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* 5785 SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT DATA—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Can the Minister advise:
 - (a) The total number of inpatient beds, per year, since 2021 within the South Western Sydney Local Health District?
 - (b) The total number of nurses employed, per year, since 2021 within the South Western Sydney Local Health District?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Under the Minns Labor Government, the number of inpatient beds in South Western Sydney Local Health District has increased since 2021 to meet growing community needs.

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational needs as required. Nursing and midwifery staffing numbers within South Western Sydney Local Health District have increased significantly under the Minns Labor Government.

The Minns Labor Government also invested an additional \$572 million in the 2023-24 NSW Budget to make 1,112 nurses and midwives permanent. This includes 119.2 nurses in South Western Sydney Local Health District. Incoming briefings provided to the Minns Labor Government revealed that the previous Liberal Government did not fund these 1,112 positions beyond 30 June 2024.

* 5786 BUDGET FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can the Minister advise of the current budget allocation for the acquisition of land for the establishment of new National Parks in New South Wales?
- (2) Can the Minister advise of the current average cost per acre for acquisition of land for establishing new national parks in Barwon?

Answer—

- (1) Funding for NPWS reserve acquisition comes from a range of sources including; the NSW Environment Trust; NSW Koala Strategy; developer offset payments and Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan activities; and specific park commitments such as the Wolli Creek Regional Park. In 2025-26 these sources total \$19,074,000.
- (2) In 2024-25 financial year, the average land acquisition cost for new national parks in Barwon was \$88.70 per acre (\$219 per hectare).

* 5787 NATIONAL PARKS CONSULTATION IN RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Can the Minister advise the details of the NSW National Parks Establishment Plan's current review and how consultation will take place in rural and remote communities?

Answer—

The NSW Government has committed to complete a new National Parks Establishment Plan. The National Parks and Wildlife Service will engage closely with stakeholders to inform the development of the plan. Consultation with rural and remote communities will occur through both targeted consultation and a public exhibition period.

- * 5788 CURRENT ACQUISITIONS OF LAND FOR NATIONAL PARKS—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 current acquisitions of land for National Parks which have not yet been formally reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 from June 2024 until present?

Answer—

Since June 2024, the National Parks and Wildlife Service has acquired 30 properties totalling 11 3,976 hectares on my behalf as the Minister administering the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (the Act), which have not yet been formally reserved under the Act. These are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: List of acquired land since June 2024

Location*	LGA	Area (ha)
Capertee NP	Lithgow	417.91
Bollanolla NR	Nambucca	109.77
Dunggir NP	Nambucca	119.70
Jervis Bay NP	Shoalhaven	0.10
Boonoo Boonoo NP	Tenterfield	674.62
Macanally SCA	Snowy Monaro Regional	1,031.54
Wolli Creek RP	Canterbury-Bankstown	2.73
Kalang - reserve name tbc	Bellingen and Nambucca	462.96
Woronora RP	Sutherland	32.71
Gulguer NP	Wollondilly	17.78
Derrigo NP	Bellingen	0.42
Tasman Corinya Station - reserve name tbc	Central Darling and Cobar	71,866.75
Bolivia Hill NR	Tenterfield	198.30
Iona Station - reserve name tbc	Cobar	13,455.80
Innisfail Station - reserve name tbc	Brewarrina	7,642.89
Yarrhapinni Wetlands NP	Kempsey	136.83
Bellenbar Station - reserve name tbc	Bourke	13,674.00
Wollemi NP	Lithgow	0.06

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Wollemi NP	Lithgow	0.15
Wollemi NP	Lithgow	0.05
Wollemi NP	Lithgow	0.10
Gulguer NP	Wollondilly	271.71
Merriangaah NR	Snowy Monaro Regional	1,045.20
Gulguer NP	Wollondilly	17.72
Khatambuhl NR	Mid-Coast	14.08
Cottan-Bimbang NP	Port Macquarie-Hastings	486.50
Cottan-Bimbang NP	Port Macquarie-Hastings	398.00
Nymboi-Binderay NP	Clarence Valley	40.00
Guula Ngurra NP	Wingecarribee	589.35
Khatambuhl NR	Mid-Coast	1,245.10
		113,976.39

* land proposed for addition to an existing reserve, or property name in the case of a proposed new reserve.

* 5789 BUSES IN REGION 14 - CANCELLED SERVICES—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) In relation to the buses in Region 14, how many services were cancelled during the 2025 period:
- 15 June to 30 June?
 - 1 July to 15 July?
 - 16 July to 31 July?
 - 1 August to 15 August?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) During the period 15 June 2025 to 30 June 2025 (inclusive), there were 35 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.16% of the 21,298 scheduled trips.
- (b) During the period 1 July 2025 to 15 July 2025 (inclusive), there were 39 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.21% of the 19,014 scheduled trips.
- (c) During the period 16 July 2025 to 31 July 2025 (inclusive), there were 72 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.33 of the 21,866 scheduled trips.
- (d) During the period 1 August 2025 to 15 August 2025 (inclusive), there were 156 trips cancelled. This equates to 0.73% of the 21,272 scheduled trips.

* 5790 NSW BUSINESS BUREAU - FULL TIME EQUIVALENT STAFF—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

As of 30 June 2025, how many full time equivalent staff are there at the NSW Business Bureau?

Answer—

I am advised the Service NSW Business Bureau had 107 full time equivalent staff as at 30 June 2025.

* 5791 FUGITIVE AND ARREST WARRANT DATA—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many individuals were there on the run from the NSW Police as at 1 July 2025?
- (2) How many arrest warrants are there in New South Wales as at 1 July 2025?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The term 'on the run' 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.
- (2) The NSW Police Force is unable to provide 'point in time' information as to the number of unexecuted arrest warrants there were on a particular historical date. As at 4 September 2025, there were a total of 6,739 unexecuted arrest warrants in NSW.

Note:

- Data extracted: 5 September 2025
- Data current to: 4 September 2025
- Measure: Count of Warrants
- Warrant Status: Outstanding
- Warrant subtype: Arrest Warrant
- Executed warrants are not included in this data.

* 5792 TOWARDS ZERO SAFER ROADS PROGRAM - APPLICATION TIMELINE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

When does the next applicable round of funding under the Government's Towards Zero Safer Roads Program open and close?

Answer—

I am advised:

The first round of the new Towards Zero Safer Roads Program started in 2023 with the NSW Government investing \$45.5 million to improve road safety on NSW State Roads. The Program's opening round, which ran in the 2024-25 financial year, prioritised the planning and development of:

- 27 projects and the roll out and completion of a further 11 safety upgrades in regional NSW.
- 10 projects and roll out and completion of a further 5 safety upgrades in the Greater Sydney area of NSW.

The second round of the Program started in 2024 with the NSW Government investing \$283 million to improve road safety on NSW state, regional and local roads. The round which will run until the 2027-28 financial year, prioritised the following projects:

- 52 planning and development projects and the rollout and completion of a further 20 safety upgrades on state roads in regional NSW.
- 23 projects to complete safety upgrades on regional and local roads in regional NSW.

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- 19 planning and development projects and the roll out and completion of a further eight safety upgrades on state roads in the Greater Sydney area of NSW.
- 23 projects to complete safety upgrades on regional and local roads in the Greater Sydney area of NSW.

* 5793 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - MURRAY—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) What metrics or indicators does NSW Health use to determine whether access to mental health services has improved in the electorate of Murray between 2014 and 2022?
 - (a) Has access to mental health services increased or decreased in the electorate of Murray between 2014 and 2022, based on those metrics?
- (2) What was the number of mental health service presentations or engagements in the electorate of Murray for each calendar year from 2013 to 2022?
- (3) What was the number of mental health service presentations or engagements in the electorate of Murray from 1 January 2023 to the present?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

* 5794 ELECTRICITY SERVICE IN BORDER TOWNS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government intend to fund upgrades to increase electricity capacity in border towns such as Moama and Tooleybuc in the Murray electorate, to support industrial and commercial development where current supply is constrained due to the towns' location at the end of the distribution network?
- (2) Has the Government considered allowing border towns such as Moama and Tooleybuc to be serviced by Victorian electricity distributors instead of Essential Energy, where this may provide earlier or more cost-effective access to additional electricity supply?

Answer—

- (1) Upgrades to any capacity of electricity supply are regulated work that distribution networks, including Essential Energy, are required to carry out in accordance with the Australian Energy Regulator's requirements. Essential Energy has been exploring the use of regulated standalone power systems and microgrids in remote communities at the end of powerlines to improve resilience.
- (2) The towns of Moama and Tooleybuc are currently supplied from Essential Energy's network. However, other towns along the border including Buronga, Euston, Dareton and Ellerslie are supplied from Powercor's Victorian network. Distributors make assessments as to the most cost-effective and technically feasible arrangements for supplying border towns.

* 5795 KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM—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) What is the current status of the Key Worker Accommodation Program funding allocated in the 2024–25 New South Wales Budget?
- (2) Does the Government intend to continue or expand the Key Worker Accommodation Program beyond existing funding commitments?
- (3) Has the Government identified any specific regional or metropolitan areas for future expansion of the Key Worker Accommodation Program?
- (4) Has Murray Downs been identified as a location for current or future funding under the Key Worker Accommodation Program?
- (5) If the Key Worker Accommodation Program is not continued beyond existing commitments, what alternative housing programs are being proposed to support key workers in regional areas?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 4) As these questions relate to the Key Worker Accommodation Program under NSW Health, and its 2024/25 budget allocation, expansion, funding commitments and funding allocation, it would be appropriate for this question to be directed to the Hon. Ryan Park MP, in his capacity as the Minister for Health.
- (5) In recognition of the challenges experienced by key workers and the barrier housing availability presents to equitable service delivery, the NSW Government is investing in key worker housing supply and related measures that attract and retain key workers across regional, remote, and metropolitan regions of NSW.

Homes NSW is delivering an additional 271 teacher and police homes in regional, rural, and remote NSW by 2026 through the Key Worker Housing Program.

* 5796 SWAN HILL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) What is the current status of the Swan Hill Bridge replacement project, including whether planning and procurement processes have formally commenced and whether a preferred contractor or procurement model has been identified?
- (2) Has the Government received or endorsed an estimate of the total construction cost for a future Murray River crossing between Murray Downs (New South Wales) and Swan Hill (Victoria)?
- (3) Is the construction of the Swan Hill Bridge included in the 2025–26 New South Wales Budget appropriations or forward estimates, and if not, in which future Budget year does the Government expect to include appropriated construction funding?
- (4) What contributions, if any, has the Government considered beyond the Australian Government's existing \$6 million, and how would these contributions be reflected in future Budget allocations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Project Development has progressed with Concept Design and Environmental Assessment contracts expected to be tendered in the coming months. It has been confirmed the project will follow a State Significant Infrastructure pathway within NSW, via an Environmental Impact Statement.

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* 5797 MATHOURA POLICE STATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has the Government commenced planning, procurement, or site works for a replacement or refurbishment of the Mathoura Police Station?
- (2) What funding has been allocated in the 2024–25 or 2025–26 New South Wales Budgets—or included in the forward estimates—for constructing, refurbishing, or servicing a police station in Mathoura?
- (3) What steps has the Government taken to consider the use of a transportable police station in Mathoura, in response to the closure of the existing premises?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) Mathoura Police Station has been tentatively included for minor upgrades as part of the Minor Works Program in the 2026-27 financial year, should the budget allocation permit. No funding was allocated in financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- (3) A modular police station at Mathoura will be considered within any future budget allocation.

* 5798 ALTERNATIVE CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSURE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE CENTRES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) What steps does the Government take to ensure alternative childcare options are available in a community before ordering the closure of an early childhood education and care centre due to regulatory non-compliance?
- (2) What support is provided by the Government to families affected by the closure of a childcare centre due to regulatory or compliance action, particularly in rural or remote areas where alternative services may be limited?

Answer—

The NSW Government appreciates that seeking alternate arrangements may be challenging for families. The NSW Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Regulatory Authority does not make service closure decisions lightly. Service quality and compliance is their priority. Where there are concerns that cannot be resolved they are required by law to take appropriate action.

