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***9668 CHARLESTOWN CRISIS ACCOMODATION**—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the number of beds that are available to be used for women's crisis accommodation in the Charlestown electorate?
- (2) How many women were turned away by crisis accommodation each week from 2015 to 23 October 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that women's crisis accommodation apply a flexible approach accommodation to best meet the needs of women and children. The number of beds in women's crisis accommodation can depend on a range of factors, including client needs and household dynamics.

I am also advised that information on specialist homelessness services is available on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare website at: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-statistics/health-welfare-services/homelessness-services/overview>.

The Government assisted 74,216 people in New South Wales in 2016-17 through Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS). This is a 43 per cent increase from 51,786 people in 2013-14. I am advised the increase in numbers reflects the introduction of a 'no wrong door' policy for homelessness services, as well as increased funding.

I am advised more information is available at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au/providers/homelessness-services/updates.

***9669 HILLSBOROUGH/CHARLESTOWN ROAD INTERSECTION**—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What are the crash statistics at the Hillsborough/Charlestown Road intersection since the installation of the red light speed camera (to 23 October 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The speed camera at this location was installed in August 2018. Speed cameras are reviewed annually. The 2017 Annual Speed Camera Review found that overall there has been a 54 per cent reduction in fatalities, a 35 per cent reduction in serious injuries and a 49 per cent reduction in pedestrian casualties at red-light speed camera locations.

***9670 LAKE MACQUARIE ON DEMAND BUS SERVICE**—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why doesn't the Lake Macquarie On Demand bus service run during the peak patronage hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm?
- (2) Will this be considered when the On Demand service trial period is reviewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) On Demand transport is about providing better customer service by optimising the allocation of resources. Analysis showed low demand for off peak services in the Lake Macquarie area. On Demand was offered to provide customers with a more-tailored, off-peak travel solution.

(2) I refer to my previous answer, LA Q9691.

***9671 ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What action do you propose in response to the issues raised by Cate Doosey in her letter to Senior Public Defender Mark Ierace S.C. concerning recent recruitment to the NSW Public Defenders Office?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Senior Public Defender, Mr Mark Ierace SC, responded to Ms Cate Doosey's correspondence concerning recent recruitment to the NSW Public Defenders Office on 18 October 2018, noting that

recruitment of Public Defenders is merit-based and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Defenders Act 1995 and the Guidelines for the Appointment of Public Defenders.

The Public Defenders NSW recognise the importance of addressing the issue of gender imbalance in the profession and have, over a number of years, taken active steps to attract suitable female barristers to various Public Defender positions.

The Senior Public Defender is reviewing recruitment feedback practices in relation to the adequacy of transparency of feedback for applicants with a view to modifying current procedures if required.

*9672 ORANGE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

Can you provide source of, and reference to, the information you relied upon to provide the statistics, regarding child and adolescent mental health, in your response to my question in Question Time on 16 October 2018?

Answer—

NSW Health provided the data.

Further information regarding mental health activity can be found in the NSW Health Annual Report.

Bed availability fluctuates according to patient need.

*9673 LYMPHEDEMA SERVICES FOR THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Will consideration be given to providing equitable access to specialist Lymphedema services for the people of the Orange electorate, which the people of the surrounding electorates of Bathurst and Dubbo currently benefit from having?
- (2) Will consideration be given to providing Lymphedema clinics in Orange through which physiotherapists and staff can be trained to assist patients suffering from cancer and coping with Lymphedema?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

Orange Health Service currently provides Lymphedema services to inpatients and outpatients.

*9674 RECLASSIFYING STREAM ORDER USED BY THE GOVERNMENT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Will the Government consider using the Strahler stream classification system in its entirety?
- (2) Will the Government consider the reclassification of creeks and streams based upon the Strahler system, whereby a hydrological feature must be either a perennial or non-perennial stream which has water in the channel for at least part of the year, and not a depression in the landscape where rainwater runoff collects and makes its way to a creek?
- (3) Will the Government consider supporting the construction of farm dams on currently identified streams and creeks that are episodic/ephemeral which are not creeks or streams as defined by Strahler?
- (4) Will the Government support the future drought-proofing of the farms across New South Wales by reclassifying creeks and streams as defined by Strahler, which will then allow farmers to construct dams to harvest rainwater runoff in episodic/ephemeral streams?

Answer—

(1) This is a broad question that cannot be answered without clarification.

(2) The Government currently classifies creeks and streams using the Strahler stream order classification system for the purposes of the Water Management Act 2000 and its regulations. The Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 and a separate Order in relation to Harvestable Rights Orders both define "minor streams" with specific reference to the Strahler system.

(3) and (4) The Government supports the construction of farm dams on ephemeral streams in accordance with the Water Management Act 2000 and the NSW Farm Dams Policy.

*9675 PROSECUTIONS AND CONVICTIONS SINCE COMMENCEMENT OF LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- (1) Since the commencement of the operation of the Firearms and Criminal Groups Legislation Amendment Act, how many prosecutions have occurred in relation to the new offences introduced by that legislation to the Restricted Premises Act?
- (2) Since the commencement of the operation of the Firearms and Criminal Groups Legislation Amendment Act, how many convictions have occurred in relation to the new offences introduced by that legislation to the Restricted Premises Act?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Attorney General is the Minister responsible for the Restricted Premises Act.

*9676 RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE OMBUDSMAN RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF SEIZURE POWERS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Did the Commissioner of Police obtain independent legal advice about the scope of the seizure powers under section 10 and 13 of the Restricted Powers Act 1943 as recommended by the Ombudsman in a report dated October 2016?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what revision of procedures, guidelines and/or training resulted?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's response to the report was tabled on 24 September 2018. The Government made some legislative amendments, including the Criminal Legislation Amendments (Consorting and Restricted Premises) Act 2018, in response to the report. These amendments to the Criminal Legislation Amendments (Consorting and Restricted Premises) Act 2018 have yet to commence.

*9677 ENERGY REBATES IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many people in the Keira electorate are eligible for energy rebates?
 - (a) How many people in the Keira electorate have claimed for their eligibility for this program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment estimates that in 2017-18 there were around 18,000 households in the Keira electorate eligible for a Low Income Household Rebate. This is based on 2017-18 data provided by the Commonwealth Department of Human Services.

The Department estimates around 16,000 customer accounts for households in the Keira electorate accessed a Low Income Household Rebate in 2017-18. This is based on reporting information provided by energy retailers.

*9678 IMPROVING TRAVEL TIMES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What steps will Transport for NSW take to improve travel times between the South Coast and Sydney on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

Future Transport 2056, the vision for the next 40 years of transport in New South Wales, identifies a number of key initiatives for investigation, including shorter train travel time between Sydney and the South Coast. This information is publicly available.

The Government is delivering a new intercity train fleet to improve customer comfort and service reliability on the South Coast Line.

*9679 SCHOOL BUSES MEDOWIE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will school bus services be available for the residents of the Bower Estate in Medowie?
- (2) When will all school bus services for the residents of Medowie be fitted with seat belts?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW and the local bus operator, Hunter Valley Buses, are conducting a review of school bus services in the Medowie area, including Bower Estate.

In consultation with local schools and Port Stephens Council, the review will consider whether road and related infrastructure works will enable buses to operate within Bower Estate. Local schools will be advised of any bus network changes prior to the start of Term 1, 2019.

(2) The Rural and Regional Seatbelt Acceleration Program applies to areas where services are provided under a Rural and Regional Bus Service contract, not under a Metropolitan or Outer Metropolitan contract, such as Medowie.

*9680 NEWCASTLE CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) On 27 September 2016 the Government announced the Newcastle Cruise Terminal would be built, why has this still not happened?

(2) What is the delay in constructing the Newcastle Cruise Terminal?

(3) Will the Newcastle Cruise Terminal still be built by 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Port of Newcastle, a private entity, is building the Newcastle Cruise Terminal. The NSW Cruise Development Plan 2018 recognises the potential growth in New South Wales cruise industry and the importance of the Newcastle Cruise Terminal. The Government has already committed \$12.7 million towards the project as announced in 2016.

(2) and (3) The NSW Government encourages the Port of Newcastle to progress delivery of the project.

*9681 APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT OFFER—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) How many households applied for the appliance replacement offer in the electorates of:

- (a) Heathcote;
- (b) Keira;
- (c) Wollongong;
- (d) Shellharbour;
- (e) Kiama?

(2) How many households have received a fridge under the program in (1) in the electorates of:

- (a) Heathcote;
- (b) Keira;
- (c) Wollongong;
- (d) Shellharbour;
- (e) Kiama?

(3) How many households have received a television under the program in (1) in the electorates of:

- (a) Heathcote;
- (b) Keira;
- (c) Wollongong;
- (d) Shellharbour;
- (e) Kiama?

(4) What is the total expenditure under the appliance replacement offer in each of the following electorates:

- (a) Heathcote;
- (b) Keira;
- (c) Wollongong;
- (d) Shellharbour;
- (e) Kiama?

(5) How have residents been notified of the existence of this program in the electorates of:

- (a) Heathcote;
- (b) Keira;
- (c) Wollongong;

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- (d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?
- (6) What is the total cost of advertising this program to the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
(b) Keira;
(c) Wollongong;
(d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?

Answer—

I am advised:

	Heathcote	Keira	Wollongong	Shellharbour	Kiama
Applications	222	406	515	563	393
Fridges	149	271	321	384	265
Televisions	56	106	162	161	127
Total Expenditure	\$51,837.27	\$86,572.73	\$110,079.27	\$131,059.27	\$92,065.36

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has not spent any program budget on advertising for this offer. Residents have been notified of the program through:

- energysaver.nsw.gov.au
- Channel 7 and Channel 9 evening news
- Service NSW's Cost of Living campaign
- the Department of Planning and Environment's April 2018 energy affordability campaign
- small targeted regional campaigns run by The Good Guys
- OEH presentations at local community service organisations or local events.

*9682 DISCOUNTED ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many households have received subsidised light emitting diode (LED) bulbs under the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
(b) Keira;
(c) Wollongong;
(d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?
- (2) What is the total value of the subsidy provided to households in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
(b) Keira;
(c) Wollongong;
(d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?
- (3) Have any businesses applied to become approved lighting suppliers for the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
(b) Keira;
(c) Wollongong;
(d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?
- (4) Are any businesses which are approved lighting suppliers for the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program located in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
(b) Keira;
(c) Wollongong;
(d) Shellharbour;
(e) Kiama?
- (5) How many households have received subsidised light emitting diode (LED) bulbs under the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;

- (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
- (6) What is the total value of the subsidy provided to households in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
- (7) Have any businesses applied to become approved lighting suppliers for the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?
- (8) Are any businesses which are approved lighting suppliers for the 'Discounted Energy Efficient Lighting for Households' program located in the electorates of:
- (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Shellharbour;
 - (e) Kiama?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) 11
- (b) 12
- (c) 3
- (d) and (e) 0
- (2) (a) \$4,905
- (b) \$5,525
- (c) \$1,598
- (d) and (e) None.
- (3) (a) to (d) Yes.
- (e) No.
- (4) (a) to (d) Yes.
- (e) No.
- (5) to (8) See response (1) to (4).

*9683 INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED TO MOTORISTS IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Since the introduction of the safe-passage around cyclists laws, how many infringements have been issued to motorists in the Illawarra region for not complying with the required passing distance (as at 18 September 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding driver of motor vehicle not pass bicycle at safe distance offences can be found at <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/info/statistics>

*9684 RETURN AND EARN DONATION STATIONS IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many containers have been processed by the Return and Earn donation stations located in the

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Keira electorate?

(2) What is the total amount of donations made at stations in the Keira electorate?

(3) Which charities have benefited from those who have used these donation stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no donation only stations located in the electorate of Keira. However, donations can be made from any Reverse Vending Machine.

*9685 RECTIFICATION OF ISSUES CONCERNING DISTRICT COURTS JURISDICTIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will you amend Section 44(1) of the District Court Act to rectify issues concerning District Courts jurisdictions to hear commercial cases following *The NTF Group Pty Ltd v Prospective Applicant Putney Finance Australia Pty Ltd* (2017] NSWSC 1194?

Answer—

I am advised:

Both houses of Parliament have passed legislation to amend section 44 of the District Court Act 1973 to make clear that the District Court has jurisdiction to hear matters arising from a commercial transaction up to its jurisdictional limit. The amending legislation is awaiting assent.

*9686 INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF COURTNEY TOPIC—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will the Police Commissioner and the NSW Police Force implement the recommendations of the Coroner made pursuant to Section 82 of the Coroner's Act in the inquest into the death of Courtney Topic?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force has considered the recommendations of the Coroner arising from the inquest into the death of Ms Topic. Work on the implementation of some recommendations is ongoing.

*9687 MEETING BY THE COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will the Commissioner of Police meet with the family of Courtney Topic?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*9688 REQUEST FOR A CORONIAL INQUEST—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will you direct a Coronial Inquest into the death of Kerrod John Gorst in November 2017?

Answer—

I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to the Garst family for the loss of Mr Kerrod John Garst.

I am advised that the NSW State Coroner is currently reviewing the matter.

The Coroners Act 2009 provides that the State Coroner may direct the holding of an inquest in a situation where an inquest has been dispensed with.

*9689 AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT COURT ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will you amend the District Court Act, in particular Section 44, so that the question of which division of the Supreme Court an action would be notionally allocated to is determined at the time the action is commenced rather than, as is now the case, as at 2 February 1998?

Answer—

The Department of Justice is currently considering this issue.

Any proposal to address the issue will be developed in consultation with members of the judiciary and legal profession.

*9690 AMENDMENTS TO THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What steps will you take to amend the Anti-Discrimination Act so that students cannot be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to ensuring that all laws in New South Wales are fit for purpose and that everyone in New South Wales is treated equally and fairly under the law.

The Government will carefully consider any Commonwealth Government amendments to the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth), once they become available. Consistency between State and Commonwealth legislation is desirable.

The Government continues to await the public release of the Expert Panel report into religious freedom chaired by the Honourable Philip Ruddock and the Commonwealth Government response to the Expert Panel's report.

*9691 LAKE MACQUARIE ON DEMAND BUS TRIAL PATRONAGE FIGURES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What are the Lake Macquarie On Demand bus trial patronage figures for:

(a) April to June 2018;

(b) July to September 2018?

(2) Will the On Demand bus service area be extended in the near future?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

(2) A decision about the Lake Macquarie On Demand bus service will be made by Transport for NSW in consultation with the operator, Newcastle Transport, in early 2019.

*9692 CRASH STATISTICS ON HILLSBOROUGH ROAD—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What are the crash statistics on Hillsborough Road from 28 March 2015 to 23 October 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Interactive crash statistics with reports on road user deaths and injuries, locations and crash types for the five years up to and including 2017 are available on the Centre for Road Safety's website. Data for 2018 are preliminary and incomplete.

*9693 SYDNEY TO NEWCASTLE HIGHER SPEED RAIL CONNECTION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the Minister doing to provide more ambitious timeframes for higher speed rail connection between Sydney and Newcastle as per the recommendation of the NSW Future Transport Strategy?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is currently developing the business case to deliver a faster rail connection between Sydney and Newcastle.

Benefits of the proposed faster rail connection include:

- Improved travel time reliability (from three to two hours) and increased capacity.
- Increased comfort and amenity at stations and on trains.
- Maximised safety for the travelling public on all modes.
- Minimised impact of transport on the environment.
- Improved connectivity to the surrounding region through integrating public transport services with the improved rail services.
- Unlocking of housing supply and job growth between Sydney and Newcastle.

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*9694 OPTIONS FOR CHARLESTOWN COMMUTERS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What services are available to commuters in the Charlestown electorate with mobility issues who have limited/no access to public transport due to the distance they must walk to the nearest bus stop, but do not qualify for the Taxi Transport Subsidy due to being medically assessed as being able to walk 100 metres?

Answer—

I am advised:

One option is Newcastle Transport's On Demand, a location to location service available in Dudley, Whitebridge, Mount Hutton, Windale, Tingira Heights, Eleebana, Warners Bay, Gateshead, and Charlestown.

Transport for NSW also provides the Community Transport Program and Community Home Support Program for people with limited transport options.

*9695 HILLSBOROUGH ROAD CRASH STATISTICS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What are the Hillsborough Road crash statistics for the three months before and after the installation of mid-block pedestrian traffic lights and a new shared pathway to connect the new traffic lights and nearby bus stop?

Answer—

I am advised:

Interactive crash statistics with reports on road user deaths and injuries, locations and crash types for the five years up to and including 2017 are available on the Centre for Road Safety's website. Data for 2018 are preliminary and incomplete.

*9696 CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What is the Government doing to increase personalised, assisted transport services for the ageing population of the Charlestown electorate?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon Andrew Constance MP.

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*9697 CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FAILURE AND AT RISK CHILDREN—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What steps were put in place to guarantee the safety of the 1,600 at risk children who have been overlooked for crucial assessment due to a case management IT system failure?
- (2) Is this the same computer system that re-authorised foster carers who were being investigated for sexual abuse or neglect?
- (3) Is this the same computer system that had a cost blow out?
- (4) How much has the ChildStory computer system cost, above the original budget as at 24 October 2018?
- (5) Have all of the 1,600 children referred to now received their face-to-face assessment?
 - (a) If so, what was the period of delay?
- (6) Will there be an independent investigation and review into this error?
 - (a) If so, who will be undertaking it?

Answer—

Since 2011 this Government, and I as the Minister, have worked to transform the child protection system. This has seen a doubling in the number of children reported at risk of significant harm (ROSH) receiving

a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker. This has risen from 12,701 in 2010-11 to 26,196 in 2017-18.

I am advised the number of children reported at ROSH receiving a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker has risen consistently since 2010, however the latest published data shows a drop in 2017-18 from the 27,793 seen in 2016-17.

I am deeply disappointed by this and have asked the Secretary to undertake a review of the reduction in the number of children seen in 2017-18. I expect it be completed and available to me by Christmas. Once I have considered the report, it will be made public.

I am very proud of the dedication and hard work of our frontline in the face of big changes to the IT system with the rollout of ChildStory, which was introduced to replace the KIDS system, described in the 2008 Special Commission of Inquiry as "a burden" on staff.

I have heard firsthand the frustrations of caseworkers and the PSA about the rollout of ChildStory, and have told the department that this is clearly unacceptable. The executive must continue to fix any issues our frontline workers are facing, to ensure a first class system.

***9698 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE**—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Can you advise when the police and citizens of this state can expect the Government to announce the funding for an additional 500 police officers for this year and the subsequent four years, for a total of 2,500 additional sworn officers, which police and I have been calling for?

Answer—

I am advised:

This Government has already delivered more than 1,000 extra police officers.

As you would be aware, the Premier and I recently announced an extra 1,500 police over four years from 2019-20.

***9699 LIGHT RAIL SERVICES**—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF) Urbos light rail sets are in service on the Dulwich Hill to Central light rail service?
- (2) How many Adtranz Variotram light rail sets remain in storage?
- (3) Are these light rail vehicles kept in working order?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available.
- (2) and (3) There are no Adtranz Variotram light rail vehicles in storage.

***9700 BERTHING OF LADY HERRON**—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the monthly cost of berthing the Lady Herron at the Sydney City Marine's facility at Rozelle?
- (2) Does the Government plan to sell the Lady Herron?
 - (a) If so, by what process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is commercial-in-confidence.
- (2) Transport for NSW is working with Transport Heritage NSW to determine the future of the vessel.

***9701 AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMES**—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many incidents did NSW Ambulance respond to in the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 in the Granville electorate?
- (2) What was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months to 30 June 2018:
 - (a) Across New South Wales;

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- (b) Across Sydney;
- (c) In the Granville electorate?
- (3) What was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to the arrival on scene of paramedics during the 12 months to 30 June 2018 in the:
 - (a) Merrylands CBD;
 - (b) Granville CBD;
 - (c) Westmead CBD;
 - (d) Wentworthville CBD;
 - (e) Guildford CBD;
 - (f) Greystanes shopping centre?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

NSW Ambulance performance data is publicly available on the Bureau of Health Information website at <http://www.bhi.nsw.gov.au>.

*9702 TOWN HALL STATION SAFETY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What safety measures have been put in place at City Circle Train Stations?
- (2) What is the capacity of Town Hall station?
- (3) What actions are taken when the capacity of Town Hall station is breached?
- (4) On how many occasions has the capacity of Town Hall station been breached since 2 April 2015 (to 24 October 2018)?
- (5) What initiatives are planned to increase capacity at Town Hall station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The safety of passengers and staff is the number one priority of the NSW Government. Sydney Trains employs a customer management plan at Town Hall and other stations on the City Circle. This is a standardised approach to customer safety that varies with the time of day and the varying operational requirements of each platform and concourse.

(2) to (4) The premise of your question is wrong.

(5) Sydney Metro City & Southwest will be a new 30-kilometre metro railway extending from Chatswood to Bankstown, due to open in 2024. The provision of new Sydney CBD metro stations at Barangaroo, Martin Place, Pitt Street and Central will relieve crowding at Wynyard and Town Hall stations.

The new metro stations at Pitt Street and Barangaroo will provide additional train stations for customers to access the CBD, while Sydney Metro services at Martin Place and Central will take pressure off Town Hall. It is disappointing that NSW Labor has committed to cancelling this critical project if it is elected in March 2019.

*9703 INCLUSIVE PRACTICES IN LONG DAY CARE CENTRES AND PRESCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering that the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority have listed Quality Area 5 - Relationships with Children and Quality Area 6- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities in its National Quality Framework, how do state government agencies cultivate, promote and/or enforce inclusive practices in long day care centres and preschools to support:
 - (a) Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) parented families;
 - (b) Single parent families;
 - (c) Children from other diverse family structures?

Answer—

The National Quality Framework celebrates and recognises the diverse circumstances, cultural background and abilities of each child. Quality Area 5 Relationships with Children, and Quality Area 6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities, of the National Quality Standard promote inclusion as an approach where diversity is celebrated.

As inclusive practices are specific to the needs of the children, families and communities in which they operate, state government agencies do not mandate or promote any particular inclusive practices.

It is the responsibility of each service to consult with families and their communities to develop and implement practices that meet Quality Area 5 Relationships with Children and Quality Area 6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities.

Early childhood education and care services are assessed and rated against the National Quality Standard - including against Quality Area 5 and Quality Area 6. This rating is required to be displayed by the education and care service.

***9704 ACTION TO LANDLORDS BY FAIR TRADING**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) In each financial year from 2013-14 to 2018-19 (to 23 October 2018), on how many occasions has Fair Trading acted on landlords with:
- (a) Warning letters;
 - (b) Enforceable undertakings;
 - (c) Penalty infringement notices;
 - (d) Undertaken disciplinary proceedings;
 - (e) Disqualified licenses;
 - (f) Issued injunctions or other civil remedies;
 - (g) Prosecution through the courts?

Answer—

Fair Trading has a range of enforcement options with respect to landlords who breach the Residential Tenancies Act. Fair Trading has issued a number of warning letters during the relevant period. I note however:

- (1) A person does not need a license to be a landlord;
- (2) Because landlords are not licences, they cannot be subjected to disciplinary action;
- (3) The Residential Tenancies Act does not confer Fair Trading the power to accept enforceable undertakings; and
- (4) Fair Trading is not a court and does not have the power to issue an injunction.

***9705 FOREIGN ARTISTS' AGREEMENT AND THE MUSICAL THEATRE INDUSTRY**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Minister support calls for the industry-wide foreign artists' agreement to also cover the musical theatre industry?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is an industrial matter between the Media Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA) and Live Performance Australia, in which the MEAA is seeking a new agreement covering the employment of international artists in Australian musical theatre productions.

***9706 ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NSW POLICE**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many NSW Police officers identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (2) How many civilian employees of NSW Police identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Answer—

I am advised:

Workforce diversity statistics can be found in the NSW Police Force annual report.

***9707 OBJECTIONS TO SINGLE SEX SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the Department of Education policy in regards to a parent or carer's conscientious objection to children being enrolled at single-sex schools?
- (2) In catchment areas where only single-sex schools are available, are parents and carers able to apply for out of area enrolment at nearby co-educational schools?
- (3) What discretion does the Principal of that co-educational school have to reject this enrolment in these circumstances?

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(a) What options are available to parents in these circumstances?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Parents may seek to enrol their child in the school of their choice, and schools are required to have a written policy which states the grounds on which nonlocal enrolments will be accepted.

Parents are entitled to apply for enrolment of their children in up to four nonlocal high schools.

The school principal is responsible for managing the school enrolments within the resources provided to the school, and establishing a placement panel when demand for non-local places exceeds available accommodation.

Where a parent wishes to appeal against the decision of the placement panel, the appeal should be made in writing to the principal. The principal will seek to resolve the matter.

If the matter is not resolved at the local level the Director, Educational Leadership will consider the appeal and make a determination. The Director, Educational Leadership will consult with the relevant principals and school communities as necessary.

*9708 RESTORING THE ENROLMENT OPTION FOR SPECIAL ETHICS EDUCATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

What action has been taken to restore the enrolment option for Special Ethics Education on New South Wales school enrolment forms since signalling that this was the Government's policy?

Answer—

The Department of Education is supportive of and committed to Special Education in Ethics in New South Wales public schools, in accordance with Section 33A of the Education Act 1990.

As a result of consultation with stakeholders the department has refined the process that schools use to manage student participation in Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics.

A new participation letter will be sent out in students' enrolment packs from next year, providing parents and carers with information about the available Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Ethics Education (SEE) choices at their local school. This letter will replace the old enrolment form.

The new participation letter will provide clarity of choice for parents and carers by outlining in black and white what SRE and SEE options are on offer.

The revised process has been developed in consultation with the Primary Principals' Association, Secondary Principals' Council, the NSW Teachers Federation, the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Associations of NSW and approved providers of SRE and SEE. SEE provider Primary Ethics has welcomed the improved process.

*9709 WOODVILLE ROAD PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) Considering the regular delays during peak hour to buses on routes M91 and 907 northbound at the M4 onramp/Parramatta Road intersection, what action is planned to improve traffic flow through to the Parramatta CBD?

(a) What actions will be taken to improve punctuality on these routes?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on planning to improve traffic flow through to the Parramatta CBD is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

Transport for NSW and the bus operator, Transdev, are reviewing the bus network to identify options available to improve reliability.

*9710 UPGRADE OF THE INTERSECTION AT BUCKLEY STREET AND MARRICKVILLE ROAD, MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Since committing funds in the 2015-16 NSW Budget to upgrade the intersection of Buckley Street and Marrickville Road, Marrickville, what work has occurred?

(a) If no work has occurred, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services completed works to improve pedestrian safety at this intersection in July 2017, including:

- The installation of 30 metres of pedestrian fencing along the northern and southern sides of Buckley Street, starting from Marrickville Road.
- Additional parking restrictions.
- Advanced warning signs.
- New line markings.

*9711 CONSIDERATION OF CLEARWAYS ALONG LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Is Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) still considering weekend clearways along Liverpool Road, Ashfield, following the decision by The Department of Planning to use the Option B sites for construction for the WestConnex M4-M5 Link?

(a) If so, will RMS install a weekend clearway on Liverpool Road, Ashfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Sydney Clearways Strategy is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*9712 COMPLAINTS TO THE FAIR TRADING TENANCY COMPLAINT SERVICE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

(1) How many complaints have been received by the Fair Trading tenancy complaint service in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2018-19 (to 23 October 2018)?

(a) What proportion of these were made by tenants in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2018-19?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Fair Trading Specialist Tenancy Complaint Service commenced on 1 December 2018. Since that date, the Service has received the following number of tenancy related complaints:

1 December 2013 to 30 June 2014	1,545
2014-2015	4,144
2015-2016	4,786
2016-2017	2,651
2017-2018	2,847
1 June 2018-28 October 2018	734
Total	16,707

(a) During the lodgement process, a complainant has the option to identify whether they are a tenant, landlord, property manager or real estate agent, but may not always do so.

*9713 WITHDRAWAL OF S-SET TRAINS FROM SERVICE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What is the scheduled date of withdrawal of S-Set trains from the timetabled services on the Sydney Trains network?

(2) What is the scheduled date that all timetabled services on the Sydney Trains and NSW Trains networks will be serviced by air-conditioned rolling stock?

(3) Will S-Set trains be withdrawn from service altogether and scrapped, or will they be kept for re-deployment if/when required?

Answer—

I am advised:

All non-air conditioned trains will be removed from timetabled services, and gradually decommissioned, once the Waratah Series 2 trains are in operation. These new, air conditioned trains are being rolled out across the Sydney Trains network, with the entire fleet expected to arrive by early 2019.

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*9714 SNOWY RIVER—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the annual volume of Snowy River Increased Flows as at 23 October 2018?
- (2) What is the annual volume of River Murray Increased Flows as at 23 October 2018?
- (3) What percentage of mean annual natural flows have been returned to the Snowy River?
- (4) Considering that the mandatory five-year review of the Snowy Water Licence committed to investigating environmental flows to the Snowy under low-flow conditions, what is the status of assessing the importance of inflows from the Mowamba River to the Snowy River and carrying out a cost-benefit analysis of options for improving environmental flow management, including decommissioning the Mowamba Aqueduct and removal of the Mowamba Weir?

Answer—

(1) Up to date annual volume information is available on the Department of Industry website:

www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/basins-catchments/snowy-river/initiative/increased-flows

(2) The annual volume for River Murray Increased Flows is 70 gigalitres. For more information please see:

www.water.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/699716/Snowy-water-licence-schedule-4-nsw-amendments-to-river-murray-increased-flows-call-out-provisions.pdf

(3) Alongside the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments, the Government has secured more than 308 gigalitres of water entitlements to target long term average delivery of 212 gigalitres and 70 gigalitres each year for environmental flows in the Snowy and Murray Rivers respectively.

The 212 gigalitre target for the Snowy River equates to a mean annual natural flow of 21 per cent.

All rivers in New South Wales have experienced decreased inflows as a result of record breaking dry conditions. The Southern Murray-Darling Basin which contributes water savings to increased flows has experienced prolonged period of drought. Each year the conversion of Southern Murray-Darling Basin water entitlements to Snowy River environmental flow releases depends on annual rainfall and runoff volumes and water entitlement allocation processes. Hence, annual environmental flow volumes for the Snowy River vary from year to year.

(4) The Ten year review of the Snowy Water Licence: draft report (2018) recommends that the investigation be completed by 2019. It will involve collating and synthesising numerous scientific studies and completing economic and social water assessments. This will include an assessment of different management options for the Mowamba Aqueduct and Weir. More detail on the review can be accessed on the Department of Industry website (www.industry.nsw.gov.au/snowy-water-licence).

*9715 RETURN AND EARN CONTAINERS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many containers purchased in a multipack, and which don't have barcodes, have been sold in New South Wales since the commencement of the Return and Earn scheme (to 24 October 2018)?
- (2) How many containers purchased in a multipack, and which don't have barcodes, have been returned to collection points (as at 24 October 2018)?
- (3) How many containers have been returned to collection points with foreign or unrecognised barcodes?
- (4) What discussions have taken place with relevant agencies concerning the importation of drinks into New South Wales which have not received a container approval from the Environment Protection Authority?
- (5) What discussions have taken place with other jurisdictions with container deposit schemes concerning expanding eligibility to include all containers of flavoured milk, pure fruit/vegetable juice, wine/water casks and wine/spirits in glass containers?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) This information is not available.

(4) When a container is identified as not being approved, the EPA engages with relevant agencies and stakeholders to help determine if the container should be eligible under the scheme and to identify the supplier if it is.

(5) The EPA has ongoing discussions with all jurisdictions with existing schemes regarding eligibility of

containers.

*9716 PAEDIATRIC WAITING TIMES IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the Government doing to reduce waiting times of up to 12 months for patients in Orange to access the one and only paediatrician located there?

Answer—

The Orange Health Service continues to take referrals and see new patients on the basis of clinical need.

Recent enhancements include the appointment of a new a paediatric fellow.

*9717 WORKERS COMPENSATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many serious claims were made by residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 23 October 2018)?
- (2) How many serious claims were rejected in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 23 October 2018)?
- (3) What were the top five industries for serious claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 23 October 2018)?
- (4) What were the top five occupations for serious claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 23 October 2018)?
- (5) What were the top five injuries or diseases for serious claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2018-19 (as at 23 October 2018)?

Answer—

(1) The number of serious (major) claims made by residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year:

Financial Year	Number of Major Claims
2010-11	1,187
2011-12	1,154
2012-13	862
2013-14	785
2014-15	776
2015-16	774
2016-17	831
2017-18	869
2018-19 (Year to Date up to 30 September 2018)	125
Total	7,363

(2) The number of serious (major) claims made by residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year that were rejected in each financial year:

Financial Year	Number of Major Claims
2010-11	66
2011-12	80
2012-13	72
2013-14	57
2014-15	57
2015-16	48
2016-17	39
2017-18	25
2018-19 (Year to Date up to 30 September 2018)	0
Total	443

(3) The top five industries for serious (major) claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year:

The top five industries in 2010-2011 were:

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- Manufacturing
- Health and community services
- Property and business services
- Construction
- Transport and storage.

The top five industries in 2011-2012 were:

- Manufacturing
- Health care and social assistance
- Construction
- Retail trade
- Transport, postal and warehousing

The top five industries in 2012-2013 were:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Health care and social assistance
- Transport, postal and warehousing
- Retail trade

The top five industries in 2013-2014 were:

- Manufacturing
- Health care and social assistance
- Construction
- Transport, postal and warehousing
- Retail trade

The top five industries in 2014-2015 were:

- Health care and social assistance
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Transport, postal and warehousing
- Retail trade

The top five industries in 2015-2016 were:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Health care and social assistance
- Retail trade
- Transport, postal and warehousing

The top five industries in 2016-2017 were:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Health care and social assistance
- Transport, postal and warehousing
- Retail trade

The top five industries in 2017-2018 were:

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Health care and social assistance
- Retail trade
- Transport, postal and warehousing

The top five industries in 2018 2019 year to date up to 30 September 2018 were:

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Health care and social assistance
- Retail trade
- Wholesale trade

(4) The top five occupations for serious (major) claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year:

The top five occupations in 2010-2011 were:

- Labourers and related workers,
- Intermediate production and transport workers,
- Tradespersons and related workers,
- Professionals,
- Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers.

The top five occupations in 2011-2012 were:

- Labourers
- Technicians and trades workers
- Machinery operators and drivers
- Community and personal service workers
- Professionals

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- Labourers
- Technicians and trades workers
- Machinery operators and drivers
- Community and personal service workers
- Professionals

The top five occupations in 2018 2019 year to date up to 30 September 2018 were:

- Technicians and trades workers
- Machinery operators and drivers
- Community and personal service workers
- Clerical and administrative workers
- Managers

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5. The top five injuries or diseases for serious (major) claims in the Granville electorate in each financial year:

The top five injuries or diseases in 2010-2011 were:

- Sprains and strains of joints and adjacent muscles
- Fractures
- Open wound (not traumatic amputation)
- Deafness
- Contusion (intact skin surface) + crushing (not fracture)

The top five injuries or diseases in 2011-2012 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Deafness
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing

The top five injuries or diseases in 2012-2013 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Muscle/tendon strain (non traumatic)
- Trauma to muscles

The top five injuries or diseases in 2013-2014 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Trauma to muscles
- Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing

The top five injuries or diseases in 2014-2015 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Trauma to muscles
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing

The top five injuries or diseases in 2015-2016 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Trauma to muscles
- Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing

The top five injuries or diseases in 2016-2017 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Trauma to muscles
- Contusion, bruising and superficial crushing

The top five injuries or diseases in 2017-2018 were:

- Soft tissue injuries due to trauma or unknown mechanisms with insufficient information to code elsewhere
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation

- Trauma to joints and ligaments, not elsewhere classified
- Trauma to muscles

The top five injuries or diseases in 2018 2019 year to date up to 30 September 2018 were:

- Deafness
- Laceration or open wound not involving traumatic amputation
- Trauma to joints and ligaments, not elsewhere classified
- Trauma to muscles
- Other fractures, not elsewhere classified

*9718 **PROCUREMENT RECYCLED MATERIALS AND GOODS**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What requirements does the Government have to ensure that all New South Wales government agencies and projects purchase recycled and recyclable materials and goods?
- (2) What mandatory targets does the Government set, how are these monitored and how are results made public?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework 2015 encourages government agencies to consider sustainability principles (such as recyclable materials and goods) in their value-for-money considerations for procurement and includes reference to mandatory agency compliance with the requirements in Premier's Memorandum M2014-08 NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP).

Under the GREP, agencies are encouraged to continually improve their waste efficiency and help drive growth and innovation in the market for recycled and sustainably sourced material.

New South Wales government agencies set also set their own more specific environmental targets for certain procurements as relevant, for example in relation to reduction, re-use and recycling of concrete and aggregates.

(2) Agencies need to submit annual reporting on their progress on the GREP to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) each year. OEH collates and publishes the whole of government progress report each year to outline government progress on the GREP.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) prepares a new Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy every five years, the strategy sets targets for 2021 22. The EPA is required to report and publish progress against the WARR strategy every two years.

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*9719 **DENTAL HEALTH IN ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT**—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many vouchers under the NSW Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme have been issued in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (2) What is the total value of the vouchers issued in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (3) In each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018), how many vouchers were issued for:
 - (a) Emergency care;
 - (b) General dental;
 - (c) Dentures?
- (4) What is the total value of the vouchers issued for:
 - (a) Emergency care;
 - (b) General dental;
 - (c) Dentures?
- (5) How long are the vouchers that are issued under the NSW Oral Health Fee for Service Scheme valid for?
- (6) What happens to unused vouchers?

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- (7) Was a project manager recently appointed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District to manage dental waiting lists?
- (a) If so:
- (i) When did that appointment start;
 - (ii) What is the total remuneration for the position;
 - (iii) Is the position ongoing?
- (8) How many dentists are directly employed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District as at 25 October 2018?
- (a) What is the grade and salary level of these dentists as at 25 October 2018?
- (9) How many oral health therapists are employed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District as at 25 October 2018?
- (a) What is the grade and salary level of these oral health therapists as at 25 October 2018?
- (10) How many calls have been received at the Oral Health Care Centre Number 1300 369 651 in the Illawarra Shoalhaven in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (11) How many dental assistants are employed by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (a) What is the grade and salary level of these dental assistants as at 25 October 2018?
- (12) How many chairs in each public dental clinic in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District were available in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (13) How many chairs in each public dental clinic in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District were used?

Answer—

Public dental services are provided according to criteria that prioritises emergency situations, as well as patient groups in most need and at highest risk of disease. Data is regularly updated and can be accessed at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

The number of dental chairs across the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District has increased by six since 2014-15.

*9720 FACILITIES AND CLASSROOMS FOR SCHOOLS IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the number of temporary demountable classrooms at each school in the Entrance electorate?
- (a) How long has each been in place?
- (2) What is the number and location of air conditioning units in each school in the Entrance electorate?
- (3) What is the number and location of fans in each school in the Entrance electorate?
- (a) Is there any maintenance scheduled for any of these schools?
- (4) What is the number of water drinking fountains at each school in the Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Department of Education uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns; provide accommodation to meet emergency needs arising from incidents such as fires, storms or flooding; and provide temporary accommodation needs as a result of capital works and maintenance projects.

The use of demountables allows the department to be highly responsive to changing needs in schools across the State. All demountable classrooms are air conditioned and receive regular maintenance.

The Government has announced \$500 million to provide a sustainable air conditioning program for New South Wales schools. Schools with a mean maximum January temperature of 30 degrees Celsius and above will receive air conditioning in classrooms and libraries.

To extend the benefit of this investment, schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30 degrees Celsius can apply for funding to receive air conditioning in their classrooms and libraries.

In addition, all new schools and school upgrades yet to be delivered will have air-conditioning installed in the new classrooms and libraries.

The department does not keep central records on numbers and locations of items like fans and drinking fountains at schools.

*9721 SCHOOLS IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) For each school in the Entrance electorate, what are the:
- (a) Current enrollments;
 - (b) Current capacity for enrolments;
 - (c) Teacher numbers;
 - (d) Support staff numbers;
 - (e) Plans for adding classrooms or upgrades for each school;
 - (f) Whether the school offers Ethnic Education or otherwise?

Answer—

I'm advised that information on school enrolments, staff and upgrade projects are available on the MySchool website, individual school annual reports and the School Infrastructure NSW website.

*9722 DECREASE IN SENIORS USING THE KEOLIS DOWNER BUS NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What is the reason for the 7 per cent decrease in seniors using the Keolis Downer bus network between September 2017 and September 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9597.

*9723 DECREASE IN SCHOOL STUDENTS USING KEOLIS DOWNER BUS NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the reason for the 45,000 decrease in school students using Keolis Downer bus network in July to September 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and infrastructure.

*9724 SECURITY STAFF EMPLOYED AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many full-time equivalent security staff are employed at the John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q9557.

*9725 SECURITY STAFF EMPLOYED AT NEWCASTLE MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How many full-time equivalent security staff are employed at the Newcastle Mater Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q9557.

*9726 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) On what date did the Government inform the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) of its decision to pay the lessee of Port Botany and Port Kembla for containers shipped through the Port of Newcastle?
- (2) On what date did the Government inform the ACCC that it required the developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle to pay a fine of \$150 for every container shipped over a certain limit?

Answer—

- (1) Please see answer to LA Q4621.
- (2) The developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle is not required to pay a fine of \$150 for every container shipped over a certain limit.

