and Parramatta. This means that some passengers who previously had a direct ride to the CBD may need to change to other modes or services to reach their destination.

In 2020, a new network for the area was introduced that provides enhanced frequency on key routes, particularly the 'all day frequent' 438X which is a high frequency limited-stops service along much of the old 439 corridor. There are no plans to reinstate bus route 439.

* 5674 2025-26 BUDGET – DIRECT FACTORY OUTLET ROUNDABOUT—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget includes a \$52 million allocation for continued planning for Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue Intersection.

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the project status?
- (2) What is the total project cost?
- (3) Will construction works begin in the upcoming financial year?
- (4) When is the project expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The upgrade of the Homebush Bay Drive and Australia Avenue intersection is currently in the planning stage. Transport for NSW intends to convert the existing roundabout into a signalised intersection to improve safety for all road users at this location.

A construction start date is yet to be confirmed as additional development activities have been identified during site investigations. Once a commencement date is known, the project will take approximately two years to complete. The community will be updated as soon as more information is available.

The project is to be delivered within the allocated \$200 million funding - \$100 million each from the NSW Government and the Australian Government.

* 5675 2025-26 BUDGET – PARK & RIDE PROGRAM—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—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget 'Multi-Electorate Transport Programs for Drummoyne' papers include a \$14 million allocation for Park & Ride services.

- (1) Could you please provide an update on where Park & Ride facilities will be developed in the Drummoyne electorate?
- (2) Is the Government proposing commuter car parks in the Drummoyne electorate?
 - (a) If so, at what locations?
- (3) Will the Government consider a Park & Ride facility around the Five Dock Town Centre when the Metro is built?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 2) There are currently no commuter car parks in the Drummoyne electorate. If a commuter car park is built, it will be assessed for suitability for Park&Ride.
- (3) Sydney Metro West stations will be integrated into active precincts around each station that promote walking and cycling links and prioritise clear and legible connections with other public transport modes.

Sydney Metro West does not provide commuter parking as transport planning has prioritised public and active transport links to the station precincts.

- * 5676 2025-26 BUDGET – SYDNEY TO PARRAMATTA FORESHORE LINK—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—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget includes a \$9 million allocation for continued planning for the Sydney to Parramatta Foreshore Link.

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the project status?
- (2) What is the total project cost?
- (3) What funding is proposed in the Drummoyne Electorate, and proposed to the City of Canada Bay Council?
- (4) When is the project expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Parramatta to Sydney Foreshore Link project is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/parramatta-to-sydney-foreshore-link>

Transport for NSW is working with local councils to deliver some segments in the short term, while planning continues for other segments that will be delivered in the future. This planning will inform construction timeframes.

- * 5677 THOMAS WALKER ESTATE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Are there care-takers of the Gatehouse Residence at Yaralla Estate?
- (2) Are the care-takers employees of NSW Health?
- (3) Is rent paid to occupy the premises?
- (4) When were the lease conditions reviewed last?
- (5) Are the plans to renew the lease, and if so, when will this occur?
- (6) Are there plans to allow nurses to reside at the residence?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Yaralla Estate at Concord that is managed by Sydney Local Health District does not have a gatehouse residence.

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- * 5678 2025-26 BUDGET – RHODES EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget includes a \$67 million allocation for a new primary school at Rhodes East.

- (1) Could you please provide an update on the project status?
- (2) What is the total project cost?
- (3) Will the project be announced in the upcoming financial year?
- (4) Has the Government identified a site?
- (5) Has land been acquired for the school?
- (6) When will the school be opened?
- (7) Is there an opportunity to please meet with your office and/or the Department about this project, and to receive an update on this important asset for the local community?

Answer—

When the Minns Labor Government came to office in 2023, unfortunately the land required for a new primary school at Rhodes East had not been acquired, with the former Liberal National Government having placed the project on hold.

This was symptomatic of the way the Liberals treated our fastest growing suburbs, including in the electorate of Drummoyne where they failed to build and deliver the school infrastructure they promised.

The Minns Labor Government is committed to addressing the failures of the former Liberal National Government, through its unprecedented \$9 billion investment in new and upgraded schools. Under the Minns Labor Government, planning for a new primary school in Rhodes East is now progressing. Further updates on the project will be released as the project progresses and made available on the department's website at: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/New-primary-school-in-Rhodes-East.html#about-project-tab>.

- * 5679 2025-26 BUDGET – SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

The New South Wales 2025-26 Budget includes funding for 11 school crossing supervisors.

- (1) Which schools are allocated school crossing supervisors in the Drummoyne electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following 11 locations are allocated school crossing supervisors within the Drummoyne Electorate:

- St Ambrose Catholic Primary School, Stuart Street, Concord West
- Concord West Public School, Queen Street, Concord West
- Mortlake Public School, Brays Road, Concord
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Broughton Street, Concord
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Burton Street, Concord
- Strathfield North Public School, Cumming Avenue, Concord
- Drummoyne Public School, Rawson Avenue, Drummoyne
- St Mark's Primary School, Tranmere Street, Drummoyne
- Abbotsford Public School, Great North Road, Abbotsford
- Abbotsford Public School, Blackwell Point Road, Abbotsford
- All Hallows School, Halley Street, Five Dock

* 5680 SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT UPDATE—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—

- (1) Has a contractor been appointed for Stage 2 station and platform construction of the Sydney Metro West project?
- (2) When will work begin at Five Dock, Burwood North and North Strathfield to construct the stations?
- (3) When is this work expected to be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney Metro has shortlisted delivery partners for major contract packages.
- (2) Tunnelling for Sydney Metro West is expected to be complete across the alignment in 2026. Station construction and tunnel fit out is expected to commence from 2027.
- (3) Sydney Metro West will target an opening date of 2032.