The Department of Education's Early Childhood Outcomes division develops local solutions for complex issues and crises and works in partnership with the Regulatory Authority. Officers contact ECEC services in the surrounding area to assist families affected by the service suspension or cancellation due to non-compliance with the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations or risk to children. Although the department cannot recommend a particular service, the information on available vacancies is made available to families via the Information and Enquiries team.

The NSW Government is taking the first steps towards universal preschool across NSW by building 100 new public preschools on public school sites. The investment will double the number of public preschools statewide, supporting more children and families, including those affected by the closures of ECEC services. Locations for the 100 new preschools have been prioritised using a data-driven approach focused on areas of greatest need where children are missing out on accessing a preschool place prior to attending school. 49 of the new preschools will be in regional NSW. All preschools are due to open by Term 1 2027.

* 5799 INTERACTION OF FAMILY LAW PARENTING ORDERS AND APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS (AVOS)—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Is it Government policy that family law parenting orders issued by the Federal Circuit and Family Court can override conditions in Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs) when the provisions are inconsistent?
- (2) What obligations are placed on the Government or Courts to formally recognise and attach federal family law parenting orders within AVO proceedings, to ensure Local Courts and enforcement authorities are aware of the inconsistency?
- (3) What safeguards are in place to protect the safety of the person named in an AVO—particularly children and other vulnerable individuals—when family law orders permit contact or address disclosure that would otherwise breach the AVO (for example, supervisory conditions, support services, or notifications to police)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Under section 68Q of the Family Law Act 1975 (Cth) (FLA), where a family violence order, including an apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO) is inconsistent with a parenting order, the parenting order will prevail. Additionally, under section 109 of the Constitution, where the law of a State is inconsistent with a Commonwealth law, the latter prevails to the extent of the inconsistency. This principle extends to inconsistent orders.
- (2) Under section 50(4)(a) of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 (NSW), the regulations may require that an application for an ADVO include information about proceedings under or orders made pursuant to the FLA, including parenting orders. This is reflected in the application forms under Schedule 1 of the Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Regulations 2019 (NSW).

Additionally, under section 60CF of the FLA, a party to relevant proceedings (including those for parenting orders) must inform the court of any family violence order that they are aware of that applies to the child or the child's family.

NSW is also a participant in the National Strategic Framework for Information Sharing between the Family Law and Family Violence and Child Protection Systems and Co-Location Program. The Standing Council of Attorneys General recently agreed to an expansion of the framework to additional FLA matters, and endorsed funding arrangements to extend the framework and program until 30 June 2028.

- (3) Under section 60CG of the FLA, when making an order, the court must, to the extent that it is possible to do so consistently with the child's best interests being the paramount consideration, ensure that the order is consistent with any family violence order; and does not expose a person to an unacceptable risk of family violence.

Under section 68P of the FLA, if a court makes a parenting order that is inconsistent with a family violence order, the court must specify that the order is inconsistent, give a detailed explanation in the order or injunction of how the contact that it provides for is to take place, and provide that explanation to the parties.

Under section 68R of the FLA, if a court is making or varying a family violence order, such as an ADVO, that court has the power to revive, vary, discharge, or suspend a parenting order that is in force. This power could be exercised to ensure the orders are consistent, and the ADVO is not overridden by a parenting order.

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* 5800 DESIGNATION OF STATE GROWTH CENTRES OR PRIORITY GROWTH AREAS - MOAMA—
Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Does the Government have a policy framework for designating State Growth Centres or Priority Growth Areas in regional New South Wales?
- (2) What specific criteria—such as population growth, housing demand, infrastructure capacity or economic development—must a regional town meet to be considered for designation as a Growth Centre?
- (3) Has the Government assessed Moama against these criteria?
- (4) If not, why has Moama not been considered for designation as a regional Growth Centre, given sustained growth in population and housing demand in the area?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is currently reviewing the strategic planning framework for NSW. An outcome of this review will be updates to existing regional plans, including the Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2041. The updated regional plans will draw from robust evidence bases and assist with identifying strategic growth locations across regional NSW.

* 5801 PROOF-OF-ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISIONAL LICENCES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many provisional (P1) driver licence holders in New South Wales have transferred their licence to Victoria after turning 18 years of age, in each of the past five years?
- (2) Will the Government commit to reinstating or strengthening proof-of-address requirements to prevent Victorian residents from crossing the border to obtain their driver licence earlier than permitted under Victorian laws?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1)

- 2020: 784.
- 2021: 677.
- 2022: 693.
- 2023: 805.
- 2024: 817.
- 2025: 548 (as at 14 August 2025).

(2) The Australian Bureau of Statistics advises that 112,763, or 1.3 per cent of NSW residents moved interstate in 2024. The majority of these to Victoria or Queensland.

At the end of 2024 there were 117,606 P1 licences on issue to people 18 years or older. The 817 P1 licences that transferred to Victoria represents 0.7 per cent of P1 licence holders. This percentage reflects what would be expected due to natural interstate movements.

As there does not appear to be a systematic issue with Victorian residents gaining a NSW licence early, the Government will continue with current requirements. Section 49 of the Road Transport Act 2013 provides for the voiding of driver licences obtained by false statement and fines up to \$2,200. Any known examples of driver licences being obtained by false statement should be referred to the NSW Police Force for investigation.

* 5802 PAYROLL TAX CONCESSIONS TO SMALL BUSINESSES—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) In relation to Payroll Tax, would the Government consider offering Payroll Tax concessions to small businesses that allow staff to volunteer during natural disaster events?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, when would the concessions commence?

Answer—

- (1) Wages paid to employees who take part in bushfire fighting activities as a volunteer member of a Rural Fire Service or engage in emergency operations as a volunteer member of an emergency services organisation are exempt from payroll tax over the volunteer period.

* 5803 OUTDOOR TOBACCO ADVERTISING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the 2023 ban on outdoor gambling-related signage in New South Wales:

- (1) Has the Government or any of its agencies investigated whether such a policy could be implemented in New South Wales to address outdoor signage advertising the sale of tobacco?
 - (a) If so, what was the outcome?
- (2) What plans, if any, does the Government have to reduce the number of tobacco advertisements children and young people are exposed to through outdoor advertising on shop fronts and main streets?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The NSW Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 prohibits the display of tobacco advertisements in, or so that it can be seen or heard from, a public place.

The NSW Government has introduced the Tobacco Legislation (Closure Orders) Amendment Bill 2025 and, following its enactment, NSW Health will be further increasing enforcement efforts to address non-compliance with tobacco retailing laws in NSW.

* 5804 NSW POLICE RECRUIT - TRAINING ON RURAL CRIME—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

What training on rural crime do recruits at the NSW Police Academy receive?

Answer—

I am advised:

The core elements of rural crime are grounded in the fundamentals of crime response principles taught to all recruits at the NSW Police Academy. Rural crime training is offered by the Rural Crime Prevention Team to officers who have successfully completed recruit training. Training programs include the Rural Crime Education Program; Operation Stock Check training; Rural Crime Six Minute Intensive Training; and the Nationally Accredited Rural Crime Investigation Course.

* 5805 WALCHA AMBULANCE STATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Walcha Ambulance Station:

- (1) Are any renovations planned to be undertaken on this station?
 - (a) If yes, what are the planned renovations and when will those renovations commence?

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Answer—

I'm advised:

An assessment is underway to determine what minor works will be completed on the Walcha Ambulance Station. The station is on the NSW Ambulance Minor Works Program.

- * 5806 AUDIO VISUAL LINK (AVL) FACILITIES AT THE WALCHA AND GLEN INNES COURT HOUSES—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to the lack of Audio Visual Link (AVL) facilities at the Walcha and Glen Innes Court Houses:

- (1) Will the Government install AVL facilities at these Court Houses?
 - (a) If yes, when will the installation take place?

Answer—

I am advised:

Glen Innes Court sits twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Walcha Court once a month on the third Friday. Both courts remain under consideration for future rollout of AVL.

- * 5807 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT OUTCOME NOTIFICATIONS—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—

When will grant applicants be notified of the outcome of their grant application(s) to the Regional Economic Development Community Investment Program grant?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) An initial tranche of successful applicants has been notified and further announcements regarding other successful applications will be made in the coming months.
- (2) All unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by the Department after all successful applicants have been notified.

- * 5808 JOB CUTS FROM WATER NSW—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 300 job cuts from Water NSW:

- (1) Why has the Government cut these jobs?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that service delivery by Water NSW is not impacted by these job cuts?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All of WaterNSW's operational decisions, including staffing, are made under the authority of its Board.
- (2) WaterNSW faces significant funding challenges following the recent Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) pricing determinations for its Greater Sydney, regional and rural bulk water customers. The Government will continue to work with WaterNSW during this transition period, as it focuses on its core purpose, and continues to deliver its legal and statutory obligations.

- * 5809 CROWN ROADS ENCLOSURE PERMITS - COST INCREASE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

Why has the Government increased the cost of Crown Roads Enclosure Permits from \$178 to \$700?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016, the Department is required to apply the statutory minimum rent for enclosure permits. This rent is adjusted quarterly in line with the Consumer Price Index and is currently set at \$613 per annum.

Since 2004, enclosure permit holders were granted concessions to reduce their annual rent to \$0-173 dollars per year, costing the Government and taxpayers approximately \$9.6 million a year in foregone rental income.

By applying the statutory minimum rent, Crown Lands ensures tenure holders who benefit from the use of Crown land make a fair contribution on behalf of the people of NSW. This rental income is essential to maintaining the Crown land estate, including providing access to open space and recreation land for local communities, fire trails to keep communities safe and remediating contaminated land so it can be reused.

- * 5810 DUVAL HIGH SCHOOL SITE IN ARMIDALE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the now closed Duval High School site in Armidale (the facility):

- (1) What is the Government planning to do with this facility?
- (2) Is the Government planning to sell the facility?
- (3) If the Government is not planning to sell the facility, will the facility be made available for use by community groups?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

- * 5811 MOREE SECONDARY COLLEGE COURALLIE STREET CAMPUS IN MOREE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to the now closed Moree Secondary College Courallie street Campus in Moree (the facility):

- (1) What is the Government planning to do with this facility?
- (2) Is the Government planning to sell the facility?
- (3) If the Government is not planning to sell the facility, will the facility be made available for use by community groups?

Answer—

I am advised:

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Education and Early Learning.

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- * 5812 MOREE SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—

In relation to the Moree Special Activation Precinct:

- (1) What is the scope of electricity work on the project?
- (2) What is the intended benefit of the work?
- (3) When will it commence construction?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1 - 3) Relevant information on the Moree Special Activation Precinct can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-business-and-economy-nsw/special-activation-precincts/moree-activation-precinct>.

- * 5813 TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL - ADDITIONAL CAR PARKS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the Premier's announcement at the recent Tweed Community Cabinet meeting that 125 additional car parks are to be constructed at Tweed Valley Hospital in 2026:

- (1) Are these parks in addition to the 130 new car spaces announced in February 2025 and set to be completed before the end of 2025?
- (2) If additional to the 130, where will the 125 car spaces be located?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the purpose of the additional 125 spaces e.g. short-term parking, mobility permit parking etc?

Answer—

I'm advised:

These are the same 130 new car spaces as announced in February 2025 and due for completion before the end of 2025.

- * 5814 WOYUNG ROAD RAIL BRIDGE RENEWAL PROJECT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Regarding the Wooyung Road Rail Bridge Renewal Project:

- (1) What is the total budgeted cost of this project?
- (2) What program is this rail bridge renewal project funded under?
- (3) Given the project is expected to commence in January 2026 and be completed in August 2026, is further funding required in the 26/27 financial year to complete this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW is finalising the design and engaging in community consultation. This information will determine the project's final cost.
- (2) The rail bridge renewal project is being delivered as part of the Country Regional Network's ongoing maintenance and operations.
- (3) The project is expected to be delivered within budget, without requiring further funding in the 2026-27 financial year.