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*9727 COAL DUST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What dangers does coal dust pose to those exposed to it?
- (2) What is the Minister doing to reduce the impact of coal dust on inner city suburbs of Newcastle such as Tighes Hill, Maryville, Islington, Carrington and Mayfield?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Health.
- (2) The Environment Protection Authority requires best practice dust controls at all coal handling facilities and undertakes announced and unannounced inspections to assess compliance with environment protection licence conditions.

*9728 HUNTER TAFE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) How many students were in enrolled in TAFE in the Hunter in each year from 2011 to 2018 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (2) How full time staff were employed by TAFE in the Hunter in each year from 2011 to 2018 (as at 25 October 2018)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) TAFE NSW operates in a competitive environment and does not provide staffing or enrolment data by location. TAFE NSW does provide staffing and enrolment data as part of its annual reporting, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/abouttafensw/annualreport> and at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/how-we-operate/annual-reports>.

*9729 ABC PHARMACY NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that his department has refused to grant permission to the operator of ABC Pharmacy to move to a new location?
- (2) Will the Minister intervene and allow the operator of ABC Pharmacy to move the premises of his location a few hundred meters from where it currently operates?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Does the Minister agree that bureaucratic red tape is the only barrier to the pharmacy moving locations?
- (4) What action are you taking to ensure patients are not adversely impacted by not allowing the pharmacy to relocate?

Answer—

I am advised that the Ministry of Health is currently considering an application made by the operator of ABC Pharmacy to move the pharmacy to new premises. The assessment of any application for an exemption is a matter for the Secretary, NSW Health to consider in accordance with the Poisons and Therapeutics Goods Regulation 2008 (NSW).

If required, the Ministry of Health and Hunter New England Local Health District will make arrangements to ensure there is no disruption to patient care.

*9730 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS TO REGIONAL NSW—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many public sector jobs have been relocated to regional New South Wales since the Government set its target of 1,500 public sector jobs to be relocated from metropolitan Sydney to regional New South Wales by 2021?
- (2) How many public sector jobs have been relocated to each regional area of New South Wales since March 2011, including:
 - (a) Newcastle;
 - (b) Wollongong;
 - (c) Lake Macquarie;
 - (d) Illawarra;
 - (e) Hunter;
 - (f) Mid-North Coast;

- (g) Richmond Tweed;
 - (h) Central West;
 - (i) New England and North West ;
 - (j) Riverina;
 - (k) South Coast ;
 - (l) Coffs Harbour and Grafton;
 - (m) Far West;
 - (n) Murray?
- (3) What departments and agencies make up the number of public sector jobs relocated to regional New South Wales in (2)?
- (4) What is the status of each of the 19 Regional Action Plans published during 2012 as at 25 October 2018?
- (5) Has the Government announced or published any updates to the Regional Action Plans in (4)?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1), (2) and (3) The Government is ensuring regional New South Wales continues to be a vibrant and growing part of our State's economy and that government agencies have a strong regional presence.

The Government is the largest single employer in Australia, and in recent years has actively sought to create more regional opportunities and jobs in the public sector.

Since 2014 the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has created 81 new full time jobs across Lithgow and Maitland and relocated 26 jobs to Grafton.

The Office of State Revenue has created a further 55 new part-time jobs in Lithgow and 54 new part-time jobs in Maitland.

In April the newly established Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission opened its headquarters in Bathurst, and will have up to 60 employees.

The Department of Primary Industries is headquartered in Orange, including its Director General and other senior staff.

A further 400 positions are on track for relocation by March 2019, as announced in 2015 election commitments:

- The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation will relocate 300 roles to Gosford and 50 roles to Queanbeyan in 2018.
- 50 roles from the Department of Education will be located in Queanbeyan once the Rural Education Hub is operational in 2019.

In addition to providing public sector opportunities, the Government is also focused on attracting private businesses and skilled workers to regional locations by creating a favourable investment environment, through the Regional NSW Investment Attraction Package.

(4) The Regional Action Plans (RAPS) were released in December 2012. The RAPS made Government commitments to deliver priorities raised by communities over a two year period.

(5) Since 2015 the Government has released 10 NSW Regional Plans. These Regional Plans provide a framework to support the future needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. The Government has also developed Regional Economic Development strategies, which are tailored plans to support economic growth across regional New South Wales. In July 2018, the Government released its 20-Year Economic Vision, an overarching blueprint to achieve a secure future for those working and living in regional towns now and for generations to come.

*9731 SCHOOLS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPACITIES—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the current capacity (in terms of permanent and temporary classrooms) of the following Schools for Special Purpose in the Macarthur region:
- (a) Lomandra School;
 - (b) Passfield Park School;
 - (c) Beverley Park School;
 - (d) Ajuga School;
 - (e) Mary Brooksbank School?
- (2) At what percentage of that capacity are each of the schools in part (1) currently operating?

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- (3) What action(s) has the Government taken to reduce the burden on Lomandra School, since it was revealed in mid-2016 that the school was operating 43 per cent above capacity?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1) There are a total of 49 teaching spaces in the schools identified.
- (2) The accommodation requirements of Schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs) is dependent on the individual needs of the current student body. As the needs of students change, the department provides resources as required.
- (3) The Government is investing \$25 million to expand three SSPs in the nearby Glenfield area, which will help provide new facilities to meet enrolment demand in the area.

- *9732 RESTART NSW FUND FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Why has the Government not yet delivered the mandatory minimum 30 per cent of total payments from the Restart NSW fund for rural and regional infrastructure projects, as identified in the Auditor General's report of State Finances, dated 19 October 2018?

Answer—

An ironclad guarantee has been put in place to make sure regional New South Wales receives its 30 per cent of Restart funding, over the life span of the Fund. This is a legislated commitment.

The Auditor General's report refers to a technical reporting measure (payments made) and therefore does not paint the full picture. It excludes various funding programs under which money has been reserved for future projects in Regional New South Wales. A number of projects have funding set aside for when councils have the capacity to start project construction.

To date, \$32.9 billion has been deposited into the Restart NSW fund.

As per the 2018-19 NSW Budget Papers, approximately \$9.5 billion in Restart NSW funding is committed or reserved for programs and projects in regional New South Wales as at 30 June 2018. This is comprised of \$5.8 billion committed from Restart NSW and \$3.6 billion reserved for future projects.

- *9733 MAINTENANCE WORK AT KEGWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

How much did the Department of Education spend on maintenance work at Kegworth Public school in each year from 2014 to 2018 (as at 25 October 2018)?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Information about school maintenance was publicly released on 25 February 2018, and can be found on the NSW Department of Education's disclosure log.

- *9734 MENTAL HEALTH UNITS AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many beds will there be in the new mental health units at Campbelltown Hospital, once the Stage 2 upgrades are completed?
- (2) What increases in recurrent funding are planned to guarantee there will be adequate resources to fund the ongoing operation of the new mental health units?

Answer—

- (1) The final number of beds is still being determined as part of planning for the Stage 2 redevelopment, which also includes consideration of the inclusion of specialist state-wide mental health beds. There are currently 66 beds in the Campbelltown Hospital mental health units and this is expected to increase significantly following the Stage 2 redevelopment.
- (2) Service activity in new facilities is negotiated between the Ministry of Health and the Local Health District as part of the annual Service Agreement process.

- *9735 DIGITISING SOCIAL SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of moving services to online and digital access or e-Government?
- (2) What evaluation has the Government carried out on the impacts on the way citizens interact with government agencies and can access services?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that all citizens have access to these services, including those who:
 - (a) Are on low incomes;
 - (b) Are aged over 65;
 - (c) Have a disability;
 - (d) Have low levels of educational attainment;
 - (e) Are Indigenous;
 - (f) Have limited English or English as a second language;
 - (g) Are unemployed?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to prevent vulnerable and marginalised groups from being excluded from accessing government services online?

Answer—

I am advised that this question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP.

*9736 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS AND SOLAR HOT WATER IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What action has been taken to install photovoltaic panels and solar hot water in government buildings?
- (2) How many buildings in the Sydney electorate have photovoltaic panels and solar hot water?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of cost and emissions savings?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to install photovoltaic panels and solar hot water on its buildings?

Answer—

- (1) Property NSW has completed a review and feasibility assessment of Solar PV opportunities across the owned portfolio. The assessment has identified an opportunity to install up to 1 megawatt (MW) of photovoltaic systems across 13 commercial buildings within the portfolio. An application has been made for Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) funding on the project.
- (2) Property NSW owns three office accommodation buildings within the Sydney electorate (1 Prince Albert Road, 121 Macquarie Street and 453 Kent Street). There are currently no photovoltaic panels or solar hot water projects planned for these locations.
- (3) Property NSW has developed a sustainability plan for all owned assets. The plan includes a series of cost and emission saving initiatives to be implemented throughout 2018 to 2021. The plan aims to ensure Property NSW remains compliant with the Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP).
- (4) As part of its Sustainability Plan Property NSW undertakes an annual review of energy efficiency opportunities. Property NSW will review and implement solar photovoltaic and solar hot water projects based on suitability of owned assets and available capital funding.\

*9737 DAILY TRIP NUMBERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What were the daily trip numbers for Woy Woy Road each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (2) What were the daily trip numbers for Central Coast Highway at Kariong each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (3) What were the daily trip numbers for Brisbane Water Drive each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Please refer to my previous response, LA Q9346.
- (2) and (3) Roads and Maritime Services does not have daily trip numbers for financial years.

*9738 MAINTENANCE ISSUES WITHIN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What are the different categories of maintenance issues?
- (2) What are the allotted waiting times for each of these categories to be completed?

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- (a) What percentage of issues reported to the Housing Contact Centre are finalised within the allotted timeframe?
- (3) Why are contactors sent multiple times to assess and take photos of the same reported issue?
 - (a) What is the timeframe for work to be completed once this has occurred?
 - (b) How many outstanding issues exceed this time frame?
- (4) How many properties in the Cessnock electorate have major outstanding reported issues?
 - (a) How many of these have been waiting:
 - (i) less than 3 months;
 - (ii) more than 3 months;
 - (iii) less than 6 months?
 - (b) What is the current longest wait time (as at 25 October 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) maintenance program is available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am also advised the number of properties undergoing maintenance in any location varies. FACS routinely carries out maintenance through responsive maintenance requests and planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition and to ensure consistent maintenance standards across the State.

*9739 NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND CHANNEL MARKERS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Who maintains and funds maintenance of the navigation lights and channel markers on Ourimbah Creek and Tumbi Creek which flows into Tuggerah Lake on the New South Wales Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services.

*9740 CHILDREN AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) In relation to the recent reports about the decrease in number of face-to-face assessments of children at risk of significant harm, what is the number of children at Risk of Significant Harm within in each Family and Community Services (FACS) District?
- (2) How many received a face-to-face response within each FACS District?
- (3) Can the figures for all three quarters where data is missing; the December 2017-18 quarter, March 2017-18 quarter and June 2017-18 quarter be provided?
- (4) Why were these figures not released with the June 2018 caseworker statistics?

Answer—

I am advised the information about 2017-18 data is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/media/releases/archive/positive-child-protection-data-also-show-a-short-term-drop-in-otherwise-uninterrupted-seven-year-trend-of-productivity-growth-by-caseworkers>

Since 2011 this Government, and I as the Minister, have worked to transform the child protection system. This has seen a doubling in the number of children reported at risk of significant harm (ROSH) receiving a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker. This has risen from 12,701 in 2010-11 to 26, 196 in 2017-18.

The number of children reported at ROSH receiving a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker has risen consistently since 2010, however the latest published data shows a drop in 2017-18 from the 27,793 seen in 2016-17.

I am deeply disappointed by this and have asked the Secretary to undertake a review of the reduction in the number of children seen in 2017-18. I expect it be completed and available to me by Christmas. Once I have considered the report, it will be made public.

*9741 HOSPITAL STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) When will the new additions to Gosford Hospital be fully staffed?

- (2) Is there concern about the health and safety of patients and staff with nurses regularly doing three double shifts per week to make up for understaffing?
 (3) Why was the hospital expansion opened if it wasn't ready to adequately staff the new wards?

Answer—

Current services and future refurbished areas have been carefully planned and staffed in line with the predicted work, and a phased opening has been ongoing.

The Central Coast Local Health District uses Statewide Rostering Best Practice Standards. Overtime levels are monitored to ensure appropriate breaks for staff.

- *9742 REINSTATING THE INNER WEST VIA REGENTS PARK LINE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How is it possible to effectively reinstate the Innerwest via Regents Park line service under the Sydenham to Bankstown Temporary Transport Plan temporarily but not permanently?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is exploring all bus and train options to ensure it delivers a safe, efficient and integrated transport system with the least disruption to customers during the Bankstown Line upgrade.

Details of changes to services will be announced in time to allow customers to plan any changes in their travel.

Planning is still underway for services on the T3 Bankstown Line for when the Sydney Metro & City Southwest opens in 2024.

- *9743 INCREASE IN RATES CHARGED TO HOMEOWNERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Considering the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal ruling allowing an increase in rates charged to homeowners, what are the requirements of the mandatory new rate structure for amalgamated councils, particularly Canterbury-Bankstown?
 (2) If these are not available, when will they be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Local Government Act 1993 sets out a process that regulates the amount by which councils increase their general income, the main component of which is rates revenue from ordinary and special rates.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has set the 2019-2020 rate peg for New South Wales councils at 2.7 per cent. The rate peg determines the maximum allowable percentage increase in general income for local councils in New South Wales. IPART calculates the rate peg based on the Local Government Cost Index, which measures price changes over the previous year for the goods and labour an average council will use. IPART also looks at productivity changes over the same period.

The Government's rate path protection commitment means that residents of amalgamated councils pay no more for their rates than they would have under their old Council for a period of four years. The rate path protection freezes the rate paths, rather than the amounts on individual rates notices.

- *9744 DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF COMPLIANCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Has the noise management plan referred to in LA Q7814 been submitted, assessed and approved?
 (a) What changes resulted from this plan?
 (i) How is this information made available to the adjacent community to improve understanding of venue operations?
 (2) How many complaints about intrusive noise impacts, public nuisance, breach of delivery and waste removal conditions, numbers and behaviour of patrons and hours of operation have been made since 2011 (to 24 October 2018)?
 (a) How many of these were investigated;
 (b) How many resulted in enforcement action;
 (c) What action was taken?
 (3) What proactive action has the Government taken to prevent future impacts and ensure compliance with consent conditions?

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- (4) What further action will the Government take to ensure compliance and protect adjacent residents from intrusive night time noise and nuisance?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A draft Noise Management Plan (NMP) has been submitted to the Department for approval.
 - (a) The assessment of the NMP has involved seeking additional information from Doltone House to ensure that the plan meets the conditions of consent.
 - (i) The Department is assessing the NMP and as such it would not be appropriate to release it publicly at this stage. There is no requirement under the Doltone House consent for the NMP to be made publicly available once approved.
- (2) Since 2014, the Department has received approximately 230 complaints, and of these complaints 159 are from one complainant.
 - (a) The Department investigates all concerns raised by the community.
 - (b) Eight.
 - (c) In November 2016, the Department issued Doltone House with an Official Caution. Since June 2017, the Department has issued Doltone House with four Penalty Notices (three for out of hours deliveries and one for exceeding patron numbers) and three Official Cautions for breaches of their Consent DA 52-03-05.
- (3) The Department has requested Doltone House better address residents' concerns, including through completing a revised NMP. The Department has also recommended to Doltone House that they meet with affected residents to discuss their concerns and attempt to resolve them. The Department has offered to attend this meeting and provide a facilitator.
- (4) The Department will continue to monitor the development and investigate any concerns raised by the community from time to time.

*9746 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON CENTRAL COAST ROADS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Considering this year's Budget allocated \$3 million for "intersection improvements on Central Coast roads at Gosford"
 - (a) Which roads does this refer?
 - (b) What works will this budget allocation fund?
 - (c) What is the timeline for these works?

Answer—

I am advised:

The \$3 million allocated this year is for investigations, planning and improvements to a number of roads and intersections. Timing for these works is dependent on consultation, weather, environment and planning approvals.

*9747 SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) When a social housing tenant living in the Maitland electorate reports a maintenance issue to Housing NSW and the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC), how long on average does it take for the maintenance issue to be fixed?
- (2) What is the value of outstanding maintenance works for social housing in the Maitland electorate, by postcodes?

Answer—

I am advised information on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) maintenance program, including expected response times, is available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am further advised the number of properties undergoing maintenance in any location varies. FACS routinely carries out maintenance through responsive maintenance requests and planned maintenance programs to keep its properties in good condition and to ensure consistent maintenance standards across the State.

*9748 MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE LIGHT-RAIL TRAVEL TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the projected total journey time for Maitland train commuters on an all stops Hunter Line train to the Civic and Pacific Park light rail stops from:
 - (a) Telarah Train Station;
 - (b) Maitland Train Station;
 - (c) Victoria Street (East Maitland) Train Station;
 - (d) Thornton Train Station?
- (2) What is the projected total journey time for Maitland train commuters on a limited stops Hunter Line train to the Civic and Pacific Park light rail stops from:
 - (a) Telarah Train Station;
 - (b) Maitland Train Station;
 - (c) Victoria Street (East Maitland) Train Station;
 - (d) Thornton Train Station?
- (3) What was the 2014 journey time for Maitland train commuters on all stops and limited stops Hunter Line trains to the Civic and Newcastle train stations from:
 - (a) Telarah Train Station;
 - (b) Maitland Train Station;
 - (c) Victoria Street (East Maitland) Train Station;
 - (d) Thornton Train Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Current journey times to the Newcastle Interchange are available on the Transport for NSW website. Connecting light rail services will operate every 7.5 minutes. Light rail journey times will be better understood following testing, and confirmed within the first six months of service.

(3) The journey time in 2014 from the selected stations to Newcastle Station on an all stops service in the morning peak hour was between 28 and 41 minutes. On a limited stops service, the journey time was between 24 and 38 minutes.

The journey time in 2014 from the selected stations to Civic Station on an all stops service in the morning peak hour was between 25 and 38 minutes. On a limited stops service, the journey time was between 21 and 35 minutes.

***9749 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE REFUNDS—**Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many residents are eligible for a Compulsory Third Party Insurance (CTP) Green Slip refund in each of the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2320;
 - (b) 2321;
 - (c) 2322;
 - (d) 2323?
- (2) What is the total value of CTP refunds in each of the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2320;
 - (b) 2321;
 - (c) 2322;
 - (d) 2323?
- (3) How many residents have claimed their CTP Green Slip refund in each of the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2320;
 - (b) 2321;
 - (c) 2322;
 - (d) 2323?

Answer—

(1) In each of the following postcodes the number of compulsory third party (CTP) insurance policies eligible for a refund under the transition to the new motor accident scheme is approximately:

- (a) 2320 = 21,537
- (b) 2321 = 9,657
- (c) 2322 = 12,933
- (d) 2323 = 15,752

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(2) In each of the following postcodes the total value of the CTP refunds is approximately:

(a) 2320 = \$1,125,485

(b) 2321 = \$498,708

(c) 2322 = \$705,734

(d) 2323 = \$836,747

(3) As at 29 October 2018, in each of the following postcodes the number of policy refunds that have been claimed is approximately:

(a) 2320 = 17,001, or 79 per cent

(b) 2321 = 7,541, or 78 per cent

(c) 2322 = 10,380, or 80 per cent

(d) 2323 = 10,062 or 64 per cent

Policy holders have until 30 June 2019 to claim their CTP refunds.

*9750 NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REGISTER—Ms Julia Finn asked the Premier—

(1) How many people are currently registered in the New South Wales Government Boards and Committees Register as at 25 October 2018?

(2) How many women are registered?

(3) How many Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds are registered?

(4) How many people from each state electorate are registered?

Answer—

The Government utilises a variety of mediums to attract applicants to government boards, of which the Register is only one.

*9751 RUTHERFORD AMBULANCE STAFFING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Why was a recent submission for increased paramedic staffing of Rutherford Station rejected by NSW Ambulance?

(2) How many of the following incidents were responded to by the Rutherford Primary Care ambulance and the Rutherford Ambulance Rescue truck in each of the 2016-17 to 2017-18 financial years;

(a) Life Threatening (P1A);

(b) Emergency (P1);

(c) Urgent (P2)?

(3) How many times have NSW Ambulance units from the following stations responded to incidents (P1A, P1 & P2) within the 2320, 2321, 2322 & 2323 postcode areas in each of the 2016-17 to 2017-18 financial years:

(a) Beresfield;

(b) Kurri Kurri;

(c) Dungog;

(d) Raymond Terrace;

(e) Singleton?

(4) Why is Maitland/Rutherford station not named as being part of the Hunter 2 Zone on the ambulance performance section of the Bureau of Health Information's website?

Answer—

I am advised NSW Ambulance is not aware of any request for increased paramedic staffing at Rutherford Station.

NSW Ambulance activity and performance data is publicly available at zone level on the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) website at www.bhi.nsw.gov.au. Activity and performance data from Rutherford Station is included by BHI as part of the overall results for Hunter Zone 2.

*9752 CASEWORKER VACANCIES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Considering the most recent Family and Community Services Caseworker Dashboard demonstrates a zero per cent average caseworker vacancy rate State-wide, yet there are still 16 full-time equivalent positions vacant within Western New South Wales, four within the Illawarra Shoalhaven region and four within the Murrumbidgee region, will these positions be filled?

(a) If so, what steps are being taken to do so?

Answer—

I am advised that information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/caseworker-statistics>.

I am advised that FACS continues to recruit caseworkers to our frontline. FACS has introduced an assessment process that has significantly reduced recruitment timeframes. I am advised FACS will continue to recruit caseworkers and maintain as low a vacancy rate as possible. In addition, FACS also participates in information sessions at both university and general careers expos across New South Wales to attract potential employees.

*9753 REVIEW INTO REDUCTION OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FACE-TO-FACE ASSESSMENT—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Why have the statistics in relation to the review into the reduction in the number of children who received a face-to-face assessment in 2017-18 not been released?

(a) Will the report be available to the general public when it is completed?

Answer—

I am advised the information about 2017-18 data is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/media/releases/archive/positive-child-protection-data-also-show-a-short-term-drop-in-otherwise-uninterrupted-seven-year-trend-of-productivity-growth-by-caseworkers>.

Since 2011 this Government, and I as the Minister, have worked to transform the child protection system. This has seen a doubling in the number of children reported at risk of significant harm (ROSH) receiving a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker. This has risen from 12,702 in 2010-11 to 26,196 in 2017-18. The number of children reported at ROSH receiving a face-to-face assessment from a caseworker has risen consistently since 2010, however the latest published data shows a drop in 2017-18 from the 27,793 seen in 2016-17.

I am deeply disappointed by this and have asked the Secretary to undertake a review of the reduction in the number of children seen in 2017/18. I expect it be completed and available to me by Christmas. Once I have considered the report, it will be made public.

*9754 ANTISOCIAL TENANT MANAGEMENT IN MAITLAND SOCIAL HOUSING—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many Family and Community Services (FACS) Housing tenants have been the subject of warnings under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2017-18 in the following postcodes:

- (a) 2320;
- (b) 2321;
- (c) 2322;
- (d) 2323?

- (2) How many FACS Housing tenants have been the subject of NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal eviction proceedings under the Antisocial Behaviour Management Policy in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2017-18 in the following postcodes:

- (a) 2320;
- (b) 2321;
- (c) 2322;
- (d) 2323?

Answer—

I am advised that information relating to the number of Family and Community Services (FACS) Antisocial Behaviour warnings issued is available on the FACS' Antisocial Behaviour dashboard at:

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<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/reforms/future-directions/reforms/antisocial-behaviour/antisocial-behaviour-data-dashboard>.

*9755 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN TEMPORARY TRANSPORT SERVICE PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Will the four services per hour along the Inner West via Regents Park on the T2 Line service under the Sydenham to Bankstown Temporary Transport Service Plan all stations between Lidcombe and Liverpool be continued?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available on the Sydney Metro website.

*9756 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Considering the Budget Estimates hearing on September 3, 2018 and the possible link between Section 39 of the Workers Compensation legislation and the six persons affected by s39 that are now deceased, did you or your department specifically refer, in writing, these matters to the Coroner?
- (2) Has the Coroner finalised and released a report on any of these persons and if so, how many?
- (3) In which month(s) did the Coroner release reports on these deaths?
- (4) Are there any identifying features of these incidents that could identify the relevant Coroners report?
- (5) Did you or your department ask the Coroner to consider the commonality of these 6 events with regard to s39 of the Act?

Answer—

- (1) State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) has not made any referral to the Coroner.
- (2) SIRA is aware of a Coroner's report in relation one individual.
- (3) May 2018.
- (4) The adherence to privacy and confidentiality protocols in its reporting is a matter for the State Coroner's office.
- (5) No.

*9757 TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many traffic infringement notices (TIN) have been issued to motorists for failing to keep left in each financial year 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (2) How much has Revenue NSW collected from motorists who have received a TIN for failing to keep left in each financial year 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (3) How many TINs for failing to keep left have been waived by Revenue NSW following appeal in each financial year 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 25 October 2018)?
- (4) Where are the top five areas in New South Wales where TINs for failing to keep left have been issued in the 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

(1) and (2) See Appendix A

(3)

If reviewed and outcome	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Not reviewed	2,267	3,600	3,803	1,142
Not waived on review	576	904	1,024	108
Waived on review	89	144	164	29
Total	2,932	4,648	4,991	1,279

(4)

Rank	Suburb	Number of PNs
1	Cowan	59
2	St Ives	31

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3	Holbrook	26
4	Belrose	24
5	Tumblong	20

Notes

- Data collated and correct on 31-Oct-2018 is for penalty notices (PNs) and revenue up to 25 -October 2018. Data may change retrospectively.
- Data is for all PNs issued for offences under r129 and r130 of Road Rules 2014, with the exceptions of bicycles and 'non motor vehicles'.
- Waiver is not a term found in the Fines Act 1996 (FA) - this report treats 'cautioned' or 'withdrawn' (no-actioned) under the FA as 'waived'
- Under published SDRO Guidelines, customers with a 10 year clear driving record prior to the offence may be eligible for a caution (i.e. caution of PN on review)
- Face value amount for offences is shown as a proxy for revenue collected. Once a penalty notice is enforced amounts recovered are not attributable to individual offences.
- Data is only as accurate as provided by issuing authority

*9758 FUTURE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AT CAMERON PARK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the vacant land owned by Department of Education at Cameron Park for a future school construction, what percentage capacity of the surrounding area schools located at Edgeworth and Edgeworth Heights do the existing schools need to reach to instigate construction of the new school?
- (2) As no schools in the electorate of Cessnock are located within the Newcastle Primary Schools Community Group, has the Department of Education undertaken any planning for Hunter schools outside of this group in 2018?
 - (a) If yes, where are these schools located?
 - (b) If no, when will the other areas be considered?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The NSW Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales. To do so, the

department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment, local councils and local developers.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the department provides additional permanent facilities or new schools as necessary.

*9759 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What are the top 20 electorates with the greatest number of residents who receive the Low Income Household Rebate in order of the most to the least?
- (2) What are the top 10 electorates with the least number of residents who receive the Low Income Household Rebate ?
- (3) Which of the electorates named in Question 1 are included in the 'Solar for Low Income Households Program'?
- (4) Which of the electorates named in Question 2 are included in the 'Solar for Low Income Households Program'?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Energy and Utilities.

*9760 SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) Considering your answer to a Question Without Notice in Question Time on October 24 2018 where you stated "over the years Jobs for NSW has supported more than 500 businesses", could you provide a list of those 500 businesses?
 - (a) Could you please identify the nature of the "support" given to each of those businesses in terms of value and type of funding?

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- (b) Could you please identify how many of those 500 businesses are still in operation?
- (2) What is the total value of funds invested into these 500 businesses?
 - (a) Of the businesses that no longer exist, how much New South Wales taxpayer funding will not be recovered?
 - (b) Of the businesses that no longer exist, how many of those have the Government as a listed creditor?
 - (i) What is the maximum percentage and quantum of lost funds that could be recovered?

Answer—

- (1) and (1) (a) This information is publicly available.
- (b) Jobs for NSW is aware of three of the businesses that are no longer in operation.
- (2) This information is publicly available.
- (a) The liquidation process is still underway.
- (b) Two.
- (i) The liquidation process is still underway

*9761 STAFF MEMBER'S EXTENDED SICK LEAVE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering a staff placement that affects a staff member's wellbeing and mental health at a particular New South Wales Public School location and has resulted in extended sick leave, is each case assessed individually prior to a decision being made for the staff member to be moved or to remain at the particular location?
- (2) Is any credence given to documentation provided by a health professional and/or mental health professional in making a decision for the staff member to remain at the particular location?
 - (a) Are the decision makers qualified to assess an individual on health/mental health grounds?
- (3) Is the continued notification to the staff member that they will not be transferred to another location but must remain at the particular location once their health/mental health improves deemed to be bullying and harassment in the workplace?
 - (a) If no, why not?
 - (b) If no, what is deemed to be bullying and harassment in the workplace?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Staff placements are made in accordance with established policies and procedures depending on the reason and nature of the placement.

Where relevant, the department will take into account advice from health professionals when determining issues of teacher placement.

*9762 REMOVAL OF THE LIVERPOOL TO CBD VIA REGENTS PARK SERVICE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the Sydenham to Bankstown Temporary Transport Service Plan states that the Liverpool to CBD via Regents Park is the fastest service for commuters travelling from stations west of Bankstown:
 - (a) Why was this service removed in the first instance on October 2013?
 - (b) Why has this service not been reinstated immediately?

Answer—

I am advised :

The Liverpool via Regents Park service was removed as part of the Rail Cleanways program to increase capacity and improve reliability on the network by reducing the amount of infrastructure shared by multiple services. Current T3 Bankstown Line peak services provide a faster journey time for customers travelling from stations west of Bankstown to the City.

In 2017, Transport for NSW delivered additional and faster services on the T3 Bankstown Line, reducing journey time for customers travelling west of Bankstown. More than 240 additional services across the week were added on the lines as part of the More Trains, More Services program.

*9763 COMPASS HOUSING SERVICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Considering the properties included in the Social Housing Management program with the tenancy management being transferred to Compass Housing Services on 3 June 2019, how many properties are located in the Cessnock Local Government Area?
- (2) How many properties are located in the Singleton Local Government Area?
- (3) As Aboriginal Housing Office tenants are not included in the program:
 - (a) How many properties are located in the Cessnock Local Government Area?
 - (b) How many properties are located in the Singleton Local Government Area?
- (4) Once the transfer has been completed to Compass Housing Services how many properties will Compass Housing Services have tenancy management for in:
 - (a) The Cessnock Local Government Area?
 - (b) The Singleton Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the Social Housing Management Transfer program is available on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*9764 APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Will you respond to the calls from the NSW Police Association to appoint four new officers to Cessnock police station who will be responsible for monitoring registered sex offenders in the local area?
 - (a) If you do respond, how many officers will you appoint?
- (2) Will you discuss this request from the NSW Police Association with the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner Regional Field Operations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commissioner of Police allocates police officers based on operational requirements. The Government's recent announcement of 1,500 extra police will allow the Commissioner to deploy additional resources to area of need.

*9765 COMMUNITY WAR MEMORIALS FUND—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What was the total value of grants made in each financial year since 2011 (to 25 October 2018)?
- (2) Since 2 April 2015 (to 25 October 2018), how many grants have been made in the following regions:
 - (a) Sydney;
 - (b) Western Sydney;
 - (c) Hunter;
 - (d) Illawarra;
 - (e) Rural and Regional New South Wales?
- (3) Since 2 April 2015 (to 25 October 2018), what is the value of grants made in the following regions:
 - (a) Sydney;
 - (b) Western Sydney;
 - (c) Hunter;
 - (d) Illawarra;
 - (e) Rural and Regional New South Wales?
- (4) What is the budget for grants in 2018-19?
- (5) How many applications are expected to receive funding in 2018-19?
- (6) How many applications were not funded in 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) The total value of Community War Memorials Fund grants made since 2011 (to 25 October 2018) is \$1,862,482.
- (2) 293 Community War Memorials Fund grants have been awarded since 2011 (to 25 October 2018).
 - (a) The office for Veterans Affairs does not divide grants into regions. The grants have been awarded across New South Wales.

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- (3) The total value of Community War Memorials Fund grants made since 2011 (to 25 October 2018) is \$1,862,482.
 - (a) The office for Veterans Affairs does not divide grants into regions. The grants have been awarded across New South Wales.
- (4) The 2018/19 budget for the Community War Memorials Fund is \$250,000.
- (5) Applications to Round 1 of the 2018/19 Community War Memorials Fund are currently being assessed. Applications to Round 2 of the 2018/19 have not opened.
- (6) Out of 80 applications submitted to the Community War Memorials Fund in 2017-18 45 were not funded.

*9766 DETAILS FOR CANCELLATION OF TRAIN FROM INGLEBURN—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering your answer to LA Q9285, where are the details that are publicly available that explain the cancellation of the 8.02am train from Ingleburn on 21 August 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customers were advised of the cancellation via a number of online sources, including Tripview and Twitter.

*9767 MEETINGS WITH MULTICULTURAL ORGANISATIONS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) How many meetings has the Minister had with representatives of multicultural organisations to discuss the following matters:
 - (a) Peter Dutton's comments in November 2016 that the Fraser Government made a "mistake" by resettling Lebanese refugees;
 - (b) Former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's declaration there was "real concern" about "Sudanese gangs" in July 2018;
 - (c) Senator Fraser Anning's inflammatory inaugural speech calling for the return of the White Australia Policy;
 - (d) Senator Pauline Hanson's "it's ok to be white" motion in the Senate?

Answer—

Information on meetings I have had with stakeholders, external organisations (including multicultural organisations), third-party lobbyists and individuals is published on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website at: <https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/publications/ministers-diary-disclosures/>.

*9768 GATEWAY DETERMINATIONS IN CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Why was a new Gateway Determination not issued for the sites known as 83-99 North Terrace and 62 The Mall Bankstown to increase the building heights to 83 metres as referred to in the Canterbury Bankstown Ordinary Meeting Report dated 23 August 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, a Gateway determination can be altered at any time.

The Gateway determination issued on 22 January 2016 was altered to include a maximum building height of 83 metres as requested by Council.

A new Gateway determination was not required to be issued to include this provision.

*9769 FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT NEW ADOPTIONS AND GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What funding has been allocated to implement the Government's new two year timeframe for adoptions and guardianship orders to:
 - (a) Courts to administer the changes?
 - (b) Family and Community Services and Non-Government Organisations to meet the required timeframe?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Budget 2018-19 committed \$639 million for the Permanency Support Program and \$17 million over two years for the Adoption Transformation Program.

*9770 NSW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE JUSTICE STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What stage is the delivery of the NSW Domestic Violence Justice Strategy up to?
- (2) What date will it be released?
- (3) Have any community, professional or other social groups been consulted with? If so, please name them.
- (4) How many online surveys were completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to providing a clear framework for improving the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence.

The Government has undertaken extensive consultation on the NSW Domestic Violence Justice Strategy. Initial stakeholder feedback indicated a strong preference for ongoing consultation. In response, the Department of Justice agreed to extend consultation with government departments and agencies, non-government organisations and justice service users. Consultation is ongoing. It is anticipated that the Domestic Violence Justice Strategy will be completed in mid-2019.

As part of the consultation process, the Department of Justice conducted an online survey, which received 199 responses.

*9771 GOVERNMENT FLEET LOW EMISSION VEHICLES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What proportion of the Government vehicle fleet is:
 - (a) Electric;
 - (b) Hybrid?
- (2) What policies exist to ensure that all new vehicles purchased by the Government as part of its fleet are electric or hybrid?
- (3) To what extent does the Government have plans to achieve 100 per cent electric and hybrid vehicles in its fleet?

Answer—

(1) (a) As at 29 October 2018 there are no pure electric vehicles in the Government fleet.

(b) Of the 21,390 government vehicles in the New South Wales government fleet excluding NSW Police, 576 (2.69 per cent) vehicles are hybrid. Of the 12,959 passenger vehicles in the New South Wales government fleet excluding NSW Police 576 (4.4 per cent) vehicles are hybrid.

(2) There is currently no policy in place to ensure that all new vehicles purchased by the Government as part of its fleet are electric or hybrid.

There are guidelines on the purchase of vehicles and an Approved Vehicle List (AVL).

Whole of life costs are a major consideration when approving vehicles for the AVL. Whole of life costs include purchase price, residual value, monthly lease cost, monthly fuel and maintenance cost. Emissions and safety ratings are also factored into the AVL. Whilst currently there is no funding available to subsidise the upfront price differential of Electric Vehicles, New South Wales government agencies can choose, with Secretary approval, to purchase electric and hybrid vehicles that do not represent the best value whole of life cost option.

(3) The Government currently has no plans to achieve 100 per cent electric and hybrid vehicles across all its fleet in the near future. It is not possible in some of the vehicle categories i.e. commercial vehicles as there are limited electric and hybrid alternatives. Charging infrastructure is also a limiting factor for pure electric vehicles.

*9772 ST JAMES STATION TUNNELS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the St James Railway Station tunnels for railways as originally intended in the Bradfield City Underground Railway scheme?

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- (2) Will the proposed use for entertainment, retail or dining purposes prevent future use of these tunnels for public transport?
- (3) Will this use prevent expansion of the City Underground Railway scheme in future?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that improvements for entertainment, retail or dining purposes will not pre-empt improved public transport?
- (5) What action will the Government take to ensure all public transport options linked to St James Station remain viable?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW has investigated the use of the disused St James Station tunnels. These investigations have indicated that it would not be practical to re-use these tunnels for passenger rail services due to significant risks related to tunnelling, safety requirements, heritage constraints and disruptions to the existing City Circle rail services. While the history and heritage of these tunnels will always be protected, the Government is committed to returning these spaces to the community for future generations to enjoy.
- (2) Yes. Sydney Trains, have invited Expressions of Interest on how to transform the platform and tunnels into a world-renowned attraction.
- (3) While the original Bradfield scheme of the 1920s for the disused St James platforms and tunnels were never completed, the Government is continuing to invest in high capacity mass transport links. Two new underground metro lines will be built over the next decade to provide capacity for customers travelling to the Sydney CBD.
- (4) Future Transport 2056 is the Government's strategic vision for transport across New South Wales over the next 40 years to meet the demands of predicted population growth. The plan introduces the 'Movement and Place Framework', a tool to balance the movement of people and goods with the liveability and sustainability of the places they pass through. The Framework will be used to guide more detailed place plans, such as at St James, to ensure people and goods will be able to move efficiently around the city while enhancing the amenity of the station.
- (5) Future Transport 2056 outlines the need for detailed planning and feasibility studies for specific initiatives to ensure the Government will deliver the best outcomes for customers and the community. This will be achieved through integrated place-based plans. Development ideas will be considered as part of the strategic framework of the wider precinct, ensuring transport needs are met in alignment with land use planning.

*9773 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES JUNK FOOD ADVERTISING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the Government policy about advertising of junk food on major road and motorway lands under Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) control?
- (2) What is the Government policy about advertising of junk food on RMS facilities and vehicles?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of costs and benefit of junk food advertising on RMS roads and motorways?
- (4) How does the Government ensure that this advertising contributes to public benefit?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to reduce exposure to junk food advertising on RMS road and motorway lands?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has a clear set of content standard guidelines which it requires its agencies and related entities to comply with. Under these content guidelines, advertising material must comply with all applicable laws, and a range of industry standards and voluntary codes of conduct established by the advertising industry. In relation to food advertising, these requirements include (but are not limited to):

- Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) Advertiser Code of Ethics and AANA Code of Ethics Practice Note.
- Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) Code for Advertising & Marketing Communications to Children.
- Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) Food & Beverages Code and Advertising & Marketing Communications Code Practice Note.

*9774 ACCIDENTS ON WOY WOY ROAD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) How many accidents occurred on Woy Woy Road in the following years:

- (a) 2013-14;
- (b) 2014-15;
- (c) 2015-16;
- (d) 2016-17;
- (e) 2017-18?

(2) Will the Government give consideration to works to mitigate these accidents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Interactive crash statistics with reports on road user deaths and injuries, locations and crash types are available on the Centre for Road Safety's website.
- (2) This is a matter for Central Coast Council.

*9775 ADVERTISERS APPEARING AT TRAIN STATIONS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the process for selecting advertisers now appearing at train stations on the Central Coast line, including at Gosford Railway Station?
- (2) Is the money earned being used to improve the station that raises the money or is it going into general revenue?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) All advertising on Transport for NSW assets must comply with applicable content conditions. Where Transport for NSW has appointed a third party or agency to operate and manage a Transport for NSW asset, the appointed operator/agency is required to comply with advertising conditions set out in the operator contracts. In turn, when the operator/agency enters into an agreement with a third party media sales provider, each operator/agency incorporates similar conditions within each respective contract.
- (2) Money received from advertising across the network helps to offset the significant financial subsidy provided by the Government to operate the transport network.

*9776 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ROAD UPGRADES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What money has been allocated to support road upgrades required for the proposed further development of the Mt Penang Parklands?
 - (a) When will these works commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Improvements to the road network resulting from developer work, including other Government Agencies, are the responsibility of the individual developer.

Roads and Maritime Services assesses potential impacts to the State Road Network in accordance with the New South Wales statutory development assessment process.