* 5681 500X ANNOUNCEMENT—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—

Regarding the expansion of the 500X:

- (1) Will there be enough capacity to ensure that bus commuters along Victoria Road in Drummoyne will be able to catch the 500X citybound during morning peak times?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW modelled the expected patronage data and is it publicly available?
- (3) What contingencies and extra service will be in place to ensure Drummoyne bus commuters are not worse off?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is aware of capacity challenges in Rozelle and Drummoyne during the morning peak. This issue is being addressed by returning articulated 'bendy' buses to the fleet, which will increase capacity along the corridor.
- (2) I refer to the response to LA 5612.
- (3) Currently, the 500X provides an 'All Day Frequent' service, operating every 10 minutes or better during the day, seven days a week, and uses articulated buses when available. Passengers will benefit from more and faster services directly connecting them to the Parramatta CBD. The network and timetable design for the 500X extension is currently underway. Careful consideration will be given to ensuring high capacity along the Victoria Road corridor through Drummoyne.

* 5682 PARENTS AND CITIZENS (P&C) AFTER-SCHOOL HOURS CARE PROGRAMS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

As it relates to Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations and after-school hours care programs in public schools in the Miranda electorate:

- (1) How many public schools in the Miranda electorate have been required to tender for after-school hours care services in the past 12 months?
- (2) What support or guidance has been provided to P&C Associations in the Miranda electorate regarding the tendering process for after-school care services?

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- (3) What support is currently in place for existing providers if they are required to re-tender?
- (4) Can the Minister provide data on the number of after-school hours care providers currently operating in public schools in the Miranda electorate?

Answer—

In the past 12 months, no public schools in the Miranda electorate have been required to tender for after-school hours care services. Local Parent and Citizen Association Out of School Hours Care services are not required to tender.

The Department of Education has a comprehensive guide regarding Out of School Hours Care tendering available on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/approvals-process>. The department also holds regular industry briefings. Information on Out of School Hours Care provision can be found on school websites.

* 5683 POTHoles ON STATE ROADS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many pothole-related maintenance complaints were received in relation to the following state roads within the Miranda electorate in each calendar year since March 2023:
- (a) The Kingsway?
 - (b) Port Hacking Road?
 - (c) Taren Point Road?
 - (d) Princes Highway?
 - (e) The Grand Parade?
 - (f) River Road?
 - (g) Alford's Point Road?
- (2) Of these complaints, how many had their relevant issues resolved within:
- (a) 3 days?
 - (b) 7 days?
 - (c) 30 days?
- (3) Since March 2023, what instances exist of a pothole location that has been resolved, reopening and requiring multiple attempts at resolution?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is unable to provide the requested data by electorate and has provided data within Sutherland Shire Local Government Area.

POTHOLE REPORTS RECEIVED			
ROADS	2023	2024	2025
The Kingsway	37	60	47
Port Hacking Road	14	20	14

Taren Point Road	11	7	28
Princes Highway	66	107	81
The Grand Parade	0	3	2
River Road	7	12	3
Alfords Point Road	3	9	2

- (2) Transport for NSW raises ad-hoc network inspections based on complaints received. Defects may be identified during these inspections which are then scheduled for the appropriate maintenance. The maintenance is not tracked as part of the complaint process and potholes are repaired across the network in accordance with the requirements set out in the Sydney Road Asset Performance contract.
- (3) Recurring potholes across the Harbour Zone network are not tracked as part of the complaint process. Potholes, whether new or recurring, are identified and repaired individually as a result of monthly network inspections or customer feedback.

* 5684 THE SUTHERLAND HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What was the total number of complaints lodged about the Sutherland Hospital in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2021?
 - (c) 2022?
 - (d) 2023?
 - (e) 2024?
 - (f) 2025 (to date)?
- (2) How many of those complaints pertained to each of the following categories as listed on the Sutherland Hospital website:
- (a) Aged Care & Rehabilitation?
 - (b) Cancer Services?
 - (c) Emergency & Critical Care?
 - (d) Mental Health?
 - (e) Outpatients?
 - (f) Redevelopment?
 - (g) Tests, Scans & Procedures?
 - (h) Womens and Childrens Health?
 - (i) Other?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Information regarding patient experience within the NSW public healthcare system, local health district and individual hospitals such as Sutherland Hospital is located at https://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au/BHI_reports/patient_survey_results

* 5685 GRAFFITI EXPENDITURE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) Could you please advise the expenditure on graffiti removal and/or cleaning in the Miranda electorate for each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2021-22?
- (b) 2022-23?
- (c) 2023-24?
- (d) 2024-25?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 2021-22 – \$31,124.84
- (b) 2022-23 – \$59,485.00
- (c) 2023-24 – \$14,900.00
- (d) 2024-25 – \$36,446.96

* 5686 FIRE STATION MAINTENANCE—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

(1) Could you please provide the following information regarding New South Wales Fire and Rescue stations in the Miranda Electorate:

(a) For each of the Fire and Rescue stations that service the Miranda Electorate (Menai, Sutherland and Miranda), please provide the exact dollar amount spent on maintenance and capital works in each of the following financial years:

- (i) 2021-22?
- (ii) 2022-23?
- (iii) 2023-24?
- (iv) 2024-25?

(b) Could you please provide the average amount spent on maintenance and capital works for all New South Wales Fire and Rescue stations in each of the following financial years:

- (i) 2021-22?
- (ii) 2022-23?
- (iii) 2023-24?
- (iv) 2024-25?

Answer—

I am advised:

1(a)	Menai	Sutherland	Miranda
2021-22	\$27,917	\$11,900	\$33,327

2022-23	\$17,680	\$68,484	\$40,904
2023-24	\$29,043	\$36,692	\$21,706
2024-25	\$15,672	\$303,767	\$27,890

1(b)	Average Spend*
2021-22	\$50,405.32
2022-23	\$68,342.06
2023-24	\$73,284.84
2024-25	\$79,248.63

*Average Spend is calculated as total cost each financial year divided by the number of existing stations in the FRNSW network (335).

