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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?

Answer—

The Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, requires an insurer to make a liability decision on treatment within 21 days of receipt of the request (s279). This does not prevent an insurer from making a liability decision early within the 21 days, particularly where it is identified there may be urgency around the procedure or request, such as for serious injuries.

For treatment or a procedure to be approved, an insurer is required to ensure the treatment or procedure request meets the reasonably necessary test under s60 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 (1987 Act). Delays may be experienced where the insurer is seeking information from the General Practitioner or Specialist.

Where there is a delay in information provision from the General Practitioner or Specialist beyond the 21 days, an insurer may seek information from an independent medical examiner as an alternative.

There is also a range of reasonably necessary treatments and services the worker can receive (including reasonably necessary worker travel), without pre-approval from the insurer.

These treatments and services are set out in the State Insurance Regulatory Authority's Workers Compensation Guidelines and are allowed under section 60(2A) of the 1987 Act.

- * 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?

Answer—

The changeover will not impact timeframes for procedural approval and reimbursements and as such is it not expected to affect claimants.

- * 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?

Answer—

- (1) The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) does not receive separate appropriation from the NSW Government. NPWS is funded within the environment portfolio of DCCEEW. DCCEEW's financial details are in its annual report which can be found on the website.
- (2) Individual visitation data is not available for all the reserves in western NSW. Total visitation data is available for the combined reserves in the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) West and Northern Inland branches, which incorporate western NSW. Latest estimates for total visits to the NPWS West and Northern Inland branches are 2.45 million visits to parks in the combined branches in 2022. During 2024-25, 255,007 visitor nights were spent in campgrounds or hard-roofed accommodation in the NPWS West and Northern Inland branches.
- (3) The most recent data on the economic impact of NPWS activities and visitation in relevant local government areas (LGAs) is also from 2022. NPWS linked activity contributes more than \$433 million annually to the regional economies of Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Narrabri, Unincorporated NSW, Walgett, Warren and Warrumbungle LGAs. This supports around 8,909 direct and indirect jobs in these combined LGAs.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW carries out roadside sweeping along Mona Vale Road, between Ryde Road and McCarrs Creek Road in both directions, four times per year. The most recent sweep was completed on 31 August 2025, and the next scheduled sweep is programmed for December 2025.

Transport for NSW also carries out reactive drainage pit and table drain cleaning across the network. This work is based on routine inspection findings and community feedback. Community members are encouraged to report any drainage defects along Mona Vale Road to ConnectSydney via email at: info.harbour@connectsydney.com.au, so they can be investigated.

* 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:

- (1) Can the Minister provide an update on how the Government is addressing Tollmania?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tollmania refers to the obsession that the former Liberal Government had with introducing toll roads into Sydney. In response, toll relief has become a key cost-of-living support measure under the Minns Labor Government after the Liberal Party saddled motorists with total toll bill of \$195 billion out to 2060.

The NSW Government is committed to reforming the tolling system to make it simpler, fairer and more transparent for motorists. An Independent Toll Review was established to identify reform options to overhaul the toll network.

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On 16 July 2024, the NSW Government released the final report of the Independent Toll Review. In response to the report's recommendations, the Government introduced the NSW Motorways entity legislation to NSW Parliament on 12 November 2024. Transport for NSW continues to implement the report's recommendations, including the creation of a Customer Advocate and a Tolling Ombudsman. These are major steps in creating ease, equity and transparency for NSW drivers.

The Customer Advocate will be responsible for championing customers and driving customer-focused improvements, identifying systemic issues and ensuring community concerns are addressed in policies, programs and services. The NSW Government is also on track to establish an external, independent tolling Ombudsman which will further tilt the system back in favour of drivers. Legislation is in place and progress is being made for the standing up of this statutory role by early 2026.

The NSW Government acknowledges the financial impact of tolls on household budgets and has introduced measures to ease this burden.

On 1 January 2024, a \$60 weekly toll cap was implemented as part of a two-year trial, complementing the Tolling Relief Rebate Scheme (TR2) which was in operation until 30 June 2025. Under the \$60 toll cap, drivers who typically spend \$200 per week on tolls could receive approximately \$7,280 in annual rebates. As at 17 August 2025, \$173 million has been paid to customers for the \$60 toll cap. This includes travel in Calendar Year 2024 and travel in Q1 and Q2 2025.

The M5 Cashback scheme remains ongoing. NSW residents can claim back the toll price, excluding GST, for trips made on the M5 South-West Motorway using vehicles registered in NSW for private use. In the 2024-25 financial year, approximately 765,000 claims were paid resulting in \$137.4 million returned to customers.

The Large Towed Recreational Vehicle rebate scheme reimburses the difference between the heavy vehicle and light vehicle toll, capped at eight toll trips per monthly billing period. In Financial Year 2024-25, approximately 8,800 claims were paid, resulting in around \$783,000 returned to customers. The scheme has returned \$2.76 million to 37,188 registered motorists, amounting to 33,382 claims since its inception in November 2020.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Refer to responses to LA Questions on Notice 3614 and 3668.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is progressing the revitalisation of the Gosford Waterfront, with a focus on enhancing public space and improving connectivity in the short term, while providing opportunities for longer term investment.

Following market sounding and feasibility studies on how best to revitalise Gosford's waterfront, the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) recently completed community consultation on a public domain plan for the area and is currently designing and costing an active transport hared pathway between Gosford and Point Clare.

* 5923 GOSFORD WATERFRONT REVITALISATION PROJECT - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—
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Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my answer to LC Question on Notice 4011.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Health Services Amendment (Splitting of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District} Bill 2025, which proposes to split the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and create a Western Riverina Local Health District, was referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Community Services on 29 May 2025.

This Inquiry has yet to commence. The Government will consider the findings of the Inquiry once completed.

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—

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—

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are no flaws in the metering rules. The regulation changes made on 10 August 2025 were to address unintended legal risks in the delivery of planned environmental water which is established in water sharing plans and the subsequent re-use of licensed environmental water which has already been subjected to metering requirements.
- (2) Not applicable in the context of (1).
- (3) Not applicable in the context of (1).
- (4) Not applicable in the context of (1).
- (5) WaterNSW's business transformation is being undertaken in response to recent Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) pricing determinations and impacts of lower than required revenues on their financial sustainability. WaterNSW's financial distributions are made consistent with NSW Treasury's Policy and Guidelines Paper TPG21-10 Capital Structure and Financial Distribution Policy for Government Businesses. Dividends are proposed by the Board of WaterNSW each year, with acceptance or variation by the Voting Shareholders.
- (6) The Minister has received advice on a range of scenarios in relation to WaterNSW's business transformation, including future dividend payment options.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised WaterNSW's dividend projections over the next three financial years in the 2025-26 Budget were based on WaterNSW's pricing proposal submitted to IPART in September 2024. These projections will be updated in the 2025-26 Half-Yearly Review and again in the 2026-27 Budget to reflect the impacts of IPART's Final Determinations on WaterNSW. IPART sets prices for WaterNSW services based on its assessment of WaterNSW's efficient costs, so that customers do not pay more than what is necessary.

* 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 Tocomwal 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 Tocomwal?
- (3) Was Tocomwal assessed against the criteria used to determine the locations of the 30 new ambulance stations announced by the Government?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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

NSW Ambulance regularly reviews regional NSW communities to identify locations that should be prioritised for an ambulance station or volunteer service.

* 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?
- (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'm advised:

Please refer to the response to the Budget Estimates Question on Notice, located on transcript page 71.

The NSW Ministry of Health is working with relevant agencies to address future key health worker accommodation requirements with any funding commitments to be considered as part of the standard budgetary process.

* 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?

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- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Deniliquin Cluster, which includes Hay, has 1.5 FTE allocated as rural generalist nurse practitioner positions to support community needs.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Since 2020, Residential Aged Care Facilities have been able to arrange transfers by telephoning the Booking Hub, which operates from 6am to midnight, 365 days a year.

A new web-based booking system for the Patient Transport Service is being implemented, with full online booking functionality expected to be available in early 2026.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) There were 412 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.27 per cent of scheduled trips.
- (b) There were 508 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.33 per cent of scheduled trips.
- (c) Up to 15 September 2025, there were 258 cancelled trips, which equates to 0.37 per cent of scheduled trips.

- * 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.

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As Harris Road is under the care and control of City of Canada Bay Council, an investigation would need to be undertaken by Council to determine its feasibility.
- (2) Transport for NSW is aware of the existing conditions at this intersection. Nominations have been placed for a red -light speed camera at this intersection. The NSW Centre for Road Safety will assess and determine the suitability for a camera to be installed. Nominations, together with crash data and other road safety information are used to assess intersections to help determine future locations for speed cameras in NSW.

Transport for NSW installed 'No Left Turns, vehicles under 6m excepted' signs at this intersection on 19 August 2025. The restrictions were proposed by City of Canada Bay Council to ensure large vehicles do not continue to mount the kerb and cause a safety issue outside the school.

- (3) A review of the most recent finalised five-year crash period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023, indicates there have been five reported crashes at the intersection of Queens Road and Harris Road. The lack of demonstrated crash history indicates the vast majority of motorists are aware of the existing conditions and adjust their behaviour accordingly.

Transport for NSW is undertaking a speed zone review of Queens Road to determine whether the existing 60km/h speed limit is appropriate and aims to complete the review within the next three months. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the intersection in the future for any feasible safety improvements.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) Transport for NSW does not support introducing a right-turn phase for traffic on Correys Avenue, as this would require a dedicated right-turn lane and a right-turn ban on opposing traffic movements which would increase delays across the intersection, including traffic on Concord Road, which serves as a major arterial route and public transport corridor. Traffic needs to be prioritised on this corridor to avoid broader network impacts. As such, Transport for NSW has no current plans to change the layout of this intersection.
- (2) This is a safety feature to protect pedestrians at the start of the phase.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) No. There have been a number of on-site inspections carried out to confirm the intersection is operating efficiently, with consideration of congestion which occurs during peak periods, and to ensure right turns from either side of Correys Avenue could be carried out safely.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW does not support the installation of a right-turn green arrow at Wellbank Street for eastbound traffic turning into Concord Road. This would require a dedicated right-turn lane and a right-turn ban for the opposing traffic movement. This through lane reduction would affect the intersection's performance and exacerbate delays and queuing to all approaches, including traffic on Concord Road which serves as a major public transport and freight corridor. For these reasons, Transport for NSW has not currently plans to change the signals at this time.
- (2) No. Several on-site inspections have taken place which confirm the intersection is operating efficiently, including right-turning traffic from both sides of Wellbank Street.

Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the road network at this location to ensure it is operating safely and efficiently and will make any adjustments considered necessary.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The specialist-led diabetes service is still in operation and patients can access these services at Concord, Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) and Canterbury hospitals.

RPA triages appointments on a case-by-case basis, depending on the urgency of the referral.

- * 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Existing bus and train services in the George Street area provide convenient access for most residents within reasonable walking distance. Residents of George Street are within 800 metres of either Concord West or North Strathfield train stations, serviced by the T9 Northern Line. This service provides frequent services to the CBD throughout the day.

Route 526 (Rhodes to Strathfield via Sydney Olympic Park) also provides access along Parramatta Road for access to frequent rail services at Strathfield station. This route operates every 10 minutes, seven days a week and is one of the All-day Frequent Network routes. The bus stops are located on Parramatta Road near George Street.

As the area continues to grow and travel patterns change, especially as Metro services commence at North Strathfield when Sydney Metro West opens, Transport for NSW will consider improvements to local bus services to ensure residents have good connectivity to the broader network.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

North Strathfield, Concord West and Rhodes have direct access to the Sydney CBD via the T9 Northern Line.

- * 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?

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- (a) If so, what is the timeframe for delivery?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW currently has no plans to increase train services to and from Rhodes. When the Sydney Metro West opens, passengers on the T9 Northern Line will be able to interchange at North Strathfield for Sydney Metro services to the Sydney CBD and Parramatta.
- (2) Transport for NSW has no current plans to upgrade the platforms at Rhodes Station.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my media release titled "Productivity and Equality Commission to review commissions for strata managing agents" issued on 2 August 2025.

Please also refer to answers provided to:

- Question on Notice 5473, tabled on 9 July 2025 in the Legislative Assembly,
- Question on Notice 4634, tabled on 22 April 2025 in the Legislative Assembly,
- Question on Notice 3822, tabled on 27 May 2025 in the Legislative Council, and
- Question on Notice 5155, tabled on 17 June 2025 in the Legislative Assembly.

* 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?

Answer—

The NSW Government received the Drake Inquiry Report from Acting Commissioner Drake on 31 July 2025. The Government is carefully considering the report's findings and recommendations and determining appropriate next steps.

* 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Affordable Housing Managers (AHMs) will be required to manage affordable housing in accordance with the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP), including complying with the NSW Affordable Housing Ministerial Guidelines.

Rent charging policies of the AH Ms must be in accordance with the guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/noindex/2024-11/nsw-affordable-housing-ministerial-guidelines-2023-24.pdf>

- (2) As above, in accordance with the guidelines.
- (3) Tenants can lodge complaints about AH Ms in the following ways:
- Lodging a complaint (Tier 1) through the AH M's complaint handling policy. If the tenant is not satisfied with that result, they may appeal the decision to the Housing Appeals Committee (HAG), which is an independent appeals body. An appeal to the HAG is a Tier 2 appeal. Any policy decisions made by the AHM in applying the guidelines will also be eligible for review by HAG as a Tier 2 appeal.
 - Lodging a complaint with the Registrar of Community Housing (the Registrar), who has investigative functions to ensure an AH M's compliance with its own policies. The Registrar can investigate breaches of the Regulatory Framework for AHMs.
 - Through the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for matters related to the Residential Tenancies Act (2010).
- (4) The Registrar of Community Housing will have the following enforcement powers:
- Registration-related enforcement measures to issue a notice of noncompliance, binding instructions, and ultimately de-registration as an AHM.
 - Issuing a contravention notice, which, if not remedied, may be followed through with a monetary fine up to 25 penalty units for an individual and 100 penalty units for an organisation, for each day the breach persists.
- (5) The Registrar has the ability to exchange information related to the affordable housing dwellings with entities that are prescribed by the Regulations, such as relevant consent authorities. The Regulations are currently under development.

* 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:

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Court of Appeal decision is concerned with mandatory relevant considerations under s4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which are not obligations placed directly on proponents.
Where necessary, relevant proponents have been issued requests for further information about any environmental impacts on the locality of the proposed development sites.
- (2) The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure is considering the implications of the Denman decision for projects being assessed and will make sure all relevant legal obligations throughout the assessment process for these projects are complied with.
- (3) Generally, necessary additional assessment information can be provided through a request for information, but this will be considered on a project specific basis.
- (4) Refer to (2).

* 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—

- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In preparation for the opening of the new Sydney Fish Market, Transport for NSW continues to support Infrastructure NSW, the agency delivering the New Sydney Fish Market, Placemaking NSW, who will manage the asset and public realm, and the Sydney Fish Market.
- (a) Operational plans for the proposed Christmas 36-Hour Seafood Marathon will include transport management support. The Transport Management Centre uses these plans to manage the transport network.
- (b) Operational plans will be finalised prior to opening of the new Sydney Fish Market. Transport for NSW is also working with Infrastructure NSW, Placemaking NSW and the Sydney Fish Market to create a Travel Access Guide to support public and active transport to the new location. This guide will be published closer to the opening date.

- * 5948 MOTORCYCLE HELMET RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government is not currently scoping a trial exemption from motorcycle helmet requirements for Sikh riders.
- The NSW Government response to the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) inquiry into "Religious exemptions for the wearing of helmets" is due to be provided by 28 November 2025.
- (2) Transport for NSW continues to monitor available international road safety research, including for technology innovations in helmet design and any new research or published data relevant to helmet exemptions for Sikh motorcycle riders.
- (3) The Staysafe Committee has recently considered this issue in detail. However, the NSW Government remains committed to open and meaningful engagement with all communities across the State on road safety issues.

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* 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?

Answer—

The Strategic Statement on Coal Exploration and Mining is currently under review. An updated statement will be released in this term of government.

We are continuing to utilise expertise and learnings from across government to inform our review, including:

- consultation undertaken to support the establishment of the Future Jobs and Investment Authority
- the inquiry of the Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development into beneficial and productive post-mining land use
- the Net Zero Commission's 2025 consultation to inform our review.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Three articulated buses have been returned to Busways North West, the contracted bus operator of Greater Sydney Bus Contract 7.
- (2) The schedule of works which sets out the finalisation of the program is targeted for early 2026. The schedule for rectification of the buses is complex and highly technical. In addition, the program is reliant on specialist parts being supplied from Volvo, which are manufactured in its Sweden factory and airfreighted to Sydney.
- (3) As of 17 September 2025, the Willoughby depot is seven buses short of a full complement of buses.
- (4) The number of service cancellations at the Willoughby depot from January to August 2025 are as follows:
 - January: 201
 - February: 1,024
 - March: 1,169
 - April : 725
 - May: 1,433
 - June: 1,249
 - July: 830
 - August: 1,051
- (5) Ten buses are currently operating out of Willoughby depot. By January 2026, seven buses currently in the rectification program are scheduled to be returned to Busways.
- (6) Transport for NSW has sourced 13 two-door city buses from the Greater Sydney bus fleet to support operations across both Willoughby and Ryde depots. As of 17 September 2025, seven of the 13 buses are in service. The remaining six are going through a maintenance program for operation and will be returned to service as ready, with the last bus due to return by late October 2025.
- (7) Contracted bus operators are subject to performances targets in relation to the provision of bus services. Operators who fail to meet these targets are subject to financial abatements, Performance Improvement Plans and Cure Plans.
- (8) Transport for NSW and Busways continue to monitor On-Time Running and cancellations and are committed to minimising these disruptions by avoiding cancellations of the first, last or consecutive services, whenever practical. Transport for NSW has worked with Busways to identify trips that may be cancelled ahead of schedule, and this information is updated in third party trip planner apps.
- (9) The NSW Government recognises it has been a difficult time for bus passengers on the Northern Beaches who have been dealing with the shortage of articulated buses. The time taken to return the articulated buses is the result of a complex mechanical issue identified through routine safety and maintenance inspections. While the timeline has extended longer than originally anticipated, all steps taken have prioritised safety, compliance, and long-term operational reliability.

* 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:

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- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department has received an application for a new Lease from Cammeray Golf Club over the premises on Crown land currently occupied as the Golf Clubhouse and carpark (Premises). The Lease application is currently under assessment.

The Department is currently considering options for the holistic management of the site.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Matters in Questions 1, 2 and 3 were addressed on page 51 of the uncorrected transcript for Budget Estimates dated 3 September 2025. Question 4 should be directed to the Minister for Small Business.

- * 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

These questions are best directed to the Hon David Harris MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing, Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research, and Minister for the Central Coast.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The current estimated project timeline for the electrification of North Sydney bus depot has the completion of infrastructure in 2027. The current estimated project timeline for the electrification of Willoughby bus depot has the completion of infrastructure in 2028.
- (2) The current estimated project timeline for the first electric bus arrival at North Sydney bus depot is from early 2027. The current estimated project timeline for the first electric bus arrival at Willoughby bus depot is in 2028 onwards.
- (3) When Willoughby Depot is complete, the depot will operate approximately 97-100 new battery electric buses. A final number will be confirmed through the design process, which is just starting.

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When North Sydney Depot is completed, the depot will operate approximately 58 new battery electric buses. A final number will be confirmed through the design process, which is already underway.

- (4 - 8) This information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/zero-emission-buses-sydney-bus-depot-conversions>

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Typically, once a reported pothole is verified and a defect is raised in ConnectSydney's asset management system, crews aim to complete repairs within three business days. Hazardous or highrisk potholes are prioritised for urgent treatment when reported or identified.
- (2) The NSW Government has not provided any new additional funding for this purpose since the last declared Natural Disaster period in 2022. While no additional program-specific funding has been allocated to councils for roads under their management, councils continue to receive annual funding for routine road maintenance, along with access to funding through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to support the restoration of roads, bridges, and other transport infrastructure impacted by declared natural disaster events.