*9777 SALE OF LAND—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) When was a portion of Lot 7009 / DP1023235, located on The Boulevarde, Woy Woy, sold to the neighbouring owners of The Bayview Hotel to form part of their recent renovations?
- (2) What process was followed to make this sale?
- (3) How much was the land sold for?
- (4) What rent was paid in the 10 years preceding the sale?

Answer—

(1) There has been no sale of Lot 7009 DP1023235.

(2) and (3) Not applicable.

(4) There has been no sale. Rent received in the past 10 years, as advised by Central Coast Council, was \$13,115.20 inclusive of GST.

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*9778 BUSINESS CONNECT ASSISTANCE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many businesses in New South Wales have sought assistance from Business Connect between July 2017 to 30 June 2018?
- (2) How many businesses have sought assistance from Business Connect between July 2017 to 30 June 2018 from the following postcodes:
 - (a) 2320;
 - (b) 2321;
 - (c) 2322;
 - (d) 2323?

Answer—

(1) More than 10,800 small businesses were assisted by Business Connect between July 2017 and June 2018.

(2) Close to 100 small businesses from postcodes 2320, 2321, 2322 and 2323 were assisted by Business Connect between July 2017 and 30 June 2018.

*9779 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAMS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What programs does the Government provide or fund to counter violent extremism?
 - (a) Which of these operate in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (2) What funds have been allocated to these programs since 2011(to 24 October 2018):
 - (a) Which of these operate in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (3) What programs and funding is directed to community-based initiatives?
 - (a) Which of these operate in the Sydney electorate or inner city?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to reinstate Commonwealth programs to counter violent extremism?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase support for community-based initiatives to counter violent extremism?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent violent extremist ideologies, groups and campaigns?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government delivers a range of programs across New South Wales to counter violent extremism including:

- Step Together - a State-wide helpline and online support service for people who may be concerned or worried that someone they care about may be headed down a path towards violent extremism;
- Community Partnerships in Action (or COMPACT)- a community grants program to build community resilience and cohesion in partnership with community organisations;
- Specialist support teams in NSW Department of Education and additional resources to support New South Wales teachers and students; and
- A specialist team in Juvenile Justice to identify and manage young violent extremist offenders and those at risk of radicalisation.
- A Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) training program to build capability in front line workers.

(a) A number of these programs operate in the Sydney electorate, or are available for residents in the Sydney electorate.

(2) In November 2015, the Government allocated \$47 million over four years to counter violent extremism. Each of these initiatives operate in the Sydney electorate.

(3) The Government's CVE package includes these community-based initiatives:

- The COMPACT grants program, which builds community resilience and cohesion in partnership with community organisations. More than 14 community-driven youth engagement projects have been funded under COMPACT involving over 30 community organisations. The Government has recently launched a second round of COMPACT and will announce successful projects by the end of 2018.
- The New South Wales Step Together helpline and online support service which is delivered by On The Line, a non-government organisation. The service is designed to provide family, friends, community members and professionals with information, advice and support regarding violent extremism and,

where necessary, referral to relevant support services who may be concerned or worried that someone they care about may be headed down a path towards violent extremism.

(4) The Government works closely with the Commonwealth through the Australia New Zealand Counter Terrorism Committee (ANZCTC), the CVE Steering Committee (CVESC) and other interjurisdictional working groups, and in partnership, in the delivery of CVE programs.

(5) The Government has increased support for community-based initiatives. A second round of COMPACT, which will include new COMPACT projects to the total value of \$1.2 million, was announced by the Minister for Multiculturalism on 27 June 2018. The Minister for Multiculturalism will announce successful COMPACT projects by the end of 2018.

(6) The Government's approach to CVE in New South Wales is based on international evidence. New South Wales has begun evaluating its CVE programs to ensure its approach remains effective, responsive to new threats and risks as they emerge and is aligned to best practice - both in Australia and internationally.

*9780 HUMAN SERVICES COMPETITION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

(1) What assessment has the Government made of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) and Australian Consumers Association (CHOICE) report 'Competition Policy & Human Services'?

(2) Is the Government concerned about the identified problems that reduce consumer outcomes and waste government resources?

(3) What action is the Government taking to address the identified failings and unintended outcomes from:

(a) Constant regulatory flux impacting on consumers, service providers and government funders and regulators;

(b) Risk management strategies that discourage innovation;

(c) The need for intermediaries to help consumers navigate and interpret information to enable choice;

(d) Incentives for providers to cherry-pick based on geography and service user segments;

(e) Economies of scale supporting larger providers and service provider concentration;

(f) Reduced innovation and increased profitability for some providers;

(g) Cross-subsidisation of less profitable segments reducing service choice and viability of non-profit providers;

(h) Perverse incentives that discourage collaboration, information sharing and sharing of best practice?

(4) What plans does the Government have to further assess New South Wales competition policy in human services?

(5) What further action will the Government take to prevent destructive impacts of human services competition policy?

Answer—

The Government continues to strive to improve public services and deliver better outcomes and better value for the people of New South Wales. The Government is committed to continuing to drive productivity and regulatory reform. Earlier in 2018, the Government established the NSW Productivity Commission and appointed a Commissioner for Productivity with a mandate to develop a reform agenda including making housing more affordable, making it easier to do business and making it easier to move to New South Wales.

In addition, New South Wales also has a world class Social Impact Investment program, led by the Office of Social Impact Investment (OSII). OSII partners with non-government organisations, private investors, and intermediaries to test innovative services, build evidence and scale what works. The Government has a successful track-record of Social Impact Investments delivering better outcomes for New South Wales citizens.

*9781 PLAQUE AND STONE MARKING THE OPENING OF THE GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

What happened to the plaque and stone which marked the opening of the Gosford Public School?

Answer—

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I'm advised that the plaque and stone have been relocated from 32 Mann Street to the new Gosford Public School site on Faunce Street, West Gosford. The plaque and stone are located in the school's commemorative garden.

*9782 REDUCING WATER DEMAND IN SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many large water using businesses have become 'Every Drop Counts' partners since 2011 (to 24 October 2018)?
- (2) What work has the Every Drop Counts Business Program done with small to medium water using businesses in each year from 2013 to 2017?
 - (a) How many businesses does this involve?
- (3) What catchment capacity will trigger additional water restrictions in Sydney to:
 - (a) Ban sprinklers;
 - (b) Limit the days in each week that gardens and lawns can be watered;
 - (c) Restrict the filling of pools;
 - (d) Any other water saving measures?
- (4) How many litres of waste water per year are currently recycled?
 - (a) By how much has this increased on 2010 waste water recycling levels?
- (5) What action is the Government taking to make waste water recycling more viable in major housing redevelopment projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water's 'Every Drop Counts' program was discontinued in 2011. However, Sydney Water continues to work closely with its significant customers to help them use water efficiently regardless if there is a drought or not. Sydney Water's largest customers have a dedicated Business Customer Representative who meets with them regularly to discuss water and wastewater management including water efficiency, and opportunities to use alternative sources such as harvesting rainwater or using recycling water.

In addition to this, Sydney Water also has several water efficiency initiatives available to its customers including:

- WaterFix® residential
- WaterFix® strata
- WaterFix® concealed leaks
- PlumbAssist®
- Customer Care Team
- Hidden Leak allowance
- High use notifications
- Website 'report a leak' tool

Trigger levels for water restrictions are detailed in figure 5, page 28 of the Metropolitan Water Plan 2017 <https://www.metrowater.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2017%20Metropolitan%20Water%20Plan.pdf>

In 2009-10 Sydney Water supplied more than 33,000 megalitres of recycled water across its 18 recycled water schemes. In 2017-18 Sydney Water supplied almost 43,000 megalitres of recycled water across its 23 recycled water schemes. This is an increase of about 10,000 megalitres since 2009-10.

*9783 SELF-HARM FOLLOW UP—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

How many people in the Charlestown electorate discharged from the Mater Hospital following a serious attempt of self-harm are followed up by medical staff within 48 hours?

Answer—

Health service data is not recorded on the basis of electorate.

*9784 PSYCHIATRIC NURSES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What is the Government doing to retain psychiatric nurses in the Public Health System?

Answer—

Since 2016 the Government has funded an additional 30 clinical nurse educator positions in mental health services.

The Productive Mental Health Ward Program began in 2014 and has been expanded to almost half of all inpatient mental health beds across New South Wales. This program has improved safety, efficiency and productivity, increasing the amount of time mental health nurses are able to spend providing direct care to consumers. Mental health consumers have reported improved experiences of care.

The Transition to Mental Health Nursing program provides educational support for nurses entering mental health nursing practice and is widely implemented in mental health services in New South Wales. The program uses a selection of online, workbook and peer led reflective education to support a nurse's knowledge development within the first 12 months of practice.

Postgraduate scholarships are available to nurses working in the New South Wales public health system to undertake further nursing studies across various clinical areas, including mental health. These scholarships aim to support nurse retention and skill development.

Local health districts also have a number of local programs that are designed to support staff wellbeing and the retention of all nurses and midwives in New South Wales

*9785 URBANGROWTH FISHERMANS BAY LAND—Ms Kate Washington asked the Premier—

- (1) What is the Government's plan for the land owned by UrbanGrowth NSW at Fishermans Bay (Lot WP 1184315)?
- (2) Why was a fence installed at this site in September 2018?
- (3) Was the Rural Fire Service consulted prior to the installation of this fence in September 2018?

Answer—

I am advised a fence was installed to stop vehicles illegally dumping in the adjoining Tomaree National Park. It does not prevent residents from accessing the area on foot.

The Rural Fire Service was consulted prior to the fence being installed and continues to have 24 hour access to the site.

*9786 AVAILABILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How many mental health beds are available in the Wallsend electorate?
 - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
 - (i) Acute mental health beds;
 - (ii) Sub-acute mental health beds;
 - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
 - (iv) Children's mental health beds?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q8558.

*9787 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Will the Government commit to delivering the outstanding rural and regional infrastructure funds to rural and regional New South Wales from the Restart NSW fund for infrastructure projects in the Orange electorate, including a Hospice for Orange, upgrades to passenger rail infrastructure, flood-proofing of the Newell Highway, development of the Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Park?

Answer—

The Restart NSW Fund is delivering unprecedented infrastructure investment in every corner of regional New South Wales including across the Orange electorate.

As per the 2018-19 Budget, \$32.9 billion has been deposited into the Restart NSW Fund. \$9.5 billion (29 per cent) is committed and reserved for projects in regional New South Wales.

As of July 2018, the Government has committed \$251.8 million for 113 projects from the Restart NSW Fund across the Central West and Orana region. Key projects include:

- Orange Airport Runway Upgrade (\$1.46 million)

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- Orange to Blayney Pipeline Stage 1 (\$21.21 million)
- Forest Road Upgrade (\$1.55 million)
- South Orange Economic Development Corridor (\$3.41 million)

Additionally, between financial year 2014-15 and 2017-18 the Government invested over \$44.7 million on upgrades to parts of the Newell Highway in the Orange electorate.

The Hon. Rick Colless, MLC, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Western New South Wales, has been an outstanding advocate for the local community, and has played a key role in securing economic and community infrastructure projects, including through the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

***9788 MITCHELL HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT**—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Can you advise when constituents can expect the completion of works for the Mitchell Highway realignment at Guanna Hill, a project which has been underway since April 2016 and now well overdue the promised completion in early 2018, causing significant frustration and travel delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Mitchell Highway realignment is complete and opened to traffic on Thursday 25 October 2018.

***9789 LEPPINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When is construction expected to commence on the new Leppington Public School (month and year) and what will be its student capacity?
- (2) When will students be able to attend the new Leppington Public School (month and year)?
- (3) Is the current Leppington Public School accepting enrolments for the 2019 school year?
- (4) On what date is the current Leppington Public School expected to cease operation?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Information regarding the new Leppington Public School is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website.

Leppington Public School is accepting enrolments for 2019.

The school will not be ceasing operation.

***9790 NETWORKED SPECIALIST CENTRES**—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many Networked Specialist Centres does the Department of Education fund in New South Wales as of 1 October 2018?
 - (a) Where are these centres located?

Answer—

I'm advised that the Department of Education has 22 Networked Specialist Facilitators across New South Wales located at:

- Barwon
- Bega/Queanbeyan
- Broken Hill
- Campbelltown
- Central Coast
- Central West
- Deniliquin
- Dubbo
- Illawarra
- Macquarie Park
- Lismore
- Maitland
- Mount Druitt
- Newcastle
- Parramatta
- Port Macquarie

- Shoalhaven
- Arncliffe
- Strathfield
- Tamworth
- Wagga Wagga
- Glenfield

*9791 ROAD WIDENING—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has the Minister or her representatives met with local Indigenous and/or conservation groups regarding Aboriginal scar trees within the areas proposed for road widening purposes?
- (2) What are the modelled time savings during peak periods for motorists as a result of the proposal to remove part of the Wiley Park Reserve under the Canterbury Rd-King Georges Rd Intersection Upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Environmental and heritage experts have assessed park impacts and the road widening work will not require the removal of any Aboriginal scar trees.
- (2) Information about the Canterbury Road/King Georges Road Intersection Upgrade is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*9792 MANGROVE MOUNTAIN WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How often does the NSW Environment and Protection Authority test the water quality of the catchment ponds at the Mangrove Mountain Waste Management Facility?
- (2) How often is this waste water removed and sprayed over the:
 - (a) Golf green;
 - (b) Tip facility?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulates Mangrove Mountain waste management facility under an environment protection licence. The licensee is required to conduct and fund routine monitoring and to provide results to the EPA for review.
- (2) The EPA does not hold these records.

*9793 ROAD BYPASS OF KARIONG—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Is the Government considering a road bypass of Kariong for drivers travelling along Woy Woy Road creating a more direct link to the M1?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. Any bypass would need to traverse and bisect a National Park and create adverse environmental issues.

*9794 LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS TESTING IN MAITLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many residents in the Maitland Local Government Area (LGA) applied for Fair Trading's loose-fill asbestos insulation testing program?
- (2) How many homes in the Maitland LGA required testing?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the homes that were tested;
 - (a) Family and Community Services Housing properties; or,
 - (b) Privately owned properties?
- (4) Were there any positive results for the presence of loose-fill asbestos insulation?
- (5) Have any of the Maitland properties required demolition due the presence of loose-fill asbestos insulation?

Answer—

- (1) The Loose-fill Asbestos Implementation Taskforce received 796 registrations within the Maitland

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Local Government Area.

(2) The program does not "require" properties to be tested; free testing is made available to eligible properties.

(3) (a) Information on this issue can be found on the Family and Community Services website: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/living/health-safety-savings/asbestos>

(b) As of 26 October 2018, the vast majority of sample tests have been completed.

(4) As of 26 October 2018, no affected properties have been detected within the Maitland Local Government Area.

(5) No.

*9795 UPGRADES TO UNADERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the response to LA Q9246, on what specific dates in 2018 did Transport for NSW staff or consultants visit Unanderra Station for the purpose of assessing the station for upgrades under the Transport Access Program Tranche 3?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW staff and consultants attended Unanderra Station from 10 April 2018 to 15 June 2018.

*9796 FULL TIME STAFF EMPLOYED AT WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q9248, how many full time equivalent staff were employed at Wollongong Hospital on each of the following dates:

- (a) 30 June 2012;
- (b) 30 June 2013;
- (c) 30 June 2014;
- (d) 30 June 2015;
- (e) 30 June 2016;
- (f) 30 June 2017;
- (g) 30 June 2018?

Answer—

The total FTE at Wollongong Hospital increased by 21.2 per cent from 2012 to 2018. Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

*9797 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

How many public sector jobs have been relocated from Sydney CBD to Parramatta since the Government announced its 'Decade of Decentralisation' policy?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately addressed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*9798 CRAFT BREWERIES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many small craft breweries are involved in the 12-month trial in inner Sydney announced by the Government on 29 June 2018 (as at 25 October 2018)?

(2) How many Councils are involved in the trial?

(3) What are the current regulatory requirements imposed on craft breweries by the Government and local government in New South Wales (as at 25 October 2018)?

(4) Will the Government publish an interim report during the current 12-month trial outlining any preliminary findings?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) One has been approved to date.

(2) The trial has been initially limited to Inner West LGA to allow examination in a controlled manner with Inner West Council.

(3) Craft breweries are required to obtain a Producer/Wholesaler liquor licence. The licence allows producers to:

- conduct 'tastings' of their product on their premises,
- sell their product in sealed containers by retail to the general public, both online or directly from the licensed premises, for consumption away from the premises,
- sell their product by wholesale to other licensees,
- sell their product by retail at liquor industry shows and farmers' markets or fairs.

Craft breweries across New South Wales that wish to provide more than 'tastings' when selling alcohol for consumption on-site must apply for a 'drink on-premises authorisation'. The authorisation allows the sale of any liquor product for consumption on the premises, whether or not produced on those premises.

(4) No. The trial has been put in place for 12 months to allow enough time for the model to be tested.

*9799 ARTIFICIAL REEF OUTSIDE PERKINS BEACH—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

(1) Considering the announcement that tenders have been called for the construction of an artificial reef to be located off Perkins Beach at Windang, will the steel modules required be made from Australian produced steel?

(a) If not, why not?

(2) What is the total cost for the construction and location of the artificial reef proposed?

Answer—

(1) The Tender submissions are not evaluated against the contractor's material procurement preferences. The tender will be evaluated against a range of criteria including the contractor's experience, reliability and performance, the contractor's personnel, proposed methodology, the suitability of the proposed artificial reef design and total contract sum.

(2) The total project cost will not be known until the tender evaluation process is completed and the contract is awarded.

*9800 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROYAL VISIT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

What was the total cost contributed by the Government for the recent Royal visit to New South Wales for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex?

Answer—

As you are well aware, The Duke and Duchess of Sussex visited New South Wales in support of the Invictus Games Sydney 2018, an initiative that supports our nation's military veterans.

Associated costs for security and hospitality were comparable with other visiting dignitaries to New South Wales.

*9801 TRIAL OF SPECIAL DRINK ON-PREMISES AUTHORISATION FOR MICRO-BREWERIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

Why has the Minister refused to expand the trial of special drink on-premises authorisation for micro-breweries to the Newcastle Local Government Area?

Answer—

The trial has been initially limited to Inner West Local Government Area to allow examination in a controlled manner with Inner West Council. Liquor & Gaming NSW is exploring the feasibility of involving other councils at a later stage.

*9802 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER CAP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Does the Minister support the Deputy Premier's view that a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle would benefit farmers?

(2) Does the Minister support an increase in the amount of container traffic going through the container terminal at Newcastle?

(3) What actions will the Minister take to increase the amount of container traffic through the Port of Newcastle?

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- (4) Will you lift the anti-competitive cap on the number of containers that can be shipped through the port of Newcastle?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023 released 24 September 2018 acknowledges the interest of the Port of Newcastle in expanding the Port's trade base. It includes an initiative to support the Port of Newcastle as it explores other trade opportunities.

As the commercial organisation operating the infrastructure, the Port of Newcastle is in the best position to consider future markets that it serves.

*9803 PROPOSED RAIL BRIDGE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a proposal to build a rail bridge on the South Coast Line similar to the Seacliff Bridge built by the former Labor Government, which has been raised by the Member for Heathcote?
(a) If so:
(i) Was Transport for NSW asked to provide advice on the feasibility of such a bridge when it was first floated in 2014?
(ii) Was this considered a feasible option from an engineering perspective?
(2) Has any detailed design work been undertaken on such a bridge and associated rail alignments to connect it with the South Coast Line?
(a) If so, will the Government release them for public consideration?
(b) If not, will this be undertaken and how long would it take to complete?
(3) What other proposals have been developed to improve travel times and passenger rail capacity on the South Coast Line?
(4) Can the details of each of these proposals be released by the Government for community consultation?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Future Transport 2056 sets out the Government's long term strategic transport vision for New South Wales. Projects to improve the connectivity of the South Coast are publicly available on the Transport for NSW and Future Transport 2056 websites.

*9804 PAEDIATRIC DIALYSIS MACHINE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why does the John Hunter Hospital not have a pediatric dialysis machine?
(2) Has the lack of a pediatric dialysis machine at the John Hunter Hospital led to any loss of life?
(3) Where is the nearest pediatric dialysis machine located for those living in the Hunter?
(4) Will the Minister immediately provide the John Hunter Hospital with a pediatric dialysis machine?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Paediatric dialysis is provided as a statewide Nephrology Service by the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network as it requires specialised nursing and medical staff to deliver this treatment safely. Depending on the clinical situation, many patients are able to receive peritoneal dialysis, which is undertaken at home supported by outreach services.

*9805 NSW GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Will the Government continue to occupy the NSW Government offices located in Bull Street, Honeysuckle Drive, King Street and Wharf Road in Newcastle once a new office building is built at the old Store site in Newcastle West?
(a) If not, what is the expected total cost of relocating to the new building?

Answer—

Property NSW is continuing to assess the accommodation requirements of government agencies within Newcastle CBD. At this stage, the final composition of agencies who will relocate to the Store, and those who will continue to occupy areas within the existing government portfolio, has not been determined.

When this process has been completed, agencies who are to occupy the new building will establish their relocation costs.

***9806 TICKET MACHINES AT WARABROOK STATION**—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Does the Minister plan on making ticket machines at Warabrook Station card only?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, how will a customer who does not have a card as a payment option purchase a ticket?

Answer—

I am advised:

In mid-October, Warabrook stations' ticket machine was converted to card only transactions. This will increase the reliability of the machine for the majority of the customers who are not using cash to top up or purchase a ticket.

For the small number of customers who do not have access to a card they can purchase an Opal Card from an Opal Retailer and top up with cash.

***9807 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What is the breakdown of mental health bed numbers at the existing Maitland Hospital between;
 - (a) Psychiatric High Dependency Unit beds; and,
 - (b) Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit beds?
- (2) What is the breakdown of mental health bed numbers for the New Maitland Hospital between;
 - (a) Psychiatric High Dependency Unit beds; and,
 - (b) Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit beds?

Answer—

(1) Advice on mental health beds is available in the NSW Health Annual Report at www.health.nsw.gov.au/AnnualReport

(2) I refer the Member to my response to LA Q9262.

***9808 CYCLIST LAWS**—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Since the introduction of safe-passing around cyclists laws, how many infringements have been issued to motorists in the Brisbane Water and Tuggerah Lakes Police District areas (as at 25 October 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information regarding driver of motor vehicle not pass bicycle at safe distance offences can be found at <https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/info/statistics>.

***9809 SERVICE AWARDS IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS**—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What service awards are available to teachers and staff in NSW Public Schools?
- (2) Are there procedures in place around the granting of awards?
- (3) Are there guidelines or proceedings in place around the presentation of awards to staff and will the presentation occur at school assemblies or in the presence of the school community?

Answer—

(1) The NSW Department of Education provides a number of opportunities to recognise the important contribution people make to public education in New South Wales. In addition, the department has an Agreement with the Public Education Foundation to manage awards that acknowledge excellence in New South Wales schools across a range of categories.

Information relating to the awards and the eligibility criteria can be found on the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/jobs-and-opportunities/awards> and the Public Education

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Foundation's website at <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/nsw-ministers-and-secretarys-awards-2018/>

(2) Yes.

(3) A number of awards are presented at an official ceremony conducted by the Premier, myself, Secretary or senior officer. In relation to service certificates and retirement medals, while there is no formal ceremony conducted, it is regular practice for the relevant Director Educational Leadership, principal or line manager to present the certificate or medal to staff at a suitable opportunity such as a morning tea for staff or a retirement function.

*9810 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM UPGRADES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Please advise which Transport Access Program upgrades have been delivered in the Entrance electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

*9811 RETURN AND EARN IN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) What is the total return and earn refunds that have been made at stations located in the Entrance electorate?

(2) What is the total amount of donations made at return and earn stations in the Entrance electorate?

(a) Which charities have benefited?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) This is a matter for Exchange for Change.

(2) (a) The following local partners were beneficiaries:

- Ronald MacDonald Family Room
- Peats Ridge Scout Group
- Girl Guides Niagara
- Meals on Wheels Central Coast

In addition, the following major donation partners have been listed on a rotational basis on Reverse Vending Machine (RVMs) in the Entrance electorate during the 1 December 2017 to 26 August 2018 period:

- Australian Red Cross
- Take 3 for the Sea
- Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES)
- Clean up Australia
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Cancer Council NSW
- Planet Ark
- NSW Surf Life Saving
- Ostomy NSW
- Tathra Bushfire Appeal

*9812 ENERGY REBATES ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) How many people in The Entrance electorate are eligible for energy rebates?

(2) How many have claimed a rebate?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment estimates that in 2017-18 there were around 10,000 households in the Entrance electorate eligible for a Low Income Household Rebate. This is based on 2017-18 data provided by the Federal Department of Human Services.

The Department estimates around 9,000 household customer accounts in the Entrance electorate accessed a Low Income Household Rebate in 2017-18. This is based on reporting information provided by energy retailers.

*9813 PLANS FOR THE SITE OF THE FORMER NEW LAMBTON FIRE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

What plans does the Government have for the former site of the New Lambton Fire Station on Alma Road?

Answer—

The Government intends to maintain the current reservation for a fire station.

*9814 CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS IN WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What improvements to roads in the Wallsend electorate are currently underway by Roads and Maritime Services as at 22 October 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about Wallsend is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*9815 EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTING BUS STOPS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much money was spent by Transport for NSW on constructing bus stops in the Wallsend electorate in the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local councils are responsible for bus stops in residential areas.

*9816 CONSTRUCTION OF BUS STOPS IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much money has been allocated in the 2018-19 financial year for construction of bus stops in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Local councils are responsible for bus stops in residential areas.

*9817 PARKING FOR LISAROW STATION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that parking currently available on the shoulder area of the Pacific Highway will cease to be available under plans to upgrade and widen the Pacific Highway at this location?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure there is no net loss of parking from the east side of Lisarow Station as a result of the Pacific Highway widening?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The upgrade project will remove up to five illegal car parking spaces along the highway, which often block cyclists and pedestrians from using the shoulder creating road safety concerns.
- (2) There will be no net loss of marked parking spaces.

*9818 ABALONE—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What are the rules and regulations around the fishing and sale of abalone in New South Wales?

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- (a) Are there any regulations or requirements around the size of abalone sold?
(b) Who should breaches of these rules and regulations be reported to?

Answer—

(1) The rules and regulations on abalone in New South Wales are managed under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 (the Act) and Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010. The key regulations in relation to abalone are:

- A recreational size limit of 11.7 centimetres.
- A recreational bag and possession limit of 2 abalone per person.
- Abalone must not be shucked (removed from shell) in/on or adjacent to waters.
- Abalone cannot be taken by underwater breathing apparatus.
- A recreational fishing fee applies to recreational fishers taking abalone (unless exempt).

A cultural fishing policy enables Aboriginal persons engaged in cultural fishing activities to take/possess 10 abalone, and shucking is also permitted if the abalone is consumed within the area. Cultural events requiring larger quantities of abalone are considered under section 37 permit applications.

Only licenced commercial fishers with an appropriate endorsement and quota are allowed to take abalone for sale. Licenced commercial fishers are allocated a 12 month quota (currently based on the calendar year) and must comply with a broad range of strict regulations and reporting requirements. These regulations are primarily managed under the Act and the Fisheries Management (Abalone Share Management Plan) Regulation 2000.

A person who sells abalone in New South Wales must comply with New South Wales regulations. Any abalone sold in New South Wales is required to be accompanied by a prescribed record, which is a record that outlines details about the sale. Abalone must not be sold unless labelled in accordance with the regulations. Abalone packaging must not be removed or damaged.

(a) Abalone taken in New South Wales by New South Wales abalone endorsement holders (licenced commercial fishers) and sold must adhere to the prescribed size limits. There are currently two (commercial) size limit zones in New South Wales. From Tweed Heads to Wonboyn there is an 11.9 centimere limit, which will change to 12.0 centimere from 1 January 2019. From Wonboyn to Cape Howe there is larger minimum size limit of 12.5 centimere. The commercial abalone size limits in New South Wales are regulated under the Act Section 8 Closures.

Abalone from across Australia is sold in New South Wales. Additionally, farmed abalone (aquaculture) is sold in New South Wales. Farmed abalone has no size limits and is often marketed as 'cocktail' abalone. This abalone is smaller to wild caught abalone and often mistaken by people for prohibited size, wild caught abalone. Fisheries Officers determine the origins of the farmed abalone through prescribed records.

New South Wales prescribed records and labelling legislation is in place to assist Fisheries Officers in identifying and distinguishing legitimate abalone from black market abalone.

(b) Any breaches of rules and regulations should be reported to NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries NSW) via the 'Fishers Watch' phone number 1800 043 536, or through a web based form on the DPI website - <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/compliance/report-illegal-activity>

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*9819 VICTIM'S SERVICES INQUIRY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

(1) Is Matt Dacey from Strategy HR undertaking an inquiry or fact finding exercise in Victim's Services?

- (a) If so, does this include matters raised by Victim's Services staff concerning:
- (i) Recruitment;
 - (ii) Procurement and expenditure;
 - (iii) Workplace culture, including bullying and harassment by senior leaders/managers?

- (b) If so:
- (i) When were complaints first received;
 - (ii) How many complaints have been received?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Justice reviews complaints by staff in accordance with Human Resources policy and procedure.

*9820 RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FROM THE ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY INNOCENCE INITIATIVE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

- (1) What is your response to the application by Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University Innocence Initiative on behalf of Keli Lane?
- (2) When is it anticipated that the application will be determined?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Office of the General Counsel within the Department of Justice has requested additional supporting information be provided by the Bridge of Hope Innocence Initiative to enable assessment of their petition calling for the review of Ms Keli Lane's conviction for murder.

*9821 REVIEW OF CASES INVOLVING MARK STANDEN—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What reviews, if any, have occurred in relation to cases in which former NSW Crime Commission Assistant Commissioner Mark Standen was involved?
- (2) What reviews or investigations have occurred concerning:
 - (a) The relationship between Mark Standen and Neville Tween (also known as John Anderson);
 - (b) The involvement of Mark Standen in the investigation into the disappearance and presumed death of Trudi Adams (in June 1978)?
- (3) What has been the result of any of the reviews and investigations referenced to in (1) and (2)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Reviews were undertaken by the investigation team led by the Australian Federal Police which resulted in Mr Standen's arrest and conviction, and by the former NSW Police Integrity Commission following Mr Standen's arrest.

The New South Wales Crime Commission (NSWCC) is not aware of any misconduct or criminal activity involving Mr Standen while he was an employee, other than that dealt with at court.

*9822 TOLL NOTICES—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many toll notices were issued in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (2) How many toll notices were issued for the M4 motorway in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (3) How many toll notices were issued to residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (4) How many toll notices were issued for the M4 motorway to residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (5) How many enforcement orders were issued for non-payment of M4 motorway toll notices to residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (6) How many driver licence suspensions were issued for non-payment of M4 motorway toll notices to residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?
- (7) How many vehicle registration cancellations were issued for non-payment of M4 motorway toll notices to residents of the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am informed by Service NSW that numbers of recipients of free rego under Toll Relief will vary between Local Government Areas, Electorates and Localities.

Further information regarding the Government's Toll Relief Program can be found at the Service NSW website.

*9823 GLENFIELD TO MACARTHUR URBAN RENEWAL PRECINCTS PLAN—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Why, under the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Precincts plan, was the decision made to sell-off land belonging to the Campbelltown TAFE campus to accommodate a business park?

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- (2) Will any revenue generated from the sale of Campbelltown TAFE land go directly back into education in the Campbelltown area?
(3) Will TAFE services and courses be cut as a result of any land being sold off?

Answer—

- (1) No decision was made to sell off land at the TAFE NSW Campbelltown Campus.
(2) Not applicable. There are no plans to sell any part of the TAFE NSW Campbelltown Campus.
(3) No. The operation of the Campus will remain as is.

*9824 EXTRA COMMUTER PARKING SPACES AT CAMPBELLTOWN TRAIN STATION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why has the Government not yet construct 450 extra commuter parking spaces at Campbelltown train station as promised in 2015?
(2) How does the Government alternatively plan to alleviate commuter car parking congestion at Campbelltown?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to the letter I sent to the Clerk in response to the petition you lodged on 20 September 2018.

*9825 REMOVAL OF NON-AIR-CONDITIONED TRAINS ON THE T8 LINE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) On what date will all non-air-conditioned trains be removed from the T8 line?
(2) How many new Waratah trains will be deployed on the T8 Airport line once the roll-out is complete?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9713. I remind the member that when Labor were in Government only 72 per cent of the Sydney Trains networks was air-conditioned. Today 97 per cent is air-conditioned.

*9826 NSW KOALA STRATEGY—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Why did the Government's NSW Koala Strategy not:
(a) Set aside any land for koala reserves in Campbelltown and the wider Macarthur region?
(b) Allocate any of the \$10.8 million for 'koala care' in the Campbelltown and wider Macarthur region?
(2) How does the Government intend to protect the Campbelltown koala colony as the state's only disease free colony?

Answer—

(1) (a) The NSW Koala Strategy commits \$20 million to purchase land with prime koala habitat that can be permanently reserved as national parks. Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is analysing the best available information on koalas to identify the most strategic areas for koala conservation across the state.

(b) The \$10.8 million for koala care will deliver actions to improve the safety and health of koala populations across New South Wales. This includes \$3.3 million to fix priority road kill hotspots including Picton Road.

(2) The Government continues to identify and invest in koala conservation actions in addition to those in the Koala Strategy. For example, through the Greater Macarthur 2040 Interim Plan, the Government is proposing to set aside a corridor on government lands east of Appin Road as a koala reserve, upgrade and install protective fencing to ensure koalas can move safely through the local area, provide a \$1 million grant program to ensure Koalas are considered when planning occurs in the area.

*9827 APPIN ROAD ELECTION COMMITMENTS—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Why has the Government not matched the Labor Opposition's election promise to commit \$50 million towards the upgrade of Appin Road?
(2) What plans does the Government have in relation to upgrading Appin Road to a dual carriage way?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth Government is already providing \$50 million to upgrade Appin Road between Mount Gilead and Appin to improve safety.

Separately on the 19 November 2018 the Minister for Planning and I announced Appin Road will be duplicated between Ambervale and Mount Gilead to ease congestion and improve safety.

Combined, this represents more than double Labor's commitment.

Future Transport 2056 contains the Government's vision for the next 40 years of transport in NSW which is on the Future Transport 2056 website.

*9828 PAID PARKING AT CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL,—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How much revenue does the Government expect to be collected in the first financial year following the opening of the paid parking complex at Campbelltown Hospital?
- (2) Will the Government guarantee that all revenue collected by the Government from the Campbelltown Hospital paid parking complex will go directly back into health services in Macarthur?
- (3) What was the Government's reason for introducing paid parking at Campbelltown Hospital?

Answer—

Revenue from car parking is reported by Local Health Districts in the NSW Health Annual Report.

*9829 RABY ROAD AND THE HUME MOTORWAY INTERSECTION—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What investigations has the Government undertaken into the upgrade of the intersection of Raby Road and the Hume Motorway?
 - (a) If investigations have been performed:
 - (i) What did those investigations reveal;
 - (ii) When are works to upgrade the intersection anticipated to begin?
 - (b) If no investigations have been undertaken, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Campbelltown Council commissioned a traffic and modelling study of Raby Road with Commonwealth funding via the Western Sydney Infrastructure Program's Local Roads Package round 2. The intersection of Raby Road and the Hume Motorway (M31) was investigated as part of Campbelltown Council's traffic and modelling study. Campbelltown Council has not proposed any changes to the interchange as a result of the recent study. As part of the upgrade to the M31, an additional northbound onramp to the motorway was opened to traffic in June 2011.

*9830 WILMA WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE—Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the status of the proposed relocation of WILMA Women's Health Centre from its current premises at 6 Bugden Place, Campbelltown?
- (2) What are the Government's plans to sell the premises at 6 Budgen Place, Campbelltown?

Answer—

I am advised that the WILMA Women's Health Centre is not being relocated from its current premises. There are no plans to sell 6 Bugden Place, Campbelltown.

*9831 REQUESTS FOR A REVIEW OF AN ACCESS DIRECTION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Have any requests for a review of an access direction under s55A of the State Records Act been made since 01.01.2015?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) How many have been made;
 - (ii) When were they made;
 - (iii) By which agencies were directions made;

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(iv) What were the results of the requests?

Answer—

This question should be directed to Minister for the Arts.

*9832 POST MORTEM REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) When will a post mortem report relating to the death of Paul Francis Hatcher on 27 October 2017 at Campbelltown be made available to the family?

(2) Why has the post mortem report not previously been released?

Answer—

I am advised that the post mortem report can be obtained through the Coroner's Court.

*9833 RECREATIONAL REGISTERED DIRT BIKE RIDING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What areas across the Hunter Region are available for dirt bike riders to use with a recreational registration?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*9834 OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) What outreach programs does the Government provide to people who are homeless to address their health needs:

(a) In the inner city;

(b) In other parts of Sydney and New South Wales?

(2) What plans does the Government have to improve access and treatment for people who are homeless?

Answer—

I am advised the 2018-19 Budget commits \$1 billion for homelessness services over the next four years to support new and existing initiatives across the State, including \$61 million of new funding over the next four years to implement the Homelessness Strategy.

Information about support is available for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness is available on the FACS website: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am further advised the Supported Transition and Engagement Program (STEP) will support up to 255 people experiencing primary and secondary homelessness both in inner city Sydney and Regional New South Wales by providing wraparound housing and support such as vital access to health, education and employment services.

Finally, I am advised that through assertive outreach the Government has assisted more than 280 people who were sleeping rough in the inner city of Sydney to access long-term permanent accommodation since March 2017. More than 90 per cent of tenancies were maintained during the 12 month period from March 2017 to March 2018.

*9835 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

How many of people who have accessed the Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment Program (MERIT) in New South Wales recorded a subsequent conviction each of the year from 2011 to 2018 (as at 25 September 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The most recent information available on convictions by participants in MERIT is to calendar year 2016 due to the need for enough time to lapse before reconviction rates can be calculated. The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research has provided the following information:

MERIT completed

Program Exit Year	Total	Convicted	Not Convicted
2011	1,173	370 (32 per cent)	803 (68 per cent)
2012	1,097	373 (34 per cent)	724 (66 per cent)
2013	848	247 (29 per cent)	601 (71 per cent)
2014	1,173	415 (35 per cent)	758 (65 per cent)
2015	1,261	391 (31 per cent)	870 (69 per cent)
2016	1,424	505 (35 per cent)	919 (65 per cent)

Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

MERIT not completed

Program Exit Year	Total	Convicted	Not Convicted
2011	511	239 (47 per cent)	272 (53 per cent)
2012	602	285 (47 per cent)	317 (53 per cent)
2013	488	215 (44 per cent)	273 (56 per cent)
2014	574	296 (52 per cent)	278 (48 per cent)
2015	661	318 (48 per cent)	343 (52 per cent)
2016	857	446 (52 per cent)	411 (48 per cent)

Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

*9836 MAGISTRATES EARLY REFERRAL INTO TREATMENT PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What was the total number of people who have accessed the Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment Program (MERIT) in New South Wales for each of the years from 2011 to 2018 (as at 25 September 2018)?
- (2) What is the total funding allocated to the program between 2011 to 2018 (as at 25 September 2018)?
- (3) Will the program be expanded in response to the recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the provision of drug rehabilitation services in regional, rural and remote New South Wales?

Answer—

MERIT services are funded out of allocations to broader alcohol and other drug services. The Government has provided \$225 million to deliver drug and alcohol treatment services in 2018-19.

The number of people who have accessed MERIT services varies from year to year.

The response to the final report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the provision of drug rehabilitation in Regional, Rural and Remote New South Wales is currently being considered.

*9837 WATERLOO HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many affordable housing units will be included in the proposed Waterloo Housing redevelopment?
- (2) What percentage of housing will be affordable in the proposed Waterloo Housing redevelopment?
- (3) How long will the affordable housing units remain affordable in the proposed Waterloo Housing redevelopment?

Answer—

I am advised information about the Waterloo Estate redevelopment is available on the Communities Plus website at: <https://www.communitiesplus.com.au/>.

*9838 HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE RURAL SOCIAL WORKER—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will support be given to the 600 plus families known to be suffering from Huntington's Disease (HD) throughout New South Wales by funding HD-specific Rural Social Workers to provide support throughout regional New South Wales after funding was cut in April 2018?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Hon. Ray Williams, Minister for Disability Services.

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*9839 EXPULSION OF STUDENTS BASED ON SEXUAL OR GENDER IDENTITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does the Minister believe that students should be able to be expelled from their school on account of their sexual or gender identity?
- (2) Does the Minister believe staff and teachers should be able to be fired from their job at school on account of their sexual or gender identity?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Students, regardless of their sexual or gender identity have the same legal rights or protections afforded to all students under the duty of care, education and work health and safety laws. Additional protections apply to such students under discrimination law. The NSW Department of Education is prohibited from unlawfully discriminating against a student on such grounds.

*9840 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the Government continue to construct or establish special units or special schools in New South Wales in order to meet its obligations under the Commonwealth Disability Standards for Education 2005, or work towards a model of inclusive education where students with special learning needs are enrolled in mainstream schools?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How will the Government move towards inclusive education;
 - (ii) What is the Government's timeline for doing so?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Government is committed to making public education as inclusive as possible while recognising and respecting parental choice.

The majority of students with disability in New South Wales public schools attend mainstream classes and schools.

The Government is committed to providing enrolment and support options that meet the diverse learning and support needs of students with disability.

It will continue to provide additional support for students in mainstream classes and establish specialist support classes where required in response to student need.