* 5687 NEW HOMES COMMENCED IN MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the Miranda electorate:
 - (a) In 2024-25?
 - (b) In 2025-26?
 - (c) In 2026-27?
- (2) What is the Government's estimate of the number of new homes which will be commenced in the Sutherland Local Government Area:
 - (a) In 2024-25?
 - (b) In 2025-26?
 - (c) In 2026-27?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold housing data by electoral boundaries.
- (2) Refer to my answer to LA Question on Notice 4860.

* 5688 HOMES NSW - AVAILABLE HOMES—Ms Eleni Petinos 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) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many public housing properties are there in the CS08 – Sutherland Allocation Zone?
 - (a) Of these, how many are:
 - (i) Occupied?
 - (ii) Vacant and awaiting maintenance?
 - (iii) Vacant and available for allocation?

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- (2) As at the date for which the most recent data is available (and specifying what that date is), how many public housing properties are there in the Miranda electorate?
- (a) Of these, how many are:
- (i) Occupied?
 - (ii) Vacant and awaiting maintenance?
 - (iii) Vacant and available for allocation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As of 30 June 2025, there were 1,731 public housing properties in the CS08 Sutherland Allocation Zone.
- (a) Of these:
- (i) 1,720 properties were occupied.
 - (ii) Eight properties were vacant and awaiting maintenance.
 - (iii) Three properties were vacant and available for allocation.
- (2) As of 31 May 2025, there were 915 public housing properties in the Miranda electorate.
- (a) Of these:
- (i) 909 properties were occupied.
 - (ii) Five properties were vacant and awaiting maintenance.
 - (iii) One property was vacant and available for allocation.

The number of social housing residential dwellings, by housing type and Department of Community Services (DCJ) district is publicly available at:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings_17032188360200/Dashboard?publish=yes

* 5689 SPECIAL TEACHER VACANCY AND EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) For each school located within the Miranda electorate that have special education support units, how many special education teachers are employed (full-time equivalent)?
- (2) For each school located within the Miranda electorate that have special education support units, how many special education teacher positions are vacant (full-time equivalent)?
- (3) For each school located within the Miranda electorate, how many children are enrolled in special education classes?

Answer—

The Minns Labor Government is committed to addressing the teacher shortage crisis overseen by the former Liberal National Government which led to a record 3,300 teacher vacancies, record resignations and 10,000 merged and cancelled classes every day.

It is why the Minns Labor Government abolished the Liberal National Government's policy of suppressing teachers' wages and delivered the most significant uplift in teachers wages in a generation. It is disappointing the Member for Miranda opposed this decision to lift the wages for teachers in the Miranda electorate and has pledged to bring back the wages' cap.

As a result of the Minns Labor Government's commitment to valuing the teaching profession, teacher vacancies in the electorate of Miranda have been reduced by 48% since the peak of the teacher shortage crisis under the former Liberal National Government.

* 5690 THE 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 The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 January 2025:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?
- (2) As it relates to The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 February 2025:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?
- (3) As it relates to The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 March 2025:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?
- (4) As it relates to The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 April 2025:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?
- (5) As it relates to The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 May 2025:
 - (a) The number of inpatient beds?
 - (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
 - (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
 - (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
 - (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?

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(6) As it relates to The Sutherland Hospital, please provide the following information for 1 June 2025:

- (a) The number of inpatient beds?
- (b) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient mental health patients?
- (c) The number of beds utilised in the Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Service?
- (d) The number of beds utilised in the Mental Health Rehabilitation Inpatient Service?
- (e) The total number of beds utilised for inpatient geriatric services?

Answer—

I refer the Member to the response to LA 5007.

* 5691 FARM GATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM - STAFF BY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) With respect to the farm gate mental health program, by Local Health District can the Minister advise as at 27 June 2025:
 - (a) The total full-time equivalent positions (FTE)?
 - (b) The total number of farm gate counsellors and frontline mental health workers?

Answer—

The total funded Farmgate Support Program FTE by local health district is outlined below.

The total number of Farmgate Support Program staff is not held centrally by the NSW Ministry of Health.

Local Health District	FTE
Western NSW	8
Murrumbidgee	4
Hunter New England	6
Far West	1
Northern NSW	1
Mid North Coast	4
Southern NSW	2
Nepean Blue Mountains	1
TOTAL	27

- * 5692 FARM GATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM - FUNDING BY FINANCIAL YEAR—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

(1) With respect to the farm gate mental health program, can the Minister advise:

- (a) The funding for the 2022-23 financial year (FY)?
- (b) The funding for the 2023-24 FY?
- (c) The funding for the 2024-25 FY?
- (d) The funding for the 2025-26 FY?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is committed to supporting people living in regional, rural and remote communities who have shown incredible resilience after facing unprecedented challenges of disasters and adverse events.

The NSW Government saved Farm Gate from a funding cliff left by the previous Government and continues to invest in its services.

- * 5693 FLOODING RECOVERY ON THE MID NORTH COAST AND HUNTER REGIONS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

(1) With respect to the flooding recovery on the Mid North Coast and Hunter regions, can the Minister advise as at 27 June 2025:

- (a) The number of homes declared uninhabitable?
- (b) The number of homes damaged?
- (c) The number of households or individuals who have claimed Personal Hardship Assistance?
- (d) The number of households or individuals who have claimed Disaster Recovery Allowance?

Answer—

- (1) (a) This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.
- (b) This is a matter for the Minister for Emergency Services.
- (c) For up to date statistics on the distribution of the Personal Hardship Assistance grant, please refer to the Service NSW Performance Dashboard on their website at www.service.nsw.gov.au/performance-dashboard
- (d) The Australian Governance Disaster Recovery Allowance is funded by the Australian Government and administered by Services Australia. Please refer to Senator the Hon. Katy Gallaher, the Australian Minister for Finance.