Over the past three financial years, more than \$3.5 billion in government funding has been allocated to Councils to support the maintenance and repair of local and regional roads across New South Wales. This funding has been distributed to the state's 128 councils, including \$459 million for greater Sydney councils and \$3.05 billion for regional and outer metropolitan councils. This assistance is helping reduce the maintenance burden on councils.

Programs and funding streams that have helped councils maintain and improve their road networks include:

- Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund RERRF (regional councils only)

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- Regional and Local Roads Repair Program RLRRP (all NSW councils)
 - Fixing Local Roads FLR (regional councils only)
 - Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round PRR (regional councils only)
 - Fixing Country Roads FCRoads (regional councils only)
 - Fixing Country Bridges FCB (regional councils only)
 - Annual Maintenance Grants (all NSW councils)
 - Natural disaster funding including:
 - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement DRFA
 - Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package RRTRP (northern NSW councils)
 - Regional Transport Resilience Fund RTRF (central west NSW councils).

The prioritisation of pavement works is based on several factors including defect criticality, asset condition data, public safety, and available funding at the time of developing the program. With regards to weather, this is the single most important factor leading to delays in pavement resheeting, if the road surface is wet, there is forecasted rain, pavement resheeting cannot go ahead as asphalt resheeting needs dry conditions to ensure bonding of the road surface.

- (3) Where required, additional support is considered following significant rain events. ConnectSydney also allocates additional crews to meet increased demand, to ensure timely response and network safety. For example, following the heavy rainfall in August 2025, which resulted in a substantial rise in potholes, additional funding and resources were allocated to support increased inspections and repairs.
- (4) Over the past three financial years, more than \$3.5 billion in Government funding has been allocated to support the maintenance and repair of Local and Regional roads across New South Wales. This funding has been distributed to the State's 128 councils, including \$459 million for Greater Sydney councils and \$3.05 billion for regional and outer metropolitan councils. This assistance is helping reduce the maintenance burden on councils.

Some of this funding was annual allocations for routine roadworks, but a significant portion was natural disaster recovery funding to rebuild roads, bridges and other transport infrastructure damaged by multiple disasters. Local council's eligible disaster recovery works are joint funded by the Australian and NSW governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

In addition, the NSW Government delivered the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund in late 2023, which injected \$390 million directly into the hands of regional and rural councils for urgent road maintenance and pothole repairs. Ninety-five regional councils received funding with allocations based on the kilometres of Regional and Local roads managed in their Local Government Areas. This funding builds on the \$500 million allocated to all councils across New South Wales through the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program. This included \$280 million for Regional Councils and \$220 million for Greater Sydney councils.

- (5) Since September 2024 to 31 August 2025, approximately 5,850 pothole related jobs have been completed in the Sydney Metro and Harbour Zone. The breakdown of pavement-related complaints, pothole attendances, and pothole callouts is below.

Pavement-related complaints:

- September 2024 -166
- October 2024 - 309
- November 2024 - 202

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- December 2024 -166
- January 2025 - 229
- February 2025 - 247
- March 2025 - 220
- April 2025 - 293
- May 2025 - 477
- June 2025 - 656
- July 2025 - 448
- August 2025 - 948.

Note: each crew attendance may involve the repair of multiple potholes, and ConnectSydney is unable to confirm the exact number of individual potholes repaired per attendance.

Pothole attendances:

- September 2024 - 304
- October 2024 - 313
- November 2024 - 238
- December 2024 - 207
- January 2025 - 196
- February 2025 - 231
- March 2025 - 193
- April 2025 - 230
- May 2025 - 410
- June 2025 - 495
- July 2025 - 451
- August 2025 - 722.

Pothole callouts:

- September 2024 - 17
- October 2024 - 8
- November 2024 - 10
- December 2024 -13
- January 2025 - 19
- February 2025 - 17
- March 2025 -16
- April 2025 – 27
- May 2025 -100
- June 2025 - 21

- July 2025 - 46
- August 2025 - 228.

(6) Pothole repairs are a temporary risk-mitigation measure. To improve the longevity of repairs, crews implement best-practice techniques such as squaring up edges of the repair where possible and applying hot mix asphalt in place of cold mix, where weather conditions permit. These practices help reduce the likelihood of repeat failures and support more durable outcomes.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Planning and design development for the new North Sydney Ambulance station is underway. The community will soon have the opportunity to review the design for the new ambulance station.

Construction and operational timeframes will be confirmed as planning progresses. The community will continue to be updated on the status of 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Concerns raised by the local government sector were examined in the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on State Development Inquiry into local government funding for infrastructure and services.

The Government's response to that Inquiry supports the Committee's recommendation and more work on this complex matter will be undertaken by the Expert Advisory Panel, which will soon be established. This panel will provide strategic advice to ensure reforms strengthen long-term council financial sustainability and safeguard the delivery of essential local infrastructure and services.

The Government is committed to working collaboratively with councils, providers, and peak bodies to identify practical and balanced solutions.

* 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW receives correspondence from the community regularly and is open to feedback on traffic and roads.
- (2) Transport for NSW has reviewed the traffic signal operation following representations made by North Sydney Council on behalf of the community.
- (3) Pedestrian signal times were adjusted in November 2024 to enhance pedestrian safety. These adjustments include longer green time for pedestrians, and longer red arrow time to hold vehicles while pedestrians are crossing the road.
- (4) As part of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade, Miller Street northbound right turn bay will be extended by 30 met res. This may include phasing changes to the traffic signals. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor the operation of this intersection to ensure it is operating as safely and efficiently as possible.

* 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:
 - (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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) This is a matter for the Minister for Gaming and Racing.
- (b - c) This is a matter for the Minister for Transport.
- (d) This is a matter for the Minister for Gaming and Racing.

* 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:
 - (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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Canterbury Station is included in the upgrade of the T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards, as part of final conversion works on the M1 Northwest & Bankstown Line.

When the conversion is complete in 2026, passengers will have access to fully accessible stations and services with a train every four minutes during the peak, every five minutes during weekdays between morning and afternoon peak services, and every 10 minutes during off peak and on weekends.

* 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?
 - (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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The frequency and timing of races at Canterbury Racecourse is a matter for Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club. Under the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996. Racing NSW does not represent the Crown and is not subject to direction or control by or behalf of the Government.

Matters relating to transport and transport infrastructure should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

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- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Please refer to the answers provided to Budget Estimates Supplementary Questions 135 and 136, and 173 and 211.

- * 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:

- (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?

Answer—

- (1) The New England REZ network infrastructure project will include around 550 kilometres of new transmission lines and four new energy hubs (substations) that will connect the REZ to the existing grid at Muswellbrook.

The project is expected to include enabling and ancillary infrastructure such as temporary workforce accommodation and ancillary construction sites, new access roads, and state road upgrades to enable the transport of oversize and over-mass project components.

- (2) The New England REZ transmission project is still in the early development phase and will be subject to assessment through the planning system. The Government is currently consulting with landowners and communities in the New England REZ about the proposed corridor for the transmission infrastructure.

- * 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?

Answer—

Together, the Albanese Labor Government and the Minns Labor Government are delivering much-needed upgrades to Moree Secondary College's multipurpose space. Design plans for the upgrade of the multipurpose centre are currently being finalised.

Furthermore, the Minns Labor Government is working to tackle the maintenance backlog left by the former Government at Moree Secondary College, due to 12 years of neglect by the Nationals and Liberals. Works that will soon get underway include replacement of carpet and flooring, modifications of TAS classrooms and replacement of retaining walls.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

No issues have been identified by staff with respect to the available technology. Upgrades and improvements are implemented when a need is identified.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

While hospitals do all they can to arrange medical cover for every shift, there are times when a locum doctor cannot be sourced. On occasions when there is no medical officer on site, nursing staff have access to clinicians via telephone and virtual care video-conferencing.

Virtual medical services ensure regional, rural and remote hospitals have access to senior level doctors that they would otherwise not have.

While a senior medical officer will make patient assessments virtually, they work collaboratively with qualified nursing staff on site.

The use of virtual care in the absence of on-site medical support at any given facility is variable and depends on the availability of medical staff, which can fluctuate from week to week.

- * 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?

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(2) Are the rates subject to consumer price index (CPI) Increases?

Answer—

I'm advised:

NSW Health will continue to monitor the average claim value to determine if the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) subsidies for travel and accommodation are keeping up with cost-of-living expenses.

IPTAAS subsidies are not subject to 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—

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

- (1) How many “teacher houses” are in the Northern Tablelands Electorate?
- (2) How much is spent on repairs and maintenance in the 2024/2025 financial year.
- (3) What is the renovation budget for the 2025/2026 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently 134 Teacher Housing Authority (THA) homes in the Northern Tablelands Electorate.
- (2) In 2024/25, Homes NSW spent \$3.04 million on repairs and maintenance of THA homes in the Northern Tablelands Electorate.
- (3) For 2025/26, Homes NSW has budgeted \$1.37 million for maintenance and refurbishment of THA homes in the Northern Tablelands Electorate.