*9841 INSTALLATION OF HIGH DETECTOR BOXES AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS FOR WESTCONNEX—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Does the installation of high detector boxes and other obstructions for WestConnex on Dalhousie Street, Waratah Street and Parramatta Road, Ashfield, contravene Austroad standards?
- (2) Does the installation of high detector boxes and other obstructions for WestConnex on Dalhousie St, Waratah St and Parramatta Road, Ashfield, contravene requirements for access on public footpaths under the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010 or other such standards?
- (3) When will these be removed and clear access restored for pedestrians?

Answer—

I am advised that the M4 East Independent Certifier has determined the electrical cabinet in Waratah Street does not meet Austroad guidelines or Australian Standards for pedestrian access.

Roads and Maritime Services is working with the project team to move the electrical cabinet in Waratah Street to a more suitable location.

In the meantime, the M4 East contractor recently completed concreting to the curb to widen the pedestrian access around the electrical cabinet on Waratah Street until a suitable alternative location is determined.

*9842 TRANSPORT FINES ISSUED TO CHILDREN AGED 16 AND UNDER—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many transport fines have been issued to children aged 16 and under in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?

- (a) How many of these fines have been reviewed in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?
- (b) How many of these fines have been waived after review in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*9843 INDUSTRIAL LANDS IN MARRICKVILLE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Considering calls by the Greater Sydney Commission in its 'A Metropolis that Works' report to protect industrial lands in the Greater Sydney region, how will the Minister protect industrial lands in Carrington Road, Marrickville?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Eastern City District Plan has a retain-and-manage approach to all industrial-zoned land in the Eastern District. There is no exception to this approach for the Carrington Road Industrial Precinct in Marrickville.

*9844 FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF WOMEN—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) Considering that according to research by the Sydney Women's Fund, 49 per cent of women in Sydney report earning less than \$34,000 (and 59 per cent of women in Western Sydney), what programs is the Government undertaking to financially support women?
- (2) How are marginalised women, including from non-english speaking and multicultural backgrounds, refugee women, women with disability, and women who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Questioning (LGBTIQ+), supported?

Answer—

The 2018 Investing in Women funding program provides \$400,000 in funding for projects that support the economic empowerment and leadership of women. More information on the variety and diversity of projects is available on the Women NSW website at: https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/women_and_work/investing_in_women_funding_program/2018-investing-in-women-funding-program-successful-projects.

The NSW Women's Strategy 2018-2022 provides a whole of government and community policy framework to improve the economic, social and physical wellbeing of women and girls across New South Wales. The NSW Women's Strategy and year one action plan are available at: https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/women_and_work/womens_strategy.

Data on women's financial security is also available in the Women in NSW Work, Leadership & Financial Security Report 2017 on the Women NSW website at: https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/418450/Women-in-NSW-Work,-Leadership-and-Financial-Security-Report-2017_ONLINE.pdf.

*9845 MULTICULTURAL HEALTH SERVICE AT THE MARRICKVILLE HEALTH CENTRE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Government plan to relocate the Multicultural Health Service from the Marrickville Health Centre?
 - (a) If so, why?
 - (b) If so, when?

Answer—

The provision of multicultural health services at Marrickville Health Centre will continue.

*9846 RELEASE OF THE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENT PLANNING POLICY (SEPP)—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) When will the Government's response to the review of the Affordable Rental Housing State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP) be released?

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(a) What is the reason for the delay?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Recently, in response to concern from the community and councils, an amendment to the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to increase parking rates for boarding houses was made in June 2018. The new standard is 0.5 parking spaces per boarding room (except for boarding houses developed by social housing providers).
- Similarly, in response to community concerns about the impacts of boarding house development in low density residential zones, an Explanation of Intended Effect for a proposed amendment to the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP was released for comment on 28 November 2018. The proposed changes will help manage impacts on neighbouring properties such as overlooking, overshadowing and car parking.
- The Government will continue to review housing related policies including the Affordable Rental Housing SEPP to support housing diversity and the delivery of affordable rental housing and other specialist housing types.

*9847 NOISE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR RESIDENTS OF ALT STREET, HABERFIELD—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What noise mitigation measures have been offered to residents of Alt Street, Haberfield, to manage the ongoing impacts of construction for the M4 East?
- (2) Why have some homes been offered noise mitigation while others haven't, even though they appear to be in the same circumstances?
- (3) What has been the total cost of noise mitigation measures to date for the M4 East project?

Answer—

I am advised, that the New M4 (also known as M4 East) project team works with residents on a case by case basis to resolve any noise issues. As part of the Conditions of Approval for the M4-M5 Link, some residents in Alt Street located closest to the construction sites may be eligible for at-property noise treatments to manage construction fatigue.

Noise treatments for eligible properties would be implemented in accordance with the Noise Insulation Program, which is a requirement set by the Department of Planning as outlined in the Conditions of Approval for the M4-M5 Link project.

*9848 WESTCONNEX M4 WIDENING PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many jobs were created during construction of the WestConnex M4 Widening project?
 - (a) Of these jobs created, how many of those workers normally resided in Western Sydney?
- (2) What independent assessment supports the:
 - (a) Creation of jobs for the WestConnex M4 Widening project;
 - (b) Workers normally reside in Western Sydney?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised information on creation of jobs is available on the WestConnex website.
- (2) I am advised the employment numbers are in line with the 2015 Updated Strategic Business Case.

*9849 NEW SOUTH WALES POPULATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Premier—

- (1) Considering your announcement on 10 October that the state's migrant intake should be halved, that New South Wales needed a 'breather' after rapid population growth, what meetings have been held with:
 - (a) Minister for Home Affairs;
 - (b) Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs;
 - (c) Officials of the Department of Home Affairs?

Answer—

As you are aware the Council of Australian Governments recently discussed this matter.

Additionally an expert panel is currently undertaking a Review into Population Growth Impacts in New South Wales.

*9850 RURAL AND REMOTE EDUCATION BLUEPRINT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the final evaluation of the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint be published considering that it was expected to be delivered in June 2018?
- (2) Will the Government's commitment to the continuation of the Rural and Remote Education Blueprint be confirmed?
- (3) If the Rural and Remote Blueprint has or is being abandoned, what strategies have been developed in its place to support and improve educational outcomes for our rural and remote students?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The evaluation report for the Rural and Remote Blueprint Strategy is currently being finalised.

Importantly, the Government has continued funding many initiatives first implemented under the Strategy, as part of its ongoing commitment to the provision of quality education to students in rural and remote areas.

Examples of continuing or new initiatives that support rural and remote schooling include:

- The state's virtual high school, Aurora College, will enter 2019 with more than 350 students. The College was recognised in 2018 for its achievements, receiving the Premier's Awards for Public Service in the category Improving Education Results
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) Rural and Remote Marking Program and the HSC Simulated Marking Program
- Enhanced staffing initiatives to encourage both experienced and pre-service teachers to undertake teaching positions in rural locations
- Providing funding to rural and isolated schools to develop ongoing networks with community organisations and improve access to collaborative curriculum development
- Targeted upgrades to broadband access and capacity for rural schools
- Implementation of 16 deliverables that
 - Promotion and marketing strategies for rural schools
 - Increased Teach.Rural scholars and increased scholarship payments
 - Flexible incentive packages.
- More than 220 schools in isolated areas suffering from intense drought conditions will be guaranteed their staffing entitlements in 2019, with a further 35 schools on the border of drought-affected areas also able to apply for the concession.

*9851 RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY LOAN FUNDS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

Considering the reports I have received from constituents regarding unacceptable delays in receiving Rural Assistance Authority loan funds, what is the delivery time of Rural Assistance Authority loan funds to the approved loan applicants?

Answer—

The processing time for loan applications varies, depending on the specifics of each application.

The Rural Assistance Authority's (RAA) ability to process applications is influenced by several factors, including;

- The need to obtain and assess information from the applicant;
- The need to obtain and assess information from third parties that might include consent from other financial institutions for the client to take on more debt, or from an accountant when information needs to be clarified;
- The high volume of drought related applications due to ongoing dry seasonal conditions.

The RAA has taken steps to ensure that applications are processed as efficiently as possible, including increasing staff numbers, introducing a night shift between 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on weekdays and ensuring clients are well informed about the progress of their application.

*9852 INCREASE TO EIGHT CAR SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH COAST LINE ON WEEKENDS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Are there any plans to increase four car weekend services on the South Coast Line to eight car services?

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Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to ensuring that improvements are delivered wherever possible to meet customer needs on South Coast trains now and into the future.

As the Member is aware, following feedback from the community and the advocacy of Gareth Ward MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast, on 27 September 2018 the Government announced an increase in capacity on the South Coast Line. From January 2019, the 3:24 pm and 3:54 pm Central to South Coast Line services will operate as eight-car Oscar trains. This means that all services departing Sydney for the South Coast in the evening peak will be eight cars, rather than the current four car configuration on certain services. These changes are an important part of Stage 1 of the Government's \$1.5 billion More Trains, More Services program. The program boosts network capability, provides better infrastructure and represents the single largest increase in capacity on the network.

*9853 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Will the Government consider development contributions under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to include maintenance of bush lands surrounding future developments?

Answer—

I am advised:

Support for bushland conservation is provided through the Office of Environment and Heritage, which operates the NSW Environmental Trust.

Under Sections 7.11 and 7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, development contributions can only be levied for provision of new facilities or extension and/or augmentation of existing facilities. This means that funds collected must be applied to the capital funding of facilities.

As outlined in the 2005 Development Contributions Practice Notes, capital funding means the initial one-off designed to meet the cost of providing infrastructure and includes:

- the costs of land acquisition including all things necessary to bring the land into council ownership and to a standard suited for the end use
- construction and provision of facilities including all the things necessary to facilitate construction and to bring the facility to a standard that is suited to the end use.

Capital costs do not include on-going operational and maintenance costs.

The only recurrent funding permitted is the on-going maintenance of roads where heavy vehicular traffic movements arises directly from a specific development activity such as mining.

*9854 POLICE OFFICERS PATROLLING TRAIN SERVICES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many police officers have patrolled train services on the South Coast Line in each month from August 2018 to October 2018?
- (2) How many infringement notices were issued on train services on the South Coast Line from October 2017 to October 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The allocation of resources is a matter for the Commissioner. The Police Transport and Public Safety Command uses intelligence driven rostering and strategies to target known offenders and crime hot spots.

Revenue NSW collates information on transport infringements and provides information on this via its website.

*9855 POLICE SHOOTING DEATHS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Will you request a systemic review of police shooting deaths in New South Wales by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) is an independent entity. The decision to investigate matters is made at the discretion of the LECC, in accordance with the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission Act 2016.

*9856 PARTIAL CLOSURE OF MOORE STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

(1) Will you agree to the requests by small business operators in Moore Street Liverpool to delay the partial closure by Sydney Water of Moore Street between Northumberland Street and Bathurst Street beyond December until January?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water has consulted with local business owners and arranged to complete a short period of rapid accelerated works on Moore Street, Liverpool. This condensed period of work will see Sydney Water's wastewater construction moved off Moore Street for Christmas trade.

Moore Street was reopened to normal traffic from 1 December 2018 until the new year.

The wastewater upgrade works will continue at other locations in the Liverpool CBD until 21 December and recommence in January 2019.

*9857 COMMENCEMENT OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier—

When do you propose to commence the Modern Slavery Act 2018?

Answer—

The Government is working towards a commencement date of 1 July 2019 for the Modern Slavery Act 2018.

Preparatory work and stakeholder consultation is underway in advance of the expected commencement.

*9858 PERMANENT MAGISTRATE COMMENCE AT BROKEN HILL LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

When will a permanent Magistrate commence at Broken Hill Local Court?

Answer—

The Chief Magistrate is responsible for making decisions about court sittings and appointing magistrates to circuits.

*9859 TRAIN NOISE AT NIGHT IMPACTING RESIDENTS IN SPEED STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What steps will you take in response to the complaints by Anna Kour concerning train noise at night impacting upon residents living in Speed Street, Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

Ms Kour received a response to her enquiry on 30 October 2018.

To mitigate the noise impacts to local residents from idling K-set trains' compressors while stored in the Liverpool Up Storage Siding, Sydney Trains has in the interim moved older K-set trains following their final run on Friday nights, usually at approximately 9:00 pm and not return them until approximately 5:00 am Monday morning to allow train crew to prepare them for morning services.

This mitigation commenced on Friday November 30, 2018. During this interim period no other trains will be timetabled to be stored in the siding during the weekend period.

Once the K-set trains are replaced by the new, quieter Waratah B-set trains, trains will again be stored in the siding behind Speed Street, however, this will typically be only overnight.

*9860 ADDITIONAL POLICE RESOURCES FOR REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Premier—

Considering your media release dated 12 November 2018 that crystal methamphetamine (ice) 'is a destructive drug that is ruining too many lives across New South Wales, especially in our regional

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centres', and supported evidence of 50 per cent increase in identified drug labs over the past 12 months and data that shows demand for ice is increasing, will you now commit to providing a minimum of 2,500 additional police over the next four year term and significantly boost police resources in Regional New South Wales, including the Central West Police District?

Answer—

The Government is delivering 1,500 new police positions over the next four years. This Investment of more than \$583 million will help continue to keep the New South Wales community safe.

As you are aware, the Government is also undertaking a Special Commission of Inquiry into ice.

*9861 VISUAL AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT IN INDIGENOUS CHILDREN—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What are the current rates of visual impairment in indigenous children aged:
 - (a) 0 to 6 years;
 - (b) 7 to 12 years;
 - (c) 13 to 18 years?
- (2) What are the current rates of visual impairment in non-indigenous children aged:
 - (a) 0 to 6 years;
 - (b) 7 to 12 years;
 - (c) 13 to 18 years?
- (3) What are the current rates of hearing impairment in indigenous children aged:
 - (a) 0 to 6 years;
 - (b) 7 to 12 years;
 - (c) 13 to 18 years?
- (4) What are the current rates of hearing impairment in non-indigenous children aged:
 - (a) 0 to 6 years;
 - (b) 7 to 12 years;
 - (c) 13 to 18 years?
- (5) How is the Government working to reduce rates of visual and hearing impairment in indigenous children in New South Wales?

Answer—

Detection and intervention for hearing and vision issues is provided by services across public, non-government and private sectors.

Aboriginal children in New South Wales have access to mainstream and specific health services to prevent, detect and intervene for vision and hearing issues and reduce rates of impairment.

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*9862 E-TOLL ACCOUNTS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many customers in the Granville electorate had E-Toll accounts as at:
 - (a) 1 April 2011;
 - (b) 1 April 2015;
 - (c) 1 April 2018?
- (2) What was the average total payment taken from the E-Toll accounts of customers in the Granville electorate in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Historical records are not available.

As at 20 November 2018 the total E-Toll accounts for the Granville electorate is 47,703.

(2) For the period of 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018, the average total payment was \$690.70.

*9863 TOLL RELIEF FOR MOTORISTS IN THE GRANVILLE ELECTORATE—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people have registered for Toll Relief from the Granville electorate since its inception (as at 13 November 2018)?
- (2) How many people applied for Toll Relief and were declined from the Granville electorate since its inception (as at 13 November 2018)?
- (3) How many people from the Granville electorate who registered for Toll Relief have registered their vehicle for free since its inception (as at 13 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am informed by Service NSW that numbers of recipients of free rego under Toll Relief will vary between Local Government Areas, Electorates and Localities.

Further information regarding the NSW Government's Toll Relief Program can be found at the Service NSW website.

*9864 COUNSELLORS IN SCHOOLS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) With regional, rural and remote public schools being already disadvantaged, and now adjustments have already been made to the school counselling service which has seen student counselling disruption and inconsistency through staff movement and limited availability in schools, such as Tullamore Central School and Trundle Central School in my electorate, to just one day per fortnight, will the Government commit to providing continuity of care for students by delivering them constant availability to counsellors?
- (2) Considering that one disadvantage regional, rural and remote schools and students face is distance, will you consider discussing with your Commonwealth counterpart about accessing funding from the Commonwealth Chaplaincy Program for student support services in regional, rural and remote public schools to provide student support services?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Every New South Wales public school has access to the school counselling service and no school has a reduced counselling allocation.

The National Schools Chaplaincy Program Project Agreement provides up to \$20,280 per year, with an additional \$4,056 for schools in remote or very remote areas. New South Wales Schools can access this funding.

*9865 TEACHING IN REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Education—

What is the Government doing to attract and retain experienced teachers of quality to provide the public school students of regional, rural and remote New South Wales the best available education which their metropolitan-based peers benefit from having?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The department provides a range of benefits and incentives to help attract high-quality teachers to rural and remote schools and encourage them to remain and share their experience. These benefits and incentives form part of the department's Rural and Remote Strategy.

The Rural and Remote Strategy is a comprehensive plan to improve student learning in rural and remote schools across New South Wales. It contains a variety of measures, including strengthening early childhood education, giving students access to a broad range of opportunities and better supporting schools to meet local student needs.

From 1 January 2019, permanent teachers at eligible rural and remote schools will receive a Rural Teacher Incentive with a value of between \$20,000 and \$30,000. In addition, all teachers who have maintained proficient status, or equivalent, for at least six years who are currently in a permanent position at an eligible incentive school will qualify for a \$10,000 experienced teacher benefit, payable for up to five years.

Other benefits and incentives available to permanent teachers in rural and remote schools include:

- an annual \$5,000 retention benefit available to permanent teachers and principals working at remote schools and remote Connected Communities incentive schools, payable for up to 10 years

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- a rental subsidy of between 50 per cent and 90 per cent, paid to teachers living in rental accommodation in rural and remote schools
- a \$10,000 recruitment bonus payment, which can be paid for successful permanent appointments to hard-to-fill teaching positions where two consecutive merit selection processes have been unsuccessful.
- Other benefits include: two to five days of additional personal leave, a Locality Allowance, a 10-week trial prior to confirmation of permanent appointment and sponsorship for professional development.

Temporary teachers may also be eligible for rental subsidy, recruitment bonus and locality allowance, as well as permanent appointment to a position after 12 months in the position.

The department also specifically targets teachers that want to make a difference in a rural or remote location, particularly those with experience through its Rural Experience Program. The Program, which commenced in Term 3, 2018, provides an opportunity for permanent teachers to take part in a short-term placement of 1 to 4 terms in a Rural and Remote school. Placements are created by principals and participants are provided a \$500 weekly allowance for the duration of their placement.

*9866 BIODIVERSITY-SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) How does the Government provide guidelines or requirements for biodiversity-sensitive urban design that make a positive onsite contribution to biodiversity through:
 - (a) Protecting and creating habitat;
 - (b) Helping species disperse;
 - (c) Minimising anthropogenic threats;
 - (d) Promoting ecological processes;
 - (e) Encouraging positive human-nature interaction?
- (2) How are these principles included in the Greener Places policy and Sydney Green Grid strategy?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to support biodiversity-sensitive urban design in all development?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Government Architect NSW is in the process of developing a Bushland and Waterway Guide. This aim of this guide is to provide advice on improving connectivity between bushland and waterways to maintain and create habitats supporting biodiversity in urban areas.

The guide proposes five strategies:

- connect urban habitats
- protect and conserve ecological values
- restore disturbed ecosystems to enhance ecological value and function
- create new ecosystems
- connect people to nature.

(2) Greener Places Policy, the urban green infrastructure policy will be supported by the draft Bushland and Waterways Guide which aims to provide green infrastructure for ecological health and habitat in the urban environment.

(3) The draft Bushland and Waterways Guide will include measurable targets to implement the urban habitat and biodiversity components of the green infrastructure policy, such as:

- Councils prepare strategic urban biodiversity frameworks to inform the preparation of their Local Strategic Planning Statements and Local Environmental Plans
- Core, transition and habitat connection areas are potentially incorporated in Local Environmental Plans
- Tailored controls supporting strategic urban biodiversity frameworks are incorporated into Development Control Plans
- Percentage of canopy cover in areas identified as priority links within the Sydney Green Grid align with the urban tree canopy targets
- Investment in green infrastructure project leads to an increase in peoples' interaction with nature and urban habitats

*9867 GAP BLUFF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) When does the Government expect to make a decision on the Gap Bluff commercial hospitality proposal for the Sydney Harbour National Park at South Head?
- (2) How is this proposal consistent with the South Head National Park Management Plan?
- (3) How does the Government propose to maintain the passive recreation features, natural environment and heritage values that are in conflict with commercial activities?
- (4) What further action will the Government take to protect the Sydney Harbour National Park at South Head?

Answer—

(1) to (4) On 11 December 2018, the Government announced its decision to not proceed with the proposal following strong community opposition. The national park will continue to be managed in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

*9868 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB LEASE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q9331, is it true that Woollahra Municipal Council expressed an interest in taking over this lease?
- (2) Did Woollahra Municipal Council express interest in taking over this lease before the government approved lease transfers to:
 - (a) CSKS Holdings Proprietary Limited;
 - (b) Quarry Street Proprietary Limited?
- (3) What is the Government's rationale for not proceeding with a lease transfer to Woollahra Municipal Council?
- (4) Does the Government policy give priority to commercial leases of Crown Land or to local councils?
 - (a) What policy applies in this case?
- (5) Is the Government required to consult with the local council when considering Crown Land lease transfers?
 - (a) Did the Government consult Woollahra Municipal Council in this case?
- (6) Has the Government received requests for owners consent for any development applications on this site in the past five years (to 14 November 2018)?
- (7) What further action has been taken to ensure the current lease conditions are being met since the response to LA Q9331?
- (8) How will the Government ensure that the former Paddington Bowling Club site remains accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?

Answer—

A 50-year commercial lease was granted over the Paddington Bowling Club in 2010 under the former Labor government.

An independent report commissioned by this Government and completed in 2014 found evidence that some Department staff did not comply by relevant government policies and procedures at the time the lease was issued. However, the Department remains bound by the lease conditions.

Woollahra Municipal Council has approached the Department of Industry (DoI) Crown Lands to discuss future management of the site but no formal requests to take over the lease have been received. Should Council wish to take over the lease, this would need to be negotiated with the leaseholder.

No requests for owner's consent have been received for the site for the past five years. The Department has outlined in writing to the leaseholder the requirements for compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease and will follow up in a face to face meeting.

In the case of the Paddington Bowling Club site, like any other Crown land matter, the law directs Government decision-making. Priority is not given to commercial leasing over vesting land with local councils, or vice versa. As mentioned, a 50-year commercial lease over this site was granted in 2010.

The most recent transfer of the lease, in November 2017, was lawful. The lease was transferred on the same terms and conditions and there has been no change in the permitted use of the land.

*9869 OUT-OF-HOME CARE LEAVING AGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the costs and benefits of extending the leaving age of Out-of-Home Care to 21 years?

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- (2) Is the Government aware of Deloitte Access Economics research showing significant benefits of extending the leaving age in:
 - (a) Halving homelessness;
 - (b) Reducing teenage pregnancy;
 - (c) Increasing education;
 - (d) Reducing hospitalisation;
 - (e) Reducing mental illness;
 - (f) Reducing smoking;
 - (g) Reducing criminality?
- (3) Is the Government aware of significant cost savings by extending the leaving age to 21?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to extend the leaving age of care to 21 years?

Answer—

I am advised that Section 165 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 already requires the arrangement or provision of assistance to eligible care leavers until they reach 25 years of age, where necessary in regards to their safety, welfare and wellbeing.

I am advised the Government is expanding supports for care leavers through PSP and Their Futures Matter. More information on PSP and Their Futures Matter is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/permanency-support-program> and <https://www.theirfuturesmatter.nsw.gov.au>

*9870 SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE SOUTHERN CYCLEWAY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What progress has the Government made on separating the Sydney Harbour Bridge southern cycleway from highly pedestrianised shared paths near Fort Street Public School and preventing conflict with students and pedestrians?
- (2) Has the Government approved plans in the November 2017 Review of Environmental Factors?
 - (a) What changes were made from the original proposal?
- (3) When does the Government expect work on this much-needed upgrade to begin?
- (4) When does the Government expect a safe separated bike route operating south of the bridge?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The project is currently under development.
- (2) The Review of Environmental Factors is yet to be determined.
 - (a) An alternative design is currently being investigated by Roads and Maritime Services in response to feedback provided by City of Sydney's Design Advisory Panel.
- (3) This is subject to outcomes from stakeholder discussions about the preferred option, as well as planning and funding approval.
- (4) Construction completion is dependent on the preferred option selected.

*9871 SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What procedures does the Government use to ensure Family and Community Services (FACS) Housing officers can contact social housing applicants who are homeless?
 - (a) What procedures apply where applicants do not have a mailing address?
- (2) In the last five years (to 14 November 2018), how many people have been taken off the New South Wales social housing waiting list when they could not be contacted?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of the causes of housing applicants not responding to FACS Housing contact requests?
- (4) What steps are taken to ensure that vulnerable applicants who could not be contacted and are removed from the Housing Register and remain in housing need, can be reinstated to the waiting list?
- (5) What action will the Government take to prevent the most vulnerable social housing applicants from being unnecessarily removed from the Housing Register?

Answer—

I am advised policies regarding the social housing waitlist and how applicants remain and/or can be reinstated are available on the Department of Family and Community Services' (FACS) website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/managing-nsw-housing-register-policy>.

*9872 PREVENTIVE HEALTH—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the outcomes of 30 years of operation of VicHealth, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to establishing a similar agency in New South Wales with hypothecated funding to prevent illness and disease?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to expand health promotion and prevention resources, programs and activities?

Answer—

Preventive health in New South Wales compares favourably to Victoria. New South Wales has a long standing infrastructure for health promotion, including dedicated teams in each local health district. New South Wales delivers sustained programs with high population reach and demonstrated impact.

VicHealth has not been funded by hypothecated tobacco tax since a High Court ruling in 1997. The Government established the Office of Preventive Health in 2012 to develop, evaluate and support the implementation of world class preventive health and health promotion programs.

The NSW Translational Research Grant Scheme is providing funding to test innovative interventions with the potential for a state-wide scale up.

*9873 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the trend in deaths from domestic violence as at 14 November 2018?
- (2) How many people have been killed from domestic violence since 2011 (to 14 November 2018)?
 - (a) Is it true that all those killed are women?
- (3) What assessment has the Government made of current prevention programs in New South Wales?
 - (a) Are these programs based on the research evidence showing a clear link between victim-blaming attitudes and both perpetration and tolerance of domestic violence?
- (4) Does the Government promote or support any domestic violence programs that blame victims?
- (5) What consideration has been given to additional prevention programs that target:
 - (a) Perpetrators;
 - (b) Those who tolerate or support domestic violence;
 - (c) Allies and protectors against domestic violence?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to prevent further domestic violence deaths and assaults?

Answer—

I am advised information regarding trends and patterns in domestic violence incidents is published by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, and is available at: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_pages/Domestic-Violence.aspx.

I am advised New South Wales is the only state in Australia to record a "significant decline" in the victimisation rate of domestic and family violence assault occasioning grievous bodily over the eight year period. More information is available at: <https://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/media-news/media-releases/2018/nsw-domestic-violence-decline.aspx>.

I am advised that information about the Government's domestic and family violence prevention and early intervention strategy 2017-2021 is available at: www.women.nsw.gov.au.

*9874 TRAMWAY OVAL PROJECT—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Under what planning pathway is approval being sought for the Tramway Oval project?
- (2) What environmental assessment reports and plans on the details of the project will be exhibited for public consultation?
- (3) To what extent will the City of Sydney council be shown plans and given an opportunity to comment?
- (4) What turf will be used on the Tramway Oval?

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- (5) Will the Tramway Oval be fenced?
- (6) What level of community access will be guaranteed to the Tramway Oval after the project is complete?
- (7) Has any approval been given for the Tramway Oval project?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Who made the determination?
 - (ii) When was it made?
- (8) What do the proposed 'wayfinding' changes at Moore Park associated with this project entail and when will the public be able to view plans and provide comment?
- (9) What lighting changes are being proposed at Moore Park associated with this project and when will the public be able to view plans and provide comment?
- (10) To what extent will the City of Sydney Council be shown plans for wayfinding and lighting changes and be given an opportunity to comment?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (10) Information about the project and approvals is available at: www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/parklands-projects/moore-park-east-reconfiguration-works.

Under the plan, there will be no change to community access.

Formal public consultation was undertaken by the Heritage Division as part of the s60 application process.

*9875 CONNECTING COUNTRY SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When can the students, parents and teachers from the public schools located throughout regional, rural and remote New South Wales expect to receive reliable internet connectivity and the equitable benefit from the Connecting Country Schools Program and the delivery of technology infrastructure to meet the needs of twenty first century learning?
- (2) What is the Government doing to facilitate and/or deliver reliable internet connectivity for students undertaking schooling through distant education in regional, rural and remote New South Wales?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that all students benefit educationally over the next year from more reliable internet connectivity, both at their schools and their homes?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Government's Connecting Country Schools Program is now upgrading 13,000 learning spaces in over 900 schools around the state. More than 450 of these schools have been equipped with a customised wireless network during 2018 delivering strong, reliable internet connectivity to all learning spaces. The remaining schools will be equipped during 2019.

The Department of Education continues to work with major vendors to identify and tailor available solutions that will provide the best service for our schools and their students.

*9876 WESTMEAD HEALTH AND EDUCATION PRECINCT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the Premier's announcement on 5 November 2018 that new primary and secondary schools will also be included in the precinct planning, when will the design of the schools be completed?
- (2) When will the construction of the schools be completed?
- (3) What area is proposed for the catchment area of the new:
 - (a) Primary School;
 - (b) High School?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Government is working to establish a leading international health, education and research precinct in Western Sydney.

A new primary and high school will be included in the precinct planning.

The details of the new schools will be finalised during the master planning process.

*9877 CROWN LAND WITHIN THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What parcels of crown land are located within The Entrance electorate?
 - (a) What is the address of each of these parcels of land?
- (2) Is there a plan showing the location, boundaries and identification of each parcel of crown land to a 1:50,000 scale or larger?
 - (a) If so, where can this plan be accessed?
- (3) Which parcels of crown land in The Entrance electorate are designated as parks, reserves, roads and cemeteries?
 - (a) What is the address of each of these?
- (4) Is there a plan showing designated areas such as parks, reserves, roads and cemeteries to a 1:50,000 scale or larger?
 - (a) If so, where can this plan be accessed?

Answer—

(1) As at 27 November 2018, in The Entrance state electoral district there are:

- 169 lots (about 539.3 hectares) of Crown land,
- about 2,518.9 hectares of Crown waterways, and
- 250 Crown roads (about 71.6 hectares).

(1) (a), (2), (3) (a) to (4) (a) A spreadsheet and map of Crown land will be provided to the Member for The Entrance for the Crown land, Crown roads and Crown waterways in The Entrance state electoral district.

(2) (a) See response to (1) (a).

In addition, the Department of Industry Crown lands maintains a 'Crown land manager reserves portal' via its website. This portal allows any person to view data on Crown reserves that are managed or controlled by councils. However, it does not include all Crown land (such as reserves not managed by council, Crown roads or Crown waterways).

(3) As at 27 November 2018, in The Entrance state electoral district there are:

- 83 parcels (about 283.3 hectares) of Crown land which include a purpose of public recreation (ie. parks, reserves)
- 250 Crown road parcels (about 71.6 hectares), and
- Nil parcels with a purpose of cemeteries.

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*9878 SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE NSW DROUGHT COORDINATOR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Since the appointment of the NSW Drought Coordinator, on how many occasions have you met with Ms Job to discuss further support provided by the Government to individuals suffering from the drought (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) What financial support has been provided to the NSW Drought Coordinator to assist them in their role?
- (3) What towns and communities has the NSW Drought Coordinator visited to assess the impact of the drought since their appointment (to 15 November 2018)?
- (4) What recommendations has the NSW Drought Coordinator provided to improve the Government's response to the drought crisis?

Answer—

(1) The Minister met with and/or received a weekly update from the Drought Coordinator.

(2) The Drought coordinator does not administer funds as part of their role. Government assistance is provided by the Rural Assistance Authority.

(3) The Drought Coordinator has conducted 95 community consultations in 50 locations across New South Wales. These consultation sessions included primary producers, stakeholder groups, non-government organisations (NGOs), community members and local businesses and discussed the challenges being experienced in regional areas and ideas and solutions to help address the challenges. Further to this, the Drought Coordinator has engaged with more than 600 individual primary producers across an additional 137 locations across New South Wales.

The Drought Coordinator has also attended industry events such as the NSW Farmers Association Annual Conference and AgQuip to engage with a diverse range of people; has engaged with a broad range of NGOs such as the Country Women's Association of New South Wales and Landcare NSW and charities providing aid to drought impacted communities. The Drought Coordinator has also engaged with industry bodies, government agencies and other key groups.

(4) The Drought Coordinator has reported on a broad range of issues which are impacting rural and regional communities and primary producers, some of which are as a result of drought and others are being exacerbated due to the stressors associated with drought. This information has been invaluable in shaping the government's response to this drought. Some of the key areas of influence include:

- Changes to the Combined Drought Indicator map category to better reflect the impacts of drought on ground
- Changes to the eligibility criteria of drought assistance measures offered through the Rural Assistance Authority that were inhibiting new entrants to agriculture from accessing these measures
- Issues relating to the need for farm-gate counselling services to support the mental health needs of primary producers
- Issues relating to the degradation of rural roads during drought
- Issues relating to interstate load mass system issues impacting the transportation of fodder into New South Wales
- Issues relating to the impact of kangaroos on primary producers during drought conditions
- Impacts of the cost of doing business and requests for waivers of costs such as Local Land Services rates.

*9879 PRODUCE USED IN FOOD SERVED IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the food which is purchased and served within public hospitals in New South Wales to patients, does each Local Health District source and purchase the food separately or collectively?
- (2) Is there a procurement directive to source and purchase Australian made and grown food?
 - (a) If yes, what percentage of all products and produce purchased is the minimum requirement?
 - (b) If no:
 - (i) Why not;
 - (ii) Has this been considered?
- (3) What percentage of the State Health budget has been spent on food for hospital patients in each of the past 5 years (to 15 November 2018)?
 - (a) How much does this equate to in dollar amount?
- (4) Are individual contracts held with Australian farmers and producers to provide fresh produce to our hospitals and/or food providers?

Answer—

I am advised that:

All procurement activities undertaken by NSW Health adhere to the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework.

Statistics about food and hotel supplies are published in the NSW Health Annual Report at www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/pages/default.aspx.

*9880 WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How much funding has been provided through the Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Program to empower Aboriginal communities in waste management as at 15 November 2018?
 - (a) In what areas has this funding been provided?
 - (b) What activities or projects have been initiated as a result of the funding to empower Aboriginal communities in waste management?

- (2) How much funding has been provided through the Illegal Dumping Prevention and Waste Enforcement Fund for the Aboriginal land clean-up and prevention program as at 15 November 2018?
 - (a) In what areas has this funding been provided?
 - (b) What projects have been initiated as a result of the funding for Aboriginal land clean-up and prevention program?
- (3) How much of the \$500,000 in funding set aside for weighbridges have been allocated for construction as at 15 November 2018?
 - (a) Where have these weighbridges been constructed?
- (4) Of the \$337 million in grants and funding provided through the Waste Less, Recycle More program, how much has been allocated to the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) What particular projects or programs have been funded in the Cessnock electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Aboriginal Community Waste Management Program has provided a total of \$400,000 to 16 Aboriginal communities.

Projects include a community waste management plan, the clean-up of bulky and illegally dumped waste, community engagement and education, and improvements to waste management systems.

(2) As at 15 November 2018, \$690,544 has been provided under the Aboriginal Land Clean-up and Prevention program.

Projects include cleaning up illegally dumped waste from hotspot areas, installing prevention measures such as fencing and gates, and raising awareness about illegal dumping and reporting illegal dumping through media and installation of signage.

(3) \$59,700 has been allocated to a project in the Myall Lakes.

(4) \$4.8 million was allocated to projects in the Cessnock electorate, including projects covering the Cessnock, Singleton and Lake Macquarie local government areas.

(a) Funding has supported projects such as chemical cleanout events, illegal dumping and prevention initiatives, litter prevention projects, waste education campaigns, waste planning and regional waste strategy implementation.

*9881 REDEVELOPMENT OF TERRIGAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment [Identification of Buildings with External Combustible Cladding] Regulation 2018, does the cladding used in the redevelopment of Terrigal High School comprise of polystyrene, polyurethane or polyisocyanurate with metal composite panels made of aluminium, zinc or copper?
- (2) If the cladding used does fall into this category, does the Government have a plan to remove this cladding?
- (3) Are the details of this plan publicly accessible?
- (4) If the cladding used does not fall into the category detailed in question 1, what materials is the cladding on the external facade of Terrigal High School comprised of?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The cladding used on the project at Terrigal High School does not contain these components.

The material used on the project at Terrigal High School is a painted CSR Expresswall system, which is a jointed fibre-cement material.

*9882 REDEVELOPMENT OF GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment [Identification of Buildings with External Combustible Cladding] Regulation 2018, does the cladding used in the redevelopment of Gosford Hospital comprise of polystyrene, polyurethane or polyisocyanurate with metal composite panels made of aluminium, zinc or copper?
- (2) If the cladding used does fall into this category, does the Government have a plan to remove this cladding?

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- (3) Are the details of this plan publicly accessible?
(4) If the cladding used does not fall into the category detailed in question 1, what materials is the cladding on the external facade of Gosford Hospital comprised of?

Answer—

Buildings being delivered as part of the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment project have been assessed and found to comply with current Building Code of Australia (BCA) and legislative requirements.

*9883 NEWCASTLE SCHOOL BUS SERVICES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of reports that the 735 school bus did not arrive at the bus stop located on the corner of Brunker and Coolah Roads, Broadmeadow on the following dates:
(a) 14 September 2018;
(b) 23 September 2018;
(c) 25 October 2018;
(d) 29 October 2018;
(e) 30 October 2018;
(f) 31 October 2018?
(2) Will the Minister apologise to families that have been inconvenienced by the failure of the 735 bus service to arrive?

Answer—

I am advised:

Newcastle Transport has investigated this matter and confirmed three Route 735 services missed the stop at the corner of Brunker and Coolah roads on 25, 30 and 31 October 2018.

Strategies have been put in place to avoid a recurrence. The bus drivers involved have been counselled, and Newcastle Transport has installed a visual marker at Chatham Street, Adamstown, to ensure drivers stay on route.

*9884 SHORTAGE OF INTERPRETERS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a shortage in the availability of Australian Sign Language (Auslan) interpreters in New South Wales?
(a) How will this shortage be addressed to ensure that people who require Auslan interpreters have access to them?
(2) Was the Minister consulted regarding recent discussions by TAFE NSW to discontinue Auslan Certificate 2 and 3 course?

Answer—

This Question should be directed to the Hon. Adam Marshall MP, Assistant Minister for Skills.

*9885 OURIMBAH STATION MASTER'S COTTAGE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What assessment has been undertaken of the preservation needs of the Ourimbah Station Master's Cottage?
(2) What is the result of the assessment?
(3) What is the estimate of the cost associated with the preservation of the Cottage?

Answer—

I am advised:

The ongoing maintenance of Ourimbah Station Master's cottage occurs in accordance with all Government policies and heritage requirements.

*9886 NO-GROUNDS EVICTIONS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Premier—

- (1) Did any of the Ministers declare a conflict of interest when Cabinet made the decision to retain no-grounds evictions in the Residential Tenancies Act that benefit landlords over renters?
(a) If so, how many?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

All Ministers are required to disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct.

Under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct, a conflict of interest can arise where a decision may result in a private benefit. However, a private benefit does not arise merely because a person is a member of a broad demographic group of the public and has the same type of interest as other such members.

***9887 DECEASED ESTATE ADMINISTRATION FEES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—**

- (1) Considering the NSW Trustee & Guardian and their fees for service in relation to Deceased Estate Administration and One-off executor fees which are currently a scaled fixed percentage of asset values, how much revenue was received for One-off executor fees in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-2017?
- (2) How many estates were these fees for in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2016-2017?
- (3) What percentage value of these estates handled does this revenue equate to?
- (4) Is there or has there been any capacity to negotiate on the fee charged or payable by the beneficiaries of the estates?
- (5) Who or what body sets the fee structure?
- (6) When did the One-off executor fee structure change to the current scaled fixed percentage of asset values?
- (7) What fee structure was employed prior to the current fee structure?

Answer—

I am advised:

Estates may be administered by the NSW Trustee and Guardian (NSWTG) over different financial years as different assets are realised over time. This means the same estate may be counted in NSW TG's Trust Estate Asset Management System in more than one financial year. Therefore, statistics in the format requested are not available.

Financial Information about NSW TG, including revenue, is published in the organisation's annual reports, available at: www.tag.nsw.gov.au.

NSW Trustee and Guardian fees are charged in accordance with the NSW Trustee and Guardian Regulation 2017. Clients can seek a waiver or reduction of fees, if those fees would cause extreme hardship or would be inequitable.

The current fee structure was recommended by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal and set by regulation, and was implemented on 1 July 2016.

The previous fee schedule was:

- 4 per cent on the first \$100,000, and
 - 3 per cent on the next \$100,000, and
 - 2 per cent on the next \$100,000, and
 - 1 per cent on any amount exceeding \$300,000,
- with a minimum fee of \$250 per estate.