- * 5694 BRIDGES DESTROYED IN THE MID NORTH COAST FLOODS—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) With respect to bridges destroyed in the Mid North Coast floods, can the Minister advise:

- (a) When will construction commence on a replacement bridge at Tiri linking Cundle Flat?
 - (i) Will the Tiri bridge be constructed to withstand future flooding events?
 - (ii) Will funding for the Tiri bridge be covered by Natural Disaster Recovery Arrangements?

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- (b) When will construction commence on a replacement for Bight Bridge linking Wingham to Tinonee?
- (i) Will the new Bight Bridge be constructed to withstand future flooding events?
- (ii) Will funding for the new Bight Bridge be covered by Natural Disaster Recovery Arrangements?

Answer—

I am advised:

In line with the eligibility requirements of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, the bridges will be designed and constructed in accordance with current engineering standards and to restore function. Transport for NSW and the NSW Reconstruction Authority will work closely with MidCoast Council to ensure the Tiri and Bright bridge scopes will be eligible for natural disaster funding. Timeframes for commencing construction are not known.

MidCoast Council is completing an engineering assessment for both bridges, and the full extent of the impact from the floods will not be known until its completion. As part of the engineering assessment, under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, MidCoast Council has up to six months to lodge an Essential Public Asset Restoration submission to Transport for NSW, and a further extension of time could be granted if required by the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

- * 5695 FARM GATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM - TOTAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS BY YEAR—Mr Dugald Saunders to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) With respect to the farm gate mental health program, can the Minister advise the total full-time equivalent positions (FTE):
- (a) In 2023?
- (b) In 2024?
- (c) In 2025 as at 27 June 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer the Member to LA QoN 5692.

- * 5696 ANNANDALE NOISE COMPLAINTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Noting the Premier's response to my question in Parliament on 19 February 2025 and the recently published Operational Noise Compliance Report for the M4-M5 Link Rozelle Interchange prepared by Renzo Tonn & Associates on behalf of the Government's contractor:

- (1) What steps, if any, has the Government and/or Transport for NSW taken to independently assess and verify the methodology used in the contractor's report?
- (2) What steps, if any, has the Government and/or Transport for NSW taken to independently assess and verify the contractor's findings?
- (3) Has the Government and/or Transport for NSW made inquiries into which of the identified noise barriers were assessed and which were excluded from further consideration?
- (a) If so,
- (i) Which noise barriers were assessed?

- (ii) Which noise barriers were excluded from further consideration?
- (4) What plans, if any, does the Government have to review or reform the Transport for NSW post-construction road noise assessment report procedure?
- (5) What further plans, if any, does the Government have to provide relief and assistance to residents in Annandale who continue to raise concerns about increased traffic noise since the completion of the M4-M5 Link tunnel?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 4) The Operational Noise Compliance Report for the Rozelle Interchange was released in May 2025. The Report was published only after receiving endorsement from an independent acoustic advisor and acceptance from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the NSW Environment Protection Authority; both are independent of the project's design and construction teams.

The process for ensuring independence and qualifications of the Acoustic Advisor is detailed in the Conditions of Approval.

The Operational Noise Compliance Report found that road noise levels meet all the required standards and criteria. The Report also reported a median difference of 0.0dB between the detailed design modelling and post-construction as-built modelling. This indicates no additional noise-reducing measures are necessary.

The regulatory framework that sets requirements for post-construction road noise assessments is managed by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Any questions regarding reforms to this framework should be directed to the appropriate Minister.

- (5) Transport for NSW continues to address concerns from potentially impacted residents and has offered residents to meet directly with its noise specialists to discuss their concerns.

* 5697 PROVISIONAL DRIVING TESTS - REGIONAL TRANSPORT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to provisional driving tests:

- (1) For all regional Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how far in advance are bookings booked out?
- (a) Could you please list each location and time period.
- (2) For all regional Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how long are waitlists to book in for a provisional driving test?
- (a) Could you please list each location and time period.
- (3) For all metro Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how far in advance are bookings booked out?
- (a) Could you please list each location and time period.
- (4) For all metro Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how long are waitlists to book in for a provisional driving test?
- (a) Could you please list each location and time period.
- (5) On average, how many provisional driving tests are conducted in New South Wales each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- * 5698 PROVISIONAL DRIVING TESTS - TRANSPORT—The Hon. Paul Toole 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—

In relation to provisional driving tests:

- (1) For all regional Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how far in advance are bookings booked out?
 - (a) Could you please list each location and time period?
- (2) For all regional Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how long are waitlists to book in for a provisional driving test?
 - (a) Could you please list each location and time period?
- (3) For all metro Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how far in advance are bookings booked out?
 - (a) Could you please list each location and time period?
- (4) For all metro Service NSW centres that offer provisional driving tests, how long are waitlists to book in for a provisional driving test?
 - (a) Could you please list each location and time period?
- (5) On average, how many provisional driving tests are conducted in New South Wales each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Customer Service.

- * 5699 O'CONNELL FOOTBRIDGE PROJECT—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the O'Connell Footbridge project:

- (1) Can you please provide an update of the progress of this project?
- (2) Is this project going ahead?
- (3) What is the budget for this project?
- (4) Will there be community consultation on designs?
- (5) What is the timeline of this project's construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response to LA 5255.

- * 5700 WALLERAWANG TRAIN STATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the upgrade and reopening of Wallerawang Train Station:

- (1) Can you please provide an update on this project?
- (2) What scope of works has Transport for NSW assessed?
- (3) When can constituents expect works to begin on Wallerawang Station?

- (4) When can constituents expect Wallerawang Station to be in operation?
(5) What is the budget for this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) Early enabling works began on 31 March 2025. Information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website

(https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2025/wallerawang-station-project-update-2025-04_0.pdf).