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Information about fees for air ambulance transfers is available on the NSW Ambulance website at www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/our-services/accounts-and-fees

- * 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)?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 23 Booking Service Providers authorised by the Point to Point Transport Commissioner in the 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are two police housing properties in the Tweed electorate at Kingscliff. These properties are owned by Property and Development NSW and managed by Homes NSW.
(2) As at 14 October 2025, one police housing property is tenanted. I am advised, the second property in Kingscliff is still vacant pending police recruitment.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Far North Coast Bush Fire Risk Management Plan sets out the types of work scheduled to deal with the risk of bush fires in an area and the responsible agency. NSW Rural Fire Service prescribed burns and mechanical clearing works during 2024-25 included:

- Fernvale Road, Fernvale

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- Snake Gully Road, Upper Burringbar
- Cudgera Creek Road, Sleepy Hollow
- Tweed Valley Way, Stokers Siding
- Bush Cherry Drive, Cobaki
- Numinbah Road, Chillingham
- Tweed Valley Way, Stokers Siding
- Snake Gully Road, Upper Burringbar
- Mount Burrell Road, Mount Burrell
- Fraser Drive, Tweed Heads South
- Settlement Road, Numinbah
- Park Avenue, Bray Park
- Lomandra Avenue, Pottsville
- Tyalgym Road, Eungella
- Burringbar Road, Upper Burringbar
- Upper Duroby Creek Road, Upper Duroby
- Valleyview Place, Terranora
- Secret Lane, Kings Forest

Questions about other agencies' activities should be directed to the responsible Minister.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. CCTV is in place for monitoring of Cudgen Tunnel operations. However, the site of the theft was not covered by CCTV as it did not occur on the Motorway.
- (2) Transport for NSW is carrying out a procurement process to engage a contractor. Once the contractor is engaged, it is expected delivery of the repairs will take eight weeks.
- (3) Yes. Both St Helena Tunnel and Tugun Bypass Tunnels have CCTV for monitoring of motorway operations. Monitoring is conducted by the Regional Transport Operations Centre, a 24 hour, 7 days per week team based at Mcleods Shoot.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

From 1 January to 15 September 2025, 438 students in Northern NSW Local Health District received treatment under the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

In 2024, across the Northern NSW Local Health District's fixed dental clinics, more than 8,000 children were seen in 2025 to date (11 September 2025), more than 5,500 children have been seen.

- * 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?

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Answer—

Up-to-date information about the Minns Labor Government's project to rebuild Tumbulgum Public School is available on the Department of Education's School Infrastructure website at: www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/t/tumbulgum-public-school.html.

- * 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:

- (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?

Answer—

Up-to-date information about the Minns Labor Government's project to rebuild Condong Public School is available on the Department of Education's School Infrastructure website at: www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/c/condong-public-school.html.

- * 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?

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- (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?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW (Transport) met with Ms Scruby, the Member for Pittwater, in August and September 2025, on this matter and provided a written letter of response in August 2025 and had various correspondence since, addressing all concerns and questions raised by the local member.

- (1) Crash rates are calculated using a standard formula (crashes per 100 million vehicle kilometres), ensuring consistent safety assessment across the network. The NSW Speed Zoning Standard requires the prioritisation of speed reductions when crash rates exceed typical benchmarks but also supports the broader Safe System approach recommending reductions where other risk factors, such as high numbers of vulnerable users or challenging road conditions, are present, even if crash rates are not elevated.
- (a) The crash rate between Beaconsfield and Gladstone streets was 36.5 per 100 million vehicle kilometres (above the urban State road average of 34.3).
- (b - c) Five crashes occurred in five years, including two serious injuries to a pedestrian and a cyclist. Two of these crashes occurred in wet weather. None of the five crashes were linked to medical episodes.
- (d) Individual crash speeds are not reported, however the crashes did not involve speeding.

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- (2) In addition to the speed change, Transport also recently completed pavement rehabilitation work along lengths of Barrenjoey Road, including improving skid resistance along Bilgola Bends and upgrades in Palm Beach. Additional pavement works are planned to be undertaken later this year.
- A signage review of the corridor is also underway, however signage changes alone were not deemed sufficient to address the safety risks and reduce the crash rate.
- The speed reduction implemented on the northern section of Barrenjoey Road between Crane Lodge Place and Nabilla Road in 2021 has proven road safety benefits with a significant reduction in crashes.
- (3) Transport engaged with Northern Beaches Council during the review, and both Council and the Member for Pittwater were informed of the outcome. The community was notified in advance of the speed change through direct communications, social media and the Transport website.
- Transport and NSW Police granted a four-week grace period for the new speed zone to allow drivers to adjust. Police enforcement of high-range speeding and other offences has continued. Postinstallation reviews and audits will address any issues, such as obscured signage. Pothole repairs are managed as part of regular maintenance and broader pavement works have been completed with further improvements planned.
- (4) Transport undertook a comprehensive speed zone review of Barrenjoey Road between Newport and Palm Beach in response to community and stakeholder requests. A consistent 50km/h speed limit was implemented in late August 2025 across a 5.7 kilometre stretch of Barrenjoey Road, including between Beaconsfield Street and Gladstone Street, to improve safety outcomes.
- The decision to reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50km/h is supported by the Standard. The review considered crash analysis, road geometry, land use, the presence of vulnerable users and the Movement and Place Framework. The lower speed environment was found to be the safest and most effective solution to minimise risks to all road users, particularly in this built-up area with vulnerable users.
- (5) I refer to the response to Question 4.
- (6) The six-lane section of Newport Hill includes residential development, a retirement village, bus stops, and pedestrian activity, supporting the application of a 50km/h limit. While 60km/h may apply to some major arterial roads, the characteristics and crash rate of this section support the default urban limit.
- (7) I refer to the response to Question 3.
- (8) I refer to the response to Question 4.
- (9) The review was conducted by experienced practitioners, reviewed by the network custodian division and endorsed by senior management, ensuring a thorough and standards-aligned assessment.
- (10) I refer to the response to Question 9.
- (11) I refer to the response to Question 4.
- (12) Transport for NSW has provided the breakdown of justifications to the Member for Pittwater in various in-person briefings and in writing.

* 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?

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- (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?
 - (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) ConnectSydney undertakes routine monthly inspections to identify defects, including potholes, across the Harbour Zone network. Ad hoc inspections and maintenance are also carried out based on customer reports. When a pothole is identified, a job is raised in ConnectSydney's Asset Management System and scheduled for repair based on its criticality and in accordance with contractual requirements.

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- (2) Following significant wet weather events, additional inspections are carried out to identify new defects across the network, particularly around known hotspot locations. The Transport Management Centre may also receive public reports of potholes, which if not already identified by ConnectSydney, are raised in the Asset Management System and scheduled for repair in accordance with contractual guidelines and based on their network criticality.
- (3) ConnectSydney does not rely on crowd-sourced information as its primary method for identifying potholes. The Sydney Road Asset Performance contract includes integrated functions to ensure defects are identified and scheduled for repair through routine inspections and asset performance measures. In addition, recommendations made by network inspectors, public reports and community sentiment regarding certain locations or issues may inform decisions on permanent treatments and the prioritisation of works.
- (4) The public is not relied upon to identify potholes across the network. Designated network inspectors regularly patrol the network to detect and record defects, ensuring that potholes are identified and addressed. The public may nominate a pothole for inspection at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/referral/report-a-pothole-or-damaged-road>.
- (5) All identified potholes are recorded in ConnectSydney's Asset Management System and scheduled for repair based on safety criticality and contractual guidelines, not cost. Where defects are recurring or have notably expanded in size, inspectors may recommend permanent treatments to improve long-term network resilience and reduce ongoing disruption to motorists and maintenance needs.
- (6) Customers seeking reimbursement for damage to their motor vehicle are referred directly to Transport for NSW or to the publicly available online claims form. ConnectSydney supports the process by providing relevant information and assisting with investigations, as required by Transport for NSW. Members of Parliament are encouraged to refer constituents to the following link to lodge a claim:
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/lodge-public-liability-claim-transport-nsw>
- (7) Currently, ConnectSydney maintains information on pothole reports and repairs. Processes are regularly reviewed for business and operational improvements, and the existing approach is considered adequate.
- (8) Pothole identification is primarily carried out through regular network inspections. The feasibility and suitability of incorporating additional technologies to support defect identification is under ongoing review.
- (9) Canterbury Bankstown Council has continued to use AI for the purpose of detecting road defects and has incorporated this technology as a part of their business as usual activity. Additional councils across NSW have also adopted the use of this technology.
- (10) Transport for NSW is currently undertaking its evaluation of the trial, due to be published in due course.
- (11) ConnectSydney, in consultation with Transport for NSW, is exploring the use of artificial intelligence to analyse pavement condition video footage and automatically identify defects, such as potholes and cracking.
- (12) Government is always pursuing improved capabilities through trial of new technologies and industry engagement. AI is increasingly being adopted by councils as a way of detecting potholes and other defects.
- (13) The identification and repair of defects, including potholes, across the Harbour Zone Network is managed in accordance with the Sydney Road Asset Performance Contract. Provisions are in place to respond both proactively and reactively to significant wet weather events.
- (14) Typically, once a reported pothole is verified and a defect is raised in ConnectSydney's asset management system, crews aim to complete repairs within three business days. In cases of a

hazardous or high-risk potholes advised by the Transport Management Centre, these are prioritised for urgent treatment when reported.

On 13 October 2025, the Government announced it is fast-tracking \$200 million to deliver a pothole and road maintenance blitz across Sydney's busiest corridors. Work under this program will be prioritised based on traffic volumes, the location and severity of the pothole, and the road's importance for freight, bus services, and emergency access.

- (15) As part of its standard processes, ConnectSydney identifies and nominates locations requiring permanent repair to Transport for NSW for consideration when consolidating tactical pavement work programs. The prioritisation of these works is based on several factors, including defect criticality, asset condition data, public safety, and available funding.

Since 1 January 2025, ConnectSydney has completed approximately 532 pothole repairs on contracted state roads within the Northern Beaches Local Government Area. It is important to note that each crew attendance may involve the repair of multiple potholes, and ConnectSydney is unable to confirm the exact number of individual potholes repaired per attendance.

ConnectSydney does not have visibility of pothole defects on the local road network within the Northern Beaches LGA, as these assets are managed by Northern Beaches Council. To support collaboration and deliver better outcomes for the community, ConnectSydney holds regular meetings with Council representatives to discuss problem areas and shared issues across the network.