***9888 HEATH SPENDING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—**

- (1) How much funding has been spent in the Cessnock electorate by NSW Health in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 15 November 2018), how much funding has been provided by NSW Health for the programs, projects and activities in the Cessnock electorate to the following Local Government Areas:
 - (a) Cessnock City Council;
 - (b) Lake Macquarie City Council;
 - (c) Singleton Council?
- (3) What infrastructure spending has been completed by NSW Health in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19 (as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

Health funding data is not available on the basis of electorate.

Annual figures for infrastructure spending can be found in the annual reports on the NSW Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au.

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*9889 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many applicants are on the General Housing list for properties located in the Cessnock electorate as at 30 June 2018?
- (2) How many applicants are on the Priority Housing list for properties located in the Cessnock electorate as at 30 June 2018?
- (3) How many Social Housing properties are located within the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) How many of these are:
 - (i) Tenanted;
 - (ii) Vacant;
 - (iii) Awaiting maintenance prior to tenanting;
 - (iv) To be sold?
- (4) What suburbs have applicants listed for?
- (5) How many properties have been purchased in these suburbs since 1 July 2015 in an attempt to reduce the waiting lists (to 15 November 2018)?
- (6) How long has the longest applicant been awaiting placement at a suitable property?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register, including applicants and expected waiting times is available on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am also advised that information about the number social housing properties is also available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*9890 UPGRADE TO INGLEBURN MILITARY PRECINCT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

When will Landcom allocate the necessary funds to upgrade the historic Ingleburn Military Precinct so as to enable the currently closed huts to reopen?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2017 Landcom conducted a Work Health and Safety audit inspection on the Bardia Barracks buildings, within the Ingleburn Military Heritage Precinct and identified a number of safety and risk issues.
- (2) The huts and the Guard House have been closed due to their deteriorating condition, hazardous building materials, including asbestos, and accessibility issues.
- (3) Landcom has undertaken two rounds of consultation with stakeholders in 2017 and 2018 to seek ideas for the adaptive reuse of buildings at Bardia Barracks.
- (4) Landcom will continue to consult key stakeholders, including military groups, the Office of Veterans Affairs NSW, Liverpool City Council and others with a connection to the site about planning for the Barracks.
- (5) Funds will be allocated to upgrade buildings once suitable future uses have been identified, in consultation with key stakeholders.

*9891 NEW WARATAH B SET TRAINS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering your answer to LA Q9441, where on the Transport for NSW website are the details on:
 - (a) How many of the new Waratah B set trains are in operation?
 - (b) What percentage of use time for the new Waratah B sets is spent on each of the Sydney Train lines?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer to LA Q9441. This information is available on the Transport for NSW website - <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/currentprojects/sydney-growth-trains>

*9892 AUDIT OF SUBSTANCES REMAINED ON TRUEGAIN SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Has the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) conducted an audit of what substances remain on the Truegain site?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) If the EPA audit has been conducted, what was found?
 - (a) What is the disposal plan?
 - (b) If there is no disposal plan then what is the storage plan?
- (3) How will the EPA continue monitoring those remaining substances?
- (4) Who is acting to remove chemicals from the site and/or repair facilities to avoid further contamination of the surrounding environment?
- (5) Does the EPA intend to inform neighbouring businesses and residents of the action it is taking to address concerns about the Truegain site?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (4) The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is maintaining close oversight of the clean-up activities and the site owner is providing the EPA with weekly updates of all waste management and clean-up activities. The EPA is regularly inspecting the mobile treatment plant on site to treat the per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contaminated wastewater, ensuring that the site owner removes all accumulated waste from the site and that all PFAS contaminated wastewater is treated and removed.

(5) The EPA has notified downstream landholders with access to Stony, Fishery and Wallis Creeks of the potential for contamination and has held community meetings.

*9893 RAYMOND TERRACE ROAD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the crash history of Raymond Terrace Road Millers Forest between the Irrawang Bridge and Macfarlanes Road Thornton for:
 - (a) The 12 months to 30 June 2018; and
 - (b) The four years to 30 June 2018?
- (2) What is the breakdown on time of day and road conditions for the crashes reported in question one:
 - (a) Day;
 - (b) Night;
 - (c) Wet road conditions;
 - (d) Dry road conditions?
- (3) When was the most recent traffic count conducted on that section of Raymond Terrace Road and what was the result?
- (4) Was a traffic count conducted on that section of Raymond Terrace Road in 2015?
 - (a) If so, what was the result?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Interactive crash statistics with reports on road user deaths and injuries, locations and crash types for the five years up to and including 2017 are available on the Centre for Road Safety's website. Data for 2018 are preliminary and incomplete.

(3) 2018. Around 11,000 vehicles per day.

(4) Yes.

(a) Around 10,000 vehicles per day.

*9894 PORT OF NEWCASTLE LEASING ARRANGEMENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Did the Government announce on 27 July 2012 a policy decision that a container terminal will be developed at the Port of Newcastle after Port Botany reaches capacity, followed by Port Kembla?
- (2) Is the "Port Commitment" a contractual commitment by the Government to New South Wales Ports to pay NSW Ports for containers shipped through the Port of Newcastle, as specified by the formula "Calculation of Support"?
- (3) Did the Government's "Term Sheets" with Newcastle Stevedores Consortium (NSC) require NSC to pay the Government for any cost the Government incurred to NSW Ports under the Port Commitment due to the activities of NSC in the Port of Newcastle?

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- (4) Did the Government contractually require NSC to comply with the Term Sheets as a condition of conducting its negotiation with Newcastle Port Corporation (NPC) to lease the parcel of land known as the "Mayfield Site"?
- (5) Was the Port of Newcastle being leased as at October 28 2013?
- (6) Did the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inform the Government that the Government's decision to lease the Port of Newcastle meant the lease arrangements were unlikely to fall within the definition of "carrying on a business" for the purposes of the "Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010"?
- (7) Is the Port of Newcastle lessee required to pay the Government on the same terms as NSC was required to pay the Government?
- (8) Has the ACCC disclosed to the Government the ports arrangements which the ACCC considers may breach the Competition Act?
- (9) Did the Government sign a confidentiality agreement with the ACCC which prevents the ACCC from disclosing the ports arrangements it is currently investigating?

Answer—

- (1) Media releases can be found at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>.
- (2) Details of container arrangements in the Port Commitment Deeds are commercial in confidence.
- (3) and (7) The negotiations with Newcastle Stevedores Consortium are commercial in confidence.
- (4) A contract was not concluded from the negotiations between Newcastle Port Corporation and Newcastle Stevedores Consortium.
- (5) Media releases can be found at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/media-releases>.
- (6) It is ultimately a matter of law as to whether the State is carrying on business. Based on our review to date of discussions with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) at the time we are not aware of the ACCC definitely expressing such view.
- (8) The ACCC has commenced proceedings against NSW Ports and has filed documents with the Federal Court. The Government is not party to the ACCC's proceedings.
- (9) No.

*9895 PICTON ROAD—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What current works and improvements are now underway on Picton Road?
 - (a) When will these works be completed?
- (2) When will the next stage of planned works commence on Picton Road?
 - (a) What do these works consist of?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth and New South Wales Governments have funded over \$60 million in safety improvements on Picton Road since 2010, with the number of crashes falling by almost 25 per cent in recent years and the incidence of head-on crashes falling by almost 80 per cent. This has included the installation of median safety barriers, interchange upgrades and installation of acceleration lanes to improve safety for heavy vehicles exiting the rest areas on Picton Road.

The Government plans on future road upgrades can be found in Future Transport 2056. Roads and Maritime Services' ongoing Picton Road maintenance schedule includes pavement repairs, guardrail and wire rope repair, drainage clearance, sign and marking maintenance, and vegetation control.

*9896 E-TENDERS REGISTRATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Wollongong based businesses are registered via eTenders in Scheme 0256 - Prequalification Scheme for General Construction Works Valued up to \$1 million?
- (2) How many Illawarra based businesses are registered via eTenders in Scheme 0256 - Prequalification Scheme for General Construction Works Valued up to \$1 million?
- (3) What measures are taken to encourage businesses to register via eTenders?
- (4) How many businesses which have been awarded contracts after registering in the Scheme 0256 - Prequalification Scheme for General Construction Works Valued up to \$1 million are:
 - (a) Wollongong based businesses;
 - (b) Illawarra based businesses?

- (5) What was the value of contracts awarded to businesses in (4) (a) and (b)?
 (6) What was the nature of the awarded contracts in (4) (a) and (b)?

Answer—

- (1) There are 82 Wollongong based businesses registered under SCM0256.
 (2) There are 30 Illawarra based businesses registered under SCM0256. This figure excludes the Wollongong based businesses.
 (3) There is minimal encouragement to inform suppliers to register on eTenders outside occasional regional forums hosted by various agencies.
 (4) Of the businesses awarded contracts on SCM0256:
 (a) 9 are Wollongong based businesses
 (b) 1 is an Illawarra based business (this figure excludes Wollongong based businesses)
 (5) The value of the contracts from (4) are:
 (a) \$3,362,913 for Wollongong based businesses
 (b) \$307,720 for Illawarra based businesses (this figure excludes Wollongong based businesses)
 (6) All contracts were undertaken under the Construction category, and all were established from Request for Quotes. The work capabilities for these RFQs include Building Works (Multi-trade), Building Electrical and Asbestos Removal.

Notes:

- Illawarra has been defined as the Local Government Areas of Kiama and Shellharbour only.
- Wollongong has been defined as the Local Government Area of Wollongong only.
- The figures given for question (1) and (2) are current as of 23 November 2018.
- For questions (4), (5) and (6) we can only report on those activities where the agency awarded the RFX or published a related Contract Award Notice via the system.
- No date filters for awards have been applied. This data includes all awards since the scheme inception on eTendering on 13 November 2014.

*9897 CABINET MEETINGS IN WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

- (1) When was the last occasion the NSW Cabinet met in Wollongong?
 (2) In which electorates has the NSW Cabinet met since March 2011 (to 15 November 2018)?
 (3) Why has the NSW Cabinet not met in Wollongong since March 2011 (to 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

The NSW Cabinet has held meetings at various localities across the state since 2011 including regional, coastal and Greater Sydney areas.

Future locations for Cabinet visits will be decided in due course.

*9898 PRE SCHOOL EDUCATION IN CHARLESTOWN—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) In the year of 2017, what proportion of children in the Charlestown electorate participated in 600 hours of quality preschool education the year before school?
 (2) Does this figure meet the Government's target for preschool participation?
 (3) For the Government to meet its target, how many additional preschool students will need to participate in preschool education?

Answer—

Data on participation in preschool programs is not available at the electorate level. New South Wales performance under the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education is measured at the state level.

*9899 AMENDMENTS TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (CARE AND PROTECTION) ACT AND THE ADOPTION ACT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Considering the proposed Amendments to the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act and the Adoption Act, what additional funding will be provided to Department of Family and Community Services to find a permanent home within the next two years for the approximate 18,000 children and young people currently living in Out of Home Care?

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Answer—

I am advised that the Government is investing over \$2 billion to protect and support our most vulnerable children, young people and families in 2018-19. More information is available in the 2018-19 Budget Paper at: https://www.budget.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/budget-2018-062._Family_and_Community_Services_cluster-BP3-Budget_201819.pdf

*9900 HOUSING NSW—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many Housing NSW tenants reside in the NN07 housing district?
- (2) How many Client Service Officers manage the NN07 district?

Answer—

I am advised that information on tenants in public housing is available at the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am also advised information relating to staff within FACS is available in the Department's Annual Report which can also be found on the FACS website.

*9901 PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many regular public transport bus routes, Monday-Friday & weekend, did the Government have under contract for the Maitland area bounded by Woodberry, Largs, Anambah and Gillieston Heights:
 - (a) At 30 June 2018;
 - (b) At 30 June 2011?
- (2) How many regular public transport bus services, Monday-Friday & weekend, did the Government have under contract for the Maitland area bounded by Woodberry, Largs, Anambah and Gillieston Heights:
 - (a) At 30 June 2018;
 - (b) At 30 June 2011?
- (3) How many school bus routes did the Government have under contract for the Maitland area bounded by Woodberry, Largs, Anambah and Gillieston Heights:
 - (a) At 30 June 2018;
 - (b) At 30 June 2011?
- (4) How many school bus services did the Government have under contract for the Maitland area bounded by Woodberry, Largs, Anambah and Gillieston Heights:
 - (a) At 30 June 2018;
 - (b) At 30 June 2011?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*9902 PARAMEDICS WHICH ATTEND MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Paramedics from which NSW Ambulance stations attended motor vehicle collisions on Raymond Terrace Road Millers Forest on:
 - (a) Thursday 1 November 2018 near the intersection of Monkleys Road; and
 - (b) Thursday 8 November 2018 between Scotch Creek Road and Turners Road?
- (2) What was the response time from receipt of Triple Zero call to first station on scene for the motor vehicle collision on:
 - (a) Thursday 1 November 2018; and
 - (b) Thursday 8 November 2018?
- (3) What was the response time for the Rutherford Ambulance Rescue vehicle from receipt of Triple Zero call to arrival on scene for the Raymond Terrace Road Millers Forest motor vehicle collision on:
 - (a) Thursday 1 November 2018; and
 - (b) Thursday 8 November 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that a review of NSW Ambulance records identified motor vehicle collisions (MVC) incidents in the area on 1 November 2018 and 7 November 2018.

NSW Ambulance assessed the incident on 1 November 2018 as requiring an urgent ambulance response. The closest available resources were assigned to attend, including a helicopter.

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

***9903 PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE EVALUATION**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has the Maitland and Lower Hunter Palliative Care Service evaluation been completed?
- (2) Will the evaluation report be made available for further public comment or be used as an internal planning document?
- (3) What is the outcome of the evaluation?
- (4) Does it include any future planning recommendations?
- (5) Will the Government commit to ensure that the funding and staffing recommendations contained in the evaluation are addressed commencing from the 2019-20 NSW Budget?

Answer—

The Maitland and Lower Hunter Palliative Care Service evaluation is an internal document to inform ongoing service arrangements and planning.

The Government has prioritised increasing access to palliative care across New South Wales and giving people with a life limiting illness greater choice about where they receive end of life care. For the 2017-18 financial year, \$17.4 million of the Government's \$100 million over four years additional palliative care funding was distributed to local health districts.

***9904 RESPONSE RATE OF EAST MAITLAND FIRE AND RESCUE STATION**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many incidents did the East Maitland Fire and Rescue station respond to for the year to:
 - (a) 30 June, 2018; and
 - (b) 30 June 2017?
- (2) What was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to arrival on scene of the East Maitland Fire and Rescue appliance during the 12 months to 30 June 2018 for the:
 - (a) Monday to Friday Day shift;
 - (b) Monday to Friday Night shift;
 - (c) Saturday and Sunday?
- (3) What was the average response time from receipt of Triple Zero calls to arrival on scene of the East Maitland Fire and Rescue appliance during the 12 months to 30 June 2018 for callouts to:
 - (a) Thornton;
 - (b) East Maitland;
 - (c) Morpeth;
 - (d) Rutherford;
 - (e) Telarah;
 - (f) Aberglasslyn; and
 - (g) Gillieston Heights?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about callouts and response times is included in the Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Annual Report.

***9905 EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Has Health Infrastructure made provision in its tender for the construction of the New Maitland Hospital to include apprentice employment of:
 - (a) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; and
 - (b) Women?

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- (2) Does Health Infrastructure have any indicative target for the number or percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and women it would like employed on construction of the New Maitland Hospital?
- (3) Will construction of the New Maitland Hospital provide an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and women to access the Government's fee-free apprenticeship program?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Health Infrastructure is committed to encouraging greater diversity in the construction sector and its suppliers and has endorsed the 'NSW Government Action Plan: A ten point commitment to the construction sector (June 2018)'.

Health Infrastructure requires that its suppliers meet or exceed the Aboriginal Participation in Construction Policy (APiC) minimum spend.

In line with the NSW Health Good Health Great Jobs Aboriginal Workforce Strategic Framework's (2016 - 2020), NSW Health organisations are required to establish entry-level opportunities for Aboriginal people (including traineeships and apprenticeships) in occupations that offer career opportunities in the organisation and elsewhere in NSW Health and by working with schools, training providers and Opportunity Hubs (established by the Government to assist Aboriginal school to work transition) to provide opportunities for Aboriginal students for structured vocational education work placements and School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

Access to the Government's fee-free apprenticeship program is available to all New South Wales apprentices whose training is funded under the Government's Smart and Skilled program and commenced on or after 1 July 2018.

*9906 METROPOLITAN WATER PLAN—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What actions have been taken to optimise the way that the Greater Sydney water supply system is managed since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) What investment has been made in water conservation since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?
 - (a) How much water has been saved?
- (3) What actions have been taken to prepare for drought since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (4) What actions have been taken to integrate the provision of water, wastewater and stormwater services since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (5) What environmental flows have been released from Warragamba Dam since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (6) What improvement has been made to the health of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River since 2017 (as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan (Plan) was released in March last year. It optimised our supply system by including a broader mix of drought response options and by lowering the Sydney Desalination Plant triggers. This has been saving around \$20 million per year on average, compared to the previous settings for the water supply system. The Plan takes an adaptive approach, so we are continually monitoring and reviewing our settings to ensure the best outcomes both now and into the future.

(2) Ongoing water conservation is an integral part of our approach to securing water supplies for the Greater Sydney Region. It is a key requirement under Sydney Water's Operating Licence.

In 2017-2018, Sydney Water invested over \$29 million into its water conservation programs which focused on:

- supporting its customers to use water resources wisely through its water efficiency programs such as WaterFix Residential, WaterFix Strata and PlumbAssist;
- reducing the amount of water lost in the network through its ongoing leak detection program;
- and reducing the amount of water taken from our dams by providing recycled water for various uses.

(a) In 2017-2018, Sydney Water saved a total of 10,462 million litres of water from its water conservation programs.

(3) The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan (Plan) was released in March last year. It outlines the Government's drought response strategy which is currently being implemented to manage the drought in

the Greater Sydney Region. The Plan identifies a range of actions to increase or conserve water supplies, including by:

- transferring water from the Shoalhaven River when water storage levels reach 75 per cent
- turning on the Sydney Desalination Plant when storage levels reach 60 per cent, and
- introducing Level 1 water restrictions when storage levels reach 50 per cent.

(4) The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan, released in March last year, committed to exploring opportunities for adopting integrated water cycle solutions and a more cohesive approach to planning and managing water services in new developments. In addition, the Government committed to test options for integrated water cycle management in the South Creek catchment under the State Infrastructure Strategy released in March 2018. Implementation of these plans is underway. Sydney Water is also currently investigating integrated water services for key growth corridors including the Greater Parramatta to Olympic Peninsula, Metro North West, and the Sydenham to Bankstown corridor.

(5) No environmental flows have yet been released from Warragamba Dam because the dam wall will need to be modified to create an outlet for flows to be released. This is being coordinated with investigations into the raising of Warragamba Dam for flood mitigation purposes.

(6) The 2017 Metropolitan Water Plan provides for the introduction of new variable environmental flows from Warragamba Dam to help protect and improve the health of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River. Implementing flows from Warragamba Dam is part of a program of work over more than a decade to improve the health of rivers in the Greater Sydney region. We are currently assessing the most appropriate option for the infrastructure to allow for the release of these flows. Once environmental flows from Warragamba Dam are implemented, the community can expect enhanced use of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River for boating, fishing, swimming, recreation, tourism and agriculture. It is expected that the flows will begin from 2024 onwards. In the meantime, Sydney Water has invested in upgrades at major wastewater treatment facilities across the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment. These plants will soon be fitted with treatment technologies that will help improve the health of the river while keeping bills low.

***9907 TRAIN SERVICES FROM GRANVILLE STATION—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—**

- (1) Does the Minister consider that Granville Station has been over-serviced with trains in the past?
- (2) Does the Minister consider that any less trains to Granville station should be mapped against supply and demand despite Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy-related residential developments contributing to population growth in the area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Granville station receives a high frequency service in both peaks, with 12 services per hour (averaging one train every five minutes). This service level is equal to or greater than other stations with similar levels of patronage. Transport for NSW is constantly examining train loads and service patterns to improve the service offered to customers.

***9908 TRAINS ON THE T3 BANKSTOWN LINE WITH AIR-CONDITIONING—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—**

- (1) What percentage of trains that operate on the T3 Bankstown line currently have air-conditioning (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) Will there be an increase in the number of trains on the T3 Bankstown line with air-conditioning, particularly in the lead up to summer?

Answer—

I am advised:

98 per cent of trains on the T3 Bankstown Line are air-conditioned.

As the Member may recall, under the former Labor government, only 67 per cent of train services were air-conditioned.

***9909 CHILDREN AT RISK REPORTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—**

- (1) What percentage of reports of children at risk of significant harm for the financial year 2017-18 were responded to:

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- (a) Within 24 hours;
- (b) Within 72 hours;
- (c) Within 10 days?

Answer—

I am advised information about risk of significant harm reports is published online on the FACS Statistics website: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people>.

*9910 NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the number of children currently in Out of Home Care in New South Wales as at 15 November 2018?
 - (a) What were the lengths of these placements?
 - (b) How many children had one, two or three or more placements?

Answer—

I am advised information about the number of children and young people in out-of-home care by length of time in current care period and number of distinct placements is published on the FACS Statistics website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people>

*9911 GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many children are currently on Guardianship Orders as at 15 November 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of children and young people on guardianship orders is published online on the FACS Statistics website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people>.

*9912 SHORT-TERM ALLEVIATION OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What are you as Minister for Health doing to help alleviate traffic congestion in the short term since the removal of the John Hunter Hospital park and ride shuttle bus and the closure of the Wallsend After Hours Medical Service which has meant that workers and visitors have been subjected to delays exceeding 60 minutes when trying to exit the Hospital road network during peak periods?

Answer—

I am advised that reintroducing the shuttle bus at John Hunter Hospital Campus would further increase traffic congestion. Over capacity will be resolved by the completion of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, which will create a third access point. The District continues to improve access to the campus. Strategies implemented to improve access include:

- \$10-million investment in an additional 740 car parks on the hospital campus.
- Secured a north and south hospital interchange for the future Newcastle Inner City Bypass. This will have the single biggest impact on relieving congestion around the hospital.
- Investing up to \$4-million towards upgrading the internal road network on the hospital campus. This will include trialling two-way traffic flow on the internal road in front of the main car park. The road is currently one-way. This commenced in August 2018.
- Negotiated with the new private operator of the Newcastle public bus service to increase the public bus routes and frequency to the campus. At peak times, the bus services are at 10-minute intervals.

*9913 TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What are you as the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight doing to help alleviate traffic congestion in the short term since the removal of the John Hunter Hospital park and ride shuttle bus and the closure of the Wallsend After Hours Medical Service which has meant that workers and visitors have been subjected to delays exceeding 60 minutes when trying to exit the Hospital road network during peak periods?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services will review the operation of the traffic lights at the main entrance to the John Hunter Hospital, as well as at Jacaranda Drive, and make any adjustments to the phasing, if appropriate, to help relieve congestion.

*9914 PASSENGER USE OF BUS SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many passengers, on average, have made use of the following bus services in the Newcastle contract region per day since the changeover to the new routes and timetables in January 2018 (to 15 November 2018):

- (a) 12;
- (b) 27;
- (c) 24;
- (d) 26;
- (e) 46;
- (f) 23?

Answer—

I am advised:

Opal data is available on the Transport for NSW Opal Data website.

*9915 STRATEGY TO REDUCE CONGESTION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Has Roads and Maritime Services developed a strategy for the congestion along the corridor between the M1 Pacific Motorway and Stewart Avenue, which includes Newcastle Link Road, Thomas Street, Newcastle Road, Griffiths Road, Donald Street and Parry Street?

(a) If so, when will it be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Roads and Maritime Services is preparing a corridor study of Main Road 82 between the M1 Pacific Motorway and Stewart Avenue. The study will identify road safety, transport efficiency and asset maintenance issues and provide a framework to prioritise short and long term investment along the corridor.

(a) The timeframe for release of the findings is yet to be determined.

*9916 CURRENT WAITING TIMES FOR PATIENTS SEEKING DENTURES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What is the current waiting time for patients seeking dentures in the Hunter New England Local Health District (as at 15 November 2018)?

(2) What steps is the Minister taking to reduce these wait times?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q8640.

*9917 TECHNICAL RESCUE VEHICLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Will the new \$1.2 million state-of-the-art Technical Rescue Vehicle be capable of carrying all of the equipment currently carried by the Urban Search and Rescue vehicles?

(a) If not, what life saving equipment will be left off the new vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

The new Technical Rescue Vehicles (TRVs) will be equipped to deal with partial structure collapse rescue, trench rescue, confined space rescue, and large animal rescue. They also provide additional equipment to assist in complex transport incidents, bariatric patient handling and incident ground lighting. This is a capability the current Heavy Rescue Vehicles cannot supply, as this equipment is normally carried on an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Vehicle. The new TRV makes this equipment available as part of the immediate incident response.

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*9918 CONSIDERATION AND ECONOMIC MODELLING FOR A PET/CT SCANNER—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Has consideration and economic modelling been given to the installation of a positron-emission tomography-computed tomography (PET/CT) scanner in Orange?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q9253.

*9919 INSTALLING A PET/CT SCANNER IN ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the differential long-term cost to the taxpayer by installing a positron-emission tomography-computed tomography (PET/CT) scanner in Orange versus Dubbo, including projected patterns of utilisation?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q9253.

*9920 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS ACCREDITATION/CREDENTIALING PROCESS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will the accreditation/credentialing process for general practitioners wishing to treat their patients through the dedicated inpatient palliative care pilot at the facility which will be announced following the current tender process be expedited, to prevent any unnecessary delay in time critical patient treatment?

Answer—

The credentialing of general practitioners will be addressed as part of the establishment of operational and governance processes when the successful tenderer is appointed for the inpatient palliative end-of-life pilot in Orange.

*9921 KARUAH POLICE STATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) Does the Government intend to upgrade Karuah Police station?

(a) If so:

(i) When will this upgrade occur;

(ii) What budget has been allocated to this upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

Karuah Police Station will receive almost \$1 million through the Small Police Stations Program. Funds for the Small Police Stations Program will be delivered over three years from 2018-19, as set out in the budget papers.

*9922 SUSPENSIONS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

(1) What proportion of students in New South Wales who are suspended each year have a disability?

(2) How does the NSW Department of Education monitor the incidence of students with disability being suspended from school?

(3) How does the NSW Department of Education ensure that schools are not discriminating against students with disability through suspension policies?

Answer—

I'm advised :

Information relating to the suspension and expulsion of students between 2011 and 2017 is published on the Centre for Education and Statistics Evaluation website at:

<https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/suspensions-and-expulsions-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Students including those with disability have the same legal rights and protections afforded to all students under the duty of care, education and work health and safety laws. Additional protections apply to such students under discrimination law. The NSW Department of Education is prohibited from unlawfully discriminating against a student on such grounds.

*9923 HOUSING NSW STAFF—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many Hunter-New England based Housing NSW staff have left the organisation since the announcement of the transfer of the management of social housing properties to Hume Housing and Compass Housing (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) How many Housing NSW roles in the Hunter-New England area are currently vacant (as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised that information on Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) staff can be found in the FACS Annual Report which is available on the Department's website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*9924 NATIONAL FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering your response to LA Q7867, what progress has been made in relation to the funding and installation of fire danger warning signs for regional communities?
- (2) Has the report into the National Fire Danger Rating System prototype social research been presented to the Australia New Zealand Emergency Management Committee?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Phase three of the National Fire Danger Rating System Program Management Plan was endorsed by the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee at its September 2018 meeting, detailing the funding requirements and proposed works over the next three years

(2) The Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee considered the key findings from the evaluation report for the National Fire Danger Rating System Research Prototype at its meeting in September 2018.

The South Australian Country Fire Service is the project manager for the social research component of the National Fire Danger Rating System program. The social research commenced in July 2018 and is scheduled to be finalised this financial year.

*9925 CUSTOMER FEEDBACK FOR COASTCONNECT SERVICES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What customer feedback has been received to date from the Central Coast trial of On Demand Public Transport "CoastConnect Services"?
- (2) What is the weekly patronage of the service, listed by week in 2018 (to 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW has received 10 customer feedback cases via 131500, the Transport info customer feedback website, and ministerial correspondence channels since March 2018.

(2) On Demand patronage is now available on the Transport for NSW Open Data website.

*9926 ALUMINIUM-POLYETHYLENE CLADDING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Are there any buildings on the Central Coast that have external aluminium-polyethylene cladding?
- (2) What efforts have been made to locate buildings with aluminium-polyethylene cladding on the Central Coast?
- (3) Are there any buildings on the Central Coast that utilise a cladding system comprising a system of polystyrene, polyurethane, or polyisocyanurate and metal composite panels including aluminium, copper and zinc?
- (4) Are there any plans in place to remove or replace this type of cladding from buildings on the Central Coast should it be discovered?
- (5) Are there any plans to re-examine and re-test fire escape doors in high rise buildings across New South Wales following the Grenfell Tower tragedy in the United Kingdom?

Answer—

I am advised:

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This is a matter for the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.

*9927 INCOME GENERATED FROM WHARF APPROVALS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What was the income generated from wharf approvals within Brisbane Water in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing.

*9928 DREDGING IN THE ETTALONG CHANNEL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) When is the current dredging in the Ettalong Channel due to be completed?
- (2) Since the dredging began in 2018, how many days has the dredge:
 - (a) Operated;
 - (b) Not operated?
- (3) What is the total weight of the sand removed from the Ettalong Channel as a result of dredging in 2018 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (4) Where has the sand that was removed from the Channel been placed?
- (5) When will the tender process begin for the 2018-19 Rescuing our Waterways program?
- (6) When will the works be carried out as part of the program?

Answer—

- (1) The emergency dredging campaign was completed on 20 November 2018.
- (2) Safety of the dredge operator and local boat users remained a priority. Due to unfavourable weather conditions, the dredge was operational approximately 55 days out of 115 days.
- (3) Around 28,000 cubic metres.
- (4) The sand was deposited on entrance shoals around 400 metres to the north-west and to the west of the two dredging areas respectively.
- (5) The procurement process has begun.
- (6) Works are expected to commence in February 2019, following the busy summer holiday period.

*9929 PROPOSED TRAFFIC UPGRADES ON BRISBANE WATER DRIVE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the timeline for proposed traffic upgrades taking place on Brisbane Water Drive from 2018 to 2023?
- (2) What are the key dates in this schedule from 2018 to 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

The package of works, including the Penang Street, Lorraine Avenue and Takari Avenue upgrades, is expected to start in April 2019 and be completed in June 2019, weather permitting. Work is expected to start on the Jirrah and Koolinda Avenue intersection in late 2019.

*9930 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When will you respond to my correspondence sent 22 May with follow ups made on 12 September and 9 October 2018, reference no 201/18/DA on behalf of my constituent's concerns over dangerous intersections along Wyong Road and the lack of knowledge by motorists on the proper road rules in regards to roundabout intersections?
- (2) When will you respond to my correspondence sent 5 September 2018 with reference 384/18/cw on behalf of one of my constituents regarding the suggestions he raised concerning speed notifications on country roads as well as exit numbering on roads to bring New South Wales in line with other countries?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Maritime and Transport responded to both items on 14 November 2018.

*9931 CORRESPONDENCE IN RELATION TO SAFER ROADS PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will you respond to my correspondence sent 13 September 2018 with reference 351/18/DA on behalf of one of my constituents regarding his concerns about the safety of Wilfred Barrett Dr, the Entrance North and if this road will receive funding under the Government's Safer Roads Program?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Maritime and Transport responded on 13 December 2018.

*9932 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING DREDGING OF ETTALONG CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will you respond to my correspondence sent 31 May 2018 with a follow up made on 4 October 2018, reference no 223/18/DA on behalf of my constituent's concerns over the State Government's slow moving dredging program along the Ettalong Channel?

Answer—

I am advised:

A response was sent from the Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Maritime and Transport on 7 December 2018.

*9933 AWARENESS OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering that more than \$1 million in fines have been issued in the last 6 months from the Griffiths Road, Lambton and the Thomas Street, Wallsend speed cameras, what programs has or is the Government putting in place to ensure drivers are aware of the speed limit changes along that section of road?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services put the following measures in place to advise motorists of the change in speed limit from 70 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour:

- 12 portable Variable Message Signs along Thomas Street, Newcastle Road and Griffiths Road for 25 days in the lead up to and after the change in speed limit.
- 27 speed zone signs installed westbound to indicate the 60 kilometres per hour speed limit and pavement numerals at ten locations.
- 23 speed zone signs installed eastbound to indicate the 60 kilometres per hour speed limit and pavement numerals at seven locations.

Roads and Maritime also issued a media release on 11 March 2018, and the Centre for Road Safety distributed an email update to subscribers. There was also coverage in local newspapers, on local radio stations, and on social media.

*9934 WESTMEAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) Considering the \$1 billion allocated to the Westmead redevelopment project, what amount has been allocated to:

- (a) Stage 1;
- (b) Westmead Hospital;
- (c) The Children's Hospital at Westmead;
- (d) Cumberland Hospital?

(2) What amount has been expended as at 30 October 2018?

(3) What amount has been allocated to Stage 2?

(4) When will the redevelopment be complete?

Answer—

(1) The Government's commitment towards the \$1 billion Westmead Redevelopment Project includes \$765 million for Westmead Hospital (Stage 1), \$72 million for Westmead Hospital Car Park and \$95 million for The Children's Hospital at Westmead (Stage 1).

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Financial commitments from the University of Sydney partnership will see the total investment for the project reach \$1 billion.

(2) As at 30 October 2018, expenditure against the Government's commitment to the project has been \$426.9 million.

(3) and (4) I refer the Member to my response to LA Q8739.

*9935 UPGRADING PICTON ROAD TO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Has the Roads, Maritime and Freight (RMS) undertaken planning work to upgrade Picton Road to a dual carriageway?

(a) How long ago was this planning work undertaken?

(2) What is the estimated cost of upgrading Picton Road to a dual carriageway?

Answer—

I am advised:

Improvements to Picton Road are identified as an initiative for investigation under Future Transport in the 0 to 10 year timeframe.

Roads and Maritime Services will assess all suitable options, including a potential upgrade to dual carriageway as part of these investigations. Cost estimates would be formulated as part of these investigations.

*9936 UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES ON THE SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What are the reasons for the Government not matching NSW Labor's commitment to invest \$2.4 billion on upgrading infrastructure and services on the South Coast Line?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has invested record amounts in the South Coast since 2011.

I will not take policy advice from NSW Labor, who under the former Labor government proved themselves incapable of delivering the critical infrastructure needed by the state.

*9937 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many school counsellors were employed in Maitland electorate infants/primary schools (Ashtonfield, Bolwarra, East Maitland, Gillieston Heights, Largs, Lochinvar, Maitland, Metford, Millers Forest, Morpeth, Nillo, Rutherford, Telarah, Tenambit, Woodberry) at:

(a) 30 June 2018;

(b) 1 December 2016?

(2) How many school counsellors were employed in Maitland electorate high schools (Francis Greenway, Maitland, Maitland Grossmann and Rutherford) at:

(a) 30 June 2018;

(b) 1 December 2016?

(3) How many school counsellors in Maitland electorate infants/primary schools (as detailed above) are currently employed:

(a) Fulltime;

(b) Part-time/Casual?

(4) How many school counsellors in Maitland electorate high schools (as detailed above) are employed:

(a) Fulltime;

(b) Part-time/Casual?

Answer—

I'm advised:

(1) (a) 11 counsellors are employed across infant and primary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2018

(b) Nine counsellors were employed across infant and primary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 1 December 2016.

(2) (a) Seven counsellors are employed in secondary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2018.

(b) Six counsellors were employed in secondary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 1 December 2016.

(3) (a) Eight full time counsellors are employed across infant and primary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2018.

(b) Three temporary full time counsellors were employed across infant and primary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 1 December 2016.

(4) (a) Five permanent full time counsellors are employed in secondary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2018.

(b) One temporary full time and 1 temporary part time counsellors were employed in secondary schools in the Maitland electorate as at 30 June 2018.

*9938 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT LOCKABLE ROOM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

(1) What is the total cost for the lockable room being installed at Cessnock District Hospital in the Emergency Department?

(a) When will this area be completed?

(i) What was the timeframe for the completion?

(2) Is this room to be used for prisoner patients when they attend the hospital?

(a) If so, is this for every time a prisoner attends or only if a prisoner requires hospital admittance?

(3) Has this additional room been an extension of the Hospital or is it reconfigured existing space?

(a) If it is a reconfiguration, what facility has been removed to enable the construction of the lockable room?

(4) Is the construction within budget?

(a) If not, has there been a cost overrun?

(b) Over what timeframe has the funding been provided?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q9386.

*9939 AUSTRALIAN SIGN LANGUAGE COURSES—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

(1) Has a decision been made to discontinue Australian Sign Language (Auslan) Certificates 2 and 3 courses at TAFE NSW?

(a) What is the reason?

(b) When will the courses be stopped?

Answer—

No. TAFE NSW will continue to deliver its high quality Auslan training.

*9940 NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What is the current time being taken (in average number of days) for a new licence to issue from receipt of application by the NSW Firearms Registry to the receipt of the licence by the applicant?

(2) What is the current time being taken (in average number of days) for a renewed licence to issue from receipt of application by the Registry to the receipt of the licence by the applicant?

(3) What was the average number of days for a new licence to be issued in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

(4) What was the average number of days for a renewed licence to be issued in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

(5) What were the full-time equivalent staff numbers employed by NSW Firearms Registry in each financial year from 2010-11 to 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1) and (2) The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) is unable to provide figures based on the date of receipt of a licence by the applicant, as this is subject to external variables involving Service NSW and Australia Post.

(3) and (4) As at 17 November 2018, figures for the average number of days for new and renewed licences to be issued were as follows:

Financial Year	New	Renewed
2010-11	24	4
2011-12	30	6
2012-13	34	6
2013-14	36	8
2014-15	20	7
2015-16	22	9
2016-17	31	11
2017-18	29	9

It should be noted that the average number of days given is the average processing time from receipt of the application at the Firearms Registry to the day the licence is approved to be issued.

It should also be noted that all new licences are subject to a 28 day mandatory waiting period, meaning a new licence cannot be issued until this period has passed, regardless of whether the processing time was less than 28 days.

(5) Numbers of staff at the Firearms Registry were as follows:

Date	Staff (Headcount)
30 June 2011	83
30 June 2012	82
30 June 2013	81
30 June 2014	83
30 June 2015	79
30 June 2016	82
30 June 2017	96
30 June 2018	92

*9941 BUSHFIRE OFFENCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Attorney General—

- (1) In the last decade (to 15 November 2018), how many individuals have been charged with committing the offence of lighting a bushfire under Section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900?
 - (a) Of these charges, what is the breakdown by each calendar year?
- (2) Of those individuals charged in the last decade (to 15 November 2018), how many have received the maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment?
- (3) Of those individuals charged in the last decade (to 15 November 2018), how many have had their matter heard in the Local Court as per Schedule 1 of the Criminal Procedures Act 1986?
 - (a) Of these:
 - (i) How many individuals have been imprisoned?
 - (ii) How many have received a fine?
- (4) Under the changes the Government intends to make to Section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900, does this include the removal of the section from Schedule 1 of the Criminal Procedures Act 1986?

Answer—

I am advised:

According to the latest available data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) for the period 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2018, 188 people were charged under section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900.

BOCSAR data provides that the number of persons charged in finalised court appearances under section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900 by calendar year for the period 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2018 are as follows:

2008	13 people
2009	22 people

2010	13 people
2011	3 people
2012	10 people
2013	25 people
2014	27 people
2015	13 people
2016	26 people
2017	29 people
1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018	7 people

Of these 188 people:

- no one was sentenced to the then maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment, and
- 115 people had their matters heard in the Local Court, with 31 of these people receiving a sentence of imprisonment and none of these people receiving a fine.

The Community Protection Legislation Amendment Act 2018 commenced on 28 November 2018 and amended the Crimes Act 1900 to increase the maximum penalty for an offence under section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900 to 21 years imprisonment. This Act did not amend the Criminal Procedure Act 1986.

In light of the increase in maximum penalty for the offence under section 203E of the Crimes Act 1900, the Government requested the Sentencing Council review the standard nonparole period for the offence to determine whether it should be increased, in addition to reviewing the current maximum penalties for the arson offences under in Part 4AD Division 2 of the Crimes Act 1900.

*9942 SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many asset service officers does the Department of Education currently employ as part of Schools Infrastructure NSW?
- (a) Where are these officers located?

Answer—

I'm advised that there are 113 full-time equivalent Asset Service Officers employed by the Department of Education. These officers are based across Albury, Batemans Bay, Bathurst, Blacktown, Forster, Grafton, Griffith, Hornsby, Liverpool, Newcastle, Orange, Queanbeyan, Sydney, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong.

*9943 SUSPENSION CENTRES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What was the average attendance for the Department of Education suspension centre located in Ryde in each school term from Term 1 2017 to Term 3 in 2018?
- (2) What was the average attendance for the Department of Education suspension centre located in Campbelltown in each school term from Term 1 2017 to Term 3 in 2018?
- (3) What was the average attendance for the Department of Education suspension centre located in Goulburn in each school term from Term 1 2017 to Term 3 in 2018?
- (4) What was the average attendance for the Department of Education suspension centre located in Nowra in each school term from Term 1 2017 to Term 3 in 2018?

Answer—

I'm advised the Department of Education does not collect data centrally on attendance at suspension centres as the students do not 'enrol' at the centres.