- (4) The station is scheduled to re-open by the end of 2026.
(5) The NSW Government's 2025-26 Budget allocation for this project is \$4.8 million.

- * 5701 LITHGOW GREYHOUND TRACK—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to upgrades to Lithgow Greyhound Track:

- (1) Are the upgrades to Lithgow Greyhound Track going ahead?
(2) What is the scope of works?
(3) What is the funding allocation towards this project?
(4) What is the project's timeline?
(5) When will works begin on site?

Answer—

I have approved an allocation from the Greyhound Capital Grants Program to Greyhound Racing NSW for the redevelopment of Lithgow Greyhound Track. Details about the proposed upgrade are matters for Greyhound Racing NSW and will be made in due course.

- * 5702 FERTILITY SERVICES SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to fertility services supported by the Government, recent data published by Service NSW indicates that only around 220 people have accessed the program, a significant drop compared to 14,00 previous figures.

- (1) Does the minister equate this drop to the means testing introduced?
(2) What is the exact availability and waiting times for the public fertility clinics?
(3) How many applications have been rejected?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government introduced a household income threshold to target the rebate towards low- and middle-income families who are most in need of support to access fertility treatment.

NSW Health and Service NSW continue to monitor uptake of the Fertility Treatment Rebate-2.

- * 5703 BIRTHING 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—

In relation to birthing services in New South Wales:

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- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of all public hospitals offering maternity and birthing services across New South Wales by Local Health District?
- (a) Specifically, which hospitals currently provide these services, and are there any planned changes to their availability?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details of public hospitals offering maternity and birthing services, including capability levels, are included in the annual NSW Mothers and Babies Reports, available on the NSW Health website.

Service capability describes the scope of planned activity and clinical complexity a service is capable of safely providing as outlined in the NSW Health Maternity and Neonatal Service Capability Guideline ([GL2022_002](#)), which is also available on the NSW Health website.

The NSW Ministry of Health has not been advised of any planned changes to the current service capability levels.

- * 5704 MATERNITY SERVICES FUNDING—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to maternity services funding, \$83.8 million has been identified for funding maternal and child outcomes including regional maternity services:

- (1) Which regions and/or regional health services will receive this funding in each of the next four financial years?
- (2) What actions will be taken to address workforce development and retention in regional communities?
- (3) Which hospitals or health services will have birthing services reinstated in each of the next four financial years?
- (4) What infrastructure will be delivered in each regional local health district over each of the next four financial years?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is supporting healthier families and communities with an investment of \$83 million to improve access to quality maternity care. This will include recruiting more midwives across all regional local health districts.

NSW Health has a range of strategies and initiatives to support the midwifery workforce in rural settings. These include workforce training and recruitment and retention strategies, and support for midwifery continuity of care in NSW public hospitals.

Under the previous Liberal National Government the number of birthing services closed or suspended is significant including Muswellbrook Hospital (2022), Wyong Hospital (2020), Ryde Hospital (2020) Parkes Hospital (2019), Gloucester Soldier's Memorial Hospital (2019), Milton Ulladulla Hospital (2016), Mullumbimby & District Hospital (2016), Bourke MPS (2015), Casino and District Hospital (2013), Manilla MPS (2013), Wee Waa MPS (2013), Bellinger River District Hospital (2013), Quirindi Hospital (2012) and Narrandera Health Service (2011).

- * 5705 100 NEW PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS BY 2027—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Government's commitment to open 100 new public preschools by 2027, and noting that one preschool has opened and four have been announced to deliver in 2025-2026:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a list of all announced and operational preschools under this commitment, including their locations and expected opening dates?
- (2) How many will be opened in 2026-2027?
- (3) Will additional preschools be opened in 2027-2028?

Answer—

Information on the Minns Labor Government's historic investment in 100 new public preschools, including updates on specific projects, is available on the Department of Education website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/current-service-providers/universal-preschool/100-new-public-preschools>.

This is the largest investment in public preschools in NSW history. Unfortunately, the former Liberal Nationals Government did not build a single public preschool despite 12 years in government.

- * 5706 THE PROCUREMENT OF 50 NEW ARTICULATED BUSES—Ms Felicity Wilson 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—

In relation to the procurement of 50 new articulated buses announced in June 2025:

- (1) How many of these new buses will service Region 8?
- (2) How many of these new buses will service routes within the North Shore electorate?
 - (a) Which route numbers will be serviced?
- (3) How many new buses will be delivered and operational in each of the calendar months of 2025-2026?
- (4) How many new buses will be delivered and operational in each of the calendar months of 2026-2027?
- (5) Will any other buses be retired and replaced by these newly procured buses?
- (6) Is there any impact on the current program to return repaired articulated buses removed from service in late 2024?
- (7) Will any additional routes be introduced?
- (8) Will timetabling be returned to prior high service levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

The 50 new articulated buses will provide more high-capacity buses across Greater Sydney, incorporating both the new and existing articulated bus fleets. The additional articulated buses will enable reallocation of existing fleet across Sydney to those routes with the highest patronage. This will result in more articulated buses operating on the Northern Beaches and the North Shore.

- * 5707 THE CHILDCARE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FUND—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund again this year, the 2025-26 Budget outlines that \$74m has been spent from a possible \$330m in the previous budget year.

- (1) Does this represent an underspend of the fund?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm the outstanding balance of the fund?
- (3) What specific programs and initiatives will be funded in the coming financial year?

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Answer—

In 2024-25, \$74.7 million was allocated to programs and operations of the Fund, with a range of approaches being trialled and tested. The Fund will support larger scale programs in future years. Initiatives funded in 2025-26 include the Building Early Learning Places program, the Flexible Initiatives Trial and the Business Capability Development Program.