- (16) Bus corridors are inspected at the same frequency as other contracted roads, and any defects identified are managed in the same way. The prioritisation of repairs is based on the condition and severity of each defect, and in accordance with contractual guidelines. Transport for NSW works closely with bus service providers to manage vegetation within bus corridors, ensuring safe and reliable operations as well. Pavement defects reported by bus operators are promptly investigated and prioritised as appropriate for repair.
- (17) Locations with known recurring issues are regularly monitored, particularly following significant rain events, to inform maintenance planning and determine whether further intervention is required.
- (18) The overall contract value is publicly available at:
<https://buy.nsw.gov.au/notices/A156E864-C1EB-BDAA-EA88CE003DA4B5E5>
- (19) Key Performance Indicators are publicly available on the Transport for NSW website, under 'Performance Measures':
<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2021/%5BREDACTED%5D-Executed-Contract-Documents-Harbour.pdf>
- (20) On 4 September 2025, ConnectSydney undertook table drain clearing along the full length of Bilgola Bends. This included excavation and removal of sediment and debris from the northbound table drain to restore full drainage functionality.
- (21) In the Financial Year 2024-25, 47 claims relating to potholes on Transport for NSW-owned roads in Pittwater were received. Of these, two were accepted. The remaining were either denied or are still being assessed.
- (22) Where required, additional support may be considered following significant rain events. ConnectSydney also allocates additional crews to meet increased demand, to ensure timely response and network safety.

On 13 October 2025, the Government announced it is fast-tracking \$200 million to deliver a pothole and road maintenance blitz across Sydney's busiest corridors. Work under this program will be prioritised based on traffic volumes, the location and severity of the pothole, and the road's importance for freight, bus services, and emergency access.

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(23) Road maintenance funding is determined through a comprehensive evaluation of the overall condition and needs of the entire road network, considering a range of factors. This includes, but is not limited to, the structural integrity of the pavement, the rate of deterioration, the volume and composition of traffic, safety considerations, economic and social significance, and asset management strategies.

* 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?

Answer—

All complaints lodged against NSW public schools are acknowledged and managed in line with the Department of Education's Staff and/or Community Complaint Procedures. Principals refer to the department's Complaints Handling Policy and Community Complaint Procedures to ensure complaints are addressed transparently, fairly, and without fear of reprisal. The Director, Educational Leadership ensures all complaints are managed and addressed with procedural fairness.

In May 2025, a matter regarding the collection and receipt processes of Information Technology (IT) contributions was referred to the Department of Education's School Specialist Finance Centre. The School Specialist Finance Centre team conducted an audit to review the IT contributions collected by the school on behalf of the P&C. The findings were emailed to the P&C on 25 August 2025. All IT contributions collected and received by the school have been transferred to the P&C. In addition, as requested by the P&C a donation for the Colour Run was returned on 5 September 2025.

The School Specialist Finance Team has worked with the school to implement systems and processes that ensure clear and transparent collection and receipting of all school contributions.

The Department of Education has upgraded the power supply to the school to accommodate the additional load associated with air conditioning and will also deliver the installation on behalf of the school community.

- * 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 Pymont 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1-8) Following the recommendations of the Legislative Assembly Select Committee on Essential Worker Housing, essential worker eligibility will be determined by Homes NSW.
- (9) The NSW Government will retain ownership of the build-to-rent properties, which will be managed by a suitable operator.
- (10) Landcom's intention is to hold the Annandale Build to Rent asset for the long-term.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

Consultation with residents did not occur. Notification signs were installed to advise of its discontinuation and to redirect residents to the nearest formal bus stop.

I have requested that this stop be reinstated as soon as possible. I understand that Transport's operator Busways has confirmed that bus stops at this location will be restored in the coming weeks.

- * 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?

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- (2) How much funding is available in the Environmental Trust Fund?

Answer—

- (1) Under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust manages the Biodiversity Conservation Fund. The Byles Creek property does not meet the requirements for purchase under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust Revolving Fund Program.
- (2) Under the Environmental Trust Act 1998, only the acquisition of land for national parks and other categories of dedicated and reserved land for the national parks estate is eligible for Environmental Trust funding. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has assessed the land at Byles Creek and found it does not meet the criteria to be prioritised for acquisition for the national parks estate.

- * 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?
- (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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) An indicative map of the low and mid-rise housing areas is publicly available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold data by electoral boundaries.

- (2) Please refer to the answer to LA Question on Notice 4935.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) An indicative map of the low and mid-rise housing areas is publicly available on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/low-and-mid-rise-housing-policy.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure does not hold data by electoral boundaries.

- (2) Please refer to the answer to LA Question on Notice 4935.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The T1 North Shore Line recorded metropolitan combined peak punctuality of 95 per cent in June, 91.5 per cent in July and 92 per cent in August 2025. Over the three-month period, late-running services were delayed between 8 - 13 minutes.

Punctuality information is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/data-and-research/data-and-insights/sydney-trains-and-nsw-trainlink-intercity-performance-reports>

- (2) The primary causes of disruptions on the T1 North Shore Line between June and August 2025 were related to security, infrastructure, passenger and operational issues. The most disruptive incidents during the period included track repairs at Wollstonecraft on 21 July 2025 and incidents requiring emergency services at Flemington and Thornleigh on 25 and 29 August 2025.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2024, Transport for NSW provided in-principle support for North Sydney Council's proposal to permanently close northbound traffic on Young Street. This closure aims to increase public space and improve traffic flow. The proposal is subject to Transport for NSW's review and acceptance of the detailed design, as well as any impacts on the State's road and transport network. North Sydney Council also carried

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out public consultation on this proposal between 1 May and 12 June 2024. Road and pedestrian safety were considered and responded to in the consultation report presented to Council.

In October 2024, Council endorsed the concept design for the Young Street Plaza upgrade to proceed to detailed design, tender, and construction. This was pending endorsement from the Local Traffic Committee, which also supported the progression of the design in November 2024.

The reopening of Young Street would result in minimal impacts to the surrounding network, including Military Road, according to a 2022 council impact assessment. A further assessment should be carried out by Council during the design phase of the current proposal.

Transport for NSW encourages the community and interested stakeholders to contact Council for updates on the Young Street proposal.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed an additional 6 months of funding to Reconciliation NSW to assist them to transition to sustainable funding of their core business activities from appropriate funding sources.

Currently Aboriginal Affairs NSW is working with Reconciliation NSW to identify partners to support the organisations work into the future.

- * 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?

Answer—

The former Liberal National Government announced, but did not deliver, a Middle Head Environment Education Centre in 2018. The proposal was strongly opposed by the local community, including the Mosman Parks & Bushland Association and the Headland Preservation Group, as well as the Mosman RSL sub-branch due to the impact on historical, heritage buildings.

It was clear the project was announced by the Liberals without consultation with the local community and pursued against the wishes of community members. The Minns Labor Government has listened to the community, and in acknowledgement of the enormous valued placed on this area, the proposal will not be proceeding.

The Department of Education will continue to provide high-quality, curriculum-based environmental education programs for kindergarten through to Year 12 students across the 23 Environment Education Centres operating in NSW including the Field of Mars EEC, the Gibberagong EEC and Taronga Zoo Education Centre.

- * 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services are not provided on an electorate basis.

- * 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at the final week for each month requested, driver recruitment and driver vacancy figures for Greater Sydney Bus Contract regions 7 and 8 are as follows:

	GSBC 7		GSBC 8	
	Drivers Recruited	Driver Vacancies	Drivers Recruited	Driver Vacancies
January 2025	9	7	3	29
February 2025	9	11	10	37
March 2025	9	11	14	39
April 2025	5	0	15	31
May 2025	2	0	14	25

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June 2025	3	0	30	36
July 2025	8	0	14	29
August 2025	14	0	18	25

* 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?

Answer—

I'm advised:

Health services and data are not provided on an electorate basis.

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5997 POLICE IN WEE WAA—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

5998 POLICE NUMBERS IN COOLAH AND COONAMBLE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

5999 ACCESS TO MOBILE SERVICES IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—

6000 NSW POLICE NUMBERS - COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

6001 REDUCTION OF RESEARCH STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—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—

6002 HOMELESS YOUTHS - 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 representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

6003 JOB CUTS TO WATER NSW—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—

6004 CARNARVON GOLF COURSE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—

6005 24-HOUR POLICE STATIONS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

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- 6006 SPEED LIMITS AROUND PRE-SCHOOLS—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6007 STATE FOREST EXCLUSION FENCING—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—
- 6008 NSW POLICE STAFF DATA - COOTAMUNDRA ELECTORATE—Ms Steph Cooke to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6009 16 REGIONAL CITIES BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—Mr Robert Dwyer to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6010 POLICE CALLOUTS - MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6011 POLICE INCIDENTS AT HOMES NSW PREMISES - MIDTOWN MACQUARIE PARK—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 6012 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEMOUNTABLES - BUSHFIRE ZONES—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6013 NEW BENDY BUSES FOR VICTORIA ROAD—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6014 STAFF DEPARTURE DATA - TRANSPORT FOR NSW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6016 STAFF DEPARTURE DATA - MULTICULTURAL NSW—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 6017 NEW SOUTH WALES OFFICE OF YOUTH STAFF—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 6018 STAFF DEPARTURE DATA - NSW SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION—Mr Jordan Lane to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 6019 ORANA HUNTER GOLDEN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6020 ORANA TO NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR—Mr Dave Layzell to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6021 PALM BEACH OPAL CARD DATA—Ms Jacqui Scruby 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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- 6022 BUREAU OF CRIME STATISTICS AND RESEARCH QUARTERLY DATA—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6023 MARINE PROTECTED AREAS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 6024 FUTURE OF WENTWORTH PARK—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 6025 REGION SIX BUS CONTRACTS—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—