- * 5815 DETECTION OF FIRE ANTS IN TWEED HEADS—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 detection of fire ants in Tweed Heads on 1 July 2025:

- (1) Has the genetic analysis of a specimen of fire ants from this nest been completed?
- (2) What was the likely source of these ants?
- (3) Were fire ants detected in any other locations within the 500m survey surrounding the site?
- (4) What treatment and control measures have been undertaken within the Biosecurity Emergency Control order 5km zone?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The source has not been identified. Investigations are continuing in close partnership with the National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP).
- (3) No.
- (4) The NFAEP commenced surveillance and treatment within 500m of the infested premises the same day as the fire ants were confirmed (2 July 2025). The NFAEP has now treated a total area of 56 hectares with insect growth regulator and surveyed 272 hectares of land in the area out to 5km from the infested premises.

DPIRD surveillance teams have inspected 523 high-risk premises in the local area, with a further 63 inspected by odour detection dog teams.

DPIRD published [Biosecurity \(Fire Ant\) Emergency Order \(No.12\) 2025 on 20 August 2025](#). This order:

- extends the biosecurity emergency until 12 February 2026
- applies premises checking requirements to occupiers of premises in the NSW fire ant infested area.
- establishes the requirement for surveillance to be completed at any premises in NSW that has or may have had fire ant carriers as emergency measure.

DPIRD published [Biosecurity \(Fire Ant - Tweed Heads Treatment\) Emergency Order \(No.2\) 2025 on 13 August 2025](#). This order sets out treatment requirements.

- * 5816 INTEGRATED CANCER CARE SERVICES AT TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the Integrated Cancer Care Services at Tweed Valley Hospital:

- (1) How many inpatients have received treatment since the new hospital opened in May 2024?
- (2) How many outpatients have received treatment since the new hospital opened in May 2024?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In the period May 2024 to the end of June 2025, more than 3000 patients have received treatment at the Tweed Valley Hospital's Integrated Cancer Care Service.

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- * 5817 CARDIOLOGY UNIT AT TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding the Cardiology Unit at Tweed Valley Hospital:

- (1) How many outpatients have been treated at the twice-weekly Cardiology clinic since its opening in May 2024?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Cardiology Outpatient Clinic started seeing patients in July 2024. As of 31 July 2025, about 500 patients have been seen.

- * 5818 M1 PACIFIC MOTORWAY - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Regarding the M1 Pacific Motorway, on-ramps and exits in the Tweed Electorate:

- (1) How often is collection of roadside rubbish undertaken between the Queensland border and Yelgun?
(2) How often is vegetation management undertaken between the Queensland border and Yelgun?
(3) Since Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in March this year and now, what kind of debris removal/vegetation management has been undertaken and at which locations between the Queensland border and Yelgun?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Litter collection is one of many activities for Transport for NSW, and where possible, is programmed in with other works in the area. Transport for NSW collects offensive or dangerous litter as part of routine safety patrols. In addition, two or three litter collections are scheduled each year targeted at known hotspots, with the most recent completed in mid-July for this location.

Further to the regular inspections, litter and roadside debris are collected before mowing operations and as part of the routine vegetation maintenance. All waste, litter and debris collected by Transport for NSW is disposed of legally and responsibly.

- (2) Transport for NSW considers several factors relating to vegetation maintenance within the State Road network. These factors include the roadside environment, ability to access vegetation for maintenance, and safe sight distance for road users.

Vegetation maintenance is an ongoing operation, with the M1 at this location inspected twice per week. Transport for NSW prioritises any defects raised from the regular inspections and requests from members of the public.

- (3) Transport for NSW prioritised and cleared debris following Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred where the debris may have prevented a road re-opening or its removal was required from the road shoulder and medians.

- * 5819 WASHING MACHINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

How many of the 8000 households that obtained a new front-loader washing machine for \$250 under the Washing Machine Exchange Program were located in the Tweed Electorate (or in postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490 if data is not available by Electorate)?

Answer—

The NSW Government understand the stresses associated with the cost-of-living crisis. We're not just talking about cost-of-living relief, we're delivering it. Washing Machine Exchange Program will lower power bills, cut water use, and make life a little bit easier for thousands of people.

75 households were approved under Round 1 of the Washing Machine Exchange Program in postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489 and 2490.

- * 5820 WASHING MACHINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - PENSIONERS—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 of the 8000 households that obtained a new front-loader washing machine for \$250 under the Washing Machine Exchange Program were pensioners (Centrelink-issued concession card holders)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question is a matter for the Hon Rose Jackson MP, in her capacity as the Minister for Water.

- * 5821 WASHING MACHINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - VETERANS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

How many of the 8000 households that obtained a new front-loader washing machine for \$250 under the Washing Machine Exchange Program were veterans (Department of Veteran Affairs-issued concession card holders)?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister for Water and should be directed to her office.

- * 5822 SPORTS FIELDS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) What criteria does the Office of Sport use to classify certain sports, such as small-sided summer soccer, as 'high-intensity' in terms of turf impact?
- (2) Does the Government have guidelines for councils on assessing field wear-and-tear and determining suitable usage for different sports?
- (3) Is there any independent research or state-issued guidance on the relative field impact of small-sided soccer versus other summer sports such as touch football or Oztag?
- (4) Is the Government aware of reports that the Northern Beaches Council incurred over \$40,000 in field remediation costs due to Football Small-Sided Games (SSG's) use of Warriewood fields in the previous season?
- (5) Does the Government have a policy preference regarding the use of synthetic versus turf fields for high-use community sport competitions?
- (6) What funding or support is available for expanding synthetic playing surfaces across the Northern Beaches to meet growing community sport demand?
- (7) Is the Government aware of Football SSG's concerns about relocating to Narrabeen Sports High synthetic fields, and has it evaluated whether this alternative meets the needs of all participant age groups and accessibility requirements?
- (8) What is the Government's plan to address increasing field demand in high-growth urban areas such as Warriewood and the broader Northern Beaches?

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- (9) Is there a current strategy or funded program to increase year-round access to sports facilities, including those suitable for junior and small-sided formats?

Answer—

I am advised of the following:

- (1) The Office of Sport does not maintain a classification system for turf impacts by specific sports.
- (2) Yes. In January 2025, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water published a document titled 'Best-Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields'.
- (3) No. The Office of Sport has not undertaken research on the impact of a particular format of a particular sport (such as small-sided soccer) on natural playing surfaces.
- (4) No.
- (5) No. The Office of Sport does not hold a policy preference regarding the use of synthetic versus natural turf for community sport. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has released guidelines for decision-makers on the use of synthetic turf for sports fields in public open spaces.
- (6) The Office of Sport administers several grant programs to assist participation in sport and active recreation, including facility development.
- (7) No.
- (8) This is primarily a matter for the local community sports sector to address, utilising facility grant programs as appropriate.
- (9) OSP funding can be utilised by SSOs to develop sport-specific facility strategies that align with their state & national participation strategies to help plan for future facility needs of their sports.

* 5823 MONA VALE ROAD—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many stages are there in a road upgrade project and what are they?
- (2) Can the Minister clarify whether any construction work on the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade actually commenced?
- (3) Could the Minister explain the reason for the 'dust heaps' left in place following completion of the Mona Vale Road East Upgrade?
- (4) Regarding the Review of Environmental Factors and Species Impact Statement displayed for community consultation in 2017, could the Minister advise:
 - (a) Whether these documents have an expiration date?
 - (b) If these documents require updating?
 - (c) Whether these documents have been updated since their original publication?
 - (d) Whether those documents were approved?
 - (e) Whether those documents lapsed?
- (5) Could the Minister confirm if the detailed design for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade was completed in late 2018 and, if so, clarify:
 - (a) The reason a further \$25 million was allocated for detailed design in the 2022/23 Budget?
 - (b) Why an additional \$348,000 was required for "continuing design" in the 2023/24 Budget, and how this amount was spent?

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- (c) Why an additional \$5.5 million was required for detailed design in the 2024/25 Budget, and how this funding has been utilised?
- (6) What approvals or acquisitions were outstanding in 2023?
- (7) What approvals, if any, have lapsed that were approved in 2023?
- (8) For each project stage, can you outline how long the Mona Vale Rd East Project took?
- (9) Regarding the allocation of \$340 million and \$25 million in the 2022/2023 Budget for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade, could the Minister advise:
- (a) On what basis were those allocations calculated?
- (b) Whether any of these funds were expended?
- (c) If so, on what specific items or activities these funds were spent?
- (d) What stage those funds were expended on, for example, on the business case?
- (10) Given the community update of April 2025 noting that detailed design is still 'progressing', can the Minister confirm whether the detailed design for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade is now completed?
- (11) Why is commencement of construction for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade not expected until 2028?
- (12) Can the Minister outline the current estimated total cost of the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade project?
- (a) How does this compare to the original budgeted figure of \$340 million?
- (b) Why is it so much higher than the original budgeted figure?
- (13) Have any interim road safety improvements or maintenance works been planned or implemented on Mona Vale Road West given the revised timeline for major construction commencement?
- (14) Can the Minister confirm:
- (a) What stage of the upgrade project the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade reached as at 2023?
- (b) What acquisitions and approvals remained?
- (c) Why the Minister (in 2023) said the project was "shovel ready"?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 12) and (14)

The upgrade of Mona Vale Road from two to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale is being delivered in two stages to improve safety, travel time and reliability. Mona Vale Road East upgrade between Manor Road, Ingleside, and Foley Street, Mona Vale was completed in March 2024. Mona Vale Road West is a 3.4 kilometre upgrade between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powderworks Road, Ingleside, with construction planned to begin in 2028.

The NSW and Australian governments have each committed \$250 million for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade project. The Australian Government's commitment was announced on 22 March 2025, and the NSW State Budget for 2025-26 confirmed its contribution.

Transport for NSW is continuing to finalise the design, along with targeted stakeholder engagement and updating biodiversity surveys and environmental assessments. Transport for NSW is looking for ways to accelerate the Mona Vale Road West upgrade, which is currently scheduled to begin construction in 2028.

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The project's 2017 Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was approved during the planning stage. Post approval, the project has undergone ongoing design refinements, further investigations, engineering analyses and construction planning, including the refinement of methodologies. The detailed design phase included additional investigations to address high risk issues from the previous development stage and to incorporate lessons learned from the Mona Vale Road East project. These considerations included utilities, property and environmental factors.

Transport for NSW will continue to update the community on the progress of critical planning and detailed design for the Mona Vale Road West Upgrade project, ahead of its construction.

- (13) Transport for NSW inspects Mona Vale Road monthly to identify and schedule necessary repairs. It also conducts ad hoc inspections and maintenance based on customer feedback. The most recent inspection of this section of Mona Vale Road on 26 May 2025, led to several pothole defects being flagged for repair. Transport for NSW completed these repairs on 4 June 2025. Since the beginning of June 2025, Transport for NSW has completed approximately 81 pothole repairs along Mona Vale Road, with the most recent repairs completed on 11 August 2025.

Transport for NSW is aware of localised sections of pavement deterioration on the referenced section of road and has identified these sites for future works programs, subject to final approvals. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the condition of Mona Vale Road and perform reactive maintenance as required, as well as continuing to monitor the road 's operational safety to consider any potential safety or efficiency improvements.

- * 5824 USE OF E-BIKES IN THE SUBURB OF GLEBE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Regarding the use of e-bikes in the suburb of Glebe:

- (1) How many penalty notices have been issued to riders in Glebe since 1 July 2025 by the Leichhardt Police Area Command or other law enforcement agencies concerning:
- Cyclist not wearing a helmet?
 - Riding without the correct lighting at night?
 - Cyclist not observing speed limits?
 - Using a throttle-equipped e-bike that is not configured to the legal power output?
 - Failing to stop at red traffic lights?
- (2) How many penalty notices for the matters listed at (a – e) (inclusive) in (1) were issued to riders in Glebe in:
- The 2024/25 financial year?
 - The 2023/24 financial year?
 - The 2022/23 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The table below details the number of penalty notices issued to e-bike riders in Glebe by the NSW Police Force each financial year from 2022-23 to 2025-26 (to date):

Offence	Penalty Notices Issued in Glebe			
	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26 (to 24 Aug)
Cyclist not wearing helmet	0	1	5	3

Riding without correct lighting at night	0	0	1	0
Cyclist not observing speed limits	0	0	0	0
Using a throttle-equipped e-bike not configured to the legal power output	0	0	0	0
Failing to stop at red traffic lights	0	0	2	0

Note:

- Date Range: Legal Action Financial Year 2022-23 to 2025-26 (data current to 24/08/2025)
- Legal Action Type: Infringement Notice - CIN - Criminal Infringement Notice
- Traffic Unit: Non Registerable Vehicle
- Traffic Sub-Unit: E-Bike (Sub-Unit type effective from Financial Year 2023-24)
- Postcode: 2037 (Suburb: Glebe)
- Data provided only contains NSWPF data (no other law enforcement agency's data included).
- "Leichhardt Police Area Command or other law enforcement agencies" has been interpreted to include all other NSW Police Force Commands.
- Data extracted relies on the accurate recording of E-Bikes. Extensive manual review would be required to confirm whether other vehicle types (Bicycle, motorcycles etc) have been used in place of E-Bikes.
- For an infringement notice to be counted in the context of the request, the infringement notice was linked to an incident with a recording of E-bike.
- A count of all issued infringement notices matching the above criteria was extracted to identify and select infringement notices with the relevant offences based on Law Part Title Descriptions. This methodology may not be repeatable if the criteria is expanded upon in the future.
- Any specified 'offences' in the request that does not have a comparable legislative counterpart in wording will not have any data extracted. Any attempts to identify offences relevant to these specified 'offences' that do not have an easily identifiable legislative counterpart would require extensive manual review of free text to confirm relevancy.