- * 5708 MENOPAUSE HUBS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the Government's commitment to enhance support for women experiencing severe or complex menopause symptoms, including the establishment of Menopause Hubs across the state:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm the number of Menopause Hubs currently operational in New South Wales?
- (2) Could you please outline the details of the status of each of the 12 new hubs the 2022-2023 budget committed to be opened over four years?
- (3) How does the Government ensure equitable access to these services for women residing in rural and regional areas, particularly those outside the immediate vicinity of established hubs?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions are matters for the Minister for Health.

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- 5709 BATTERY HEN EGGS—Mrs Tina Ayyad 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 work has the Government done to support implementing the 2036 timeline of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry (the Poultry Standards)?
- (2) What support has the Government offered to producers to phase out the use of battery hen eggs?
- (3) What is the Government's proposed timeline to phase out battery hen egg production?
- (4) Does the Government have any plans to legislate a timeline to phase out battery hen eggs?
 - (a) If not, why not?

- 5710 INTERSECTION OF HEATHCOTE ROAD AND PLEASURE POINT ROAD—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Whether the Government has plans to introduce traffic lights at the intersection of Heathcote Road and Pleasure Point Road?
- (2) What interim measures the Government has considered to improve safety at this intersection?

- 5711 PSYCHIATRISTS - LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL 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 representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

- (1) How many psychiatrists were employed at Liverpool Hospital in:

- (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) At present?
- (2) How many psychiatrists were employed at Sutherland Hospital in:
- (a) 2022?
 - (b) 2023?
 - (c) 2024?
 - (d) At present?
- (3) How many staff specialist psychiatrists are currently employed at:
- (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?
- (4) How many senior staff specialist psychiatrists are currently employed at:
- (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?
- (5) How many Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) psychiatrists are currently on contract at:
- (a) Liverpool Hospital?
 - (b) Sutherland Hospital?
- 5712 NARRABRI GAS PROJECT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—
- If Santos proposes to pursue Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) as means to mitigate emissions from the Narrabri Gas Project does the Minister plan to reject/ban the operation to protect the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) water resources?
- 5713 IMPROVING GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN DROUGHT RESILIENCE PROGRAM—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—
- (1) Can the Minister advise whether consideration is being made to reinstate the Improving Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience program to complete the last two bore upgrades in the Barwon Electorate?
- (a) If not, why?
- 5714 ALTERATIONS TO PRIVATE CONTRACTS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Is there an avenue within the planning system which allows for alterations to private contracts for Renewable Energy Projects?
- (a) If all parties involved in the contract agree to alterations how should changes be proposed and to whom?

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5715 VITAL MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN 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 vital medical care for children in regional areas:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how is the Government supporting medical treatment for children living in rural and regional areas?
- (2) Minister, how much funding has the Government provided to Little Wings so they can continue to support rural families that are unable to access specialised medical treatments for their children when they need it the most?
- (3) Minister, what is the Government doing to ensure this is a more permanent funding stream?

5716 STATE FOREST EXCLUSION FENCING—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

With respect to the State Forest Exclusion Fencing:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise who is responsible for the cost and construction of exclusion fencing around State Forests?
- (2) Will the Minister please advise what requirements are put on landholders who border State Forests to install these exclusion fences?
 - (a) What financial support is available for these landholders to undertake these works?
 - (b) How many landholders are affected by these works around the Yarrangerry State Forest?
- (3) We have received feedback that the installation of exclusion fences around Yarrangerry State Forest, are resulting in more wildlife, predominately kangaroos, on the roads, would the Minister please advise what steps you and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, are taking around this issue to ensure the safety of road users with higher numbers of wildlife present on these roads?

5717 \$452 MILLION BUS INVESTMENT TO BUILD BETTER CONNECTED COMMUNITIES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With respect to the \$452 million bus investment to build better connected communities:

- (1) Will the Minister please advise what plans does the Government have to provide a regular bus service for those living and working in rural and regional areas of New South Wales?

5718 AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM (AFA) CALL OUTS TO JUNE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

With respect to Automatic Fire Alarm (AFA) Call Outs:

- (1) Minister, could you please advise how many AFA call outs have been raised by the June Correctional Centre since the Government took control?
- (2) Minister, could you please advise of these call outs how many of these have been false alarms?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise how much does it cost taxpayers every time there is a call out to attend an AFA?

5719 INVASIVE NATIVE PLANT SPECIES—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 regard to invasive native plant species:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what criteria is used by the Government to classify a native plant species as invasive?
- (2) Minister, what is the formal process for reviewing, registering, or reclassifying a native plant species as invasive under current New South Wales legislation or policy?
- (3) Minister, in relation to *Cassytha melantha* (commonly known as Mallee Strangle Vine), can the Minister advise why this species has not been classified as an invasive native species?
- (4) Minister, what actions are currently being taken or are planned by the Government and relevant departments or agencies to manage *Cassytha melantha* in areas mapped as Category 2 – Sensitive Regulated Land, in order to protect native species such as Blue Mallee (*Eucalyptus polybractea*) and Broombush (*Melaleuca uncinata*)?
- (5) Minister, what responsibilities do landholders have in managing the spread or impact of *Cassytha melantha* on their properties?

5720 SERVICE NSW BUSINESS CONNECT PROGRAM—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

With regard to the closure of the Service NSW Business Connect program:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise why the Service NSW Business Connect program has been axed?
- (2) Would the Minister please provide the numbers of how many businesses have used Business Connect since 2017?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise what alternative arrangements will be in place after 30 September 2025 for Small Businesses?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise how many jobs have been lost as a result of the Government axing this program?

5721 LOCAL LAND SERVICES CAPACITY—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 regard to the capacity of Local Land Services:

- (1) Would the Minister please advise what the current backlog of work within Local Land Services is, including the volume and nature of outstanding requests?
 - (a) Can you provide details specific to the following regions:
 - (i) Central Tablelands?
 - (ii) Central West?
 - (iii) Hunter?
 - (iv) Murray?
 - (v) North Coast?
 - (vi) North West?
 - (vii) Northern Tablelands?
 - (viii) Riverina?
 - (ix) South East?
 - (x) Western?