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- 6026 B709DA PERMITS FOR FIREARMS IMPORTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- 6027 SCOPE FOR INCENTIVES TO CREATE EDUCATION HUBS IN REMOTE AREAS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6028 BUSES IN REGION 14—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—
- 6029 LAND SWAPS BETWEEN AGENCIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSETS—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6030 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION EDA0254/25—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 6031 LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ARTS—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—
- 6032 HOMES NSW WITNESS INCIDENT FORM—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—
- 6033 OVERSEAS PASSENGER TERMINAL—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—
- 6034 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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- 6035 COMMUNITY RUN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (ECEC) SECTOR—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6036 ILLEGAL TOBACCO AND VAPES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 6037 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS CO-LOCATED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Tim James to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6038 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE PROVISION - CROWS NEST AND ST LEONARDS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 6039 BUSINESS CONNECT PROGRAM SUBSTITUTE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—
- 6040 2026 COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP ROUND—Mr Tim James to ask the Premier—
- 6041 ROAD TOLLS—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—
- 6042 RETURN AND EARN PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—
- 6043 GOOLAWAH HISTORIC ACCESS—Mr Michael Kemp 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—
- 6044 \$410,654 COMBATING THE STATE PRIORITY WEED TROPICAL SODA APPLE IN THE MACLEAY VALLEY ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL—Mr Michael Kemp to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- 6045 2 FLIDE STREET, CARINGBAH—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
- 6046 NEW AND UPGRADED PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Kobi Shetty 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—
- 6047 TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN GUIDELINES—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6048 RIGHT-HAND TURN FROM WESTERN DISTRIBUTOR OFF-RAMP—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6049 EXPRESS OR LIMITED STOP SERVICES - CRONULLA AND SYDNEY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—

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- 6050 QON 5661 FOLLOW UP—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6051 QON 5662 FOLLOW UP—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6052 QON 5663 FOLLOW UP—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6053 M6 STAGE 1 DELAYS - 2027—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6054 M6 STAGE 1 DELAYS - 2028—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6055 M6 STAGE 1 DELAYS - 2029—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6056 M6 STAGE 1 DELAYS - 2030—The Hon. Mark Speakman to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- 6057 QON 5022 FOLLOW UP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 6058 WIND FARM DEVELOPMENTS—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—
- 6059 PENROSE PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6060 REPORT NO. 1 SELECT COMMITTEE ON PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) - 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—
- 6061 REPORT NO. 1 SELECT COMMITTEE ON PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) - PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 6062 GOVERNMENT TENDERS—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Lands and Property, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister for Sport, and Minister for Jobs and Tourism—
- 6063 QON 5829 FOLLOW UP—Mrs Wendy Tuckerman to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- 6064 PARK&RIDE MACHINE - HORNSBY TRAIN STATION—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—

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(Paper No. 131)

- 6065 CHILD CARE CENTRES - SAFETY MEASURES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- 6066 DIRECT BUS SERVICES—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6067 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- 6068 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS—Mrs Tina Ayyad to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
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- 6182 MEDIUM TERM RAIL PLAN—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- 6183 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN MIRANDA—Ms Eleni Petinos to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast representing the Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, and Minister for Youth—
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6196 ASBESTOS - HEALTH—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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6197 NATIONAL PARK VISITOR NUMBERS—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 provide information on the numbers of people or cars that have been recorded as visiting all of the National Parks in the Barwon electorate in the last three years, broken down by each park or conservation area?
 - (a) Of those how many have booked into camp sites, or accommodation in National Parks in the Barwon electorate in the last three years, broken down by each park or conservation area?
 - (b) On recently acquired land earmarked for National Parks or Conservation areas, but not yet open to the public, can the minister provide information on what infrastructure is being built on those lands to transform them into public parks, whether they will be open to the public, or when they might be open to the public?

6198 REVIEWS OF ZONING AND PLANNING FOR SUPERMARKETS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Can the Minister advise of any information in relation to zoning and planning reviews or changes for supermarkets and timelines on when they may be expected after the Federal Governments push to allow more competition in the market?

6199 SUPPLEMENTARY ANSWERS PROVIDED IN 2025-26 BUDGET ESTIMATES—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to Supplementary Answers provided in 2025-26 Budget Estimates, it was advised the last time a metropolitan primary school ceased educational provision was in December 2014:

- (1) What was the name of the school?

6200 NSW PLANNING PORTAL WEBSITE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Does the Government have plans to improve and make the following Government website more user friendly, NSW Planning Portal website?

6201 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mr Matt Cross to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Does the Government support Lindfield Learning Village having an innovative educational model?

6202 NSW CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (NCAT) HEARINGS FOR STRATA ISSUES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Attorney General—

- (1) Is there a requirement that a NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) Member hearing a strata issue be specialised in strata law?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Is there a requirement that the same NCAT Member hear an entire case, including follow-up and subsequent hearings?

(a) If not, why not

6203 PARRAMATTA RIVER SWIM SITES—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) Are any future swim sites being proposed for the Parramatta River?

(a) If so, where is this located?

6204 PARRAMATTA RIVER POLLUTION—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) Does the Department record the water quality and amount of pollution collected in the Parramatta River around the Drummoyne electorate?

(2) How is this monitored?

(3) Is there scope for community participation in this process?

6205 INTERSECTION OF CONCORD ROAD AND HOMEBUSH BAY DRIVE, RHODES—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

(1) Is the Minister and Transport for NSW aware of the traffic and congestion issues at the intersection of Concord Road and Homebush Bay Drive in Rhodes?

(2) What is being proposed to address the congestion?

(3) Many vehicles turning left at Concord Road into Homebush Bay Drive are caught in congestion due to the volume of cars trying to turn right:

(a) To improve traffic flow, can this be addressed?

(4) Is it possible to receive a briefing on this matter?

6206 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Will the Concord High School upgrade be finalised for the opening of the school year on Day 1, Term 1, 2026?

6207 VIBRANCY REFORMS—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—

How do the vibrancy reforms impact the determination of development applications (DAs) for extended trading hours for clubs such as The Concord in Concord West?

6208 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—

In relation to QON 5937:

(1) What specialist led diabetes services are still available at Concord Hospital?

(2) How can patients book to see a specialist to manage their diabetes at Concord Hospital through this service?

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- (3) Why are residents in my community reporting a closure of the service, if you have advised that there isn't a closure?
- 6209 NORTH STRATHFIELD FIRE STATION CLOSURE—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- In relation to QON 5833:
- (1) Will the Government rule out the closure of North Strathfield Fire Station?
- (2) How is it policy to close a fire station when 18,000 homes are proposed in the vicinity through the Homebush Transport Oriented Development?
- 6210 BOAT TRAILER LEGISLATION—Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- In regards to the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021:
- (1) Has the Office of Local Government (OLG) or the Minister's office received feedback that it is more difficult for Councils to deal with abandoned boat trailers?
- (2) Are any changes to the legislation being proposed?
- 6211 PROHIBITED SINGLE-USE PLASTICS—Mr Alex Greenwich 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) Will the Government consider including plastic newspaper sleeves as a prohibited single-use plastic in the Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021?
- (a) If not, why?
- 6212 PROPERTY ACTIVATION LEVY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces representing the Treasurer—
- (1) Has the Government assessed a legislative solution aimed at promoting the activation and occupation of land and buildings in specified areas?
- (2) Will the Government consider a levy on owners of commercial lots in business and retail planning zones that:
- (a) Detract from the amenity of the area?
- (b) Are not maintained to an adequate standard?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What other policies are being considered to reduce the number of empty retail premises on high streets across New South Wales?
- 6213 RESPONSE TO THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REFORMING JUSTICE RESPONSES TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE REPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Women, Minister for Seniors, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—
- (1) Has the Government committed to actions to implement the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission's report 'Safe, Informed, Supported: Reforming Justice Responses to Sexual Violence'?
- (a) If so, which ones?
- (b) If so, when by?

- (c) If not, why not and what action will the Government take in response to the report to improve justice responses to sexual violence?

6214 AUSGRID SAFETY INSPECTORS—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister for Work Health and Safety—

In relation to Ausgrid and cuts to safety inspectors:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Ausgrid has reduced the number of safety inspectors from 25 to 11 following receipt of an internal report that suggested it was cheaper to risk paying worker compensation than undertake safety checks?
- (2) What assessments if any has SafeWork NSW made of the impact that this reduction will have on workplace safety for Ausgrid employees and contractors?
- (3) Has SafeWork NSW engaged with Ausgrid in relation to this matter, and if so, what actions have been taken?
- (4) What steps will the Government take to ensure that safety standards are upheld and workers are adequately protected in the electricity sector in light of these changes?

6215 INTELLIGENT TRAFFIC LIGHT PROGRAM—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the Intelligent Traffic Light Program in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) Which intersections in the Willoughby electorate currently have traffic lights operating under the Intelligent Traffic Light Program?
- (2) Which intersections in the Willoughby electorate are scheduled to be upgraded under the Intelligent Traffic Light Program, and what is the expected timeline for delivery?
- (3) What is the process by which intersections are assessed and selected for inclusion in the Intelligent Traffic Light Program?
- (4) What steps need to be taken to have the intersection of West and Ernest Streets, Crows Nest, considered for inclusion?

6216 PAYROLL TAX AND INDEPENDENT CONTACTORS IN THE CARE ECONOMY—Mr Tim James to ask the Attorney General representing the Minister for Finance, Minister for Domestic Manufacturing and Government Procurement, and Minister for Natural Resources—

In relation to payroll tax and independent contactors in the care economy:

- (1) What changes, if any, have been made by Revenue NSW in recent years to practices, rulings, or policies that result in independent contractors in the care economy being captured for payroll tax purposes?
- (2) Has Revenue NSW issued any advice, guidance or determinations specifically in relation to independent contractors engaged through care platform?
 - (a) If so, what is that advice?
- (3) Has any assessment been undertaken of the impact on affordability and availability of care services - particularly National Disability Insurance Scheme and aged care - if independent contractors in the care economy are deemed to attract payroll tax?
- (4) What consideration has the Government given to exempting independent contractors delivering taxpayer-funded care services?

6217 FOOD SERVED AT ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—

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In relation to food served at Royal North Shore Hospital:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the 2025 Bureau of Health Information survey shows Royal North Shore Hospital patients rated food quality the worst in the state, with only 13 per cent describing it as "very good"?
- (2) What steps have been taken to improve food quality at Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (3) Has any review or assessment been commissioned into patient meal services at Royal North Shore Hospital?
- (4) When will patients, families and staff see improvements to food quality at Royal North Shore Hospital?