*9944 ASSISTED SCHOOL TRAVEL PROGRAM—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many of the more than 640 contractors who work for the Assisted School Travel Program do so on a full-time basis?
- (2) How many people applied to be drivers under the Assisted School Travel Program in each year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 1 November 2018)?
- (3) How many applicants successfully passed the driver application process in each year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 1 November 2018)?
- (4) How many complaints did the Department of Education receive regarding the Assisted School Travel Program in each year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 1 November 2018)?

Answer—

I'm advised:

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The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) contracts eligible service providers to transport students to and from school, every school day. A run (single journey) may go for 30 minutes or it may go for 90 minutes depending on the students and where they live. Contractors may have only one run for ASTP or they may have multiple runs. There is no full or part time basis of work. Contractor numbers fluctuate according to demand for service.

ATSP Staff are encouraged to resolve complaints as they arise over the phone, as happens in the great majority of cases. This is in line with Department of Education and NSW Ombudsman Guidelines.

Drivers are employed and paid by contractors that are responsible for ensuring drivers have necessary competencies to provide services and meet contractual requirements for service delivery.

The total number of driver applications received in the requested years:

2016	1,053
2017	932
2018 (as as 1 November 2018)	689

The number of driver applications approved by ASTP in the requested years:

2016	1,09
2017	877
2018 (as as 1 November 2018)	648

It should be noted these drivers are additional to the existing driver workforce.

*9945 MOBILE PHONE DETECTION CAMERAS IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Have any new mobile phone detection cameras been installed in the Wollongong electorate?
 - (a) If so, where are they located?
 - (i) Has any signage been installed to specify the location of the detection cameras?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*9946 PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYERS MUTUAL LIMITED—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Is the Treasurer aware that there are increasing complaints from insurers and rehabilitation providers about lack of consultation by Employers Mutual Limited (EML)?
 - (a) If so, what steps have been taken to address these concerns?
- (2) What measures are in place to ensure EML are appropriately engaging approved rehabilitation for return to work planning?
- (3) What performance measures has the Government indicated should be prioritised by EML for the workers compensation scheme?
- (4) Does the Government audit the performance of EML?
 - (a) If so, how often does this occur?
- (5) Has the performance of EML been reviewed since the new system was introduced?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) If so, what was the outcome of the review?

Answer—

icare undertakes regular monitoring of Scheme agents, including Employers Mutual, using a range of qualitative and quantitative measures, and provides comprehensive feedback to agents on areas for improvement. Agents are expected to focus their service delivery on achieving the best possible outcomes for injured workers, and to deal with any issues or complaints in a timely manner.

*9947 THIRROUL TO UNANDERRA NETWORK STRATEGY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What was the total cost of the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy before it was scrapped recently?
- (2) What agencies were involved in the development of the Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy?
- (3) How many Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) personnel were involved in the development of the

Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy?

- (4) What are the terms of reference for the development of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan?
- (5) On what date did the development of the Plan in (4) start?
- (6) On what date will this Plan be completed?
- (7) Will the Plan be publicly released?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Thirroul to Unanderra Network Strategy was not scrapped and will feed into the preparation of the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan.
- (2) Roads and Maritime Services in consultation with Transport for NSW, Department of Planning and Environment, and Wollongong City Council.
- (3) Two.
- (4) The Illawarra-Shoalhaven Future Transport Plan will provide the overarching strategic transport network vision to guide future planning for the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region and will be prepared in consultation with local government and Joint Organisations, other state government agencies and Australian Government bodies.
- (5) Works commenced in the second half of 2018.
- (6) The Plan is expected to be completed in 2020.
- (7) Yes.

*9948 RESTART NSW PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Which projects remain uncompleted under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (2) What is the total value of these uncompleted projects under the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund?
- (3) On what date will the Restart NSW Illawarra Infrastructure Fund be formally evaluated?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the evaluation report be publicly released?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government committed to providing \$100.2 million to the Illawarra Region to spend on vital infrastructure that had long been neglected by the Labor Party. This funding was made available through the successful lease of Port Kembla.

Twelve priority infrastructure projects received funding from the \$100.2 million Illawarra Infrastructure Fund, with seven projects being completed. To date, there have been more than 500 full time jobs and a number of part time jobs created out of the completed projects which include iAccelerate University of Wollongong.

There are currently 5 projects under construction which are providing jobs and opportunities for the people of the Illawarra. These are: Bowral Distributor Bypass Road; Grand Pacific Walk Stage 1, Wollongong; Kiama Hospital redevelopments; The ISLHD - Centre of Excellence for Aged Care Bulli Hospital and West Dapto Access road link.

I welcome your questions and continued support of Restart NSW and note that it has been funded by proceeds of asset recycling which is opposed by NSW Labor.

*9949 EVALUATION OF TRIAL WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL WI-FI SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q9508, following the evaluation of the trial, when will the report on the outcome be made available?
 - (a) Will the evaluation in be made public?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (2) What are the reasons for not mentioning when the media announcement was made on the Wollongong Hospital Wi-Fi service that it was only for a three month trial?

Answer—

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(1) and (2) The Wollongong Hospital Wi-Fi service trial has been successful and a three year agreement is being put in place to continue the service.

*9950 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the total funding received by Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) from the NSW Government in:
 - (a) 2011-12;
 - (b) 2012-13;
 - (c) 2013-14;
 - (d) 2014-15;
 - (e) 2015-16;
 - (f) 2016-17;
 - (g) 2017-18 (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) Was there an increase in the funding and resources received by FRNSW from the NSW Government as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire in the United Kingdom?
- (3) What is the process used by FRNSW to test the combustibility of external cladding on buildings in New South Wales?
- (4) When was the process used to test combustibility of cladding last reviewed?
- (5) How often does FRNSW undertake checks and certifications for fire doors in high rise buildings in New South Wales?
- (6) Is there a plan in place for FRNSW to retest all fire doors in high rise buildings across New South Wales following the Grenfell Tower fire in the United Kingdom?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information on Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) budgets can be found in the agency's annual reports and in the Budget papers.

(2) Amongst other funding and resources measures, the Government has provided an increase in capital funding of \$6.8 million for aerial appliances.

(3) and (4) FRNSW does not test the combustibility of cladding on New South Wales buildings FRNSW inspections are operational assessments based on the location, quantity and configuration of cladding on a building.

(5) and (6) FRNSW does not undertake checks or certifications of fire doors in high-rise buildings. This is the building owner's responsibility.

*9951 NEW BUS STOPS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many new bus stops were added as a result of the privatisation of Newcastle Buses to Keolis Downer?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is incorrect. Newcastle Buses have not been privatised.

*9952 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL PROJECTIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many three year-olds are expected to attend community preschools in:
 - (a) 2019;
 - (b) 2020;
 - (c) 2021;
 - (d) 2022?

Answer—

Start Strong is a demand based model, which means that the number of three year old children in New South Wales accessing the yearly funding allocated to Start Strong will correspond with child population and enrolment increases.

*9953 SPECIAL EDUCATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students were accepted into specialist education classes for students with a disability in:
- (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019 (projected as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The total number of students enrolled in specialist support classes by year is:

2016 - 21,555

2017 - 22,406

2018 - 23,120

Figures for 2019 are not yet available.

*9954 CENTRAL COAST NETWORK STUDY RESULTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When will the Central Coast Network Study results be released?
- (2) Where will the results be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q9078.

*9955 REGULATIONS FOR PER- AND POLY-FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What regulations exist with respect to the disposal and storage of substances or materials containing per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in New South Wales?
- (2) Has the Government made any progress towards banning the use of PFAS substances?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014.

(2) A ban on the use of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

The NSW PFAS Expert Panel will provide advice on options to implement statebased regulatory measures for PFAS fire-fighting foams until a national phaseout solution has been implemented.

*9956 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS GRANTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Since 2015, how much of the \$20 million Out of School Hours grants program has been spent?
- (2) How many places have been directly created from this program?

Answer—

Since 2015 the total expenditure of Before and After School Hours grants falls within the allocated budget.

There has been a net increase of 58,743 approved before and after school care places since March 2015.

*9957 PRIVATISATION OF NEWCASTLE BUSES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many bus stops were made redundant as a result of the privatisation of Newcastle Buses to Keolis Downer?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is incorrect. Newcastle Buses have not been privatised.

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*9958 LENGTH AND NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the length of placements of the 17,387 children in Out-of-Home Care as advised by the Secretary as at June 30, 2018?
- (2) How many placements has each child had?

Answer—

I am advised information about the number of children and young people in out-of-home care by length of time in current care period, and number of distinct placements in the period is published on the FACS Statistics website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people>.

*9959 LOW VACANCY RATES FOR CASEWORKERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Considering the June 2018 Caseworker Dashboard is reporting historically low vacancy rates, what steps are being taken to fill the 16 vacant positions in Western New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/caseworker-statistics>.

I am advised that FACS continues to recruit caseworkers to the frontline. FACS has introduced an assessment process that has significantly reduced recruitment timeframes. I am advised FACS will continue to recruit caseworkers and maintain as low a vacancy rate as possible. In addition, FACS also participates in information sessions at both university and general careers expos across New South Wales to attract potential employees.

*9960 CHILDREN AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What are the number of children at risk of significant harm and the number or percentage of children assessed for the following Department of Family and Community Services districts for the 2017-18 financial year:
 - (a) Central Coast;
 - (b) Far West;
 - (c) Hunter New England;
 - (d) Illawarra Shoalhaven;
 - (e) Mid North Coast;
 - (f) Murrumbidgee;
 - (g) Nepean Blue Mountains;
 - (h) Northern NSW;
 - (i) Northern Sydney;
 - (j) South Eastern Sydney;
 - (k) South Western Sydney;
 - (l) Southern NSW;
 - (m) Sydney;
 - (n) Western NSW;
 - (o) Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised that information about reports on children and young people at Risk of Significant Harm, including the number of children seen is published on the Department of Family and Community Services' website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people>.

*9961 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS (CARE AND PROTECTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2018—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Why was there no draft exposure bill circulated prior to the tabling of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Bill 2018?

Answer—

I am advised that in October 2017, the Government sought comments, feedback and ideas on the changes outlined within the Shaping a Better Child Protection System discussion paper.

FACS invited submissions from a diverse range of stakeholders through the New South Wales Government 'Have Your Say' website. Engagement with the discussion paper was strong. More than 100 written submissions were received from a range of government agencies and public officers, non-government agencies, peaks and other sector and industry groups, academics and members of the public.

FACS also held seven stakeholder workshops across New South Wales during November 2017, targeting key government agencies, regulatory and accountability bodies, legal and civil rights groups, adoption peaks and nominated member organisations, Aboriginal peak bodies and key Aboriginal organisations. The views of all participants were considered by the Government in the development of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment Bill.

*9962 MONITORING OF TRUEGAIN RUTHERFORD SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the NSW Environment and Protection Authority (EPA) regularly monitoring the site owner's contractor conducting the clean-up of per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the Truegain Rutherford site?
- (2) Does the contractor have an Environment Protection License (EPL) given the EPA revoked Truegain's EPL on 5 January 2018?
- (3) Can the EPA report how much PFAS has been treated at the Truegain site by the contractor?
- (4) What has subsequently happened to the PFAS that was extracted?
- (5) Does the EPA have records of how much contaminated wastewater has been treated at the Truegain site by the contractor and its subsequent storage or disposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (3) and (5) Yes.

(4) The NSW Environment and Protection Authority (EPA) requires per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to be disposed of in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Waste Classification Guidelines 2014.

*9963 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NSW POLICE AND DENTONS—Ms Jenny Leong asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the nature of the relationship between the NSW Police and international law firm Dentons?
- (2) Does the NSW Police have a formal contract or agreement with Dentons?
 - (a) What are the terms of the agreement or contract?

Answer—

I am advised:

Dentons is not a firm appointed to the Government legal services panel, nor is it appointed to the Treasury Managed Fund legal services panel. The NSW Police Force is not using Dentons to provide any legal services by way of off-panel engagement.

*9964 STOCKTON BOAT HARBOUR—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Why has the Government not met their commitment to provide pensioners with discounted fees (full-pensioner discount on presentation of valid pensioner card of 50 per cent for berthing rates on top of the already discounted rate for existing boat owners) at Stockton Boat Harbour?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services will offer a full-pensioner discount of 50 per cent on presentation of a valid pensioner card. This is on top of the already discounted berthing rates offered exclusively to existing long term occupants of Stockton Boat Harbour.

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*9965 NEWCASTLE CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Why has the Government not met its commitment to deliver the Newcastle Cruise Terminal by the end of 2018?
- (2) Why has Eden received a total of \$44 million from Government sources on a cruise terminal in Eden, and Newcastle Cruise Terminal only received \$13 million?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9680.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing.

*9966 BUILDING CERTIFIERS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Why does it take four months to process an application for an accredited certifier?

Answer—

In the 2017-18 financial year, on average, it took 22 days to determine an accreditation application.

*9967 SYDNEY TRAINS S-SETS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the Minister's response to LA Q9498 that states 'the S-Sets were temporarily put back on the network to provide additional services to help meet that demand. The Government is replacing these with 24 new Waratah-style trains which are now being rolled out on the network.' Can the Minister advise:
 - (a) Whether all S-Set trains will be replaced by the new Waratah-style trains?
 - (b) What is the timeframe on how long the substandard S-Sets 'temporary' reinstatement will last?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*9968 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many unsworn Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers were allocated to stations within the Lake Macquarie Police District for each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) How many unsworn Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers were allocated to stations within the Newcastle Police District for each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Lake Macquarie Police District (PD) has been allocated one Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) position since 2011. While the Newcastle City PD has no dedicated ACLO position, these officers are centrally managed resources and ACLOs from the Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens-Hunter PDs are shared with the Newcastle City PD as needed.

*9969 ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) As at June 2018, what percentage of Aboriginal children and young people in Out of Home Care in the Charlestown electorate were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer?
- (2) As at June 2017, what percentage of Aboriginal children and young people in Out of Home Care in the Charlestown electorate were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer?
- (3) As at June 2016, what percentage of Aboriginal children and young people in Out of Home Care in the Charlestown electorate were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer?

Answer—

I am advised that data relating to Aboriginal children and young people in out of home care that are placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer is published annually in the FACS Annual Statistical Report

online on the FACS website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people/dashboard>

*9970 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUT OF HOME CARE—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many children and young people are currently living in Out of Home Care in the Charlestown electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of children in out of home care for the Hunter New England district, which includes the Charlestown electorate, is available on the Department of Family Community Services' website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/statistical-report/children-young-people/dashboard> at dashboard 9.

*9971 EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Why is there only one Ear, Nose and Throat specialist at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) Are there plans to ease the current wait time to see an Ear, Nose and throat Specialist?
 - (a) If so, what are the plans?

Answer—

- (1) At present there are seven Ear, Nose and Throat Visiting Medical Officers providing services at John Hunter Hospital.
- (2) Public Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) services are in high demand across New South Wales, including in the Hunter New England Local Health District (LHD). To ensure that the people with the most urgent needs are seen first, appointments are allocated in order of clinical priority. The LHD regularly audits the waitlist to determine if patients still require appointments or whether their situation has changed.

*9972 WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many people have had their workers compensation payments cut in:
 - (a) The 2017-18 financial year;
 - (b) The 2018-19 financial year (as at 15 November 2018)?
- (2) Why do people on workers compensation have their payments cut off after five years?
- (3) Will the five year limit on workers compensation payments be removed?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) (a) the 2017-18 financial year 3,453 workers affected by section 39 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 ceased entitlement to weekly payments.

(b) In the 2018-19 financial year 47 workers have been affected by section 39 and have ceased entitlement to weekly payments between July 2018 and September 2018. A further 977 are projected to cease weekly payments between October 2018 and June 2019.

Please note that these estimates will reduce as workers could be removed from the cohort due to ongoing claims management and changes in workers circumstances (for example permanent impairment assessment at greater than 20 per cent, return to work, work capacity decision, common law settlement, reaching retiring age).

(2) Section 39 of the Workers Compensation Act 1987 was introduced as part of Workers Compensation legislative amendments in 2012 and provides that a worker has no entitlement to weekly payments after five years (260 weeks), unless the worker has been assessed as having a permanent impairment of more than 20 per cent.

The changes to weekly payment provisions in 2012 were aimed to provide support to workers in the initial period following an injury and encourage workers to remain at the workplace during their recovery and to return to work once they had suitably recovered. There was a shift towards properly meeting the needs of the most seriously injured workers, while strongly incentivising return to work for those workers with capacity to return to work.

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(3) To remove the entitlement cap for weekly payments would require amendments to the Workers Compensation Act 1987 as legislated by the Parliament of New South Wales.

*9973 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the John Hunter Hospital emergency department fully staffed?
 - (a) If not, how many staff will be required for it to be fully staffed?
- (2) How many beds are fully funded in the emergency department?

Answer—

- (1) Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.
- (2) Information relating to available beds in the John Hunter Hospital emergency department is available on the ED waiting times public website at www.emergencvwait.health.nsw.gov.au.

*9974 PORT OF NEWCASTLE GRAIN SHIPMENTS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Does the Minister support increasing the export of grain in shipping containers through the Port of Newcastle?
- (2) Does the Minister agree that an increase in grain shipped through containers at the Port of Newcastle will benefit farmers?
- (3) Will the Minister remove the cap on the number of containers that can be shipped through the Port of Newcastle to help facilitate this?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018 2023 acknowledges the interest of the Port of Newcastle to diversify and expand the Port's trade base and includes an initiative to support the Port of Newcastle as it explores trade opportunities in new markets. The Government will work with commercial infrastructure operators, including NSW Ports and Port of Newcastle, as they deliver their master plans.
- (2) The Port of Newcastle has multiple grain terminals for loading ships with grain and already handles some grain exports. Those in the grain supply chain are in the best position to consider the most appropriate means of transporting their goods to market. The port transaction arrangements do not prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle.
- (3) The arrangements do not prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle.

*9975 AIR CONDITIONED TRAINS ON THE T8 AIRPORT AND SOUTH LINE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering the response to LA Q9440, can you provide the relevant details requested, what percentage of the air-conditioned trains once used on the Epping to Chatswood line prior to the closure of the line will be redeployed on the T8 Airport and South Line?
 - (a) If air-conditioned trains from the Epping to Chatswood line are not being redeployed to the T8 line, why not?
- (2) Where have the air-conditioned trains from the Epping to Chatswood line been redeployed since the closure of the line?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9440.

*9976 FUNDING FOR MARINE RESCUE NSW—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the total amount of funding received by Marine Rescue NSW from the Government?
- (2) What is the total amount of funding received by Brisbane Water Marine Rescue from the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The marine rescue contributions from the Government are declared in the Marine Rescue NSW annual report at https://issuu.com/marinerescuensw/docs/mrnsw_annual_report_2017-2018_web_f.
- (2) The Government provides the funding to Marine Rescue NSW which is responsible for the distribution of such funds to its 44 units statewide which includes Marine Rescue Centre Coast at Point Clare, Brisbane Water.

*9977 MAINTENANCE ON HAWKESBURY RIVER BRIDGE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When was the most recent maintenance work on the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge completed?
- (2) How are completed repairs signed off on?
- (3) Who conducted the most recent safety audit on the bridge?
- (4) Were any further safety concerns addressed by engineers who examined the options of an additional freight rail bridge?
- (5) Why do the exclusion zone buoys at the southern end of the bridge remain in place?
- (6) When was the checking of the fresh water wells on the bridge pylons removed from the maintenance schedule?
 - (a) Why was checking of the fresh water wells removed from the maintenance schedule?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

*9978 VIRAL OR BACTERIAL PATHOGENS POLICIES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) What employee policies/practices does the NSW Department of Education have in place to stop the spread of viral or bacterial pathogens in:
 - (a) Early childhood services;
 - (b) Primary schools;
 - (c) Secondary schools?
- (2) How does the NSW Department of Education monitor and enforce these policies?
- (3) In what year were these policies last reviewed?

Answer—

I'm advised:

The Education and Care Services National Regulations outline the requirements for services with regard to infectious diseases.

The NSW Department of Education has comprehensive Infection Control Procedures that include requirements for maintaining good hygiene in schools, and include control measures for a range of specific activities in schools. The Infection Control Procedures have been developed in consultation with NSW Ministry of Health.

Schools have access to support from Work Health Safety consultants and where a workplace manager has concerns about relevant infection control measures, the matter can be escalated so that appropriate support can be provided by the department in consultation with NSW Health where required.

Under incident notification requirements, schools are required to notify the department of an outbreak of an infectious disease.

In addition, the Early Childhood Education Directorate of the NSW Department of Education, as the NSW Regulatory Authority for early childhood education and care, monitors compliance with the National Law and Regulations. Compliance breaches are actioned by the Regulatory Authority and failure to comply may attract penalties.

The current version of the Infection Control Procedures was published in July 2014. The suite of documents is currently under review, and scheduled for completion in 2019.

The Education and Care National Regulations were enacted in 2011 and have been amended seven times since then, most recently in 2018.

*9979 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIAISON OFFICERS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officers were allocated to stations within the Lake Macquarie

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Police District for each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 15 November 2018)?

- (2) How many Domestic Violence Liaison Officers were allocated to stations within the Newcastle Police District for each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 15 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since 2011, the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle City Police Districts have been allocated three and four Specialist Domestic Violence Officer positions respectively. These positions include Domestic Violence Operatives and Domestic Violence Liaison Officers.

- *9980 LEAVING CARE PLANS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that all young people in care in New South Wales have a leaving care plan?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that all young people in care in New South Wales are aware of their leaving care plan?
- (3) What measures are taken to ensure all people in care over the age of 15 are aware of their leaving care plan?

Answer—

The Government is committed to supporting young people leaving care until 25 years of age and is strengthening the quality of supports to improve their safety, welfare and wellbeing.

I am advised information about leaving care planning and support is available on the FACS website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/providers/children-families/leaving-care-planning>.

- *9981 EATING DISORDER BEDS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What is the number of dedicated eating disorder beds in the Hunter England Health District?

Answer—

The Government recognises the serious nature of eating disorders, and the affect this illness has on sufferers and their families. We have made the treatment and prevention of eating disorders a key priority. Eating disorder care can be delivered in a general hospital or in a mental health unit with the right expert coordination, which is why the Government funds eating disorder coordinators across New South Wales. The Hunter New England Local Health District is implementing its Eating Disorders Service Plan 2016-21, which focuses on keeping people out of hospital through prevention, promotion, early intervention and support services. The plan includes 31 new eating disorder programs in inpatient and community-based setting across the District.

- *9982 TRAIN CARS ON THE T5 CUMBERLAND LINE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why would operating eight car trains on the T5 Cumberland Line in peak periods necessitate the cancellation, or capacity reductions, of peak services to the city on other lines?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase the length of trains on the T5 Cumberland Line from four to eight carriages after the Waratah Series 2 trains are introduced on the network?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is constantly examining train loads and service patterns to improve the service offered to customers. Eight-car trains are prioritised for use where demand is highest, especially during peak periods.

The need to improve services on the T5 Cumberland Line is being reviewed as part of the More Trains More Services program. Once the Waratah Series 2 trains are in operation, they will gradually replace non air-conditioned S-sets to provide a fully air-conditioned fleet.

It is disappointing that NSW Labor has committed to cutting over 1,500 services across the rail network if it is elected in March 2019.

- *9983 RESPONSE TO CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING GIANT PARRAMATTA GRASS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

When will you respond to my correspondence sent 13 September 2018 with reference 384/18/DA on behalf of one of my constituents regarding the concerns over the spreading of Giant Parramatta Grass and other weeds along highway corridors?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Maritime and Transport responded on 14 November 2018.

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***9984 ICEMAKING MACHINE FOR PATIENTS IN ISOLATION DIALYSIS AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—**Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Will you comply with the request of patients at Isolation Dialysis, Ground Floor, Liverpool Hospital and replace the Icemaking Machine in that location?

Answer—

A replacement ice making machine was ordered for the Isolation Dialysis Unit in Liverpool Hospital and delivery is expected at the end of December 2018.

***9985 JUDGEMENT OF SALMON V CORRECTIVE SERVICES NSW—**Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

(1) Are you aware of the judgment in *Salmon v Corrective Services NSW* [2016] NSWCATAD 257?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so:

(i) What steps have you taken in relation to the judgment?

(ii) Why did you not speak to the implications of this case in your contribution to the second reading debate of the Government Information (Public Access) Amendment Bill 2018 on the 13 November 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Justice's Office of General Counsel were asked to carry out an investigation following the judgment in *Salmon v Corrective Services NSW* [2016] NSWCATAD 257.

The investigation did not identify any failure by Corrective Services NSW to comply with the objective of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. That is, the investigation concluded there had been no systematic failure.

***9986 RESTART NSW SHORTFALL—**Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Can you advise if the full 30 per cent for regional infrastructure has now been delivered by the Government to the Restart NSW fund, the amount mandated by the Restart NSW Fund Bill 2011, since the Auditor General's Report on State Finances was released on 19 October 2018, which revealed there has only been a maximum of 18.5 per cent delivered to the fund?

Answer—

The Government will spend 30 per cent of Restart NSW Funds on regional and rural NSW through our commitments and reservations which can identified in the 2018-19 Budget Papers.

***9987 GREATER MACARTHUR 2040 PLAN—**Mr Greg Warren asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

(1) What has been the total cost spent on the preparation of the Greater Macarthur 2040 plan as at 20 November 2018?

(2) How much public and private land will be set aside in Macarthur for a dedicated koala reserve?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The total spent by the Department of Planning and Environment to prepare the Greater Macarthur 2040 plan to date is \$1,163,046.14. This excludes staff costs.
- (2) 800 hectares of land will be set aside as a koala reserve. A further 1,200 hectares is under investigation for incorporation in the proposed reserve.

*9988 REFUND OF OVERCHARGED PRIMARY PRODUCER CONCESSIONAL REGISTRATION—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering the identified \$30 million plus primary producers were overcharged for their concessional vehicle registration over the past twenty years, as detailed in the confidential document titled Roads & Maritime Services Primary Producer Concession Options paper dated February 2018, which I tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 16 August 2018, will you now reimburse, in full, those primary producers who were overcharged at any time during the past twenty years, some of whom may not have had concessional registration within the past three years, the period which you have announced your refund is limited to?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*9989 FLOOD PROOFING THE NEWELL HIGHWAY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will you confirm your previous commitment to the flood proofing of the Newell Highway to prevent future isolation of the township of Forbes, surrounding towns and villages from flooding in the future, as was the case in the flood event of 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9255.

*9990 112 MOORE STREET, LIVERPOOL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What is proposed for the site of the previous NSW Trustee and Guardian office of 112 Moore Street, Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised :

The site was sold by the Government at public auction on 8 November 2018. Site usage is a matter for the new owner, subject to any relevant planning rules or regulations.

*9991 ACTIONS TAKEN BY PROPERTY NSW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

What actions has Property NSW taken in relation to the NSW Trustee and Guardian office at 112 Moore Street, Liverpool that closed in March 2017?

Answer—

Property NSW determined whether there remained a government requirement for 112 Moore Street, Liverpool in accordance with its Acquisition and Disposal Request process. No interest was registered and the Property was subsequently declared surplus to whole of government requirements in September 2017.

In May 2018, NSW Trustee and Guardian engaged Property NSW to manage the sale of the property on its behalf. In accordance with government procurement protocols, Property NSW appointed agents to manage the marketing and sale of the property. The Property sold at auction on 8 November 2018.

*9992 REMOVAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM NELSON PARADE, HUNTERS HILL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What progress has been made with removing contaminated soil from premises in Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill?

- (a) When will that soil be removed?

- (b) To what location will that contaminated soil be transported?

Answer—

- (1) Following community consultation, Property NSW is currently undertaking detailed design works on an alternative remediation strategy. This involves both onsite storage and the removal of soil. The soil to be removed is subject to the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Management Order. This proposed solution will make the site suitable for residential development or public use.
 - (a) If the Government decides to proceed with the remedial strategy the project would require Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) approval. Works would commence once approval was received.
 - (b) This material will be disposed of at a yet to be determined licensed facility. The highest priority for the Government is to ensure any remediation activity is safe and suitable.

*9993 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT OF STATUTORY REVIEW OF THE SURROGACY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

Will you implement the recommendations of the Report of Statutory Review of the Surrogacy Act dated July 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is considering the recommendations of the Report of the Statutory Review of the Surrogacy Act 2010.

*9994 TIME TAKEN TO RESPOND TO CORRESPONDENCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

Why did the Department of Family and Community Services wait until 24 October 2018 to reply to my written representations dated 13 February 2017 concerning reference T72039977?

Answer—

I am advised that the matter was first brought to Family and Community Services' attention by Mr Lynch's office on 28 September 2018.

I am also advised that following this Family and Community Services responded to Mr Lynch's representation on 24 October 2018.

*9995 DISRESPECT TO THE COURT CHARGES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

How many people have been charged with disrespect to the Court since that charge was introduced (as at 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

According to latest available data from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research for the period 1 September 2016 to 30 October 2018, two.

*9996 EAST MAITLAND COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General—

What future use do you propose for East Maitland Court House?

Answer—

I refer the member to my answer to LA Q6517.

*9997 ACCIDENTS ON WOODVILLE ROAD—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q6629, what projects have been undertaken to improve safety since 2015 (to 20 November 2018)?

(2) What funds have been invested in improving safety on Woodville Road since 2015 (to 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Information about projects undertaken to improve safety is available on the Centre for Road Safety and Roads and Maritime Services website.

(2) Information about funding for the Parramatta Congestion Improvement Program is available on the

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Roads and Maritime Services website.

*9998 STAFF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - HOUSING OFFICE PARRAMATTA—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many staff were based at the Parramatta Department of Family and Community Services - Housing office as at:
 - (a) 1 November 2018;
 - (b) 1 April 2015;
 - (c) 1 April 2011?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent staff were based at the Parramatta Department of Family and Community Services - Housing office as at:
 - (a) 1 November 2018;
 - (b) 1 April 2015;
 - (c) 1 April 2011?

Answer—

I am advised that information on Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) staff can be found in the FACS Annual Report which is available on the Department's website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*9999 NSW TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN ORDERS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Attorney General—

- (1) How many people in the Granville electorate are currently subject to Guardianship Orders as at 1 November 2018?
- (2) How many people in the Granville electorate are currently subject to Financial Management Orders as at 1 November 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Trustee and Guardian does not capture data by electorate.

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*10000 OFFICERS IN THE TUGGERAH LAKES AND BRISBANE WATERS POLICE DISTRICTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

What is the current number of sworn and unsworn officers attached to the Tuggerah Lakes and Brisbane Waters Police Districts on the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 31 October 2018, there were 204 positions at the Tuggerah Lakes Police District and 195 positions at the Brisbane Water Police District.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

*10001 MOUNT OUSLEY PROJECT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When will the next stage of the planning works underway for the Mount Ousley project be complete?
 - (a) What is the total expenditure of this project as at 20 November 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Geotechnical investigations are underway and will take up to three months to complete.
 - (a) \$6.15 million.

*10002 NOISE BARRIERS ALONG THE PRINCES HIGHWAY—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Considering the noise barriers along the Princes Highway, are there any concerns about noise impacting residents around Berry?
- (2) Will consideration be given for noise mitigation barriers to reduce the impact on locals?
 - (a) If so, what would be the cost of such measures?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

*10003 BELLS LINE EXPRESSWAY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Will you uphold the promise made by your predecessor, The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC, to build a Bells Line Expressway to provide a safer route between the Central West and metropolitan Sydney, to reduce fatal motor vehicle collisions, to provide nation-building infrastructure and the key to economic growth of the Central West of New South Wales (The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC - Community Newsletter, February 2007)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Bells Line of Road - Castlereagh Connection Corridor is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*10004 UPGRADE OF THE INGLEBURN MILITARY PRECINCT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

When will Landcom allocate the necessary funds to upgrade the historic Ingleburn Military Precinct so as to enable the currently closed huts to reopen?

Answer—

Please see the response to LA Q9890.

*10005 REFERRAL OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CURTILAGE OF VARROVILLE TO THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What is lacking in the Heritage Council's recommendation to list an extension of the curtilage of Varroville (SHR No. 00737) on the State Heritage Register to warrant referring the matter to the Independent Planning Commission?

Answer—

The Independent Planning Commission will assess submissions and make its determination in due course.

*10006 EXTENSION OF THE CURTILAGE OF VARROVILLE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Why did it take more than 12 months to determine that the Heritage Council's recommendation to list an extension of the curtilage of Varroville (SHR No. 00737) on the State Heritage Register needed to be referred to the Independent Planning Commission?
- (2) What other Heritage Council recommendations for listing on the State Heritage register have you referred to the Independent Planning Commission since the Commission was established in March 2018 (to 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The Independent Planning Commission will assess submissions and make its determination in due course.

*10007 JOBS FOR NSW GRANTS IN WESTERN SYDNEY—Ms Julia Finn asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

- (1) How many proposals have Jobs for NSW received from businesses and individuals in the Granville electorate?
 - (a) How many of these proposals have progressed to assessment?

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- (b) How many of these proposals received Minimum Viable Product grants?
 - (i) What is the total value of these grants?
- (2) How many proposals have Jobs for NSW received from businesses and individuals in the Parramatta electorate?
 - (a) How many of these proposals have progressed to assessment?
 - (b) How many of these proposals received Minimum Viable Product grants?
 - (i) What is the total value of these grants?
- (3) How many proposals have Jobs for NSW received from businesses and individuals in the Seven Hills electorate?
 - (a) How many of these proposals have progressed to assessment?
 - (b) How many of these proposals received Minimum Viable Product grants?
 - (i) What is the total value of these grants?
- (4) How many proposals have Jobs for NSW received from businesses and individuals across Western Sydney?
 - (a) How many of these proposals have progressed to assessment?
 - (b) How many of these proposals received Minimum Viable Product grants?
 - (i) What is the total value of these grants?

Answer—

- (1) Six.
 - (a) Four.
 - (b) One.
 - (i) \$25,000
- (2) 12.
 - (a) Eight.
 - (b) Seven.
 - (i) \$144,850
- (3) Six
 - (a) Four
 - (b) Zero.
 - (i) \$0
- (4) 87.
 - (a) 24.
 - (b) 12.
 - (i) \$264,369

The Government has provided over \$600,000 in support to businesses in Western Sydney through Jobs for NSW. As part of the Western Sydney City Deal Commitment, Jobs for NSW has also recently launched the Western Sydney Investment Attraction fund to further support scaling SMEs in Western Sydney.

*10008GLEBE ROAD AND PARK AVENUE INTERSECTION UPGRADES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Glebe Road and Park Avenue a recommendation of the yet to be released Inner Newcastle Traffic Study?
 - (a) If not, how can the community be sure this action is being wholistically considered?

Answer—

I am advised:

No. Glebe Road and Park Avenue are under the care and control of Newcastle City Council. Council has secured funding through the Commonwealth Government Black Spot Program for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection.

*10009ACTIVE TRANSPORT IN CHARLESTOWN—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How much money has been spent on active transport projects in the Charlestown electorate for each year since 2011 (to 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed over \$250 million towards the delivery of active transport projects across NSW in the last five years, the single largest commitment to walking and cycling infrastructure in the State's history.

*10010 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS LINE WAIT TIMES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) What is the longest time someone has waited on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line in 2018 (as at 20 November 2018)?
- (2) What is the current average wait time on the Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line (as at 20 November 2018)?

Answer—

(1) and (2) The Mental Health Access Line is a statewide service that is accessed by consumers and health professionals. There are varying degrees of urgency with requests and the team uses the NSW Health Crisis Triage Rating Scale to assign a level of urgency of the need for care. Callers in a life-threatening situation requiring immediate assistance from emergency services are advised to call Triple Zero (000).

The most recent Hunter New England Mental Health Access Line performance, indicates that from August to November 2018, only 23 per cent of callers waited over five minutes.

Hunter New England Local Health District continues to investigate strategies to improve wait times for the Mental Health Line.

*10011 DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS IN THE CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many demountable classrooms are in use at each of the following schools:

- (a) Belair Public School;
- (b) Cardiff High School;
- (c) Charlestown East Public School;
- (d) Charlestown Public School;
- (e) Charlestown South Public School;
- (f) Dudley Public School;
- (g) Eleebana Public School;
- (h) Garden Suburb Public School;
- (i) Hillsborough Public School;
- (j) Hunter Sports High School;
- (k) Kahibah Public School;
- (l) Kotara High School;
- (m) Kotara School for a Special Purpose;
- (n) Kotara South Public School;
- (o) Lakeside Public School;
- (p) Merewether Public School;
- (q) Mount Hutton Public School;
- (r) New Lambton South Public School;
- (s) Newcastle Junior School;
- (t) Redhead Public School;
- (u) Warners Bay High School;
- (v) Warners Bay Public School;
- (w) Whitebridge High School;
- (x) Windale Public School;
- (y) Wiripaang Public School?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Department of Education uses demountable buildings to manage changing enrolment patterns; provide accommodation to meet emergency needs arising from incidents such as fires, storms or flooding; and provide temporary accommodation needs as a result of capital works and maintenance projects.

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The use of demountables allows the department to be highly responsive to changing needs in schools across the State. All demountable classrooms are air-conditioned and receive regular maintenance.

The department constantly monitors the use of demountables. Where a long-term need for additional school accommodation is established and funding is available, this is provided by expanding existing schools, building new schools or both as necessary.

*10012INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH UNITS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

(1) For each Adult Inpatient Mental Health Unit in the Hunter New England Health District what is the number of:

- (a) Beds at the unit;
- (b) Full-time equivalent clinical psychologists positions funded in the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

Detail can be found in the NSW Health Annual report www.health.nsw.gov.au/annualreport/Publications/annual-report-2017.pdf

The Ministry of Health does not centrally collate data on funded FTE positions. Clinical psychologists are only one part of a multidisciplinary care that may include psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses and other allied health professionals. Each Local Health District is responsible for determining the right composition of its workforce to meet the health needs of its local communities.

*10013FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT SECURITY STAFF IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH DISTRICT—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

(1) What was the number of full-time equivalent security staff positions in each mental health unit in the Hunter New England Health District as at:

- (a) 20 June 2017;
- (b) 15 November 2018?

Answer—

(1) (a) and (b)

The total full time equivalent (FTE) of security officers and health and security assistants (HSA) employed by Hunter New England Mental Health units as at 20 June 2017 and 15 November 2018 is 51.83, comprising:

- Calvary Mater Newcastle 11.6 FTE
- Morisset Hospital 9.24 FTE
- Maitland Mental Health Unit 13.19 FTE
- Manning Mental Health Service: 3 FTE of Health and Security Assistants (HAS) employed, with additional security support provided by Manning Hospital Security Officers as required.
- Tamworth and Banksia Mental Health Facilities 9 FTE
- Armidale Clarke Centre 5.8 FTE

There are also a further 24 FTE security officers employed by John Hunter Hospital who provide support to the Nexus Child and Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit as required.

The Government is committed to maintaining the safety of staff and patients in all public hospitals across New South Wales. Funding is allocated in the yearly budget to maintain the required level of staffing.

*10014JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALIST—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What is the average wait time for an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at the John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q8485

*10015ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE WENTWORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) When will the Wentworthville Public School Redevelopment Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be exhibited?
- (2) What is the target date for the determination of the Wentworthville Public School Redevelopment

EIS?

- (3) What is the target date for the exhibition of the EIS for the proposed new public school for Westmead?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wentworthville Public School redevelopment project was on exhibition from 22 November 2018 until 19 December 2018.

The department anticipates the Department of Planning and Environment to make a determination in early 2019.

A new primary school for Westmead is still in the early stages of planning. Further details will be published on the School Infrastructure NSW website when available.

*10016 CONSIDERATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 126 OCEAN STREET, DUDLEY—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Education—

Considering the rapidly expanding population of Dudley, and the current proposal for the school hall to be divided into classrooms, has the Department of Education considered purchasing the Telstra exchange building adjacent to the Awabakal Reserve and Dudley Public School?

Answer—

I'm advised that there is sufficient capacity at Dudley Public School to meet long term enrolment demand.

The Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales. To do so the department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment, local councils and local developers.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

*10017 FREE REGISTRATION CLAIMS—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How much has been claimed in Free Registration since it took effect in July 2018 (to 21 November 2018) in the following areas:

- (a) Granville;
- (b) South Granville;
- (c) Merrylands;
- (d) Merrylands West;
- (e) Mays Hill;
- (f) Holroyd;
- (g) Westmead;
- (h) Wentworthville;
- (i) Greystanes;
- (j) Guildford;
- (k) Parramatta?

Answer—

I am informed by Service NSW that numbers of recipients of free rego under Toll Relief will vary between Local Government Areas, Electorates and Localities.

Further information regarding the Government's Toll Relief Program can be found at the Service NSW website.

*10018 OPENING OF NORTHCONNEX TO TRAFFIC—Ms Jodi McKay asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

What month will NorthConnex open to traffic?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

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*10019MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

Considering the number of suicides by health workers in Central Coast hospitals recently, what mental health support services are available to health workers in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised the Central Coast Local Health District is not aware of and has not been notified of any suicides by health workers in 2018.

All NSW Health staff have access to professional and confidential Employee Assistance Program counselling services. The Junior Medical Officer (JMO) Wellbeing and Support Plan provides 10 practical initiatives to better support JMOs. The Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention in NSW 2018-2023 initiatives are available for health workers. The Framework's new and expanded initiatives include:

- more counsellors for regional and rural communities
- expanded community mental health outreach teams
- suicide awareness skills training resilience building in local communities.