* 5825 RECTIFICATION WORK FOR THE BALMAIN EAST SEAWALL—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Regarding rectification work for the Balmain East seawall:

- (1) Has the root cause of footpath subsidence been identified?
 - (a) If so, what is the cause?
 - (b) If not, what further action will be, or is being taken to identify the cause?
- (2) What progress, if any, has been made on the detailed design for rectification work?
- (3) When will construction be finalised so that safety fencing can be removed and public access to the footpath may resume?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ongoing efforts are dedicated to progressing the seawall rectification works responsibly and in line with safety, environmental and regulatory requirements.

Transport for NSW progressed geotechnical site investigations at the Balmain East Seawall on 30 June 2025 and is finalising engagement of a consultant to complete the detailed design, heritage and

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environmental planning assessments. The construction work will then take around six to eight months to complete.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the seawall for any structural changes in the meantime.

* 5826 FUNDING FOR CALLAN PARK—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Regarding \$20 million in funding for Callan Park that was secured by the former Member for Balmain in 2021, being for three projects under the Landscape Structure Plan:

- (1) What is the status of these funds?
- (2) What is the remaining balance of these funds after the work that has been undertaken on the Waterfront Green?
- (3) When will the balance of these funds be spent?
- (4) How will the balance of these funds be spent?
- (5) What progress has been made on upgrading the Bay Run to include separate bike and pedestrian pathways and eliminating car parking along the foreshore?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has made a number of significant investments in public spaces including \$110m that was recently announced as part of the 2025-26 NSW Budget. This included \$4.8m to return 1.6 hectares of parkland to public use in Callan Park.

Of the 2021 allocation for Callan Park, \$15 million of this funding has been expended including approximately \$10 million on the Waterfront Green project.

It is anticipated that the balance of the funds will be expended in the next two financial years on public space improvements in Callan Park.

In relation to Bay Run upgrades, preparation of the Callan Park Foreshore Masterplan is underway which provides a design for the Bay Run to enable delivery of works anticipated to commence in 2026.

* 5827 TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ASSESSMENTS - MURRUMBATEMAN TOWNSHIP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW conducted any recent traffic or pedestrian safety assessments in the Murrumbateman township, particularly along the Barton Highway?
- (2) What consideration has been given to pedestrian needs in Murrumbateman, surrounding the highway, such as pedestrian crossings or other safe access alternatives between the public school and the Murrumbateman Recreation Grounds?
- (3) Due to the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing, Murrumbateman Public School students are required to be transported by bus for journeys of less than 300 metres across the Barton Highway at a cost of up to \$700 per trip, is this in line with Transport for NSW standards?
- (4) What plans, if any, does the Government have to develop a comprehensive traffic management strategy for the Murrumbateman village centre, given continued residential growth and the increasing volume of local and through traffic?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Future development of the duplication works is ongoing, with the Murrumbateman bypass highlighted as a priority for future funding.

- (2) In 2020, safety improvements were made in Murrumbateman as part of the Stage 1 Barton Highway upgrade. The work was completed in response to community feedback and involved: widening of an existing footpath from Hercules Street to the bus stop outside the Murrumbateman Community Church and connected to Fairley Estate to Fairley Estate pedestrian fencing. The fencing was installed at Jones Park to guide pedestrians to the pedestrian refuge on the highway, making it safer to cross the Barton Highway.

In addition, targeted minor safety improvements will continue along the corridor. In the Development Application for the school, the pedestrian access to the school will be from Fairley Street.

- (3) A designated crossing point has been provided adjacent to the sporting fields, connecting the Murrumbateman town centre to the recreational area. Additional works were carried out to connect the crossing to the Public School entry via a sealed path.

The school is responsible for its School Transport Plan and to determine safe access arrangements for school activities, as needed. Road Safety Education specialists within the Department of Education assist schools and early learning centres to develop local resources that promote a culture of safe road use for children, young people and their families.

- (4) There are currently no plans for a traffic management study. Transport for NSW is carrying out safety improvements to the Barton Highway, which are jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments under the Road Safety Program. These short-term safety upgrades will complement future stages of the Barton Highway upgrade project.

* 5828 BIOSECURITY BREACH - BIALA WIND FARM—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) Was the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) formally notified of a biosecurity breach involving a contractor on the Biala Wind Farm?
- (a) If so, on what date was the notification received?
- (2) Did the Department undertake an investigation into the breach, and what were the findings?
- (3) Why has the outcome of the Department's investigation not been made available to the affected landholder, despite the incident occurring in proximity to their property and involving their Farm Biosecurity Plan?
- (4) What privacy restrictions prevent the Department from disclosing investigation outcomes to directly affected landholders?
- (a) Has consent been sought to facilitate this disclosure?
- (5) What assessment criteria were used to determine that the biosecurity risk posed by the breach was 'low'?
- (6) Were any regulatory or enforcement actions taken against the contractor responsible for the breach?
- (7) What measures are in place to ensure contractors working on large-scale infrastructure projects, such as wind farms, comply with Farm Biosecurity Plans on adjacent or impacted agricultural land?
- (8) What support is provided to affected landholders in the aftermath of a biosecurity breach to ensure their concerns are addressed and trust in the system is maintained?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) DPIRD, Local Land Services received a verbal report regarding a biosecurity breach associated with a Biala Wind Farm site on 26 February 2024.

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- (2) Yes. The investigation conducted by DPIRD, Agriculture and Biosecurity and LLS officers identified:
- (a) That there had been a biosecurity breach in relation to Section 25 (1) of the Biosecurity Act 2015, and Biosecurity Regulation 2017, Clause 44C.
- (3) The affected landholder was notified that there had been compliance action undertaken as a result of the investigation. The outcomes of the investigation were not provided in detail due to legal reasons, as the breach occurred in relation to Biala Wind Farm Biosecurity Management Plan.
- (4) The Biosecurity Act 2015 states the conditions for disclosing information for the purpose of exercising a biosecurity risk function. In this situation the decision was made that it was not reasonably necessary to disclose without consent.
- (a) The proponent for the Biala Wind Farm has been advised that they can disclose information regarding the outcomes of the compliance investigation to affected land managers.
- (5) A risk assessment was undertaken to determine the biosecurity risk associated with the spread of weeds and animal disease. The risk assessment considered the following parameters:
- (a) Details regarding the reported breach, including information obtained as part of the investigation
- (b) Physical assessment of location
- (c) Weather conditions
- (d) Site characteristics
- (e) Assessment of biosecurity hazards, spread pathways
- (f) Photographic evidence.
- (6) No.
- (7) The Biosecurity Act 2015 sets out responsibilities with regards to individuals and/or companies duties to prevent, eliminate or minimise biosecurity risks.
- In the instance of State Significant Developments such as Biala Windfarm, proponents are also required to meet specified Conditions of Consent.
- (8) Biosecurity officers within LLS and DPIRD offer expert guidance on disease management, weed control, and pest surveillance. Resources are also available online to help landholders assess risks and implement best practices.

* 5829 LOSS OF URGENT CARE 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 immediate measures is the Government taking to address the loss of urgent care services in Goulburn?
- (2) Will the Government commit to establishing an alternative model of care in Goulburn to relieve pressure on the Goulburn Base Hospital emergency department?
- (3) Has the Government consulted with local health providers or the South Eastern NSW Local Health District to ensure continued access to timely, non-life-threatening urgent care?
- (4) What portion of the Government's \$480.7 million investment to ease pressure on emergency departments will be allocated to the Goulburn region?
- (5) How will the Government ensure rural and regional communities like Goulburn are not disadvantaged by the closure of this commissioned health services?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Goulburn Urgent Care Service was commissioned by the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (Coordinare) from 12 August 2024, under a funding agreement with the NSW Ministry of Health.

Despite the best efforts of the NSW Government to keep the service open, including allocating funding as part of the 2024-25 State Budget, the Network formally notified the Ministry of the provider's intention to cease operation on 30 June 2025. It will continue to operate as a GP clinic but not as an urgent care service.

The NSW Government is investing \$480.7 million over 4 years in a suite of measures to ease pressure on emergency departments. This includes expanding services accessed via Healthdirect, such as the Virtual Urgent Care Service, to support access to urgent, non-life-threatening care for people across the state, including Goulburn.

The Virtual Urgent Care Service is available 7 days a week between 8am and 10pm to all NSW residents and can be accessed by calling Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.

If emergency care is required, callers are promptly directed to an emergency department or transferred directly to Triple Zero (000).

* 5830 INDEPENDENT PHYSIOTHERAPIST CONSULTANTS—Mr James Wallace to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

The number of Independent Physiotherapist Consultants (IPCs) has almost halved since 2005.

- (1) What is the average wait time between Independent Physiotherapist Consultants receiving a referral for assessment and the assessment being finalised?
- (2) In a 22 October 2024 meeting between State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and IPCs, SIRA reported that it has "not secured approval to proceed with recruitment" of new IPCs, did SIRA seek approval for recruitment of new IPCs prior to the October 2024 meeting?
 - (a) If SIRA sought approval for recruitment of new IPCs prior to the 22 October 2024 meeting, why was approval not granted?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This data is not available.
- (2) SIRA is undertaking work to strengthen the framework for independent consultants in alignment with the objects of the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998 before approving additional practitioners.

* 5831 ASQUITH PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS—Mr James Wallace 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 construct a pedestrian overpass at Asquith Station, including a lift?
 - (a) If the Government has plans to construct a pedestrian overpass and lift at Asquith Station, when is that work scheduled to commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Asquith Station is classified as an Assisted Access station and both platforms have side ramps for accessibility.

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There are no current plans to construct a pedestrian overpass and lift at Asquith Station under the Safe Accessible Transport program.

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- * 5832 LAND CLEARING - LIVERPOOL AND SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Can the Minister advise:

- (1) Within the Liverpool and Sutherland Shire Local Government Areas (LGAs) (respectively), what is the area of land that has been cleared from 2021-Present?
- (2) How many exemptions or permits have been granted for land clearing within the Liverpool and Sutherland Shire LGAs (respectively) from 2021- Present?

Answer—

- (1) From 2021 to 2023, 72 hectares of woody vegetation (such as trees) were cleared in the Liverpool LGA and nine hectares of woody vegetation were cleared in the Sutherland Shire LGA. Clearing data has not yet been developed for 2024 to present. A breakdown for each LGA and year is available on the Statewide Land and Tree Study (SLATS) Insights Dashboard at www.seed.nsw.gov.au/slats-dashboard.
- (2) The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water does not issue exemptions or permits for land clearing.

- * 5833 NORTH STRATHFIELD 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—

- (1) When did North Strathfield Fire Station open?
- (2) Has Fire and Rescue NSW considered closing North Strathfield fire station?
- (3) Does the Government plan to close North Strathfield Fire Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 1928.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW monitors zoning, projected populations, socioeconomics, transient populations, property density, infrastructure, hazards and incident history to determine the optimal long-term solution for service delivery in the area.
- (3) The government is advised by Fire and Rescue NSW on station location and resourcing matters having regard to factors cited in the response to Question 2.