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- (2) Minister, what are the top areas of concern in the following regions:
- (a) Riverina?
 - (b) Central West?
 - (c) Central Tablelands?
 - (d) Western?
 - (e) South East?
- (3) Would the Minister please advise how the backlog is impacting service delivery timelines across each region?
- (4) Would the Minister please advise how many positions are currently vacant across each of these regions?
- (5) Minister, what is the Government's strategy to improve operational efficiency and prevent future backlogs?
- (6) Minister what steps is the Government taking to ensure current staff at Local Land Services have the support they need to address the current issues they are faced with?
- (7) Minister what additional funding or resources have been allocated in the upcoming budget to address capacity constraints and reduce any backlogs?

5722 VERMIN CONTROL—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 regard to vermin control:

- (1) Minister what resources are being deployed to address vermin issues across the state?
- (2) Could the Minister provide a list of the primary vermin species targeted under these control measures?
- (3) Minister, how are these control programs monitored and evaluated for their effectiveness?

5723 CONTROL MEASURES FOR KANGAROOS—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 regard to control measures for kangaroos:

- (1) Minister, what resources are being deployed and control measures implemented to address kangaroo issues across the state?
- (2) Minister, how effective are these control programs monitored and evaluated?
- (3) Minister, could you please advise what is being done to rectify the issue regarding the delays and hurdles people are facing when applying for a licence to harm kangaroos?

5724 CORE AND CLUSTER PROGRAM—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

In relation to the November 2022 announcement of the Government's Core and Cluster program:

- (1) Can you provide an update on the status of the 39 new refuges?

5725 FARE EVASION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—

In relation to fare evasion on public transport:

- (1) How many offences were committed in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2022/23?
 - (e) 2023/24?
 - (f) 2024/25?
- (2) How much revenue was collected due to these offences in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2019/20?
 - (b) 2020/21?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2022/23?
 - (e) 2023/24?
 - (f) 2024/25?
- (3) How much revenue was lost in 2023/24 due to individuals not paying a fare?

5726 GORDON STATION - INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE—Mr Matt Cross 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 Transport for NSW have plans to upgrade infrastructure at Gordon Station?
 - (a) If yes, does this upgrade include shelters and/or canopies for the stairs?

5727 GARIGAL NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION—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) Does the Government have plans to expand the Garigal National Park?
 - (a) If no, will the Government consider the adjoining Crown Lands to be a part of Garigal National Park?

5728 NEW FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE (4WD) AMBULANCES—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 the 2023 announcement made in North Wahroonga of 80 new four-wheel drive (4WD) ambulances across New South Wales:

- (1) Are there plans by the Government to allocate a 'transport capable' 4WD ambulance vehicle to service Ku-ring-gai and Northern Beaches?
- (2) If not, will the Government consider allocating a 'transport capable' 4WD ambulance vehicle?

5729 VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT DELAY TIME ON THE EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

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In reference to QON 5502 – Variable Speed Limits on the Eastern Distributor, can the Minister:

- (1) Confirm the enforcement delay time as referred to answer (4) of QON 5502?

5730 SMALLS ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL - BUS ROUTES—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) What plans does the Government have to review school bus route options for students attending Smalls Road Public School (PS)?
- (2) Given the school has now been operational for a number of years, are there any distinguishable trends in enrolment data that might give cause to consider new or modified routes?
- (3) Specifically, will you consider a route for residents living in the West Ryde section of the Smalls Road PS catchment?

5731 NEW SOUTH WALES PAYROLL TAX THRESHOLD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) When was the New South Wales Payroll tax threshold last changed?
- (a) Are there any plans to change the current threshold?

5732 QON 4777 FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In response to QON 4777:

- (1) Among the information on demountables that you say is available publicly on the School Infrastructure website, does this specifically include the quantum of demountables currently situated in, or planned to be constructed in bushfire zones?
- (a) If so, could you please supply a direct link to the source of this information?
- (b) If not, why did you say this information was publicly available?
- (i) Can you therefore provide the number of demountables currently situated in bushfire zones?
- (ii) Can you therefore provide the number of demountables currently planned for bushfire zones?

5733 QON 4778 FOLLOW UP—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Response to QON 4778:

- (1) Given the lack of information to address what (if any) differences existed between the information provided to your office by your Department in response to QON 4355 - Netball activity contingency plans, and your formal response provided on 18 March 2025, can you confirm that no public servant was involved in the preparation of your answer?
- (a) If so, how many other responses to Questions on Notice have been supplied without the input of your Department in this term of Parliament?
- (b) If not, why was the response changed?

5734 IMPACT OF A SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE OUTBOUND TOLL ON VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Has your Department modelled the number of additional vehicles that would use Victoria Road of an afternoon peak if an outbound toll was to be introduced on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
- (a) If so, what is the number of additional vehicles?
- 5735 CURRENT MULTICULTURAL MAKEUP OF NEW SOUTH WALES—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 have access to any data beyond the Census to determine the current multicultural makeup of New South Wales?
- (a) If so, what are the sources of this data?
- (b) If not, do you have any plans to improve the reliability of multicultural data given the Census may not account for significant shifts that occur in New South Wales within its five year occurrence?
- 5736 146-150 VIMIERA ROAD, MARSFIELD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- What is your Department's current policy regarding the open space located at 146-150 Vimiera Road, Marsfield NSW 2122 and whether it is necessary to meet the open space needs of Macquarie Park and/or the Ryde Local Government Area?
- 5737 QON 5573 FOLLOW UP—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—
- In response to QON 5573, what are the addresses of the two projects in the Ryde electorate that have been delivered by Homes NSW with embedded electricity networks?
- 5738 SOCIAL AND/OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING - CHANGE OF RENTAL AMOUNT—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) Is it possible that a resident in social and/or affordable housing could have a quantum of funds automatically deducted from their bank account to pay a rental amount that is different to the amount stipulated on their lease?
- (a) If so, why might this disparity occur?
- (b) If so, what measures are in place to ensure the accuracy and transparency of the amount deducted?
- 5739 SERVICE NSW BUSINESS CONNECT—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- Regarding the Service NSW Business Connect:
- (1) Could you please provide the number of customers which accessed the program since its inception in 2017?
- (a) Of this number, what percentage of these customers:
- (i) Had an existing business?
- (ii) Had a startup business?
- (iii) Were intending to start a business?