*10020TARGETS OUTLINED IN THE 2018 CLOSING THE GAP PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

How has the Government acted to meet the targets outlined in the 2018 Closing the Gap Prime Minister's Report, particularly in the area of life expectancy?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to LA Q8261.

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*10021MINE SUBSIDENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How many homes in the suburb of Lambton have been repaired or demolished as a result of mine subsidence?

(2) What is the average time frame for repairs to be acknowledged and carried out?

(3) What is the average price paid for homes that are required to be purchased?

Answer—

(1) Subsidence Advisory NSW (formerly known as the Mine Subsidence Board) has compensated homeowners for subsidence damage to properties arising from historical mining activity in Lambton for over 50 years. In most cases, compensation is provided as a monetary payment or property repairs.

Since the introduction of the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961, Subsidence Advisory has repaired or demolished 211 homes in the suburb of Lambton as a result of subsidence from historical mining activity.

A further eight claims for potential subsidence damage are being investigated.

(2) The average timeframe to complete repairs and close claims in Lambton, including those purchased, repaired and on sold by Subsidence Advisory, is 120 days.

(3) In cases where subsidence damage to a home is severe or extenuating circumstances exist, Subsidence Advisory may offer to purchase the property from the homeowner for market value based on the condition of the property prior to the subsidence damage. Market value is determined by professional valuers.

Subsidence Advisory first purchased a property in the suburb of Lambton in 2012. Since this time, Subsidence Advisory has purchased a further eight properties in Lambton due to subsidence damage. The average price for the nine properties purchased is \$758,389.

To ensure homeowners who sold their properties to Subsidence Advisory were not adversely financially impacted, Subsidence Advisory also provided them with compensation for other costs associated with sale and purchase of a property including stamp duty, removalist fees and conveyancing fees.

Following the purchase of a property, Subsidence Advisory arranges for the necessary remediation works prior to returning property to private ownership in consultation with the preferences of the local community.

*10022 SENIOR OPAL CARD DECLINE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the Opal Card figures have shown that there was a 7.3 per cent year-on-year drop in senior Opal card trips on Newcastle buses in the first four months of 2018, what is being done to stop the accelerating decline in bus patronage in Newcastle, particularly from the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Senior Opal card trips on Newcastle Transport have increased by 1.5 per cent since January 2018.

There has also been a 4.4 per cent increase in adult Opal card trips over the same period.

Newcastle Transport continues to engage with the community and will hold pop up information stalls in shopping centres in December 2018 to educate the community about the bus, ferry and light rail network together with Opal ticketing. Visits include Stockland Jesmond Shopping Centre in the Wallsend electorate on 7 December 2018.

*10023 NEWCASTLE WESTERN SUBURBS PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the western suburbs of Newcastle, such as Minmi, Fletcher and Maryland continue to grow at a rapid rate but public transport options remain poor, what is being done to increase public transport options in this area?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW and bus operators monitor changes in patronage and customer travel patterns when reviewing timetabled bus services to ensure services are meeting demand.

Future Transport 2056 contains the Government's vision for the next 40 years of transport in New South Wales and is on the Future Transport 2056 website.

*10024 WALLSEND PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering sections of the Wallsend electorate are cut off from the business and commercial hubs of the broader region and it can take up to two hours to travel on public transport from the growing suburbs of Maryland and Fletcher to the largest shopping centre in the Newcastle area, Charlestown Square, what is being done to improve public transport times in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

Future Transport 2056 contains the Government's vision for the next 40 years of transport in New South Wales and is on the Future Transport 2056 website.

*10025 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Why was the potential for the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro to terminate at Yagoona not made available for the public to consider during the submissions period of the Sydenham to Bankstown Preferred Infrastructure Report?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is incorrect. This information is publicly available. It is disappointing that NSW Labor has committed to cancelling this vital transport upgrade if it is elected in March 2019, thereby cutting much-needed rail services right across the network to the hardworking people of New South Wales.

*10026 CAPACITY OF BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL CARPARK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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Why has the Government chosen not to upgrade Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Carpark to alleviate the carpark which is constantly at capacity?

Answer—

The Government committed \$25 million in the 2018-19 State Budget for the upgrade of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

*10027TENANT PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) In reference to the Government's Fact Sheet on the Tenant Participation and Community Engagement Program (TPCE), how much funding was allocated to the Tenant Participation and Resource Service in the 2017-18 financial year?
- (2) How much funding was allocated to the Housing Communities Program in the 2017-18 financial year?
- (3) How much funding has been allocated to the Tenant Participation and Community Engagement Program in the 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) expenditure is available in the budget papers which can be found at www.budget.nsw.gov.au.

I am also advised that all funding allocated to the Housing Communities Program and Tenant Participation Resource Service program was included in Tenant Participation and Community Engagement program.

*10028POLICE ALLOCATED TO THE BANKSTOWN POLICE AREA COMMAND—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

How many of the 1,500 additional NSW Police officers will be allocated to the Bankstown Police Area Command?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my joint media release with the Premier on this subject, dated 20 November 2018.

In relation to specific commands, the allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner based on operational need. Allocations of officers from each graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation by the Commissioner.

*10029TRANSITION TO THE TENANTS PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many organisations lost funding through the transition from the Tenant Participation Resource Service and Housing Communities Programs to the Tenants Participation and Community Engagement Program?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the Tenant Participation and Community Engagement program is available on the FACS website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/living/rights-responsibilities/get-involved/chapters/tenant-participation-resource-services-program>.

*10030AMALGAMATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Why has the Government not yet released the Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) reports used to justify council amalgamations throughout New South Wales?
- (2) Why has the Government denied Government Information Public Access (GIPA) requests for these documents?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Information about KPMG's analysis and modelling for the council merger proposals was made publicly available in 2015-16.
- (2) The Government determines all Government Information Public Access requests in accordance with

the relevant legislation and guidelines.

*10031 DILAPIDATION REPORTS FOR HOMEOWNERS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What process is in place with respect to offering dilapidation reports for homeowners in Haberfield and Ashfield for the M4-M5 WestConnex project given that claims for compensation using M4 East dilapidation reports have not yet been completed?
- (2) How many homeowners have applied for compensation for property damage allegedly arising from the M4 East Project?
 - (a) Of these, how many applications have been approved?
- (3) How many homeowners have applied for compensation for property damage allegedly arising from the new M5 Project?
 - (a) Of these, how many of these applications have been approved?
- (4) Is there a conflict of interest in the fact that the project contractor is responsible for assessing damage from the project that they are responsible for?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that under the conditions of approval designated properties within the WestConnex project area may be offered property condition surveys. These inspections assess the existing conditions of property before construction and ensure a clear record of a property's condition was kept.

The post-condition surveys are carried out by an independent qualified third party. The engagement of an independent company is undertaken via a competitive tender process.

Any property damage caused by the construction of the project will be repaired at no cost to the owner.

*10032 PUBLIC HOUSING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many people are currently (as at 22 November 2018) on the general waiting list for social housing in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) The CS3 Allocation zone?
- (2) How many people are currently (as at 22 November 2018) on the priority waiting list for social housing in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) The CS3 Allocation zone?
- (3) How many people are currently (as at 22 November 2018) housed in social housing in:
 - (a) New South Wales?
 - (b) The CS3 Allocation zone?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the NSW Housing Register, including applicants and expected wait times, is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*10033 242 NOLAN STREET, UNANDERRA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Has the Roads and Maritime Services facility at 242 Nolan Street, Unanderra, been sold?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) On what date was the property sold;
 - (ii) What was the total price of the sale;
 - (iii) What are the final transaction costs;
 - (iv) What is the net proceeds from the sale?
- (2) Does the Roads and Maritime Services continue to lease the facility?
 - (a) If so, what is the period of the lease?
- (3) Where will the net proceeds from the sale be invested?
- (4) Will any of the net proceeds be invested in the Wollongong electorate?
 - (a) If not, why not?

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Answer—

(1) Yes, it has been sold:

(a) (i) On 8 December 2015

(ii) \$3,335,000

(iii) Approx. \$156,000

(iv) Approx. \$3.179 million

(2) Yes, for a 5 year term expiring on 8 February 2021, plus 2 x 5 year options.

(3) This property was part of the RMS Portfolio Tranche sale project, which involved a number of properties vested to Property NSW from Roads and Maritime Services for disposal. Treasury contributed \$65 million to the costs of the project. Part of the money from the sale of the properties reimbursed these costs and the balance of the proceeds went to the 'Restart Scheme'.

(4) All proceeds are allocated to the 'Restart Scheme' as part of the Expenditure Review Committee (ERC) decision.

*10034 CONSIDERATION FOR PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR WEIGHING LIVESTOCK TRUCKS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

Considering the issues concerning the weighing of loaded livestock trucks at livestock exchanges and saleyards, which has spawned the need for weighbridges, would consideration be given to the practical advantages of truck-mounted axle scales for trucks accessing those sites, which would assist operators to load trucks within limits upon each axle, as many grain trucks now use, which would negate having to install expensive weighbridges and the cost of their ongoing operation, and more importantly, save the time involved in weighing trucks one at a time upon a weighbridge, which would slow the progress of the departing loaded trucks which in turn jeopardises the welfare of livestock by unnecessarily placing livestock under additional stress in the heated conditions of a stationary truck?

Answer—

I am advised:

Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) is administered by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR). NHVR are currently conducting an internal review of compliance at Dubbo and Forbes saleyards.

*10035 BEST START YEAR 7 TRIAL—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How many schools have been involved in the Best Start Year 7 literacy and numeracy assessment trial in 2018?

(a) Which schools have been involved?

(2) Will the program be made available State-wide beginning in Term 1 2019?

(a) If the assessment will be made available State-wide, will it be an optional program?

(b) What incentives will be offered for schools to participate?

(3) Where will the data collected from the assessments be stored?

(a) If at the school level, will schools and staff members be offered training in data interpretation?

(4) Has the Department of Education provided any additional technological devices e.g. computers or tablets to assist with delivering an online test to all Year 7 students?

(a) If so, how many devices?

(b) What has been the cost of providing these devices?

Answer—

I'm advised:

66 schools in total have been involved in the trial during 2018.

The program will be available statewide as an optional program for the beginning of Term 1, 2019.

Schools were invited to express interest in Term 3, 2018. 292 government and 33 non-government secondary and central schools are confirmed for 2019. Staff from these schools are currently participating in professional learning in preparation for Term 1, 2019.

Schools will have professional learning support provided and resources available at a local level over 2019. The professional learning support is designed to guide schools in their preparation alongside their current assessment practice and in how they may use the results to further inform their teaching and school planning.

Government schools will be provided with the equivalent of five days casual teacher relief to participate. This may be used to attend two days professional learning as well as to coordinate the assessment.

Data collected from the Best Start Year 7 assessments will be stored in the NSW Department of Education data warehouse. The NSW Department of Education will draw information from the data warehouse to generate reports for schools.

Teachers will be provided with training in how to access and interpret their school results, and how to use this information to inform their teaching and school planning.

The assessment has been designed to be easy to administer and meet most schools' technical capabilities. Schools that have opted in have confirmed that they have sufficient device numbers and can meet the technical requirements. Schools have five weeks to complete the two 50 minute assessments for their Year 7 cohort.

***10036 WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General—

- (1) Is the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service able to assist clients aged under 16?
- (2) What advocacy services are available in Maitland for domestic violence victims aged under 16?
- (3) What advocacy services are available across New South Wales for domestic violence victims aged under 16?

Answer—

I am advised:

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS) assist children and young people under the age of 16.

Both the Hunter and Hunter Valley WDVCASs provide assistance and support in the Maitland region.

Additional advocacy services for victims of domestic and family violence aged under 16 fall within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

***10037 RECYCLING SERVICES**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How much money has the Government provided to assist council operated kerbside recycling services due to the global recycling crisis during:
 - (a) The 2017-18 financial year; and,
 - (b) To 30 September 2018?
- (2) Has money been released from the Waste Levy to assist council operated kerbside recycling services one year into the global recycling crisis?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How much will council operated kerbside recycling services receive from the Container Deposit Scheme (Return and Earn) funding pool after the first year of operation?
- (4) What investigation work has the Government undertaken into establishing new sorting and processing facilities so New South Wales generated recycling stock can be handled within the State?
- (5) Will the Government assist council operated kerbside recycling services to access funding to develop new recycling and sorting facilities within the State?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) (a) and (b) \$1,153,496 from 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2018.

(2) Yes.

(3) Refund sharing agreements are a transitional arrangement for councils that had recycling contracts in place when Return and Earn was introduced. They are commercial arrangements that enable councils to share in refunds until new processing contracts can be entered into and are a matter for individual councils.

(4) The Government has announced the development of a 20 Year Waste Strategy for New South Wales, which will include reducing waste, driving sustainable recycling markets and identifying and improving the state and regional waste infrastructure network. In March 2018, the Government announced a support package of up to \$47 million to help local government and industry to respond to National Sword.

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(5) New South Wales councils can apply for several grant programs to develop new recycling and sorting facilities. Further Information is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/infrastructure-fund.

*10038 SEATBELTS FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL SCHOOL BUSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government's current rural and regional school bus seatbelt program be completed by the end of 2019?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will school buses that operate in Maitland, Cessnock and Port Stephens areas be considered for the fitting/retrofitting of seatbelts after the Government's program is completed in 2019?
- (3) Has the Government undertaken an assessment of the need for seatbelts on school buses that operate in urban areas like Maitland where some services do operate in speed limits of up-to-80 kilometres per hour?
- (4) Will the Government undertake updated community consultation prior to making a decision on whether to fit/retrofit seatbelts on urban school bus services?
- (5) What is the available injury data for school students using buses without seatbelts for the years of:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2016; and
 - (c) 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I refer you to my media release of 26 June 2017. Bus services in the Maitland area are serviced under an Outer Metropolitan Bus Services Contract.
- (3) Transport for NSW, in conjunction with the bus service operator, regularly undertakes assessment of bus services.
- (4) Should Transport for NSW decide to pursue the installation of seatbelts on urban school bus services, appropriate consultation with industry stakeholders will be conducted.

*10039 SHOOSH FOR KIDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Who created 'shoosh for kids'?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that 'Shoosh for Kids' was first held by Newcastle Junior Rugby League in 2015?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that Country Rugby League of NSW registered 'Shoosh for Kids' in 2016?

Answer—

Newcastle Junior Rugby League Association and Country Rugby League of New South Wales introduced Shoosh for Kids in 2015. The Office of Sport, in consultation with both organisations, expanded the campaign in 2016 to become a state wide cross-sport initiative.

Country Rugby League of New South Wales is one of the 15 State Sporting Organisation campaign partners and has endorsed and supported the growth of it for the betterment of sport across New South Wales.

All sports clubs and associations are encouraged to participate. For more information and free resources visit www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/tyc/fairplay/ShooshforKids.

*10040 FAMILY DAY CARE CAPS AND RATIOS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Through which legislative or regulatory instrument are there caps on Family Day Care educators applied in New South Wales?
- (2) Through which legislative or regulatory instrument are educator-to-coordinator ratios for Family Day Care services applied in New South Wales?
- (3) Has consideration been given to the possibility of allowing Family Day Care providers to meet required educator-to-coordinator ratios on a pro-rata basis, so that local demand can be viably met, and children are adequately cared for?

Answer—

The Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations provides the legislative and regulatory instruments for caps on educators in family day care services in New South Wales and educator to coordinator ratios.

*10041 GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What support services does the Government provide for grandparents who act as parents for their grandchildren?
 - (a) How much money is budgeted for these services?
- (2) How many grandparents in New South Wales currently have guardianship over their grandchildren (as at 22 November 2018)?
- (3) How much money does the Government save when grandparents are given guardianship over their grandchildren, and therefore lose all case management services and support from the Department of Family and Community Services:
 - (a) Per child, on average;
 - (b) In aggregate, each financial year?

Answer—

I am advised the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) provides a number of support services and programs for carers and guardians. More information on the supports available for carers, including grandparents, and guardians is available on the FACS website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am advised that anyone in New South Wales who becomes a guardian through a Children's Court Order receives a Guardianship payment equivalent to a foster care payment. All guardians must undergo a thorough assessment. Becoming a guardian is a choice made by the carer, and can only occur when the NSW Children's Court determines it is in the best interest of the Child.

*10042 INDIVIDUALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLES WITH KRAFTECH FRAMES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) In each calendar year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 22 November 2018), how many applications for certification of Individually Constructed Vehicles have been:
 - (a) Received by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS);
 - (b) Declined, rejected or otherwise not approved by RMS?
- (2) In each calendar year from 2015 to 2018 (as at 22 November 2018), how many applications for certification of Individually Constructed Vehicles with Kraftech frames:
 - (a) Have been received by RMS;
 - (b) Declined, rejected or otherwise not approved by RMS?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) 2016 36 Individually Constructed Vehicles (ICV) applications (including reassessments)/29 declined, 7 approved

2017 25 ICV applications (including reassessments)/21 declined, 4 approved

2018 12 ICV applications (including reassessments)/11 declined, 1 approved.

(2) Roads and Maritime Services does not record components used in the construction of vehicles.

*10043 EARLY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND RATING—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) How many New South Wales early education services, assessed by the Early Childhood Education Directorate, have had their rating reduced from 'exceeding' to any other rating in each calendar year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 22 November 2018)?
- (2) How many staff were employed by the Early Childhood Education Directorate specifically to conduct rating and assessment activities in each calendar year from 2016 to 2018 (as at 22 November 2018)?

Answer—

- (1) Information on past and current ratings is publicly available on the Australian Children's Education

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and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

- (2) Since 2016, ratings and assessment officer numbers have increased by more than 25 per cent. Information on staffing numbers can be found in Departmental Annual Reports and my responses to 2018 Budget Estimates Supplementary

*10044SOLAR FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TRIAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Are residents from the Newcastle Local Government Area eligible for the Solar for Low Income Households trial?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The five selected regions for the trial are the North Coast, Central Coast, Sydney South, Illawarra Shoalhaven and the South Coast.

The Newcastle Local Government Area, which is in the Hunter region, is not one of the five selected regions. Once the trial is completed, the Department of Planning and Environment will assess the success of the trial based on outcomes for participants before making any decisions on extending the Trial and including new regions.

*10045PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Can the Port of Newcastle develop a container terminal if it wished to do so?
(2) Is it government policy to disallow a container terminal to be developed at the Port of Newcastle?
(3) Has the Government entered into any agreements that create a disincentive or obstacle to develop a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
(4) Is the Minister concerned that the leasing arrangements at the port of Newcastle may breach the Competition and Consumer Act 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

The port transaction arrangements do not prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle.

The Freight and Ports Plan 2018 2023 acknowledges the interest of the Port of Newcastle to diversify and expand the Port's trade base and includes an initiative to support the Port of Newcastle as it explores trade opportunities in new markets. It notes that the Government will work with commercial infrastructure operators, including NSW Ports and Port of Newcastle, as they deliver their master plans.

*10046NEWCASTLE RECREATION RESERVE HERITAGE LISTING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Referring to LA Q9120, has the Heritage Council of NSW finished its consultation with the future land owners of part of the reserve?
(a) If not, when are these consultations expected to be completed?
(2) When does the Minister envisage consideration being given to the recommendation of the NSW Heritage Council to list the Newcastle Recreation Reserve 1, 1A, 3, 5A Ordance Street, Newcastle on the State Heritage Register as required under section 34(1) of the Heritage Act 1997?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Consultation with the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council will continue throughout the listings process.
(2) Once I have received further advice from the Heritage Council of NSW, I will consider the recommendation as required under section 34(1) of the Heritage Act 1997.

*10047NEWCASTLE FARE FREE ZONE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Newcastle fare free zone still remain once the Newcastle Light Rail is operational?
(2) Will consideration be given to including the Newcastle light rail as part of the fare free zone?
(3) What will be the cost of a fare to use the light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) No.

(3) This information is available on the Opal Website.

*10048 ADDITIONAL POLICE FOR BERESFIELD POLICE STATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

Considering the commitment to provide an extra 1,500 Police for New South Wales, will extra Police resources be provided to make Beresfield Police Station fully operational?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my joint media release with the Premier on this subject, dated 20 November 2018.

In relation to specific commands, the allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner based on operational needs. Allocations of officers from each graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation by the Commissioner.

*10049 PARK AND RIDE PROJECT TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering Newcastle City Council is operating a very successful park and ride service from McDonald Jones Stadium into Newcastle's inner city that is alleviating traffic congestion and emissions, is consideration being given to a similar project from McDonald Jones Stadium to the John Hunter Hospital to alleviate the congestion being experienced by staff and visitors?

Answer—

I am advised:

The frequent route 13 travels between Lambton Road to John Hunter Hospital every 15 minutes between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends. Routes 11, 26 and 42 also provide regular services to and from John Hunter Hospital from across the Newcastle Transport area.

*10050 FAIRFIELD DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HOUSING OFFICE SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) Considering the ongoing restructure of the Fairfield Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) Housing office services and teams operating from the Fairfield site, what services will no longer be available once the restructure is complete?

(2) What new services will be made available to the community once the restructure is complete?

(3) Will any Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) be working out of the Fairfield site alongside FACS personnel?

(a) If yes, which NGOs?

(i) What were the terms of the arrangement?

(ii) What services will they provide?

(iii) What resources will FACS make available to them from the Fairfield site?

Answer—

I am advised that all current services will remain the same and that the co-location will enable enhanced collaboration for joint clients.

*10051 STUDENT OPAL CARDS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) How many student opal cards were issued to students in the Fairfield electorate for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 22 November 2018)?

(2) How many Child/Youth Opal Card transactions were conducted in the Fairfield electorate for each recurring year from 2015 to current (as at 22 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) website and TfNSW Open Data Hub.

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*10052PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED AND OFFENCES COMMITTED TO FAIRFIELD RESIDENCE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many penalty notices were issued to motorists residing in the Fairfield electorate in each year from 2015 to 2018 (to 22 November 2018)?
- (2) What were the 10 most common offences for the fines issued to Fairfield residents over this duration?

Answer—

(1)

Financial Year 2015	84,821
Financial Year 2016	91,622
Financial Year 2017	887,717
Financial Year 2018	99,095
Financial Year 2019 (up to 22 November 2018)	35,451

(2)

Financial Year 2019

Rank	Offence
1	Disobey No Stopping Sign
2	Park Continuously for longer than indicated
3	Travel or attempt travel without valid ticket - Adult
4	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres per hour and under - Camera Recorded - Individual
5	Park in ticket parking area not display ticket as required
6	Proceed through red traffic arrow - Camera Recorded - Individual
7	Proceed through red traffic light - Camera Recorded - Individual
8	Disobey No Parking sign
9	Motor Vehicle Exceed Speed Limit - 10 kilometers per hour and under - School Zone - Camera recorded - Individual
10	Motor Vehicle Exceed Speed Limit - Over 10 kilometres per hour - Camera Recorded - Individual

Financial Year 2018

Rank	Offence
1	Disobey No Stopping Sign
2	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres per hour and under - Camera Recorded - Individual
3	Park continuously for longer than permitted
4	Park without current ticket displayed
5	Proceed through Red Traffic Arrow - Camera Recorded - Individual
6	Travel or attempt to travel without valid ticket - Adult
7	Proceed through Red Traffic Light - Camera Recorded - Individual
8	Disobey No Parking Sign
9	Motor vehicle exceed speed limit - Over 10 kilometres per hour - Camera Recorded - Individual
10	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - School Zone - Camera Recorded - Individual

Financial Year 2017

Rank	Offence
1	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - Camera Recorded - Individual
2	Disobey No Stopping Sign

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3	Travel or attempt to travel without a valid ticket - Adult
4	Park contiguously for longer than permitted
5	Proceed through red traffic arrow - Camera Recorded - Individual
6	Proceed through red traffic light - Camera Recorded - Individual
7	Park without current ticket displayed
8	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - over 10 kilometres - Camera Recorded - Individual
9	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - School Zone - Camera Recorded - Individual
10	Disobey No Parking Sign

Financial Year 2016

Rank	Offence
1	Disobey No Stopping Sign
2	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - Camera Recorded - Individual
3	Travel or attempt to travel without valid ticket - Adult
4	Park without current ticket displayed
5	Park continuously for longer than permitted
6	Proceed Through Red Traffic Arrow - Camera Recorded - Individual
7	Proceed Through Red Traffic Light - Camera Recorded - Individual
8	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - Over 10 kilometres - Camera Recorded - Individual
9	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - School Zone - Camera Recorded - Individual
10	Stop In A Loading Zone

Financial Year 2015

Rank	Offence
1	Disobey No Stopping Sign
2	Motor Vehicle exceed speed limit - 10 kilometres and under - Camera Recorded - Individual
3	Travel or attempt to travel without valid ticket - Adult
4	Disobey No Stopping Sign
5	Exceed speed limit 10 kilometres and under - Camera Detected
6	Park continuously for longer than permitted
7	Proceed through Red traffic Arrow - Camera Recoded - Individual
8	Proceed through Red traffic Light - Camera Recoded - Individual
9	Park Continuously for Longer Than Permitted
10	Park Without Current Ticket Displayed

Notes

- Prepared on 26 November 2018, includes penalty notices with an offence date between 1 July 2014 and 22 November 2018.
- Includes penalty notices for all offences.
- Offences that relate to 'motorists' are those with the TRAFFIC_IND set to 'Y'.
- Includes penalty notices issued by all agencies.
- Data is only as accurate as the information provided by the issuing agency.
- Data may change retrospectively as additional notices are loaded, and as penalties progress through the penalty notice life cycle.
- Party addresses are recorded by suburb and postcode only.
- Electorate boundaries may not correspond with suburb and postcode boundaries. A postcode may be

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included in multiple electorates.

- Electorate inclusions by suburb name or postcode are provided by the NSW Electoral Commission at www.elections.nsw.gov.au/profiles/district_profiles/fairfield
- Includes penalty notices where the current party has a current postcode corresponding to Fairfield electorate; 2161, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166 and 2176

*10053 MONEY SPENT ON SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Education—

(1) How much has been spent on school maintenance and upgrades at the following schools from January 2018 to current (as at 22 November 2018):

- King Park Public School;
- Carramar Public School;
- Villawood North Public School;
- Fairfield Public School;
- Guildford West Public School;
- Fairfield West Public School;
- Yennora Public School;
- Fairfield Heights Public School;
- Canley Vale Public School;
- Canley Heights Public School;
- Fairvale Public School;
- Old Guildford Public School;
- Verona School?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Government is investing a record breaking \$847 million over four years to address planned maintenance in schools across New South Wales. This is the largest investment in school maintenance in the history of New South Wales.

The Department of Education calculates the total amount spent on maintenance at schools at the end of each financial year.

Anticipated expenditure on planned maintenance on Fairfield schools for the 2018-19 financial year is more than \$3.3 million.

*10054 AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCES AND NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) As international flights from New Zealand are operating from Newcastle Airport between 22 November 2018 and 17 February 2019 with NSW Police supporting Australian Border Force, what is the weekly commitment of officers for NSW Police's Port Stephens Hunter District to this task?
- (2) Are officers to fulfil the support of Australian Border Force drawn from General Duties or specialist District Command units?
- (3) Have additional officers been requested from the NSW Police Commissioner to fulfil the Australian Border Force support commitment at Newcastle Airport?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Six officers are provided each week to assist with Border Force operations (two officers per shift, three shifts per week). Only some of these shifts are performed at Newcastle airport.
- (2) The officers performing shifts at the airport are drawn from general duties and the Target Action Group attached to the Port Stephens Hunter Police District.
- (3) No.

*10055 AIR CONDITIONING IN ACTIVE SYDNEY TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many active Sydney Trains services are presently operating without air conditioning (as at 22 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

I remind the member that when Labor was in government only 72 per cent of the Sydney Trains network was air-conditioned. Today 97 per cent of the network is air-conditioned. Once all of the Waratah series 2 trains are on the tracks next year, 100 per cent of the network will be air-conditioned.

*10056 AMBULANCES AT CESSNOCK BEING RE-ALLOCATED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Does Cessnock have two ambulance teams, staff and vehicles, allocated to each day shift, seven days per week?
- (2) In the past, has it been the case that on the Thursday day shift, Cessnock would only have a single vehicle/team guarantee coverage?
- (3) In what month and what year did the Cessnock ambulance station Thursday day shift coverage get upgraded from a single vehicle/team to a minimum of two vehicles/teams?
- (4) Do all online software and databases of the NSW ambulance service reflect the fact that each Thursday day shift at Cessnock now has a two vehicle/team allocation and that a second vehicle/team at Cessnock on Thursdays should not be treated as extra or surplus to needs?
- (5) In 2018, on how many occasions has an ambulance/vehicle been allocated from Cessnock to some other station for the shift and on what percentage of these occasions was this re-allocation on a Thursday day-shift?
- (6) When an ambulance vehicle/team is re-allocated from Cessnock to some other station, does that vehicle continue to be identified as a Cessnock team vehicle and call number?
 - (a) If not, is it allocated a new name and code number that reflects the station to which they have been re-allocated?
- (7) On Thursday 8th November 2018, was a day shift Cessnock ambulance re-allocated to Belmont station when they started work at 10.00am?
 - (a) If so, at the time that it was ordered to go to Belmont, where was the other Cessnock ambulance vehicle/team?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Health.

*10057 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average wait time for hip replacement at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) What is the average wait time for a knee replacement at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (3) What is the average wait time to see an ear nose and throat specialist at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (4) What is the average wait time to see a Rheumatologist at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (5) What is the average wait time to see a doctor in the Emergency Department at the John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

(1) to (5) Waiting times at John Hunter Hospital are allocated according to a patient's clinical urgency, with the most urgent patients seen first. The Bureau of Health Information publishes independent reports about the performance of the New South Wales public healthcare system.

*10058 ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST OFFICERS ANNOUNCED—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering the announcement of additional police officers in New South Wales, when can the Hunter Valley Police District expect to be allocated an officer to monitor offenders on the Child Protection Register?
 - (a) Will this allocation to the Hunter Valley Police District include the four additional officers that the Police Association had lobbied for?
 - (b) Where will these additional officers be based in the Hunter Valley Police District?
- (2) When can the Lake Macquarie Police District expect to be allocated an officer to monitor offenders on the Child Protection Register?
- (3) When can the Hunter Valley Police District expect to be allocated a specialist Elder Abuse Prevention Officer?
 - (a) How many of these officers will the NSW Police Force appoint to the Hunter Valley Police District?

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Answer—

I refer the Member to my joint media release with the Premier on this subject, dated 20 November 2018.

In relation to specific commands, the allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner based on operational needs. Allocations of officers from each graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation by the Commissioner.

*10059NON-RECURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE OF CESSNOCK SCHOOLS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much non-recurrent infrastructure funding was committed and spent on schools in the Cessnock electorate in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-15;
 - (b) 2015-16;
 - (c) 2016-17;
 - (d) 2017-18?
- (2) What schools were these improvements made at?
 - (a) What facility was constructed and/or replaced?
- (3) Are there any improvements that will not be completed by 30 June 2019 which have been committed to and funded?
 - (a) Where are these located?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Government has invested over \$7 million in capital expenditure in the Cessnock electorate since 2014.

The improvements completed at Cessnock schools include COLA extensions, electrical upgrades, room modifications for access, roof replacements, bushfire protection, bathroom upgrades, security fencing installations, ground works including the provision of new sports courts and the construction of covered walkways.

A major capital works project is currently in progress at Nulkaba Public School to improve facilities and cater for the anticipated growth in student enrolments. The project is due for completion in early 2020 and includes:

- 14 new permanent teaching spaces;
- associated administration spaces;
- staff amenities and facilities; and student amenities.

*10060TEACHER SUCCESS PROFILE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Considering the new Teacher Success Profile (TSP) with the policy applying to all teaching degrees from 2019, how many New South Wales universities offer entirely online undergraduate teaching degrees?
 - (a) Which Universities are they?
- (2) What areas of the State are deemed to be a 'remote area'?
 - (a) Is a 'remote area' where the applicant dwells and/or where the applicant dwells in relation to the University that has accepted them as an undergraduate?
- (3) Does this policy apply to all applicants?
 - (a) If not, which stream of applicants will be exempted?
- (4) If new graduates do not meet all criteria, will they still be qualified to teach at non-public schools?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Teacher Success Profile puts teacher quality at the centre of new employment standards for graduate teachers, ensuring that only the best and brightest aspiring teachers are employed in New South Wales public schools.

All students commencing teacher education studies from 2019 will be subject to the new Teacher Success Profile policy.

All new graduates need to meet accreditation requirements set by the NSW Education Standards Authority to be qualified to teach in any New South Wales school. The Teacher Success Profile applies to

those seeking employment in New South Wales public schools only. Universities provide information on degrees at their institutions.

Remote areas of New South Wales include Western New South Wales, North West New South Wales and Southern New South Wales. The remote area is where the applicant resides.

*10061 CANNABIS MEDICINE CLINICAL TRIALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering the New South Wales clinical trials to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of cannabis medicine, how many patients are in each of the three clinical trials?
- (2) Have any of the three clinical trials been expanded to include other diseases or illnesses?
- (3) How many doctors referred patients to take part in each of the three clinical trials?
- (4) What percentage of trial participants are from rural/regional New South Wales?
- (5) How do prospective participants register to be included in the trials if they are not patients of participating doctors?
- (6) What is the expected time frame for specialists and/or general practitioners to be able to prescribe cannabis medicine for their patients who would benefit from its pain relief assistance?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Patients can access cannabis medicines as part of the three New South Wales government funded program areas and can also access S8 cannabis medicines prescribed through the special access scheme or authorised prescriber schemes, as well as through clinical trials funded through other avenues for certain conditions. The New South Wales government funded trials are generating new evidence about the safety and efficacy of cannabis medicines to enable doctors to appropriately prescribe them to their patients. Patients are also able to access cannabis medicines outside clinical trials.

A specific clinical trial is designed to evaluate the effects of a certain medicine in a particular disease, and as such expansion of a clinical trial is not possible.

(3) This information is not routinely collected by the clinical trial teams and/or provided to the NSW Ministry of Health. Patients can be referred by their current treating doctor/specialist.

(4) This data is not held centrally and, in maintaining patient confidentiality, has not been provided to central recruitment sites.

(5) All New South Wales government funded clinical trials are registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials registry (ANZCTR) and contact details for recruitment are listed on the ANZCTR website. Patients can also call the NSW Health Medicinal Cannabis Line for information on the clinical trials, including advice on how to participate. Medical Practitioners can call the NSW Cannabis Medicines Advisory Service to seek information about the trials for their patients, including eligibility and enrolment.

(6) NSW Health and the Therapeutic Goods Administration process applications for authority to prescribe unregistered Schedule 8 cannabis medicines within two business days (if all information is provided).

*10062 POLLUTION INCIDENTS IN POSTCODE 2505—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many pollution incidents have occurred in the 2505 postcode since 2011?
- (2) How many of those pollution incidents in (1) led to a fine being imposed by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA)?
- (3) How many fines imposed in (1) also related to the non-disclosure of the pollution incident by the polluter?
- (4) Please list the fines and names of those responsible for the pollution incidents in (1)?
- (5) How many cautions has the EPA issued for pollution incidents in (1) for the non-disclosure of pollution incidents?
- (6) Please list the number of cautions and those to whom the cautions were issued?
- (7) What is the total value of the fines imposed in (1)?
- (8) Was the community in the 2505 postcode notified of the pollution incidents in (1)?
 - (a) If not, what was the reason for not notifying the community?

Answer—

(1) Since 2011 there have been 1,096 allegations of pollution incidents to the EPA in the 2505 (Port Kembla) postcode area.

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(2) This information is not available.

(3) None.

(4) This information is not available.

(5) and (6) Two since early 2013.

(7) This information is not available.

(8) The EPA has ensured the community has remained informed through EPA attendance at the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting, Port Kembla Harbour Environment Group and several local industry Community Consultative Committees; through EPA media releases; and through the Protection of the Environment Operations Act (POEO) public register which contains public information about environment protection licences and other regulatory information required under the POEO Act.

***10063 REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY**—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Having received a written response in relation to representations I made to you on 14 September 2018 on behalf of my constituent regarding the Fire and Emergency Services Levy, will you now respond to the specific issues raised concerning my constituent and the supporting information in the annexures relating to the issue which appear to be unaddressed?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

***10064 POLICE POWERS IN RELATION TO RACIAL VIOLENCE OR HARASSMENT**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) What powers does NSW Police have to investigate and shut down the club house allegedly used by The Lads Society in Ashfield?

(2) In what ways are local police working to combat racism and racist violence in Ashfield?

(3) How many reports of racist violence or harassment have been recorded in the Ashfield-Burwood Police Area Command in the past three months (to 21 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Legislation that may assist the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) in any investigation or potential closure of premises includes the Restricted Premises Act 1943, Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the Combat Sports Act 2013.

(2) The Burwood Police Area Command uses a range of communication strategies and works with local councils and community groups to break down cultural barriers, raise awareness and combat racism and related violence.

(3) A review of COPS data has revealed one bias-motivated event in the three months to 21 November 2018. There have also been intelligence reports received in the same period relating to bias-motivated material distributed within the PAC.

***10065 PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Education representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

(1) How many public preschools exist in New South Wales as at 22 November 2018?

(2) What is the average daily fee for children who attend public preschools?

(3) Does the Government have any plans to expand the provision of public preschools?

Answer—

(1) As at 22 November 2018, there were 100 government schools with preschools

(2) Preschool fees vary across government school preschool classes. Fees for each preschool are determined by the relative Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage value of the school and are reviewed on an annual basis. Fee relief is available for all families with a Commonwealth Health Care Card, and for Aboriginal children.

(3) The Government's current focus is on working with the community to establish new preschool services.

*10066 HINTON SEWERAGE CONNECTIONS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many properties in Hinton are not connected to sewerage?
- (2) When does Hunter Water propose to connect Hinton properties to sewerage?
- (3) Will the Government consider providing additional financial support to allow properties in Hinton to be connected to sewerage?

Answer—

I am advised:

106 properties in Hinton are not connected to sewerage.

Hunter Water is currently working with partner councils, including Port Stephens Council to understand the environmental and social costs and benefits associated with providing sewerage services to unsewered townships across the Lower Hunter. The Government will consider advice from Hunter Water in making a decision on providing any financial support to unsewered townships.

*10067 HUNTER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Hunter Development Corporation's (HDC) recent Annual Report revealed actual grants and subsidies awarded to local projects over the past year was 76 per cent lower than expected, with the Hunter receiving at least \$40 million less than budgeted?
- (2) How many projects in the Hunter were expected to be funded in the original \$53 million budget allocation for grants and subsidies by the HDC?
- (3) How many projects in the Hunter were funded by the HDC in the 2017-18 financial year?
- (4) How many applications for funding were rejected by the HDC in the 2017-18 financial year?
- (5) Was the Minister aware of the significant write-down in grants and subsidies awarded by the HDC in the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. The amount spent is double the spend of the previous year. Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation (HCCDC) does not pay dividends to government, and all funds remain in HCCDC's control. Further, the Hunter has not lost \$40 million and the projects remain funded. The funds are not expensed until the applicants reach agreed milestones. All monies are paid out in accordance with the agreed funding deeds.
- (2) The 2017-18 budget allowed for grants and subsidies across the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund; Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund; Newcastle Mines Grouting Fund; and Honeysuckle community service obligations (public domain and seawall renewal). These projects remain funded.
- (3) Eight.
- (4) During Round 3 of the Newcastle Port Community Fund, six projects were successful, and 12 projects were unsuccessful.
- (5) Yes. I note the HCCDC has doubled its spend in 2018 compared to 2017.

*10068 SOCIAL HOUSING IN PORT STEPHENS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

How many additional public housing premises have been built or acquired in the Port Stephens electorate since 2011 (to 22 November 2018) considering the Department of Family and Community Services website does not provide information about the quantum of additional public housing premises as outlined in the response to LA Q9476?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of social housing properties in New South Wales, including the Mid-North Coast district, is available on the social housing dashboard on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics.

*10069 ELDER ABUSE POLICING RESOURCES—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

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- (1) Will the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District receive additional resources to fight elder abuse issues?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What additional resources will be provided?
 - (ii) When will they be provided?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my joint media release with the Premier on this subject, dated 20 November 2018.

In relation to specific commands, the allocation of police resources is determined by the Commissioner based on operational needs. Allocations of officers from each graduating class will be announced on the day of attestation by the Commissioner.

*10070 FIRE AND RESCUE NSW RATE OF RESPONSE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) At what time was the house fire that occurred in King Street, Cessnock on Monday, 12 November reported to Triple Zero or any other emergency hotline?
- (2) At what time did the first appliance from Fire and Rescue NSW attend the scene?
 - (a) What station was this appliance from?
- (3) At what time did the second appliance from Fire and Rescue NSW attend the scene?
 - (a) What station was this second appliance from?
- (4) Throughout the incident, how many other appliances attended the scene?
 - (a) What stations were these appliances from and what times did they arrive at the scene?
- (5) At the time of the incident were the following stations in the nearby vicinity online:
 - (a) Abermain;
 - (b) Bellbird;
 - (c) Branxton;
 - (d) Cessnock;
 - (e) Kearsley;
 - (f) Kurri Kurri;
 - (g) Paxton;
 - (h) Weston?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 2.58 pm.
- (2) 3.03 pm.
 - (a) Cessnock (Alpha).
- (3) 3.26 pm
 - (a) Two appliances arrived at this time from Bellbird and Kurri Kurri.
- (4) A further 10 appliances (for a total of 13) from the following stations arrives before 4:04 pm:
 - (a) Berkley Val
 - (b) Branton
 - (c) Cessnock (Bravo)
 - (d) East Maitland
 - (e) Holmesville
 - (f) Mayfield West
 - (g) Minmi
 - (h) Newcastle (3)
- (5) Fire stations, crews and resources in the area were deployed as required.