- * 5834 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—

- (1) When did Rhodes Fire Station open?
- (2) Has Fire and Rescue NSW considered closing Rhodes fire station?
- (3) As the land that holds Rhodes Fire Station has been sold and will be redeveloped, does the Government plan to reopen Rhodes Fire Station at another location in Rhodes?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 1920.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW regularly monitors zoning, projected populations, socioeconomics, transient populations, property density, infrastructure, hazards and incident history to determine the optimal long-term solution for service delivery in the area.
- (3) The government is advised by Fire and Rescue NSW on station location and resourcing matters having regard to factors cited in the response to Question 2.

5835 ON TIME RUNNING OF LOCAL TRAIN STATIONS—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—

* 5836 NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGERS—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) In relation to the most recent Government announcement and Ministerial media release of 549 new kerbside Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers, how many will be installed in the Canada Bay Local Government Area (LGA)?
- (2) How was the grant process administered?
- (3) Did Canada Bay Council apply for funding for new kerbside chargers?
- (4) Will there be an additional round of funding?
- (5) How can more kerbside chargers be installed in the Canada Bay LGA by the Government?

Answer—

- (1) 0.
- (2) Round 2 of the grant was administered through a competitive merit assessment process. Applications opened on 17 July 2024 and closed on 9 December 2024. All applications were assessed against clear eligibility and merit criteria outlined in the grant guidelines.
- (3) No.
- (4) The Government is considering the charging needs across NSW to determine where additional funding rounds may be required.
- (5) Canada Bay Council is encouraged to participate in any future funding rounds that may be run by providing letters of support to Charge Point Operators to install kerbside chargers in the LGA.

5837 BROKEN BORDERING FENCE IN YARALLA RESERVE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

5838 ON TIME RUNNING OF BUS SERVICES—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—

5839 RHODES EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

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- 5840 CHILD RESTRAINTS IN TAXIS AND RIDE SHARE SERVICES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5841 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT PARK AVENUE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5842 HOMELESSNESS AT CENTRAL STATION—Ms Jenny Leong 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—
- 5843 SYDNEY PARK JUNCTION—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5844 HOUSING SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM—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—
- 5845 MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAEL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Premier—
- * 5846 RUBBISH IN SYDNEY HARBOUR—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—
- (1) What, if any, government entity is responsible for monitoring levels of rubbish and pollution in Sydney Harbour, noting that this spans multiple local government areas?
 - (a) How, when, and where does this entity report on its findings?
 - (b) What steps, if any, are this entity and your Department undertaking to address community concerns that pollution and rubbish are increasing in the Harbour?

Answer—

- (1) Data on rubbish in Sydney Harbour is collected by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). DCCEEW collects samples of litter every three months from a foreshore site on Sydney Harbour, which is one of 14 locations surveyed as part of the statewide Key Littered Items Study (KLIS).
 - (a) The findings for NSW are reported annually on the EPA's website.
 - (b) The NSW Government committed \$38 million to litter prevention under the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy. There are two state targets related to litter: a 30% reduction in plastic litter by 2025, and a 60% reduction in all litter by 2030.

To achieve these targets, the EPA delivers programs including the Don't be a Tosser media campaign, the Return and Earn Program, and grants that fund organisations: in the Sydney Harbour catchment for development of litter prevention strategies.

The State is on track to achieve the targets.

The EPA is aware that Transport for NSW is also doing work in this space relating to cleaning up rubbish in Sydney Harbour.

Supplementary questions relating to this can be directed to the Minister for Transport.

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- 5847 SYQE MEDICAL—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5848 PRIVATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 5849 REPORTED BREACHES OF TOBACCO TRADING LAWS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5850 APPREHENDED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Attorney General—
- * 5851 POST CONSTRUCTION ROAD NOISE - ENVIRONMENT—Ms Kobi Shetty 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—

Noting the Roads Minister's response to LA QON 5696:

- (1) What plans, if any, does the Government have to review or reform the Transport for NSW post construction road noise assessment report procedure?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Roads, the Hon Jenny Aitchison MP.

- 5852 POST CONSTRUCTION ROAD NOISE - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5853 JOB CUTS TO TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Ms Kobi Shetty 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—
- 5854 AUSTRALIAN ROAD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (AUSRAP) MAP—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- * 5855 PROVISIONAL DRIVING TESTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

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?

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(5) On average, how many provisional driving tests are conducted in New South Wales each year?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1 - 4) This data is not available.

(5) 200,330 (average over the past 3 years)

5856 BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - TREASURER—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

5857 BATHURST HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT - HEALTH—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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5858 \$10 BILLION IN SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

5859 LEVEL CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

5860 WHITE CLIFFS FERAL GOAT ISSUE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

5861 CREATE NSW FUNDING CUTS—Ms Steph Cooke 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—

5862 FREE VEHICLE ACCESS TO NATIONAL PARKS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

5863 NEW SOUTH WALES AMBULANCE STATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

5864 ORGAN DONATION CAPACITY 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—

5865 REGIONAL DOCTOR SHORTAGES AND PATIENT WAIT TIMES—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

5866 DROUGHT ADOPTION OFFICES PROGRAM—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—

5867 TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSIONS – LAND MANAGEMENT (NATIVE VEGETATION) CODE 2018 AMENDMENTS—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—

5868 FIREARMS LICENCES IN THE COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 5869 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME (IPTAAS)—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 5870 RELOCATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 5871 CHANGES TO THE GOVERNMENT’S COLOUR PALETTE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Premier—
- 5872 DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL - ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5873 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY COLLECTION—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- 5874 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE - SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5875 PRISONERS WITH A UNIVERSITY DEGREE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—
- 5876 LAND AUDIT - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE OWNED/OCCUPIED LAND—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5877 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE BRIEFS AND PROPOSALS - RYDE ELECTORATE—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5878 MONITORING OF TREATMENT PROPERTIES FOR GOLF COURSE - NORTH RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5879 EXTENSION OF INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY - MEADOWBANK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 5880 WEST RYDE MULTISPORT FACILITY - PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCESS—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5881 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5882 ELECTION COMMITMENT TO SAVE TG MILLNER—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5883 BOORAGUL TRAIN STATION - ACCESSIBILITY—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5884 TERALBA TRAIN STATION - ACCESSIBILITY—The Hon. Greg Piper to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5885 INSURANCE PREMIUMS—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—

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- 5886 WAVES PROGRAM—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5887 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—
- 5888 PEDESTRIAN SAFEY IN MURRUMBATEMAN—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5889 CHILDCARE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 5890 QON 4674 FOLLOW UP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 5891 VEHICLE USAGE OF MACQUARIE PASS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 5892 DELIVERY ALTERATION OF TERTIARY PREPARATION COURSES - MOSS VALE TAFE—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 5893 MOSS VALE TAFE - FACILITY CONDITIONS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education—
- 5894 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 1—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5895 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 2—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5896 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 3—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5897 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 4—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5898 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 5—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5899 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 6—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 5900 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 7—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

5901 ROOKWOOD CEMETERY AND METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKS - 8—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

5902 BURIAL SPACE—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

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5903 CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL MEETINGS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—

5904 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR AMENDMENTS TO LAND MANAGEMENT CODE—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—

5905 JOINT LOCAL ENROLMENT AREA FOR KILLARA HIGH AND LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

5906 ACCESS TO OUT-OF-HOME CARE RECORDS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Families and Communities, and Minister for Disability Inclusion—

5907 TRAIN CORRIDOR BETWEEN LINDFIELD, KILLARA AND GORDON RAILWAY STATIONS—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—

5908 HOME BUILDING COMPENSATION FUND REVIEW—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

5909 FIRE ENGINEERING AT 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—

5910 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WASTE CONTRACT—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—

5911 WALKING AND CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

5912 PLASREFINE - PREMIER—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Premier—

5913 PLASREFINE - ENVIRONMENT—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—

5914 PLASREFINE - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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5915 GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND SPECIALIST PROCEDURE REQUESTS FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMANTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

Workers' compensation claimants wait three weeks or more to receive approvals for procedure requests recommended or required by General Practitioner's and specialists.

(1) Are these requests triaged to ensure prompt approvals for serious injuries?

5916 NEW WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROVIDER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

The Government has recently appointed a new Workers Compensation insurance provider for some of its claimants.

(1) Will this changeover impact timeframes for procedural approvals (two weeks) and monetary expense reimbursements (three weeks)?

(a) If so, when should claimants expect to be notified of the delay?

5917 NATIONAL PARK'S ACQUISITIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What is the total expense incurred in the past three financial years to purchase, staff and maintain the statewide New South Wales Parks estates?

(2) What are the total visitor numbers for each National Park in the Western and Northwestern regions?

(3) What is the income generated from visitation to the National Parks in the Western and Northwestern Regions over the past three financial years?

5918 HEARING PROTECTORS AND SPECTACLES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

(1) Does the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice Managing Noise and Preventing Hearing Loss at Work advise, on one hand, that workers who wear spectacles should have their hearing protectors fitted while wearing their spectacles, yet also advises the worker to ensure there are no any leakage paths for noise, which spectacles create when worn with the hearing protectors (ear muffs)?

(2) Will the Minister look at ways to rectify this apparent contradiction?

5919 MONA VALE ROAD AT ST IVES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to Mona Vale Road at St Ives, when it rains our emergency service volunteers need to clear the drains due to flooding.

(1) Are there plans to have the drains regularly cleared by Transport for NSW?

5920 EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ON THE INDEPENDENT TOLL REVIEW—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—

In relation to the expenditure of funds on the Independent Toll Review:

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- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on how the Government is addressing Tollmania?
- 5921 PATYEGARANG PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the Patyegarang planning proposal (formerly known as Lizard Rock)?
- (2) Will the Minister make the final decision on the planning proposal?
- 5922 GOSFORD WATERFRONT REVITALISATION PROJECT - CENTRAL COAST—Mr Adam Crouch 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—
- \$8.5M was provided in last years budget for the Gosford waterfront revitalisation project which was assigned to Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) in mid-2024.
- (1) Can the Minister confirm what HCCDC has delivered for \$8.5M in the last 12 months?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm what, if any, works have been scheduled or itemised for the Gosford waterfront?
- 5923 GOSFORD WATERFRONT REVITALISATION PROJECT - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mr Adam Crouch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- \$8.5M was provided in last years budget for the Gosford waterfront revitalisation project which was assigned to Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) in mid-2024.
- (1) Can the Minister confirm what HCCDC has delivered for \$8.5M in the last 12 months?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm what, if any, works have been scheduled or itemised for the Gosford waterfront?
- 5924 WESTERN RIVERINA LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—
- (1) Has the Government conducted costings or developed a timeline for the establishment of a Western Riverina Local Health District, and if so, will those costings or the timeline be tabled?
- (2) Has the Government made a decision on whether it will establish a Western Riverina Local Health District during this term of Parliament?
- 5925 DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - REDUCED STAFFING LEVELS—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) Has the Department of Primary Industries undertaken any modelling to assess the cost to industry of a biosecurity outbreak in the context of reduced staffing levels?
- (2) Were any risk assessments prepared by the Department of Primary Industries in relation to disaster response, agricultural research, or biosecurity capacity prior to the decision to reduce 165 positions?
- (3) What economic impact assessment, if any, was conducted by the Department of Primary Industries prior to the decision to cut 12 positions at Yanco in the Murray electorate?
- 5926 IMPACT OF REGIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR JOB LOSSES—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) Has the Government undertaken any assessment of the impact of regional public sector job losses on small businesses, community services, or the delivery of Government services in regional New South Wales?

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- (2) Has the Government compiled a regional breakdown of public sector positions lost in regional New South Wales since the 2023 State Election?

5927 NEW SOUTH WALES WATER METERING LAWS—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) On what date did the Minister first become aware of potential flaws in New South Wales' water metering laws?
- (2) Has the Minister or the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water issued any public statements regarding concerns about the adequacy of New South Wales' water metering laws since January 2023?
- (3) Has the Minister or the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water briefed the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder about concerns relating to the adequacy of New South Wales' water metering laws?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of any government plan to provide compensation to water users where water has been unlawfully taken due to metering system failures?
- (5) Has WaterNSW advised the Government that dividend payment obligations are a factor contributing to proposed or future job losses?
- (6) Has the Minister received advice that reducing WaterNSW's dividend payment obligations could mitigate proposed or future job losses?