6218 AUSGRID AND THE AURORA PROPERTY PARTNERSHIP—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

Given the Government's ownership stake in Ausgrid and the Aurora Property Partnership:

- (1) Is it appropriate for a subsidiary of an electricity supply authority to engage directly in commercial property development?
- (2) What safeguards are in place to ensure that no information is shared between Ausgrid and Aurora Property Partnership that could provide an unfair advantage in relation to state planning changes or preferential electricity connection arrangements?

6219 EXPLANATION OF INTENDED EFFECT - CHANGES TO DETER ILLEGAL TREE AND VEGETATION—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the April 2025 Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to Deter Illegal Tree and Vegetation Clearing:

- (1) When will the outcomes of the consultation process be released?
- (2) When will the relevant amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation be made to give effect to these reforms?

6220 PLANNING REFORMS AND THE IMPACT ON TREE CANOPIES—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to planning reforms and the impact on tree canopies:

- (1) What is the current percentage of tree canopy cover in the Willoughby and North Sydney local government areas (LGAs)?
- (2) How much tree canopy has been lost in each of these LGAs over the past five years?
- (3) Has the Government modelled the potential tree canopy loss resulting from its higher density housing reforms, including changes that will enable subdivisions into dual occupancies and other higher density housing types?
- (4) What measures will the Government take to mitigate tree loss and protect urban canopy resulting from higher density housing?

6221 SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

In relation to the Small Business Commissioner:

- (1) When will a new Small Business Commissioner be appointed?
- (2) What is the reason for the delay in making this appointment?

6222 SCHOOL ZONES IN THE WILLOUGHBY ELECTORATE—Mr Tim James to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to school zones in the Willoughby electorate:

- (1) Why does the recently announced school zone extension at Willoughby Girls High School not extend all the way to the intersection with Oakville Street?
- (2) Why does the school zone surrounding Castle Cove Public School not encompass all streets bordering the school, and are there any plans to rectify this?
- (3) Are there other instances at schools in the Willoughby electorate where school zones do not fully cover the surrounding streets, and if so, are there plans to address these?

6223 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - SOUTH-CENTRAL HUB—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—

Why is the South-Central hub required as part of the New England Renewable Energy Zone?

6224 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE - HUBS—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:

- (1) How many hubs are planned to be situated within:
 - (a) Walcha Local Government Area (LGA)?
 - (b) Uralla LGA?
 - (c) Armidale LGA?

6225 NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE AND ENERGY CO—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 and Energy Co:

- (1) What is the required consultation that EnergyCo must undertake to consult properly with landowners, impacted neighbours and/or communities who are impacted by:
 - (a) Transmission lines?
 - (b) Energy Hubs?
 - (c) Renewable energy projects generally?

6226 ENERGYCO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION—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—

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- (1) What action will the Government take if EnergyCo fail to consult properly with landowners, impacted neighbours and/or communities who are impacted by:
- (a) Transmission lines?
 - (b) Energy Hubs?
 - (c) Renewable energy projects?
- 6227 UPDATED ROUTE FOR NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE STUDY CORRIDOR—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 Updated route for New England Renewable Energy Zone study corridor as announced on 2 October 2025:
- (1) Has the Government and/or Energy Co undertaken a study or assessment of koala populations within the proposed route?
 - (a) If so is that study or assessment publicly available?
 - (2) Why has the route been changed?
 - (3) What consultation was undertaken with local Mayors, local State Members of Parliament (MPs), local Councils, impacted landowners, impacted neighbouring landowners and communities prior to the announcement?
- 6228 TRANSMISSION LINES - SALISBURY PLAIN AREA—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 transmission lines that are planned to run through the Salisbury plain area between Uralla and Walcha:
- (1) Why are the planned lines now two (2) 500 kva powerlines?
 - (2) Why are four (4) switching stations now planned to be situated in the Salisbury plain area?
- 6229 MOREE HOSPITAL - NURSE CLASSIFICATION AND REMUNERATION—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- Why are Nurses who work at Moree Hospital no longer eligible for their current classification and remuneration under the NSW Workforce Incentive Scheme (for healthcare workers who live and work in rural and remote areas)?
- 6230 ARMIDALE HOSPITAL - ANAESTHETIC SERVICES—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 Armidale Hospital, how many days in the 2025 calendar year has Armidale Hospital been without Anaesthetic services?
- 6231 UPDATED ROUTE FOR NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE STUDY CORRIDOR - LANDOWNER SUPPORT—Mr Brendan Moylan to ask the Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional New South Wales, and Minister for Western New South Wales—
- What assistance is the Government providing to landowners who are impacted by the Updated route for New England Renewable Energy Zone study corridor as announced on 2 October 2025?

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- 6232 POLICE AMBULANCE CLINICAL EARLY RESPONSE (PACER) PROGRAM—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—
- (1) Is the Police Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) program intended to be introduced and used by the Hawkesbury Police area command when responding to mental health incidents?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6233 HAWKSBURY EMERGENCY SERVICES HUB—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- Can the Minister confirm if a new police station will be incorporated as part of the recently announced Emergency Services hub, to be co-located with the new Hawkesbury Fire Control Centre and SES unit in Wilberforce?
- 6234 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- NSW Ambulance representatives recently spoke at a public meeting in Bilpin about the establishment of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) west of the Hawkesbury River to aid in responding to emergency incidents ahead of paramedic arrival.
- (1) Can the Minister confirm if consideration is also being made for an ambulance station to be established for this region, to avoid reliance on unpaid volunteers of the CERT program?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6235 MULGOA ROAD UPGRADE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for Transport, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Music and the Night-time Economy—
- Regarding stages 5a and 5b of the Mulgoa Road upgrade, when can the community expect the missing 2.2km section upgrade for the vital north south connection to the airport (due to be open for business in 2026) to be delivered?
- 6236 PRIVATE CERTIFIERS AND SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS - COST TO TAXPAYER—Ms Robyn Preston 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—
- What is the cost to the New South Wales taxpayer to fund the Government public service in managing private certifiers and dealing with substandard buildings?
- 6237 RICHMOND BRIDGE—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- Minister, the timeline for the Richmond Bridge has been pushed back.
- (1) Can you confirm expected completion dates for stages 1 and 2?
- 6238 SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORMS—Ms Robyn Preston to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- During the Budget Estimates hearing for the Veterans portfolio held in August, it was advised that there is a commitment for school enrolment forms to be updated so that children from Defence serving members and veteran families can nominate to identify as such:
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the relevant enrolment forms have been updated and are circulating?
- (2) If this is not the case, why has there been a delay?
- (3) When are these forms guaranteed to be finalised?

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6239 TUGUN TUNNEL ON THE M1 - ROADS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

- (1) How many times has the Tugun tunnel on the M1 been closed due to an over height vehicle in the following timeframes:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?
 - (d) 2022?

6240 EXTRADITION ORDERS TWEED HEADS POLICE STATION—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

- (1) How many extradition orders (to New South Wales) have been executed through the Tweed Heads Police Station in the following timeframes:
 - (a) Year to date?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2023?

6241 APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

Can you provide an update on the appointment of a new Superintendent for the Tweed-Byron Police District?

6242 THEFT OF COPPER FROM CUDGEN TUNNEL - ROADS—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 M1:

- (1) What measures are being implemented to ensure the replacement copper is not stolen in future?

6243 ON-DEMAND PSYCHIATRIC SUPPORT—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?
- (2) 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?
- (3) 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?

6244 WASHING MACHINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - PENSIONERS—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 pensioners (Centrelink-issued concession card holders)?

6245 WASHING MACHINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - VETERANS—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 veterans (Department of Veteran Affairs-issued concession card holders)?

6246 NORTHERN RIVERS RESILIENT MEASURES COMMUNITY INFORMATION POP-UPS—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

- (1) How many attendees were at each of the following Northern Rivers Resilient Measures Community Information pop-ups:
 - (a) Murwillumbah on 25 September 2025 and 7 October 2025?
 - (b) Mullumbimby on 16 September 2025 and 14 October 2025?
 - (c) Woodburn on 9 October 2025?

6247 RESILIENT HOMES PROGRAM CENTRAL WEST COMMUNITY POP-UP—Mr Geoff Provest to ask the Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast—

How many attendees were at the Resilient Homes Program Central West Community pop-up held in Trundle on 16 October 2025?

6248 BOARDING HOUSES ACT 2012 - BETTER REGULATION AND FAIR TRADING—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Minister for Industry and Trade, Minister for Innovation, Science and Technology, Minister for Building, and Minister for Corrections—

- (1) Are there plans for residents under the Boarding Houses Act to have the same protections against no-grounds evictions and rental increases as tenants have, under the newly strengthened Residential Tenancies Act?
- (2) Advocacy groups in the 2019 statutory review of the Act, queried why 'new generation Boarding Houses' (which are blocks of self-contained studio units at market rates) fall under the Boarding Houses Act:
 - (a) How many 'new generation Boarding Houses' in Wakehurst have been registered over the past five years?
 - (b) Is another review planned to ensure the Boarding Houses Act is fit for purpose, if these studio apartment blocks are falling under the Act?
- (3) Are there any plans to rename the Act so it better reflects its purpose of regulating shared accommodation or 'micro-tenancy' solutions, as well as removing the stigma of the name 'boarding house'?
- (4) As local governments currently have the main burden of enforcing compliance with the Boarding Houses Act, what additional funding is being provided to support local governments in enforcing compliance?

6249 NOISE CAMERA TRIAL—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice representing the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the status of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) current noise camera trial?
- (2) Will a report on the outcomes of the current trial be publicly available?