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- (b) Of this number, what percentage of these customers were:
 - (i) In the Newtown Electorate?
 - (ii) In Metro areas of New South Wales?
 - (iii) In regional areas of New South Wales?
- (c) Of this number, can you provide any further details about the demographics of the people who engaged?
- (2) Can the Treasurer provide background as to the decision to not renew funding for the program in the 2025-26 state budget?
- (3) What equivalent supports does the Government plan to put in place to support businesses, sole traders and individuals who have relied on the Service NSW Business Connect Program since 2017?

5740 FORESTRY CORPORATION OF NSW—Ms Jenny Leong 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 activities of the Forestry Corporation of NSW:

- (1) What is the total sum of funds in the 2024/25 New South Wales budget allocated to the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
- (2) What was the net revenue of the Hardwood Forest Division of the Forestry Corporation of NSW in:
 - (a) 2023/24?
 - (b) 2022/23?
 - (c) 2021/22?
 - (d) 2020/21?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent roles are presently employed by the Forestry Corporation of NSW?
 - (a) Of these roles, how many are employed in the Hardwood Forest Division?
 - (b) How many are employed in the Softwood Plantations Division?
- (4) Does the Government intend to ban logging activities undertaken by the Forestry Corporation of NSW within the proposed boundaries of the Great Koala National Park?

5741 TIMED PARKING TRIAL PITTWATER ROAD COLLAROY—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) When was the latest review undertaken of the appropriateness of parking times on weekends in the southbound lane of Pittwater Road in Collaroy, adjacent to Griffith Park, which is currently untimed curbside parking on weekends?
- (2) Given the use of this stretch of Pittwater Road in Collaroy as a long-standing informal car yard on weekends, has designating a portion as timed parking ever been considered to provide visitor parking for residents, users of Griffith Park and local businesses on weekends?
- (3) What is the process for implementing a trail of timed parking for a portion of this stretch of Pittwater Road in Collaroy (approx. 25 timed spaces), while keeping a significant portion as untimed parking to preserve the informal car yard function?

5742 WAKEHURST ROAD SURFACE CONDITION—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the road pavement condition assessment for the section of Pittwater Road going through Dee Why between Sturdee Parade and Anzac Avenue at Collaroy?
- (2) When will the programmed road pavement projects on Forest Way and Warringah Road be delivered?

5743 GRAFFITI AT FOREST WAY/ WARRINGAH ROAD INTERSECTION—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the status of plans to deter repeat graffiti vandalism at the intersection of Forest Way and Warringah Road?
- (2) Is this process delayed?
 - (a) If yes, why is implementing an effective long-term solution to this persistent, but preventable, problem taking so long?

5744 MANLY LOCAL COURT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) What is the current staffing allocation per day provided to the Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (DVCAS) team servicing Manly Local Court?
- (2) Has the Government conducted any recent reviews into whether the current level of funding of DVCAS services is adequate to meet demand at the Manly Local Court?
- (3) What facilities are currently available at Manly Local Court to ensure safe, trauma-informed movement for victims of domestic and family violence, particularly in accessing bathrooms or waiting areas?
- (4) Has the Government received complaints or conducted assessments into the safety and appropriateness of victim facilities at Manly Local Court?
- (5) What formal training or support is provided to DVCAS staff working in high-pressure court environments like Manly?
- (6) What additional resources, such as volunteer court support workers or mental health professionals, are available on site to assist victims on the day of their hearing?
- (7) Has the Government considered employing dedicated victim liaison officers to assist with movement through the courthouse in cases involving ongoing trauma risk?
- (8) How many domestic and family violence matters were listed at Manly Courthouse in the past 12 months?
- (9) What measures are in place to assess the experience and outcomes of victims navigating the justice system in regional or suburban courthouses such as Manly?

5745 PRE-COURT VICTIM SUPPORT—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) What protocols are in place to ensure that complainants of domestic and/or sexual violence are contacted and briefed before a scheduled court date?
- (2) What proportion of complainants attending Manly Courthouse for apprehended violence order (AVO) or domestic violence matters in the past 12 months received pre-court support or contact?
- (3) Has the Government received reports or complaints about victims not being contacted prior to court appearances?
 - (a) If so, what action has been taken?

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5746 TRANSPORT CAPABLE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE (4WD) AMBULANCE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether a transport-capable four-wheel drive (4WD) ambulance is currently stationed on the Northern Beaches or within a reasonable response radius?
 - (a) If not:
 - (i) What is the nearest location where such a vehicle is deployed?
 - (ii) Why are there no vehicles stationed in this area?
 - (iii) How does this impact clinical outcomes for patients in remote or rugged terrain?
- (2) Will a transport-capable 4WD ambulance be allocated to the new Dee Why ambulance station?
 - (a) If not, what timelines are expected for full deployment of at least one treatment-capable vehicle to this region?
- (3) Under what circumstances is a transport-capable 4WD ambulance dispatched during rescue operations in rugged or remote locations on the Northern Beaches?
- (4) Do dispatch protocols include resourcing for on-scene treatment capability, or is patient transfer to a road ambulance always required before medical care continues?
- (5) What is the criteria for the allocation of a transport-capable 4WD?