5928 ANNUAL DIVIDEND PAYMENT FROM WATERNSW—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the projected annual dividend payment from WaterNSW to the Government for each of the next three financial years commencing 2025–26?
- (2) Has the Treasurer considered exercising discretion to reduce or waive the annual dividend payment from WaterNSW in any of the next three financial years commencing 2025–26, in light of proposed job losses at WaterNSW?

5929 EMERGENCY INCIDENTS IN TOCUMWAL—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 emergency incidents in Tocumwal between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2024 recorded ambulance response times exceeding 30 minutes?
- (2) When did NSW Health last conduct a risk assessment of emergency response capacity in Tocumwal?
- (3) Was Tocumwal assessed against the criteria used to determine the locations of the 30 new ambulance stations announced by the Government?

5930 KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the current status of the Key Worker Accommodation Program funding allocated in the 2024–25 New South Wales Budget?
- (2) Does the Government intend to continue or expand the Key Worker Accommodation Program beyond existing funding commitments?
- (3) Has the Government identified any specific regional or metropolitan areas for future expansion of the Key Worker Accommodation Program?

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- (4) Has Murray Downs been identified as a location for current or future funding under the Key Worker Accommodation Program?
- (5) If the Key Worker Accommodation Program is not continued beyond existing commitments, what alternative housing programs are being proposed to support key workers in regional areas?
- 5931 TRANSITIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER - DENILIQVIN CLUSTER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What is the current Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) endorsement status of the transitional Nurse Practitioner currently employed as 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) within the 1.5 FTE allocation for the Deniliquin Cluster under the Murrumbidgee Local Health District?
- (2) On what basis did the Murrumbidgee Local Health District determine that the Deniliquin Cluster is fully serviced by Nurse Practitioners at 1.5 FTE, when one position is held by a transitional Nurse Practitioner not yet authorised to perform community services?
- (3) Has the Department of Health received a formal request to convert the vacant Nurse Unit Manager position at Hay Hospital into a Nurse Practitioner role?
- (4) What reasons were provided by the Department of Health for declining a request to convert Hay's vacant Nurse Unit Manager role into a Nurse Practitioner role, if such a request was received?
- (5) What is the total number of nurse practitioner-related presentations or service interactions recorded at Hay Hospital in the past 12 months?
- (6) Has the Department conducted any assessment of whether a Nurse Practitioner at Hay Hospital could reduce demand on local General Practitioners and nearby hospitals?
- 5932 RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES - ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR PATIENT TRANSPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) Why are Residential Aged Care Facilities currently unable to access online bookings for Patient Transport?
- (2) On what date and for what reason was access to online bookings for Patient Transport by Residential Aged Care Facilities ceased?
- (3) What is the anticipated timeline for the implementation of system upgrades that will enable Residential Aged Care Facilities to use the planned new web-based booking service for Patient Transport?
- 5933 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) July?
- (b) August?
- (c) September?
- 5934 INTERSECTION OF HARRIS ROAD AND QUEENS ROAD, FIVE DOCK—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- My office has previously written to the former Minister regarding the challenges presented at the intersection of Harris Road and Queens Road, Five Dock.

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- (1) Will Transport for NSW install a right turn green arrow at Harris Road turning right into Queens Road?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is Transport for NSW aware that there is a busy high school, where students are often placed at risk due to cars going through red lights, located at this intersection?
- (3) Does Transport for NSW consider this a dangerous intersection?

5935 INTERSECTION OF CORREYS AVENUE AND CONCORD ROAD, CONCORD WEST—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

My office has written to you regarding the challenges presented at the intersection of Correys Avenue and Concord Road, Concord West.

- (1) Will Transport for NSW install a right turn green arrow at Correys Avenue turning right into Concord Road?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why did Transport for NSW erect a red arrow, but not a green arrow at this intersection?
- (3) Is Transport for NSW aware that there is a local public school and a shopping strip located at this intersection?
- (4) Does Transport for NSW consider this a dangerous intersection?

5936 INTERSECTION OF WELLBANK STREET AND CONCORD ROAD, NORTH STRATHFIELD—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

My office has written to you regarding the challenges presented at the intersection of Wellbank Street and Concord Road, North Strathfield.

- (1) Will Transport for NSW install a right turn green arrow at Wellbank Street turning right into Concord Road?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Does Transport for NSW consider this a dangerous intersection?

5937 SPECIALIST-LED DIABETES SERVICE AT CONCORD HOSPITAL—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) When did the specialist-led diabetes service cease operating?
- (2) Why was this decision made?
- (3) Where can local patients go to receive specialist-led diabetes treatment in public hospitals?
- (4) How long is the waiting list at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital?
- (5) Will this decision to close the service be reversed?

5938 BUS SERVICES FOR NORTH STRATHFIELD—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—

My community living in North Strathfield have advised that there is a gap in bus services around George Street in North Strathfield.

- (1) Does the Government have plans to introduce a bus service around George Street in North Strathfield to places like Homebush station, where there are direct trains to the Central Business District (CBD)?

5939 NORTH STRATHFIELD, CONCORD WEST AND RHODES TRAIN SERVICES—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) Is the Government considering direct trains to the Central Business District (CBD) from North Strathfield, Concord West and Rhodes Stations?
 - (a) If not, why not?

5940 FUTURE TRAIN SERVICES FOR RHODES—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—

In regards to the Sydney Morning Herald article, dated 11 September 2025 showing medium-long term plans for Sydney Train services:

- (1) Are there plans to increase train services to and from Rhodes?
 - (a) If so, what and how many services will be introduced?
 - (b) What is the timeframe for delivery?
- (2) Is there a planned upgrade for the station platforms?
 - (a) If so, what is the timeframe for delivery?

5941 BAN ON STRATA COMMISSIONS—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua 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) Does the Government have plans to ban strata commissions for strata managers?
 - (a) If so, when will this happen?
 - (b) Could this change mean there will be rises in strata premiums for homeowners?
 - (i) If so, what protections will the Government consider implementing?

5942 DRAKE INQUIRY REPORT INTO GREYHOUND RACING—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) Can you confirm that the Government received the Drake Report into Greyhound Racing prior to or on 31 July 2025?
- (2) When will the Drake Report be published and released to the public?
- (3) What action does the Government plan to take in response to the findings of the Drake Report?

5943 AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANAGERS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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) Will affordable housing managers be required to calculate rent charges in their properties based on a maximum of 30 percent of household income?
 - (a) If not, how will rents be calculated?
- (2) How will eligibility to live in properties managed by Affordable Housing Managers be determined, including whether properties will be let to very low, low, or moderate income earners, or essential workers?

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- (3) What pathways will tenants in properties managed by Affordable Housing Managers have to get complaints dealt with?
- (4) What enforcement powers will the Registrar have over Affordable Housing Managers?
- (5) Will the Government provide additional information about properties managed by Affordable Housing Managers that is not on the Register to councils?

5944 COURT OF APPEAL DECISION IN DENMAN—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

With regard to the Court of Appeal decision in Denman that found that Section 4.15(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires decision makers to take into account the likely climate change impacts of a coal mine project on a locality, including impacts on the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts:

- (1) Have the proponents of new and modified coal mine applications awaiting determination been given information about their obligations identified in this court decision?
 - (a) If so, what information have they been given?
 - (b) If not, will they be given information about the implications of the court decision?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) Have any guidelines been updated and if so, which guidelines and what are the changes?
- (3) Will proponents now be required to provide an amended Environmental Impact Assessment or amended modification report, as relevant, which assesses the local climate impacts consistent with the decision?
 - (a) If not, why not and how will the Government ensure proponents provide information consistent with their obligations identified in this court decision?
 - (b) If so, for applications that have already had Environmental Impact Assessments or Modification reports, as relevant go on exhibition, will amended documents be required to go on public exhibition?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (4) What steps will the Government take to ensure all decision makers and project assessors understand and properly apply these obligations?

5945 SYDNEY FISH MARKET TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT PLAN - LANDS AND PROPERTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

- (1) Has the Government prepared a transport management plan for the new Sydney Fish Market?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Does the plan include transport management during the 'Christmas 36-Hour Seafood Marathon'?
 - (ii) When will the plan be published?
 - (b) If not, is a transport management plan being developed?
 - (i) If so, when will it be finalised?
 - (ii) If not, how will the Government ensure that traffic and transport will be managed to minimise disruptions and enhance safety at the new Sydney Fish Market?

5946 SYDNEY FISH MARKET TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT PLAN - TRANSPORT—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—

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5947 LEGAL AID NSW MEANS TEST THRESHOLD—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General—
With regard to the Government's commitment for Legal Aid NSW to review the income and assets test variables every two years:

- (1) When was the last review of the Legal Aid NSW income and assets test variables conducted?
- (2) When will the next review be undertaken?
- (3) What consideration has the Government given to a Legal Aid NSW sliding scale pricing model for people who fall just outside the means test threshold?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to alternative payment methods for people who do not meet the Legal Aid NSW means test threshold and cannot afford private legal representation?

5948 MOTORCYCLE HELMET RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS—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—

Given Sikh community concerns over the May 2025 Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) recommendation that the current mandatory motorcycle helmet laws in New South Wales be maintained without religious exemptions:

- (1) What consideration will the Government give to conducting a trial exemption period to obtain local data on traffic incidents and safety?
- (2) What consideration will be given to data from the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand that have religious exemptions for turban-wearing Sikhs on motorcycles?
- (3) Following the Government's response to the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety's report due in November 2025, what plans does the Government have to:
 - (a) Review this again in the future?
 - (b) Engage in further consultation with the turban-wearing motorcycle community?

5949 PROTEST LAW ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) Has NSW Police issued any operational guidance for the enforcement of protest laws?
 - (a) If so:

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- (i) Which laws does the guidance cover?
- (ii) When was it drafted?
- (iii) When was it last updated?
- (iv) Will there be an update to address concerns about the police response to the rally in front of the Belmore SEC Plating premises on 27 June 2025?
 - (A) If not, why not?
- (b) If not, will the Government consider introducing guidelines for NSW Police to ensure everyone is able to exercise their right to protest safely?

5950 STRATEGIC STATEMENT ON COAL EXPLORATION AND MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—
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) Has a review into the statement commenced?
 - (a) If not, is a review planned and if so, when will it commence?
- (2) If a review has begun or is planned:
 - (a) What are the terms of reference?
 - (b) Who is conducting or who will conduct the review?
 - (c) Who is being consulted or who will be consulted for the review?
 - (d) When is the review expected to be delivered?
 - (e) Will a report be made public?

5951 QON 5600 FOLLOW UP—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—

I request the following updates further to LA QON 5600 in relation to the bus shortage:

- (1) Of the 17 repaired articulated buses announced had returned to service on 4 September, how many have been returned to the Willoughby or North Sydney depots?
- (2) When will the Willoughby depot be restored to a full complement of buses?
- (3) How many buses short of a full complement of buses is the Willoughby depot?
- (4) How many daily service cancellations have occurred at the Willoughby depot since January 2025, broken down by month?
- (5) How many articulated buses are currently operating out of Willoughby depot, and when will a full articulated fleet be restored?
- (6) How many additional buses have been procured or leased to immediately cover the shortfall?
 - (a) How many of these are now operational and what is the timeline on the balance?
- (7) What penalties, if any, have been imposed on the contracted operator for failing to meet service levels?
- (8) What contingency measures are in place to reduce last-minute cancellations in the Willoughby area until the full fleet is returned?
- (9) Train commuters have been offered fare-free travel during major disruptions – what compensation, if any, will be provided to bus commuters in Willoughby who have faced extended service unreliability?