*10071 MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Member for Wollondilly supports the construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail line?
- (2) Will the Government match NSW Labor's \$50 million commitment to progress construction of the Maldon-Dombarton line in partnership with the private sector?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Why has the Government not established a new Register of Interest (RoI) process since the last one

failed in 2015?

- (4) Why has the Government not made public the outcomes of the failed RoI process in 2015?
- (5) How will you seek to ensure that there is confidence that the next RoI process is improved, given that the outcomes of the last RoI process have not been made public?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The Government is supportive of constructing the Maldon-Dombarton rail line at the appropriate time as stated in Future Transport 2056. The Maldon to Dombarton rail line is recognised in the NSW Freight and Ports Plan 2018-2023 as an initiative for investigation in 10+ years.

The Transport for NSW assessment of the existing network considers that the existing Illawarra rail network is adequate in the short to medium term.

(3) Two proposals from the private sector as part of the Register of Interest process were evaluated in detail, however, neither proposal met the Register of Interest evaluation criteria. The Government has an Unsolicited Proposals process that is designed to encourage participants to approach government with innovative infrastructure or service delivery solutions, where the government has not requested a proposal and the proponent is uniquely placed to provide a value-for-money solution. Unsolicited Proposals can be submitted to the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

(4) This report contains commercial-in-confidence information and cannot be released.

(5) The Government, going forward, will use information obtained from the Register of Interest to inform it on the future procurement process and the funding options available.

*10072MATHEMATICS TEACHERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many educators at the following high schools are qualified to teach mathematics between Years 7 and 12?
 - (a) Cessnock High School;
 - (b) Kurri Kurri High School;
 - (c) Mount View High School;
 - (d) West Wallsend High School?
- (2) How many mathematics teachers are required to meet the base minimum requirements to ensure students have access to a quality mathematics education at the above schools?
- (3) Since January 2013 (to 22 November 2018), how many qualified secondary mathematics teachers have graduated from a tertiary institution in New South Wales?
- (4) How many of these graduates have been employed in public high schools in the Hunter?
- (5) What incentives does the Government provide to individuals to encourage them to pursue a career as a secondary mathematics teacher?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

(1) As at 28 November 2018, there were seven educators qualified to teach mathematics between Years 7 and 12 at Cessnock High School; six at Kurri Kurri High School; eight at Mount View High School; and six at West Wallsend High School.

(2) The Department of Education provides a teacher entitlement to schools. School principals determine the number of teachers required to meet subject and class demands.

(3) The number of graduates is held by the individual tertiary institutions.

(4) Between 2013 and 28 November 2018, 16 new mathematics graduates have been employed in public high schools in the Hunter region.

(5) The Government provides Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarships for qualified teachers to retrain in a STEM discipline and permanent appointment to a science or mathematics teaching position on successful completion of their study.

A new scholarship program, targeting STEM industry professionals seeking a career change was announced by the Government in October 2018. The new scholarships, will provide support for up to 320 STEM industry career changers and STEM undergraduates to undertake a Masters of Teaching. These scholars will be permanently appointed as STEM teachers on successful completion of their study.

Up to 300 Teacher Education Scholarships are available and promoted to Higher School Certificate (HSC) school leavers in teaching areas of workforce need, including science, mathematics and

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technological and applied studies, with up to 80 exclusively available for Aboriginal applicants. In addition, HSC school leavers are eligible to apply for up to 30 Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Cadetships and up to 60 teach.Rural Scholarships, with offers prioritised to applicants completing teacher education studies in STEM.

*10073 FIRE FIGHTING RETARDANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Since its commencement, how many reports of pets or livestock dying following exposure to fire fighting retardants have been received by the NSW Rural Fire Service?
- (2) Will waterways impacted by fire fighting retardants prevent tadpoles, fish eggs and the whole lower food chain to flourish?
 - (a) What actions does the NSW Rural Fire Service undertake or implement to prevent the loss of life in waterways that are in areas where fire fighting retardants have been used?
- (3) Does the use of fire fighting retardants place the health of members of the community at risk?
 - (a) If so, how many community members have fallen ill after exposure to fire fighting retardants?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has received no reports of pets or livestock dying following exposure to fire fighting retardants, nor of community members falling ill following exposure to these substances.

The NSW RFS takes precautions around waterways, such as avoiding the use of retardants within 100 metres of dams, creeks and rivers, subject to prevailing conditions such as wind, and works with WaterNSW to ensure these chemicals meet their approved list. All aerial firefighting chemicals used by the NSW RFS have been extensively tested and approved by the United States Forest Service Wildland Fire Chemical Systems and are required to have minimal health, safety and environmental impacts as well as maximum fire suppression effectiveness.

*10074 PHYSIOTHERAPISTS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the average wait time for a patient to be seen for their initial appointment once referred by a doctor/surgeon?
- (2) How many physiotherapists are currently employed within the Hunter New England Local Health District?
 - (a) Which hospitals are the physiotherapists attached to?
 - (b) Of these, how many are classified as being employed full-time?
 - (c) Of these, how many are classified as part-time?

Answer—

- (1) The average wait time for physiotherapy varies depending on a patient's clinical priority.
- (2) There are a total of 239 (head count) physiotherapists attached to a number of hospitals within Hunter New England Local Health District. The majority of physiotherapists are classified as full-time.

*10075 PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR PALLIATIVE CARE PATIENTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Verification of Death and Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Procedure still the primary document for the handling of deceased persons?
- (2) What is the protocol for palliative care patients who die at home?
- (3) Does NSW Ambulance have a protocol for palliative care patients that die at home?
- (4) Does Hunter New England Local Health District have a protocol for palliative care patients that die at home?
- (5) Does The Maitland Hospital (TMH) have a morgue which can accept deceased palliative care patients so the verification of death form can be completed in the absence of a treating General Practitioner?
- (6) Will the New Maitland Hospital (NMH) have a morgue where the above procedure can be undertaken to ensure the dignity of the deceased and their family/carer?

Answer—

- (1), (3) to (6) Yes.

(2) General practitioners, funeral directors and palliative care providers can help ensure that a reliable plan is developed that will support the client, carer and family to manage a death at home, and ensure a safe, ethical and legal experience at a time of emotional intensity.

Palliative care service clinicians discuss dying at home with the patient and their family, as well as the patient's GP. This is to alert the GP and check whether they are available to visit after hours or during the day to verify the death and complete the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD). Medical practitioners have up to 48 hours to sign a MCCD.

Hunter New England Local Health District has local guidelines and protocols that specifically address palliative care patients dying at home.

*10076 THE NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many people have been engaged during community information drop-in sessions on the New Maitland Hospital (NMH) during:
 - (a) 2018 (as at 22 November 2018); and
 - (b) 2017?
- (2) What issues have the community raised in regard to the new hospital?
- (3) What is the public feedback on the future of The Maitland Hospital (TMH) after the New Maitland Hospital (NMH) commences operation?
- (4) Has NSW Health commenced formulating post-closure options for the existing (TMH) site?
- (5) Has NSW Health commenced a heritage assessment on the relevant buildings on the existing (TMH) site?
- (6) Will NSW Health liaise with Environment and Heritage regarding the heritage buildings before vacating the existing hospital (TMH) site?

Answer—

(1) Community consultation has been ongoing since 2013. During 2018, consultation continued in the District, with an extensive range of community groups, to obtain feedback on the proposal.

(2) to (4) The community raised a range of including the future of the existing Maitland Hospital. Health Infrastructure will be working with Hunter New England Local Health District and Maitland City Council on options for the current Maitland Hospital site. Community consultation will also be undertaken as part of these discussions.

(5) and (6) Health Infrastructure has the details of the heritage listing of a number of buildings on the current Maitland Hospital site and will work with other government agencies in assessing the potential uses of the site.

*10077 FIREARMS REGISTRY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the current staffing level of the Firearms Registry?
- (2) Are there any NSW Police or public service vacancies awaiting recruitment processes to be completed at the Registry?
- (3) What is the average time for telephone calls to be answered by the Firearms Registry for the year ended:
 - (a) 30 June 2018; and,
 - (b) 30 June 2017?
- (4) Is there any record of calls during 2018 exceeding a waiting time of nine minutes or more on hold before being answered?

Answer—

I am advised:

Positions within the Police Force, including the Firearms Registry, are advertised on the 'I work for NSW' website. As at 30 June 2018, there were 92 staff attached to the Firearms Registry. The Firearms Registry endeavours to answer all calls as soon as possible. For the 2 years to 30 June 2018, the average time to answer calls was under 10 minutes.

*10078 HUNTER WATER—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

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- (1) Does the Government have any plans to privatise Hunter Water?
- (2) Will the Minister rule out the privatisation of Hunter Water?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government will not privatise Hunter Water.

*10079TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE HEALTH STRATEGY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does New South Wales have a transgender and gender diverse health strategy, action plan or equivalent policy document?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) What support does NSW Health or its agencies provide to transgender and gender diverse people in New South Wales?

Answer—

In 2019, the Ministry of Health will work with key stakeholders to develop a plan that supports the health and wellbeing of the LGBTI community. This will include the health of transgender and gender diverse people.

NSW Health funds a number of programs that support transgender and gender diverse people in New South Wales including:

- Funding of \$304,500 in 2018-19 for the NSW Gender Centre to provide health support and information for transgender people and their supporters.
- Funding of \$500,000 over four years (2016-17 to 2019-20) for ACON's Suicide Prevention Initiative.
- The t150 service, an innovative specialist HIV and Sexual Health Service providing holistic care for the transgender and gender diverse community in South Eastern Sydney Local Health District.

*10080OPAL CARDS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Why does a concession Opal card take up to two weeks to process and dispatch, when standard Opal cards can be purchased and used immediately?
- (2) Why is it the case that a sufficient number of applications have to be placed before cards are issued?
- (3) Why is it not possible to use the same Opal card for all passengers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Concession Opal cards provide for discounted travel and require third party eligibility validation (such as Centrelink or tertiary institution) before they can be issued. On confirmation of eligibility (i.e. real-time electronic validation), cards are produced with the concession entitlement and sent via Australia Post to the customer. Estimated timeframe for receipt of a concession Opal card is 7 to 10 days. Standard opal cards do not require concession eligibility validation or entitlement personalisation and can be obtained immediately from a third party retailer.
- (2) Successful concession applications are not held back from processing until a "sufficient number of applications" are received and then ordered. Approved concession entitlement cards are sent (via an automated card order request) for production and fulfilment as they are received.
- (3) Concession opal cards are personalised with an individual's approved concession entitlement to enable the applicable discounted fare to be charged. Standard opal cards do not require concession entitlement personalisation or on-going eligibility revalidation, and as such can be acquired immediately from a third party retailer.

*10081SCHOOLS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) Does the Government have plans to establish a co-educational high school in the Ashfield-Canterbury school catchments?
- (2) What options do parents who wish to enrol their children in co-educational education have in these catchments, where co-educational options are not available?
- (3) Will the Government construct a new high school in the Inner West given the considerable pressure on enrolments?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The Department of Education monitors population and development trends so that it can plan to meet enrolment needs in schools across New South Wales. To do so the department regularly consults with relevant departments and agencies such as the Department of Planning and Environment, local councils and local developers.

In cases of sustained and stable enrolment increases, the department provides additional permanent facilities, or new schools, as necessary.

The department's Enrolment Policy states that parents may seek to enrol their child in the school of their choice. This includes seeking an out-of-area enrolment in a co-educational high school located in close proximity to the Ashfield and Canterbury area.

***10082ALCOHOL ADVERTISING IN SPORT**—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What is the Government's view of alcohol advertising in sport?
- (2) What limitations will be imposed on alcohol companies with respect to advertising in the new \$2 billion stadiums being constructed by the Government?
- (3) In what ways will the Government seek to minimise incidences of alcohol advertising in sport?

Answer—

Liquor & Gaming NSW is responsible for the regulation of the liquor industry in New South Wales. I refer you to the Government response to the Legislative Council inquiry on the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill 2015.

The Government has a no-naming rights policy for the alcohol and gambling industries in state-owned stadiums.

***10083YAGOONA TRAIN STATION**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Is Yagoona Train Station being considered as a termination point for the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q10025.

***10084DECREASE WAITING TIMES FOR ELECTIVE SURGERIES**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What mechanisms and systems have been put in place to decrease waiting times for elective surgeries at Bankstown - Lidcombe Hospital?

Answer—

The waiting list is reviewed and managed daily as part of normal business processes, in line with NSW Health Policy. In 2017 the Government delivered an additional \$3 million to fund elective surgeries.

***10085REINTRODUCTION OF JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL SHUTTLE**—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Considering the recent road works at the John Hunter Hospital have failed to alleviate traffic issues for staff and visitors, with exit times still exceeding an hour in peak times, will consideration be given to reintroducing the John Hunter Hospital Park and Ride Shuttle bus from Hunter Stadium or another place to help alleviate the congestion around the Hospital?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q9912.

***10086FOOD INSECURITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Premier—

Considering Wallsend residents are amongst the many Australians being forced to rely on food banks and food insecurity is increasing due to cost of living pressures and underemployment, what is being done to address this growing crisis?

Answer—

The Government is working to ease cost of living pressures across the State with 40 programs available

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through Service NSW Centres.

As you are aware, under the former Labor Government of which you were a member:

- Water and sewerage bills in Sydney were the second highest in the country. They are now the lowest.
- Due to Labor's policies, in the five years to 2013, electricity network prices rose by 158 per cent. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has confirmed that New South Wales electricity prices are the lowest of any mainland state.
- Labor Introduced 11 new taxes and increased taxes 21 times. We have abolished over six taxes and charges and also three times lifted the threshold for payroll tax
- In Labor's last five years, public transport prices rose 3.1 per cent a year on average. Under our Opal Card fares have increased by less than consumer price index (CPI) .

*10087RESTORATION WORKS FOR THE LENNOX BRIDGE LANSDOWNE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When are the works for the restoration of the Lennox Bridge, Lansdowne anticipated to commence?
- (2) Will the restoration works be completed before the end of 2018?
 - (a) If not, what is the revised completion date?
 - (i) What is the cause of the delays?

Answer—

I am advised:

The environmental assessment is currently in progress and expected to be finalised soon. Heritage approval took longer than expected and approval conditions prompted changes to the proposed restoration works. Work is expected to be complete in 2019.

*10088SET TRAINS IN SERVICE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many of the following trains are presently in service throughout the greater Sydney rail network:
 - (a) S set;
 - (b) K set;
 - (c) C set;
 - (d) T set;
 - (e) M set;
 - (f) H set;
 - (g) A set;
 - (h) B set?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*10089COMPLAINTS REGARDING SYDNEY TRAINS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many complaints were received in each year from 2016 to current (as at 22 November 2018) regarding the absence of/insufficient air conditioning on train carriages on the Sydney rail network?
- (2) How many complaints were received in each year from 2016 to current (as at 22 November 2018) regarding the trains not running on time or cancelled on the Sydney rail network?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customer satisfaction across the Sydney Trains network has improved from 79 per cent in 2012 to 89 per cent in November 2017. Further details are available on the Transport for NSW website.

*10090CANCELLED TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

How many train services for the T2 line were cancelled in each recurring year from 2016 to current (as at 22 November 2018)?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*10091 WOLLONGONG ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Will the Government match NSW Labor's funding commitment of \$50 million to upgrade the 20-year old Wollongong Entertainment Centre?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government is committed to investing and delivering infrastructure across the State to support community, social and economic objectives.

Venues NSW has allocated funds for the development of a concept plan and preliminary business case for the Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct. The concept plan and preliminary business case will be used to inform Government decisions regarding upgrade options and funding commitments to the existing land and facilities within the Precinct including WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong.

*10092 ILLAWARRA JOBS ACTION PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

(1) Will your Government match all of the funding commitments contained in NSW Labor's fully-costed, \$225 million Illawarra Jobs Action Plan?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government is delivering record jobs growth and infrastructure in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region.

Under the Government, the number of jobs in the Illawarra has increased by 21,900. That has taken the unemployment rate in the Illawarra to a record low of just 4.4 per cent.

The Illawarra region has staged a remarkable turnaround from the economic stagnation under Labor when the unemployment rate peaked at 9.4% and just 6,200 jobs were added in the whole of Labor's last decade in office.

Further, projects such as the Foxground and Berry Bypass, Bulli Hospital Upgrade, Wollongong Hospital Upgrade and the Illawarra Infrastructure Fund would not have happened without the Liberals and Nationals.

*10093 NEWCASTLE RAIL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Who is the successful bidder for the section of the former rail corridor located between Merewether Street and Darby Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

As settlement has not taken place the land is still owned by Hunter & Central Coast Development Corporation and is under an agreement to sell. Once the sale is completed, details can be made public.

*10094 NEWCASTLE HOUSING PROPERTIES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many properties have been sold in the NN07 Newcastle zone from 2011 to 2018?

(2) How many new social housing properties were constructed in the NN07 Newcastle zone between 2011 to 2018?

(3) What is the total amount of revenue from the sale of social housing properties in the NN07 Newcastle zone between 2011 to 2018?

(4) How much money was spent on the construction of new social housing properties in the NN07 Newcastle zone between 2011 to 2018?

(5) Is the Minister aware that Mercy Services operate a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program from a Family and Community Services owned property located at 7 Hillview Crescent, The Hill?

(6) Is the Minister aware that Mercy Services recently had their lease cancelled and have not been offered an alternative location to operate their program?

(7) Are there any plans to sell the property located at 7 Hillview Crescent, The Hill?

(8) Are there any plans to sell the property located at 82 Newcommon Street, The Hill?

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Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Family and Community Services' Land and Housing Corporation continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns. Proceeds from the sale of assets are reinvested to upgrade social housing and build new dwellings.

I am advised that information about the number of social housing properties, the sale of properties and financial statements in New South Wales are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

I am advised that Mercy Services will have their lease renewed in their current property.

*10095 HUNTER TAFE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) What is the commercial value of 91 Chinchin St, Islington?
- (2) Does Hunter TAFE plan to sell this site?

Answer—

- (1) 91 Chinchin Street Islington, Lot 1 DP155428, is in the ownership of the Hunter Water Corporation; and has a boundary contiguous with the TAFE NSW Tighes Hill campus, Lot 100 DP 1004331.
- (2) TAFE NSW does not own the site.

*10096 PARTIAL SALE OF AUSGRID—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Did the partial sale of Ausgrid include its depot sites in addition to the poles and wire network?
- (2) Are Ausgrid's land holdings still retained as Crown land?
 - (a) If so, what is the Government's intention for the Ausgrid depot in Green Street Rutherford now that Ausgrid has vacated the site?
- (3) Is the site one landholding or multiple lots?
- (4) Can the site be sub-divided to retain a portion (lot) in public ownership for future infrastructure opportunities due to the proximity of the rail line and impending nearby residential developments?

Answer—

The partial sale of Ausgrid delivered excellent outcomes for the people of New South Wales including lower network prices, and investment in schools, hospitals and public transport which had been long neglected by the Labor Party.

The 99-year network lease transaction includes the leasing of network assets held by Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation to Ausgrid.

*10097 AUSGRID RUTHERFORD SITE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Considering that the Ausgrid Green Street Rutherford depot has been vacated, will Transport for NSW assess its potential for a new train station?
- (2) Has the site previously been assessed for a new Hunter Line station?
- (3) Does the Ausgrid Rutherford site provide a suitable location to establish a branch line, platform, bus-train interchange and park and ride facilities for rail commuters?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Will Transport for NSW liaise with the Treasurer and Ausgrid on potential re-use options for a train/bus transport interchange?
- (5) Will the Minister encourage Transport for NSW to commence site assessment and project evaluation as a matter of priority?

Answer—

I am advised:

Future Transport 2056 is the Government's strategic vision for transport over the next 40 years to meet demands of predicted population growth. While a new station on the Hunter Line at Rutherford is not identified in these plans, more effective ways of providing better transport to more customers in Greater Newcastle is considered.

Key initiatives include the development of improved bus services, improved integration and interchange between modes to enable seamless customer experiences, and expansion of 30 minute catchments for public transport.

Specifically, Future Transport also identifies 'on demand services' as an initiative for investigation in the 0-10 year timeframe to increase flexibility and accessibility across Greater Newcastle.

These initiatives focus on capitalising on the benefits of the existing rail infrastructure around the area, including Telarah Station on the Hunter Line.

***10098 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AWARDED**—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many Small Business Grants have been awarded:
 - (a) In each financial year from 2015-16 to 2017-18;
 - (b) In each grant program;
 - (c) To which organisations?

Answer—

(1) 2015-16 - 0
2016-17 - 2,473
2017-18 - 3,565
2018-19 - 1,813

Notes:

Data is at 30 November 2018

- (2) Revenue NSW only administers the Small Business Grant (Employment Incentive) Scheme.
- (3) Revenue NSW is unable to provide information on individual businesses.

***10099 TERMINATING THE SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

On what date were you made aware of the possibility of terminating the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro at Yagoona?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous answer, LA Q10025.

***10100 HOMELESSNESS IN THE CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN REGION**—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

I refer to LA Q8526, what action has been taken to address the significant increase in homelessness, with specific regard to the Canterbury-Bankstown Region?

Answer—

I am advised the Government is committing more than \$1 billion for homelessness services over the next four years to support new and existing initiatives across the State. This represents a 46 per cent increase in funding for specialist homelessness services since 2013-14. Further information is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au> I am also advised that information on specialist homelessness services in the CanterburyBankstown region is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

***10101 TRAFFIC CONGESTION TO THE JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL**—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

As staff and visitors to the John Hunter Hospital are reportedly facing a delay of up to an hour when exiting the Hospital internal road network, what is the Government doing to alleviate traffic congestion within the Hospital grounds?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to question LA Q9912

***10102 ROAD WIDENING AT MOORE PARK**—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

Will the Government commit to not proceed with road widening that will remove additional open green space from Moore Park as part of the Alexandria to Moore Park expansion consequent on Westconnex?

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Answer—

I am advised that no decision on final intersection designs will be made until the Review of Environmental Factors report is completed later in 2019.

*10103RENEWABLE ENERGY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What new large-scale solar farms are currently planned for construction, other than the nine existing large-scale solar farms currently in operation in New South Wales?
- (2) Where are they and when will they come online?
- (3) How will they impact the share of renewable energy in New South Wales' energy generation mix?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As of 29 November 2018, there were seven large-scale solar farms under construction in New South Wales amounting to over 530 megawatts of capacity. In addition, there were 30 large-scale solar farms with planning approval totalling more than 2,200 megawatts of capacity in New South Wales.

(2) The seven large-scale solar farms, which are under construction are located in Balranald, Warren, Gulgong, Manildra, Griffith, Narromine and Newcastle.

Construction and commissioning timeframes for solar farms are of a commercial nature and should be requested from solar farm proponents.

As of November 2018, the Australian Energy Market Operator expects that five large-scale solar farms will be commissioned in 2019 in New South Wales.

(3) Once commissioned, the seven large-scale solar farms under construction in New South Wales would increase the share of renewable energy in the New South Wales energy generation mix by 12.3 per cent, based on the share of renewable energy generation in New South Wales in the 12 months to 30 June 2018.

*10104UNANDERRA STATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will the Government match NSW Labor's funding commitment of \$25 million to build the lifts at Unanderra Station?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Why has the Minister consistently refused to meet with me and the Unanderra Access Group since 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my answers to LA Q8694 and LA Q8366 and to the responses to your recent correspondence.

*10105WOLLONGONG HARBOUR—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How long will the area at Wollongong Harbour, near the Wollongong Yacht Club, remain fenced-off?
- (2) When will work start on this proposed project?
- (3) When will public access to the area be restored?

Answer—

(1) Until the site is remediated.

(2) It is expected work will commence before mid-2019. A remedial action plan, technical specification and cost estimate for the proposed work has been completed and a tender for the removal of contaminated material and remediation of the site is planned for issue in early 2019.

(3) The site should be publicly accessible in the second half of 2019 upon verification that the contamination remediation works have been successful.

*10106LOCATIONS OF TOXIC WASTE IN CENTRAL WEST—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Can you confirm that the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) have known about toxic household bin waste being used for landfill and fertiliser across Regional New South Wales, including the Central West?
- (2) Will you expedite an investigation into the alleged concerns outlined in the EPA report which raises concerns about cross contamination from toxic household bin waste used as landfill and/or fertiliser on agricultural land, to grazing animals, seepage into groundwater and a risk to the food supply and human health in Regional New South Wales, including the Central West?
- (3) Will you inform the concerned residents of Regional New South Wales, including the Central West, of the locations identified by the EPA where concerns about cross contamination of agricultural land, to grazing animals, seepage into groundwater and a risk to the food supply and human health resulting from toxic household bin waste reportedly used for landfill and/or fertiliser?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) This information can be found at:

<https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse/resource-recovery-framework/mixed-waste-organic-material-is-no-longer-in-use>

(3) The NSW Environment Protection Authority has written to affected landholders to advise that the use of mixed waste organic outputs has been stopped.

*10107NEW HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Education—

- (1) How much money was provided to schools to support the implementation of the new Higher School Certificate (HSC) syllabus documents?
- (2) How was this financial support determined?
- (3) How many teachers participated in the NSW Education Standards Authority initiated professional development related to the implementation of the new HSC syllabus?

Answer—

I am advised:

Following standard syllabus development processes, support for the implementation of the new syllabuses is the responsibility of the school sectors.

The Stage 6 English, Mathematics, Science and History syllabuses were provided to schools in the year prior to implementation to ensure time for familiarisation and preparation.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has released more than 100 new support materials for these new syllabuses. They are available on the NESA website and can assist teachers in their preparation and planning.

*10108SEA CLIFF RAIL BRIDGE PROPOSAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a proposal advanced by the Member for Heathcote on 24 October 2018 for the construction of a sea cliff rail bridge on the South Coast Line?
- (2) Have Transport for NSW officials considered this proposal?
- (3) Has a business case been completed in relation to this proposal?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the proposal?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q9803.

*10109ADDITIONAL CARRIAGES ON THE SOUTH COAST 3:24 PM AND THE 3:54 PM PASSENGER SERVICES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

Considering the recent announcement that the 3:24 pm and the 3:54 pm passenger services on the South Coast Line will be allocated additional carriages, on what specific date in January 2019 will these carriages be operational?

Answer—

I am advised:

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From Monday 7 January 2019 the 3.24pm and 3.54pm South Coast Line services from Central will double in capacity by operating as eight-car trains. Transport for NSW will provide customers with advance notice of the increased capacity on these afternoon services.

*10110 SOUTH COAST RAIL LINE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the comments by the Member for Kiama in Parliament House on 14 November 2018 that the Illawarra needs both the F6 extension and upgrades to the South Coast rail line?
- (2) Does the Minister agree with these comments?
- (3) What plans has the Government announced to improve travel times on the South Coast Line?
- (4) Do these plans involve infrastructure upgrades?
 - (a) If so, please list the upgrade works proposed?
- (5) When will the upgrade work commence?
- (6) When will the upgrade works be completed?
- (7) What is the estimated cost of the upgrade works proposed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available, including on the More Trains, More Services website. I also refer you to my previous response LA Q9852.

*10111 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL NURSING ROSTERS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Considering LA Q9647, when will the rosters for nursing staff at Wollongong Hospital for the Christmas and New Year period in December 2018 be completed?
- (2) Will this be an increase or decrease of rostered nursing staff from the same Christmas and New Year period in December 2017?
- (3) If this is a decrease, what will be the effect on patient care during this period and what actions will be undertaken to minimise the effect on patients?

Answer—

(1) to (3) The rosters for nursing staff for the Christmas and New Year period have been posted in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award.

The number of nursing staff rostered over the Christmas and New Year period will be the same as last year.

Wards are provided with nursing staff in accordance with the requirements of the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award.

*10112 THREATS TO BEES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing representing the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Considering evidence showing at least 60 per cent of honey from across the world is contaminated with neonicotinoid pesticides, what assessment has the Government made of the health of bee colonies in New South Wales since LA Q6985?
- (2) What assessment has the Government made of the European Union ban on imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam?
- (3) What liaison has the Government carried out with other states and territories, the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture & Water Resources about pesticide safety since this ban?
- (4) What liaison has the Government carried out with NSW Health about risks to human health from these pesticides since this ban?
- (5) What changes have been instituted in managing honey bees for pollination from the Department of Primary Industries' surveillance and reports of pests and diseases, the dedicated bee biosecurity officer and advice to bee keepers?
- (6) What changes to advice to pesticide users has the Government made following this ban as a precautionary measure?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to protect bees and pollination, ensure safe food supplies and prevent human health impacts from neonicotinoid pesticides?

Answer—

(1) NSW Environment Protection Authority receives reports of bee kills suspected as a result of pesticide poisoning and advises beekeepers of how and where to have their affected bees tested for pesticides at the beekeeper's cost.

(2) The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is responsible for the registration of all agricultural and veterinary chemical products in Australia.

On 8 May 2018, the APVMA issued a statement regarding neonicotinoids generally, including imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam.

In its statement, the APVMA noted that the EU Commission voted to restrict the use of three neonicotinoid compounds to only be used on plants and seeds grown in greenhouses, a decision based on concerns that neonicotinoids may be contributing to a decline in Europe's honey bee population.

The APVMA also noted that the available information for Australia indicates that managed and wild honey bee populations are not in decline and as such the APVMA will not initiate a review into neonicotinoids used in Australia, but will continue to monitor the issue and work with Australia's honey bee industry to manage the impacts of pesticides on bees.

(3) At this time liaison on this matter is unnecessary considering APVMA's advice, current as of 8 May 2018 that the APVMA will continue to monitor and assess new information and credible scientific reports as they become available. At this stage, the APVMA is not planning to review the use of neonicotinoids in Australia.

(4) As indicated in my previous answer to LA Q6985, the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) conducts National Residue Survey testing up to 150 Australian honey samples each year for residues of the five commonly used neonicotinoids in Australia. Survey results are published on the DAWR website. The appropriate body to consider this matter is the APVMA.

(5) The NSW Biosecurity Regulation 2017 provides an update of historic regulatory guidelines for the beekeeping industry. The updated regulation allows NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) compliance staff to fine beekeepers for noncompliance regarding notifiable pests and diseases.

(6) NSW DPI continues to advise best practice pesticide application to beekeepers and growers, where bees are present in the crop, according to current Australian pesticide regulations and peer-reviewed research.

(7) Government provides biosecurity, intensive livestock industries, education and compliance services tailored to the beekeeping industry in New South Wales. Ongoing education of growers and beekeepers through the nationally accredited Certificate III in Beekeeping (AHC32016) is managed by NSW DPI education staff and delivered by NSW DPI Registered Training Organisation (91166) Tocal College statewide.

*10113MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Is motor vehicle noise and air pollution increasing or decreasing in inner Sydney?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to measures to reduce motor vehicle noise and air pollution?
- (3) What policies has the Government advocated with other States/Territories and the Commonwealth to reduce vehicle emissions:
 - (a) What changes to the Australian Design Rules for vehicles?
 - (b) What changes to the Fuel Quality Standards Act?
- (4) What steps have been implemented to prevent and reduce motor vehicles pollution since 2011 (to 21 November 2018)?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce motor vehicle emissions?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for the Environment.

*10114LGBTI DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What specific training do Domestic Violence Liaison Officers get on domestic violence in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual and intersex (LGBTI) communities?
- (2) How many hours of training specific to domestic violence in LGBTI communities do Domestic

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Violence Liaison Officers receive as part of their training?

- (3) To what extent do Domestic Violence Liaison Officers work with Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers?
- (4) What consideration will be given to improving training for Domestic Violence Liaison Officers in working with LGBTI victims and perpetrators of domestic violence?

Answer—

I am advised:

Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) receive specific training to deal with domestic violence in LGBTI communities as part of the DVLO course, as well as being covered in the Investigation of Domestic and Family Violence Workshop. No specific times are set for these training components as they form part of integrated courses.

DVLOs are encouraged to work with Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers (GLLOs) when responding to domestic violence incidents in LGBTI communities. The DVLO course emphasises the importance of GLLOs in terms of their specialist knowledge, training and role in victim support. GLLOs are also encouraged to work with the full range of police in their commands.

The DVLO course is regularly reviewed to ensure its currency, validity and relevance and a review is currently underway as part of the re-accreditation process. Any opportunities identified to improve the training, including with respect to LGBTI domestic violence issues, will be open for further consideration.

*10115NALOXONE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of Naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses?
- (2) Is it true that this medication is costly and not easily available in the community?
- (3) How does the Government ensure that this safe medication is readily available and accessible for appropriate people including emergency services personnel?
- (4) What community education programs does the Government provide about Naloxone including the use of nasal spray naloxone?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve access to this life saving medication?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Health has trialled an Overdose Response Take Home Naloxone project through drug and alcohol services and needle and syringe programs in five metropolitan and rural local health districts.
- (2) Naloxone can be purchased from a pharmacist at community pharmacies in New South Wales. When naloxone is prescribed to a patient by a medical practitioner and dispensed at a community pharmacy, the cost is subsidised by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. NSW Health has been providing naloxone at no cost to vulnerable populations in a number of settings since 2016.
- (3) All NSW Ambulance Officers are authorised to carry naloxone.
- (4) NSW Health has developed communication resources in consultation with consumer organisations on the availability and accessibility of naloxone.
- (5) NSW Health is increasing access to naloxone for vulnerable populations with a focus on people exiting the correctional system, people who engage with alcohol and other drug treatment services and relevant NSW Health funded non-government organisations.

*10116DIRT BIKE RIDERS IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What areas across the Illawarra region are available for dirt bike riders to use with a recreational registration?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

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10117 PROSECUTIONS AND CONVICTIONS SINCE COMMENCEMENT OF LEGISLATION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General—

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- (1) Since the commencement of the operation of the Firearms and Criminal Groups Legislation Amendment Act, how many prosecutions have occurred in relation to the new offences introduced by that legislation to the Restricted Premises Act?
- (2) Since the commencement of the operation of the Firearms and Criminal Groups Legislation Amendment Act, how many convictions have occurred in relation to the new offences introduced by that legislation to the Restricted Premises Act?
- 10118 CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What is the Government doing to increase personalised, assisted transport services for the ageing population of the Charlestown electorate?
- 10119 DECREASE IN SCHOOL STUDENTS USING KEOLIS DOWNER BUS NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- What is the reason for the 45,000 decrease in school students using Keolis Downer bus network in July to September 2018?
- 10120 COAL DUST—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- What dangers does coal dust pose to those exposed to it?
- 10121 DIGITISING SOCIAL SERVICES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the impacts of moving services to online and digital access or e-Government?
- (2) What evaluation has the Government carried out on the impacts on the way citizens interact with government agencies and can access services?
- (3) How will the Government ensure that all citizens have access to these services, including those who:
- Are on low incomes;
 - Are aged over 65;
 - Have a disability;
 - Have low levels of educational attainment;
 - Are Indigenous;
 - Have limited English or English as a second language;
 - Are unemployed?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to prevent vulnerable and marginalised groups from being excluded from accessing government services online?
- 10122 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) What are the top 20 electorates with the greatest number of residents who receive the Low Income Household Rebate in order of the most to the least?
- (2) What are the top 10 electorates with the least number of residents who receive the Low Income Household Rebate ?
- (3) Which of the electorates named in Question 1 are included in the 'Solar for Low Income Households Program'?
- (4) Which of the electorates named in Question 2 are included in the 'Solar for Low Income Households Program'?
- 10123 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—
- How many public sector jobs have been relocated from Sydney CBD to Parramatta since the Government announced its 'Decade of Decentralisation' policy?
- 10124 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM UPGRADES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Please advise which Transport Access Program upgrades have been delivered in The Entrance electorate?

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10125 REQUESTS FOR A REVIEW OF AN ACCESS DIRECTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State representing the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Have any requests for a review of an access direction under s55A of the State Records Act been made since 01.01.2015?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) How many have been made;
 - (ii) When were they made;
 - (iii) By which agencies were directions made;
 - (iv) What were the results of the requests?

10126 RECREATIONAL REGISTERED DIRT BIKE RIDING IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What areas across the Hunter Region are available for dirt bike riders to use with a recreational registration?

10127 HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE RURAL SOCIAL WORKER—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

Will support be given to the 600 plus families known to be suffering from Huntington's Disease (HD) throughout New South Wales by funding HD-specific Rural Social Workers to provide support throughout regional New South Wales after funding was cut in April 2018?

10128 TRANSPORT FINES ISSUED TO CHILDREN AGED 16 AND UNDER—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) How many transport fines have been issued to children aged 16 and under in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?
 - (a) How many of these fines have been reviewed in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?
 - (b) How many of these fines have been waived after review in each financial year from 2013-14 to 2017-18?

10129 SHORTAGE OF INTERPRETERS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a shortage in the availability of Australian Sign Language (Auslan) interpreters in New South Wales?
 - (a) How will this shortage be addressed to ensure that people who require Auslan interpreters have access to them?
- (2) Was the Minister consulted regarding recent discussions by TAFE NSW to discontinue Auslan Certificate 2 and 3 course?

10130 ALUMINIUM-POLYETHYLENE CLADDING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Are there any buildings on the Central Coast that have external aluminium-polyethylene cladding?
- (2) What efforts have been made to locate buildings with aluminium-polyethylene cladding on the Central Coast?
- (3) Are there any buildings on the Central Coast that utilise a cladding system comprising a system of polystyrene, polyurethane, or polyisocyanurate and metal composite panels including aluminium, copper and zinc?
- (4) Are there any plans in place to remove or replace this type of cladding from buildings on the Central Coast should it be discovered?
- (5) Are there any plans to re-examine and re-test fire escape doors in high rise buildings across New South Wales following the Grenfell Tower tragedy in the United Kingdom?

10131 INCOME GENERATED FROM WHARF APPROVALS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

What was the income generated from wharf approvals within Brisbane Water in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2017-18?

10132 MAINTENANCE ON HAWKESBURY RIVER BRIDGE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When was the most recent maintenance work on the Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge completed?
- (2) How are completed repairs signed off on?
- (3) Who conducted the most recent safety audit on the bridge?
- (4) Were any further safety concerns addressed by engineers who examined the options of an additional freight rail bridge?
- (5) Why do the exclusion zone buoys at the southern end of the bridge remain in place?
- (6) When was the checking of the fresh water wells on the bridge pylons removed from the maintenance schedule?
 - (a) Why was checking of the fresh water wells removed from the maintenance schedule?

10133 AMBULANCES AT CESSNOCK BEING RE-ALLOCATED—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Does Cessnock have two ambulance teams, staff and vehicles, allocated to each day shift, seven days per week?
- (2) In the past, has it been the case that on the Thursday day shift, Cessnock would only have a single vehicle/team guarantee coverage?
- (3) In what month and what year did the Cessnock ambulance station Thursday day shift coverage get upgraded from a single vehicle/team to a minimum of two vehicles/teams?
- (4) Do all online software and databases of the NSW ambulance service reflect the fact that each Thursday day shift at Cessnock now has a two vehicle/team allocation and that a second vehicle/team at Cessnock on Thursdays should not be treated as extra or surplus to needs?
- (5) In 2018, on how many occasions has an ambulance/vehicle been allocated from Cessnock to some other station for the shift and on what percentage of these occasions was this re-allocation on a Thursday day-shift?
- (6) When an ambulance vehicle/team is re-allocated from Cessnock to some other station, does that vehicle continue to be identified as a Cessnock team vehicle and call number?
 - (a) If not, is it allocated a new name and code number that reflects the station to which they have been re-allocated?
- (7) On Thursday 8th November 2018, was a day shift Cessnock ambulance re-allocated to Belmont station when they started work at 10.00am?
 - (a) If so, at the time that it was ordered to go to Belmont, where was the other Cessnock ambulance vehicle/team?

10134 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is motor vehicle noise and air pollution increasing or decreasing in inner Sydney?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to measures to reduce motor vehicle noise and air pollution?
- (3) What policies has the Government advocated with other States/Territories and the Commonwealth to reduce vehicle emissions:
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- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce motor vehicle emissions?

10135 DIRT BIKE RIDERS IN THE ILLAWARRA REGION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What areas across the Illawarra region are available for dirt bike riders to use with a recreational registration?

10136 CRUISE TERMINAL FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

Why has Eden received a total of \$44 million from Government sources on a cruise terminal in Eden, and Newcastle Cruise Terminal only received \$13 million?

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Offence Code	Offence	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Penalty Notices Issued	\$ Face Value	Penalty Notices Issued	\$ Face Value	Penalty Notices Issued	\$ Face Value	Penalty Notices Issued	\$ Face Value
82693	Not drive on far left side of road – motor vehicle	179	\$44,392	146	\$36,938	99	\$25,443	37	\$9,731
83245	Drive in right lane where speed limit over 80 kilometres per hour – motor vehicle	2,129	\$679,151	3,527	\$1,146,275	3,918	\$1,292,940	1,001	\$337,337
83247	Disobey keep left unless overtaking – motor vehicle	624	\$199,056	975	\$316,875	974	\$321,420	241	\$81,217
TOTAL		2,932	\$922,599	4,648	\$1,500,088	4,991	\$1,639,803	1,279	\$428,285