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- (3) Does the EPA plan to expand the trial to other Local Government Areas (LGAs) in New South Wales, including the Northern Beaches LGA?
- (a) If not, why not?
- 6251 BOARDING HOUSES ACT 2012 - HOUSING—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—
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- 6252 SERVICE NSW MERCHANT FEE SURCHARGES—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Youth Justice—
- (1) When will the Government provide a clear timeline and mechanism for refunding customers, including businesses, who were unlawfully charged merchant fee surcharges by Service NSW and Revenue NSW?
- (2) Has the Government calculated the total sum of merchant fees unlawfully collected from customers since 2016, broken down by agency (Service NSW, Revenue NSW, other agencies)?
- (a) If so, what are the totals?
- (3) What options are being considered for refunds to customers (e.g. automatic refunds, credits, application-based refunds)?
- (a) How will the Government ensure fairness for both individuals and large businesses with high transaction volumes?
- (4) Has the Government considered whether customers will be refunded the fees plus interest, given that the money was unlawfully collected and held for several years?
- (5) When is the NSW Ombudsman expected to finalise and publish its investigation into this matter?
- (a) Does the Government intend to publicly release the full findings?
- 6253 AUSTRALIAN ROAD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (AUSRAP) RATINGS—Ms Jacqui Scruby to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

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- (1) While Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP) guidance is available, will the Government publish the weighting formula used to combine the 78 road attributes into a star rating score for each 100-metre segment?
 - (2) Are any adjustments made to AusRAP star ratings in NSW based on local crash data (e.g. crash clusters, fatality history) in addition to the international International Road Assessment Programme (iRAP) methodology?
 - (3) How are weather-related hazards (such as flooding on Wakehurst Parkway) factored into star ratings, if at all?
 - (4) When a major upgrade is completed (e.g. Mona Vale Road East), how quickly are AusRAP star ratings updated to reflect the changed road conditions?
 - (5) Is there a fixed cycle for reassessing roads in NSW (e.g. every 5 years), or are reassessments only triggered by upgrades?
 - (6) How does the Government use AusRAP ratings when prioritising safety upgrades? For example, are there targets to ensure that all high-volume commuter roads achieve a minimum 3-star rating by a certain date?
 - (7) Are there known limitations of AusRAP in accurately reflecting safety risks for roads like Wakehurst Parkway, which are subject to frequent closures, flooding and wildlife crashes?
 - (8) How will AusRAP methodology evolve to better capture risks from micromobility users (e-bikes, scooters), which are growing in number but not explicitly modelled in the current framework?
- 6254 ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WITH COMPLEX NEEDS—Ms Kobi Shetty to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—
- Regarding Public Schools that operate in areas with high levels of socio-economic disadvantage, what additional support does the Department of Education provide to assist students whose family's circumstances make it difficult to navigate external support services?
- 6254 MENINGOCOCCAL B VACCINE PROGRAM—Mr Michael Regan to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) What is the latest update on the Government's progress towards supporting a vaccine program for Meningococcal B?
 - (2) What action is the Government taking to improve vaccination rates for Meningococcal B in rural and regional areas which have a far lesser rate of vaccination?
- 6255 BATHURST HOSPITAL COMPLAINTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) For the following years can you please provide the number of complaints that have been submitted against staff specifically or generally from patients and families about Bathurst Health Service:
 - (a) 2023?
 - (b) 2024?
 - (c) 2025 to date?
 - (2) Can you provide a complete list of complaints received in the past 12 months?
 - (3) What is the process of managing a complaint against a staff member?
 - (4) How many complaints can a staff member receive before disciplinary action is taken?
 - (5) Is a staff member notified if a complaint is made against them?

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- (6) How many staff have left Bathurst Health Service in the past 12 months?
 - (7) What was the reason for them leaving?
 - (8) Was an exit survey offered and/or completed for every staff member that has resigned?
 - (9) How are claims of bullying and harassment by senior management or executive addressed?
- 6256 BATHURST HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) When was the most recent accreditation survey conducted on Bathurst Health Service?
 - (2) How did Bathurst Health Service perform in the most recent accreditation survey?
 - (3) Can you please provide a copy of the results of the most recent survey results?
 - (4) How does this latest result compare to the previous survey and when was this completed?
 - (5) What is being done to address any issues raised through this accreditation process?
 - (6) How can the community be reassured that Bathurst Health Service is providing safe and appropriate care for the patients and their families?
- 6257 BATHURST HOSPITAL SERVICE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) How many staff are currently employed at Bathurst Health Service?
 - (2) How many vacancies are there currently at Bathurst Health Service?
 - (3) What is the total of full-time equivalent roles in medical departments of Bathurst Health Service?
 - (4) What is the total of full-time equivalent roles in administration departments of Bathurst Health Service?
 - (5) After the redevelopment, how many new full-time equivalent roles will be created or added?
 - (6) In the past 12 months, how many times has Bathurst Health Service experienced bed block and by how many beds?
 - (7) When experiencing bed block, how long have patients waited for a bed?
 - (8) What is the longest amount of time a patient has waited for a bed at Bathurst Health Service in the past 12 months?
 - (9) What measures were taken to alleviate bed block?
 - (10) What is the cost to Bathurst Health Service to implement these measures?
- 6258 BATHURST HOSPITAL SECURITY—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Health, Minister for Regional Health, and Minister for the Illawarra and the South Coast—
- (1) How many security guards are employed at the Bathurst Health Service?
 - (2) How many is Bathurst Health Service funded to employ?
 - (3) How many are on shift at any given time?
 - (4) How many incidents requiring a security guard have occurred at Bathurst Health Service in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date?
 - (5) How many security guards are employed at the Orange Health Service?
 - (6) How many is Orange Health Service funded to employ?
 - (7) How many are on shift at any given time?

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- (8) How many incidents requiring a security guard have occurred at Orange Health Service in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date?
- (9) What is the required response time for a security guard to respond to a duress alarm or incident?
- (10) Of the above-mentioned incidents for Bathurst Health Service and Orange Health Service separately, how many did a security guard respond within the required response time?
- (11) What are the processes or policies for security guards to escort staff, patients or visitors to cars located outside the campus boundaries?
- (12) Is there funding for more security guard positions for Bathurst Health Service?
- (a) If so, where is this funding coming from?
- (13) Are persons under custody able to remain in the same areas such as waiting rooms or in the emergency department as the general public?
- (14) What measures are in place to ensure public safety?
- (a) Is there a policy around this and if so can you please provide a copy?
- (15) Who are security guards employed by?
- (16) Who are security guards managed by?
- 6259 O'CONNELL FOOTBRIDGE UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- In relation to O'Connell Footbridge project:
- (1) Can you please provide an update of the progress of this project?
- (2) Can you please provide a breakdown of what the \$500,000 in funding from the Active Transport Program will be used for?
- (3) Can you confirm if designs have been completed?
- (4) Can you confirm an estimated cost to build this project?
- (5) Is construction of the footbridge funded?
- (a) If so, how much is allocated to the project?
- (b) If not, why not?
- 6260 DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECTS—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—
- (1) How many disaster recovery projects involving Transport for NSW are currently underway in New South Wales?
- (2) Since 2022, how many disaster recovery projects have been completed by Transport for NSW?
- (3) Since 2022, how much funding has been spent on disaster recovery projects by Transport for NSW?
- (4) What is the largest road project in the history of the disaster recovery fund?
- (5) What is the most funding allocated and spent on any one road disaster recovery project? What was the project and what did it involve?
- (6) Is there a cap on how much funding can be allocated to one project?
- (7) Is there a requirement from Transport for NSW or the Government to restore any and all roads that have been impacted by natural disasters?
- (a) If not, what happens to roads that are not restored?

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(8) What is the decision process when allocating funding to disaster affected roads?

6261 JENOLAN CAVES ROADS UPDATE—The Hon. Paul Toole to ask the Minister for Regional Transport, and Minister for Roads—

In relation to the upgrades to Jenolan Caves roads:

- (1) Can you please provide a progress update on Two Mile Road?
- (2) What is the expected completion and reopening date?
- (3) What is the total cost of works on Two Mile Road to date?
- (4) What is the anticipated total cost of works by completion?
- (5) Does the Minister or Transport for NSW plan on reopening Two Mile Road to the public as it once was with free-flowing two way traffic?
- (6) Can you please provide a progress update on Five Mile Road?
- (7) Have works begun on this road?
 - (a) If so, what works are taking place?
- (8) What is the expected completion and reopening date?
- (9) What is the anticipated total cost of works to reopen Five Mile Road?
- (10) Does the Minister or Transport for NSW plan on reopening Five Mile Road to the public?
- (11) Are there environmental concerns with leaving Five Mile Road in its current condition?
 - (a) If so, what are the concerns?
 - (a) Is there any other transport routes or types of transportation being considered as a viable option for future access to the Jenolan Caves Precinct?
 - (b) Does the master plan include transport options?
 - (c) Can you provide a copy of these options?

6262 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOLS—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Early Learning, and Minister for Western Sydney—

In relation to community preschools:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm how many early childhood educators are employed by the Government in community pre-schools in the North Shore electorate?
- (2) What contingency plans does the Government have for any further temporary closure of preschools by staff in response to inadequate wages and working conditions?

6263 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES ISLANDER DEATHS IN CUSTODY—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Attorney General—

In relation to Aboriginal and Torres Islander deaths in custody:

- (1) What actions does the Attorney General plan to take over the distressing fact that 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples have died in custody in New South Wales so far in 2025 – the highest number recorded in a single year?

6264 EMERGENCY PATIENTS AT THE ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL—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 emergency patients at the Royal North Shore Hospital:

- (1) What percentage of emergency patients presenting to the Royal North Shore Hospital were seen within four hours in:
 - (a) January 2025?
 - (b) February 2025?
 - (c) March 2025?
 - (d) April 2025?
 - (e) May 2025?
 - (f) June 2025?
 - (g) July 2025?
 - (h) August 2025?
 - (i) September 2025?

6265 MISUSE OF E-BIKES—Ms Felicity Wilson to ask the Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism, and Minister for the Hunter—

In relation to misuse of e-bikes:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm how many individuals within the North Shore Police Area Command were fined for the illegal use of e-bikes in the 2024/2025 financial year?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm how many individuals within the North Shore Police Area Command were issued with demerit points for the illegal use of e-bikes in the 2024/2025 financial year?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm how many individuals within the North West Metropolitan Area Command were fined for the illegal use of e-bikes in the 2024/2025 financial year?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm how many individuals within the North West Metropolitan Area Command were issued with demerit points for the illegal use of e-bikes in the 2024/2025 financial year?