5952 CROWN LEASES OVER CAMMERAY PARK—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

In relation to crown leases over Cammeray Park, Cammeray:

- (1) Is Crown Lands actively negotiating a long-term lease with the Cammeray Golf Club to provide certainty for its ongoing operation?
 - (a) What is the timeframe for finalising a new long-term lease to replace the current rolling six-month arrangement for the Golf Club's clubhouse and carpark?
- (2) Is the Government considering consolidating the existing leases over Cammeray Park currently split between Crown Lands and the Crown Lands Manager North Sydney Council to allow a unified approach to the management of the entire site?
- (3) What measures will the Government take to ensure the lease renewal process in 2026 over the parts of the golf course that are subject to the control of North Sydney Council is fair, transparent, and free from bias?
- (4) Will the Minister ensure the Golf Club is given an equal opportunity to renew its lease regardless of Council's position?
- (5) What is the Government's position on the future of Cammeray Golf Course following its recent multi-million-dollar state-funded reconfiguration?

5953 CLOSURE OF THE BUSINESS CONNECT PROGRAM—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 closure of the Business Connect program:

- (1) What additional funding or resources have been allocated to the Service NSW Business Concierge to provide the services provided under Business Connect?
- (2) How many additional full-time equivalent staff have been, or will be, engaged to support the Business Concierge service following the closure of Business Connect?
- (3) What specific new services, resources or support functions are being provided through Business Concierge to ensure that small businesses receive the same level of tailored advice and assistance that was previously available under Business Connect?
- (4) Has the Government conducted any assessment of service gaps or risks arising from the closure of Business Connect, and if so, what were the findings?

5954 SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN THE HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH WORKFORCE—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 Franklin Women and support for women in the healthcare and medical research workforce:

- (1) What funding or support has the Government provided to Franklin Women over the past five years, and through which programs or agencies?
- (2) Is the Government considering ongoing or additional funding to Franklin Women to sustain and grow their work in advancing gender equity across the healthcare and medical research workforce?
- (3) What specific policies or programs are currently in place to address the under-representation of women in leadership roles across the health and medical research workforce?
- (4) How is the Government working to reduce barriers faced by women in this sector, including insecure contracts, the gender pay gap, and career progression obstacles?

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- (5) What actions is the Government taking to ensure that gender equity initiatives within health and medical research are inclusive of women from diverse cultural backgrounds, women with disabilities, and other under-represented groups?
- (6) How does the Government measure progress on gender equity in the health and medical research workforce, and what targets or benchmarks are currently in place?

5955 ZERO EMISSION BUSES (ZEBs) ROLLOUT—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 Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs) rollout:

- (1) What is the current project timeline for the electrification of the North Sydney and Willoughby bus depots?
- (2) When are these depots scheduled to receive their first Zero Emission Buses, and how many are expected in the initial rollout?
- (3) Is the plan still for 97 electric buses at Willoughby depot and 58 at North Sydney depot?
- (4) Is the project delivery at these depots still on track against original commitments, or have there been delays or changes to timelines?
- (5) What works have been completed to date at each depot (e.g. charging infrastructure, grid connection, staff training)?
- (6) What outstanding works or approvals remain before the depots can operate ZEBs?
- (7) Have any issues, risks or challenges been identified in delivering the conversion at these depots, and if so, how are they being addressed?
- (8) What is the expected date for both depots to be fully converted to ZEB operations?

5956 POTHOLES AND ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to potholes and road maintenance and repair:

- (1) In light of recent wet weather events and the resulting spike in potholes across the road network, what is the standard timeframe for permanent road repairs following initial "make safe" temporary repairs?
- (2) Has the Government allocated any new funding or resources to address road deterioration caused by sustained wet weather, including for both state-managed and council-managed roads?
- (3) What specific instructions or performance requirements have been issued to ConnectSydney as the maintenance contractor for the Harbour zone, in responding to the increased volume of pothole and road surface repairs?
 - (a) Has ConnectSydney been provided with additional resources, staff, or equipment to meet the surge in demand?
- (4) What assistance has been provided to local councils to help them manage the significant increase in pothole repairs and maintenance on local and regional roads?
- (5) How many pothole-related complaints, call-outs or repair jobs have been recorded across the Sydney Metropolitan area and Harbour zone in the past 12 months, broken down by month?
- (6) What monitoring or auditing measures are in place to ensure pothole repairs are durable and reduce the likelihood of repeat failures?

5957 NORTH SYDNEY AMBULANCE STATION—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 the proposed new North Sydney Ambulance Station:

- (1) Does the Government remain committed to delivering this project?
- (2) Have there been any delays to the original project timelines, and if so, what are the reasons?
- (3) What stage is the project currently at and when will the community be able to view concept designs?
- (4) What is the current anticipated completion and opening date for the new ambulance station?

5958 BUILD-TO-RENT (BTR) DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Given that Build-to-Rent (BTR) developments are currently rated as a single lot regardless of the number of dwellings they contain, what assessment has the Government made of the impact this has on the ability of local councils to sustainably fund services and infrastructure?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that councils have sufficient resources to provide essential services such as waste collection, roads, parks, libraries and community facilities to the thousands of new residents in BTR developments?
- (3) Has the Government considered reforms to the Local Government Act to better reflect the population intensity and service demand generated by BTR projects, and if so, what options are under review?
- (4) What engagement has taken place between the Government, local councils, and peak bodies such as Local Government NSW and Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) on addressing this issue?
- (5) Has the Government undertaken modelling of the rate income shortfall from existing and proposed BTR developments, and if so, what is the estimated annual shortfall in revenue for councils including Willoughby and North Sydney?
- (6) Beyond rates, what alternative funding or contribution mechanisms is the Government considering to ensure councils are not left worse off from large-scale BTR projects that bypass affordable housing contributions and Voluntary Planning Agreements?

5959 INTERSECTION OF MILLER STREET AND AMHERST STREET—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the intersection of Miller Street and Amherst Street, Cammeray:

- (1) Have any concerns about safety and traffic flow at this intersection been raised by the community?
- (2) Has the adequacy of the traffic and pedestrian light phasing, timing and turning arrows been reviewed, and if so, what were the findings?
- (3) Have any recent traffic or safety audits been undertaken, and are any changes planned or that will be implemented as a result?
- (4) Will there be any improvements to signal phasing, turning arrows or other safety and efficiency upgrades at this location?

5960 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE - ROADS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) In relation to the former Area 6 of the Canterbury Racecourse on Jeffrey Street Canterbury, has your office investigated options to alleviate parking congestion from the potential closure of this site as a parking bay for Night Racing, including:

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- (a) Advocating for night racing to cease at the Canterbury Racecourse?
- (b) Investing in new public and active transport connections to the Canterbury Racecourse?
- (c) Increasing the frequency of existing public transport connections to the Canterbury Racecourse?
- (d) Any other options (please specify)?

5961 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE - TRANSPORT—Ms Jenny Leong 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 former Area 6 of the Canterbury Racecourse on Jeffrey Street Canterbury, has your office investigated options to alleviate parking congestion from the potential closure of this site as a parking bay for Night Racing, including:
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5962 CANTERBURY RACECOURSE - GAMING—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

- (1) In relation to the former Area 6 of the Canterbury Racecourse on Jeffrey Street Canterbury, has your office investigated options to alleviate parking congestion from the potential closure of this site as a parking bay for Night Racing, including:
 - (a) Advocating for night racing to cease at the Canterbury Racecourse?
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 - (d) Any other options (please specify)?

5963 MOREE AMBULANCE STATION RENOVATIONS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

In relation to the Moree ambulance station renovations:

- (1) What renovations are planned?
- (2) When will the renovations commence?
- (3) What will the renovations cost?
- (4) Who or what company will undertake the renovations?
- (5) What is the plan for the staff while the renovations are been undertaken?

5964 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the New England Renewable Energy Zone:

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- (1) What is the amount of new network infrastructure, including transmission lines, energy hubs and enabling infrastructure that will need to be built to transfer power generated by solar, wind and storage projects to electricity consumer?
- (2) What is the current rate of build that is being undertaken?
- 5965 INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES PLANNED FOR THE MOREE SECONDARY COLLEGE—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) Are any infrastructure upgrades planned for the Moree Secondary College?
- (a) If yes:
- (i) What is the budget?
- (ii) When will the upgrades start?
- (iii) Have design plans been approved?
- 5966 HOSPITALS IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- In relation to hospitals in the Northern Tablelands:
- (1) Are any technology upgrades and/or improvements planned for “my virtual doctor equipment” to improve the reliability of the service?
- 5967 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SHIFTS FILLED BY “VIRTUAL CARE” DOCTORS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) How many Emergency Department (ED) shifts this calendar year have been filled by “virtual care” doctors and not physical doctors in the ED’s of:
- (a) Inverell Hospital?
- (b) Moree Hospital?
- (c) Glen Innes Hospital?
- 5968 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—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 Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTASS):
- (1) When does the Government review the payment rates?
- (2) Are the rates subject to consumer price index (CPI) Increases?
- 5969 TEACHER HOUSES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS ELECTORATE - EDUCATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- (1) How many “teacher houses” are in the Northern Tablelands Electorate?
- (2) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance in the 2024/2025 financial year?
- (3) What is the renovation budget for the 2025/2026 financial year?
- 5970 TEACHER HOUSES IN THE NORTHERN TABLELANDS ELECTORATE - HOUSING—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the

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South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

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5971 AIR AMBULANCE TRANSFER FLIGHT COSTS—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) What is the cost for an air ambulance transfer flight from:
 - (a) Moree to Tamworth?
 - (b) Moree to Newcastle?
 - (c) Glen Innes to Armidale?
 - (d) Glen Innes to Newcastle?
 - (e) Inverell to Newcastle?
 - (f) Inverell to Tamworth?

5972 QON 5400 FOLLOW UP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Regarding the response to QON 5400, the Point to Point Transport Commissioner website states a Booking Service Provider is a business or person that takes bookings for taxis or hire vehicles (including ride share) to provide a passenger service and communications bookings to drivers, or other providers of passenger services.

- (1) Given this definition on a Government website, can you please advise the number of Booking Service Providers currently authorised in the Tweed Electorate (postcodes 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490)?

5973 NSW POLICE HOUSING - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

Regarding housing for members of the NSW Police Force in the Tweed Electorate:

- (1) How many dwellings are owned?
- (2) How many dwellings are occupied?

5974 HAZARD REDUCTION IN THE TWEED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

Regarding hazard reduction in the Tweed Local Government Area:

- (1) How many instances of planned hazard reduction have taken place in the last 12 months and in what locations?
- (2) What is the breakdown of the types of reduction carried out in the last 12 months i.e. how many instances of controlled burning, mechanical clearing such as slashing undergrowth, or ground fuel reduction by hand?
- (3) Which New South Wales land manager conducted the planned hazard reduction?

5975 ON-DEMAND PSYCHIATRIC SUPPORT IN NEW SOUTH WALES EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

Regarding on-demand psychiatric support in New South Wales Emergency Departments:

- (1) Is the Emergency Department at Tweed Valley Hospital one of the 40 Emergency Departments in New South Wales using virtual support hubs to access psychiatric expertise on demand?
 - (a) If yes, how many referrals has the Emergency Department at Tweed Valley Hospital made in the first six months of the on-demand psychiatric support service?
 - (i) If data is not available by hospital, how many referrals have been made to the service in the first six months by the Northern NSW Local Health District?

5976 THEFT OF COPPER FROM WITHIN THE CUDGEN TUNNEL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

Regarding the recent theft of copper from within the Cudgen Tunnel on the Pacific Highway:

- (1) Is there Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) or monitoring of the Cudgen tunnel?
- (2) When are repairs expected to be completed?
- (3) Is there CCTV or monitoring of the other Northern New South Wales tunnels i.e. St Helena Tunnel and Tugen Bypass Tunnel?

5977 MOLAR PATROLLER - TWEED ELECTORATE—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

- (1) Which primary schools in the Tweed Electorate have been visited by the Molar Patroller (NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental van) in 2025 to date?
- (2) How many children have been treated at these visits conducted in 2025 to date?
- (3) Which primary schools in the Tweed Electorate are scheduled to receive a visit from the Molar Patroller before the end of 2025?

5978 FIXED DENTAL CLINICS IN THE 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—

Regarding fixed dental clinics in the Northern NSW Local Health District:

- (1) How many children have accessed free dental appointments at the clinic located in Tweed Heads in 2025 to date?
- (2) How many children accessed free dental appointments at the clinic located in Tweed Heads in 2024?

5979 TUMBULGUM PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the rebuild of Tumbulgum Public School:

- (1) When is the rebuild expected to be completed i.e. will the new classrooms be ready for the commencement of Term 4 2025?
- (2) What is the total budget allocated for the rebuild of Tumbulgum Public School?

5980 CONDONG PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Regarding the rebuild of Condong Public School:

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- (1) When is the rebuild expected to be completed i.e. will the new classrooms be ready for the commencement of Term 4 2025?
- (2) What is the total budget allocated for the rebuild of Condong Public School?

5981 SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to recent speed limit changes on Barrenjoey Road (between Newport and Palm Beach), with specific reference to the stretch of road between Beaconsfield St and Gladstone St:

- (1) I am advised that the crash rate is five crashes in five years averaging one crash per year, equal to the stereotypical crash rate. Can the Minister confirm:
 - (a) Whether dropping the speed limit when the crash rate is equal to, rather than ‘greater than’, is inconsistent with Section 8.4.6.3.2 Stereotypical crash rate analysis of the New South Wales Speed Zoning Standards?
 - (b) How many crashes were caused by poor weather?
 - (c) How many crashes were caused by medical episodes?
 - (d) What speeds were the cars travelling at for each crash?
- (2) Were alternative methods to address safety trialled before changing the speed limit, such as changing parking signage to allow traffic entering from driveways more visibility and greater opportunity to enter traffic?
- (3) I am advised by Northern Beaches Council it was not informed of the speed limit changes until the changes were publicised, is this in breach of Principle 6: Local government and the community shall be engaged in the speed zoning process and specifically the process outlined in section 8.4.1 and 8.4.2 that states Local Government should be notified by ‘step 3’?
- (4) Is there no ‘clear rationale’ to drop the speed limit as is required by section 8.4.7 on the basis that:
 - (a) The changes fail to take into account Principle 3: Speed zones should ensure safe, efficient and reliable travel on roads that have a primary movement function?
 - (b) Principle 6: Local government and the community shall be engaged in the speed zoning process?
 - (c) The road is not self-explaining at 60km/hr given it is 6 lanes, straight delineation with limited place value and earlier stretches of the same road are up to 70km/hr?
 - (d) The Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP) Map identifies this section of road as 3 Star rating which is the same rating as the same road in Mona Vale and Newport where speeds are up to 70km/hr?
 - (e) This section of road does not meet the exceptions contemplated by section 9.4.12 for 60km/hr roads?
 - (f) That the 85th percentile speed limit for this road is 60km/hr?
- (5) Can the Minister confirm that there is sufficient evidence to show all relevant standards mentioned above were thoroughly considered?
- (6) Do the New South Wales Speed Zone standards allow a 60km/hr road for this section of Newport Hill?
- (7) Can the Minister confirm at what date stakeholders were consulted at each stage of the process requiring consultation under section 8.4.1:
 - (a) Northern Beaches Council?
 - (b) Community?

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- (8) Could an equal argument have been made to keep the speed limit at 60km/hr?
 - (9) Did a different person and division undertake the review of the review that was granted?
 - (10) Was the speed zone change very poorly executed with speed detection cameras multiple times in the days following the new signs, trees covering signs and potholes remaining unfilled?
 - (11) Why does Penshurst Road in Chatswood have a 60km/hr speed limit when it is also on a hill, has many more driveways and leads to a shopping village with high pedestrian activity?
 - (12) Will the department provide a breakdown of justifications for each section of road subject to the broader speed zone changes being:
 - (a) Newport Hill?
 - (b) Bilgola Bends?
 - (c) Bilgola Bends to Avalon Village?
 - (d) Avalon Village?
 - (e) Avalon Village to Careel Bay?

5982 POTHoles—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How are potholes detected by contractors in Pittwater or the relevant region that includes Pittwater?
- (2) If a major rain event happens after a contractor has just attended, how are potholes identified and prioritised, especially if they are causing drivers to veer into oncoming traffic or other lanes, or are busing tyres?
- (3) If the contractor relies on crowd sourcing of information, is there no one responsible for identifying and fixing potholes especially after major events?
- (4) If the public is being relied on to detect potholes are these likely to be big potholes meaning smaller potholes are not reported?
- (5) What cost benefit is delivered by fixing a small pothole before it becomes a big pothole?
- (6) Is it appropriate for an MP to have to do the work of the contractor to ensure their constituents have the best chance of being reimbursed for damage should they bust a tyre?
- (7) Is it appropriate that potholes that have been reported are displayed to prevent people from having to report the same pothole if it's already been reported?
- (8) Do contractors check Waze, or are they required to check or use any technology that would make detecting potholes more efficient?
- (9) What were the outcomes of the artificial intelligence (AI) pothole detection trial in Canterbury Bankstown?
- (10) Will the Minister table the findings?
- (11) Does the Government have the intention of rolling out better technologies for detecting potholes?
- (12) Is the pothole management no longer fit for purpose, especially in light of increased rain events due to climate change?
- (13) What is the typical time from a pothole being reported to being fixed?
- (14) Do roads need upgrading at a faster frequency?
- (15) Does the Government accept that Northern Beaches is the fourth highest for pothole management in 2025 with 4745 so far?
- (16) Should bus corridors be prioritised?

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- (17) How many times have potholes been reported more than once?
- (18) How much is the Connex Sydney contract per annum?
- (19) What are the main key performance indicators (KPIs) used to determine the contract?
- (20) Does Bilgola Bends have a flooding issue, causing potholes continually and potentially at risk of subsidence?
- (21) How many people who live and/or hit a pothole in Pittwater have been:
 - (a) Compensated?
 - (b) Denied compensation ?
- (22) Is surge support required after significant rain events?
- (23) Why was regional New South Wales given greater funding and surge support given that according to the National Roads and Motorists' Association (NRMA) they experience on average half the potholes of metropolitan electorate?

5983 BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) How many formal complaints have been lodged against staff at Balmain Public School since 2020?
 - (a) What proportion of these involved allegations or handling of bullying, misconduct, or inappropriate behaviour against:
 - (i) Other staff?
 - (ii) Students?
- (2) Does the Minister have any plans to conduct an independent investigation into the handling of complaints at Balmain Public School?
- (3) What processes are currently in place to ensure complaints made by parents and students at Balmain Public School are addressed transparently, fairly, and without fear of reprisal?
- (4) Has Balmain Public School undergone any recent financial or administrative audits by the Department of Education or any independent body since 2020?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What were the findings?
 - (ii) What areas of concern were identified?
- (5) Are Balmain Public School's resources being managed appropriately?
- (6) What support, if any, has been offered to Balmain Public School to assist with the installation of air conditioning, particularly given the significant parent fundraising already undertaken for this purpose?

5984 REGION SIX BUS CONTRACTS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Premier—

Noting the Premier's remarks in Parliament on 9 September 2024 regarding region six bus contracts:

- (1) Has the Government conducted any financial analysis, modelling or other costings regarding future options for these contracts?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What will it cost the Government to renew the region six bus contracts for two years instead of allowing them to expire in 2026?

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- (ii) What will it cost the Government to take region six buses back into Government control when the extended contract expires in 2028?
- (iii) What would it cost the Government to take region six buses back into Government control when the current contract expires in 2026?
- (2) What is the breakdown of each cost referred to in response to question 1?
- 5985 BUILD TO RENT HOMES IN ANNANDALE—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- Regarding 220 build-to-rent homes for essential workers that are planned for The Joinery at 160-186 Parramatta Road and 79-85 Pyrmont Bridge Road, Annandale:
- (1) What is the definition of "essential worker"?
- (2) What eligibility criteria will apply to essential workers seeking to secure a build-to-rent home?
- (3) Will tenants' eligibility be revoked if their employment circumstances change?
- (4) What system or process will be used to determine market rents?
- (5) How frequently will market rents be reviewed?
- (6) How frequently will discount rents be reviewed?
- (7) How frequently will discount rents be adjusted?
- (8) By what process will discount rents be adjusted?
- (9) Who will manage the properties on behalf of the Government?
- (10) Will these dwellings be held in government ownership as build-to-rent homes in perpetuity?
- 5986 BUS STOP ON NEPTUNE ST AND ALEXANDER ST IN DUNDAS VALLEY—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 stop on Neptune St and Alexander St in Dundan Valley:
- (1) Why was this bus stop closed?
- (2) What consultation was done with residents before the bus stop was closed?
- (3) Do alternative bus stops have shelter?
- 5987 BYLES CREEK—Ms Monica Tudehope 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 Byles Creek:
- (1) How much funding is available in the Biodiversity Conservation Fund?
- (2) How much funding is available in the Environmental Trust Fund?
- 5988 LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING REFORMS - NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL AREA—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- In relation to the Low and Mid-Rise housing reforms:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm what proportion of the North Shore Electorate is exposed to low and mid-rise (LMR) residential development within the North Sydney Council area?

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- (2) What infrastructure upgrades or investments are planned or underway to support the increased density from LMR developments in North Sydney, including transport, education, health, utilities, and community services?

5989 LOW AND MID-RISE HOUSING REFORMS - MOSMAN COUNCIL AREA—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

In relation to the Low and Mid-Rise housing reforms:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm what proportion of the North Shore Electorate is exposed to low and mid-rise (LMR) residential development within the Mosman Council area?
- (2) What infrastructure upgrades or investments are planned or underway to support the increased density from LMR developments in North Sydney, including transport, education, health, utilities, and community services?

5990 TRAIN RELIABILITY ON THE NORTH SHORE—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 train reliability on the North Shore:

- (1) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of specific T1 North Shore line services that have experienced delays over the past three months, including the frequency and average duration of these delays?
- (2) What are the primary causes identified for these disruptions, and what targeted actions are being implemented to improve punctuality on this line?

5991 YOUNG ST NEUTRAL BAY—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

With reference to the plans by North Sydney Council to reopen Young St Neutral Bay onto Military Rd next to the eastbound Neutral Bay Junction bus interchange:

- (1) Can the Minister address the concerns raised regarding the proposed left-hand turn movements, particularly how these may impact traffic flow and contribute to congestion during peak hours in light of all other peak hour entries to the corridor into bus interchanges during peak hours being restricted?
- (2) What specific pedestrian safety risks have been identified in this area, including potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians at crossings or shared spaces?
- (3) Are there any current or planned traffic management measures on Military Rd, such as signal timing adjustments, physical infrastructure changes, or pedestrian safety improvements, aimed at reducing risks and improving traffic efficiency for all users?
- (4) Has any traffic modelling or community consultation been conducted to assess the impact of the proposed changes on both drivers and pedestrians?
- (5) Before approval by Transport for NSW for this proposal, what modelling was undertaken into any impact to the bus interchange or to bus services?

5992 RECONCILIATION NSW—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast—

In relation to Reconciliation NSW:

- (1) Given reports of the potential closure due to funding withdrawal, what actions is the Minister taking to support the organisation?

- (2) How does the Government plan to ensure New South Wales continues to have a dedicated Reconciliation Council?

5993 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE IN MIDDLE HARBOUR—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to the Environmental Education Centre in Middle Harbour:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on the current status of the centre?
(2) Are there plans for expansion or additional funding to enhance its educational programs?
(3) What consideration is being given to co-location at the 10 Terminal site?

5994 MATERNITY UNITS—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 units:

- (1) Can the Minister provide detailed information from the past two years for each maternity hospital by electorate, including:
(a) Patient volumes?
(b) Service capacity, including number of beds and availability of specialised care?
(c) Clinical outcomes and key health indicators?

5995 BUS DRIVER EMPLOYMENT DATA - GREATER SYDNEY CONTRACT REGIONS 7 AND 8—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—

Given the ongoing bus reliability issues in North Shore, can the Minister provide the following information:

- (1) Could the Minister provide the latest figures on recruitment numbers and current vacancies of bus drivers in the Greater Sydney Contract Regions 7 and 8?
(a) January?
(b) February?
(c) March?
(d) April?
(e) May?
(f) June?
(g) July?
(h) August?

5996 TOBACCONISTS IN THE NORTH SHORE ELECTORATE—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 tobacconists in the North Shore electorate:

- (1) How many fines have been issued to tobacconists in the past 12 months for breaches of regulations, including illegal sales or failure to comply with signage and display requirements?
(2) What compliance or enforcement actions has the Government taken during this time?

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