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*0722 CONSTRUCTION NOISE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is it true that maximum noise levels set in the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline is not mandatory, noise controls are only guidelines and can be breached without penalty?
- (2) Is it true that noise complaints can be made to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Environment Line 24 hours a day seven days a week but investigation and enforcement is not immediate and may be some days later?
- (3) Is it true that the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline was to be reviewed after three years as set out in the 'Interim Construction Noise Guideline information sheet' published in July 2009?
- (4) With respect to LA Q5196, what action has been taken to review the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline since May 2017 (to 29 May 2019)?
- (5) What community consultation has been carried out for this review?
- (6) How does the Government ensure that new technologies are used in projects and activities covered by the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
- (7) When does the Government expect changes to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
- (8) What further action does the Government plan to provide strong protection for citizens affected by construction noise?

Answer—

- (1) The 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline is an advisory document that provides guidance and support for the management of construction noise. Requirements for noise controls are set through the conditions of a planning consent or Environment Protection Licence.
- (2) The community can report noise issues and complaints to the EPA Environment Line and to Council. The EPA assesses each complaint to the Environment Line and takes appropriate regulatory action depending on the specific nature of the complaint. This may include referring the issue to the local council.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The EPA is progressing with a review of the Interim Construction Noise Guideline.
- (5) Stakeholder engagement, including government, industry and community consultation, will take place as part of the review.
- (6) Noise control measures, including the use of new technologies, are considered when an application is made for a planning consent or an Environment Protection Licence.
- (7) The EPA is progressing the review of the Interim Construction Noise Guideline and it will be finalised following stakeholder consultation.
- (8) The Government is continuing to enforce the requirements set in planning consents and Environment Protection Licences through its robust regulatory frameworks.

*0723 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIREFIGHTERS) BILL 2018 ADDITIONAL FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the total additional amount of funds expected to be required, per annum, to adequately cover the expected costs of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 introduced and debated in November 2018?
- (2) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 expected to be recouped from the following groups:
 - (a) Local councils;
 - (b) Insurance premiums?
- (3) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 that you expect to contribute from the consolidated funds of the NSW Budget?

Answer—

This question should be referred the Treasurer.

*0724 CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what figures were used to determine the projected increase in costs to the Emergency Services Levy as a result of anticipated new workers compensation claims resulting from one of the twelve specific work related cancers for volunteer and career firefighters?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Treasurer.

*0725 CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

With regards to the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what consultation occurred with key stakeholders prior to the increase in costs associated with the Emergency Services Levy which will commence on 1 July 2019?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as the Minister is responsible for this information.

*0726 IMPROVING STREAMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) In each year from 1969 to 2019 (to 29 May 2019), how much did it cost to fully ameliorate the coast of flooding in each of the following streams:
- (a) Tweed;
 - (b) Richmond;
 - (c) Clarence;
 - (d) Hastings;
 - (e) Manning?

Answer—

Under the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy introduced in 1984, floodplain management is primarily the responsibility of local councils.

The Government's Floodplain Management Program supports this policy and since 2011-12 has provided a combined total of more than \$1 million per annum in funding to councils in Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, Hastings and Manning river valleys.

This amount does not include programs managed by other agencies as that data is not held by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

*0727 FUNDING FOR LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will the Minister provide funding to the Love Bites Program for all State secondary schools in the 2019-20 Budget?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Principals, in consultation with their school community, make decisions about the suitability of programs and resources to support teaching and learning in schools. These decisions are based on student needs and the community context.

*0728 DREDGING OF THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much money has been allocated to dredging of The Entrance channel over the last four years?
- (a) Has all the monies been expended?
 - (b) Has the funded dredging program been completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A total of \$524,000 has been allocated for dredging in The Entrance channel (i.e. entrance channel to Tuggerah Lakes) over the last four years.
- (a) Yes.

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(b) Yes.

*0729 LAKE ILLAWARRA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Has the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program been finalised with the Government?

(a) If not, why not and when is it expected to be finalised?

(b) If so:

(i) Has the Program been made publicly available?

(i) If so, how can it be accessed?

Answer—

Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils have recently placed a draft Coastal Management Program (CMP) on public exhibition until 11 September 2019.

The draft CMP may be adopted by the councils and submitted for certification under section 17 of the Coastal Management Act 2016 after consultation concludes and comments are considered.

*0730 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, what was the average waiting time for a priority NSW Housing applicant to be housed in the Keira electorate?

(2) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, how many NSW Housing applicants on a 'General' housing wait list were allocated properties?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register, including applicants and expected waiting times is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

*0731 REBATES AND SUBSIDIES FOR RECHARGEABLE ELECTRIC POWERED VEHICLES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will consideration be given to introducing a rebate or subsidy to the residents of New South Wales who purchase a new rechargeable electric powered motor vehicle to encourage and facilitate the lowering of emissions from fossil fuel powered vehicles?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW released the New South Wales Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Plan in January 2019, to facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles in New South Wales. More information is available on the Future Transport website.

*0732 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER FIRE SAFETY ORDERS CITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) Have only seven fire safety orders been issued to building owners in the City of Sydney, despite there being over 340 buildings on the combustible cladding register (as at 6 June 2019)?

(2) Will the Government stand by its commitment to require all buildings on the register to carry out fire risk assessments?

Answer—

The number of fire safety orders issued is a matter for the City of Sydney. I refer the Honourable member to my answer to this question on 22 August 2019.

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) carries out an initial inspection on all registered buildings. For buildings considered to bear cladding used in a way that increases the fire risk, FRNSW formally refers these to local councils to arrange a thorough fire safety assessment by a qualified professional.

*0733 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN AREA—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) How many buildings in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area are on the combustible cladding register?

(a) How many of those buildings have been issued with a fire safety order?

Answer—

I refer the member to my answer to a question without notice on 22 August 2019.

*0734 FRANK BAXTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What is the number of staff in the following categories that work at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre:
 - (a) Teachers/educators?
 - (b) Wardens?
 - (c) Administration and support?
 - (d) Health and medical?
- (2) How many people are employed in Aboriginal cultural education and support programs at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre?

Answer—

(1) (a) The Educational Training Unit (ETU) at Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre is administered and staffed by the Department of Education. Youth Justice Youth Justice is advised that there are 50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions (this includes teachers and Student Learning Support Officers) in the Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre ETU.

(b) Youth Justice does not employ 'wardens'.

(c) Youth Justice has 5.5 Full Time Equivalent administration roles within the Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre.

(d) Health Clinics within Youth Justice Centres are administered and staffed by NSW Health. Youth Justice is advised that there are 8.2 Full Time Equivalent positions in the Health Unit at the Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre.

(2) There are 11 staff in Aboriginal identified roles in the Frank Baxter Youth Justice Centre.

*0735 GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What land does the Government own in the Granville electorate as at 29 May 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 29 May 2019, 1,638 Lots in total covering 371.3 hectares owned by the following Government clusters and agencies.

Education	Department of Education
Education	TAFE NSW
Family and Community Services	Aboriginal Housing Office
Family and Community Services	Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Family and Community Services	NSW Land and Housing Corporation
Finance, Services & Innovation	Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Health	Ministry of Health
Industry	Primary Industries (Crown Land)
Industry	TAFE NSW
Justice	Fire and Rescue NSW
Justice	NSW Police Force
Planning & Environment	Department of Planning and Environment
Planning & Environment	Office of Environment and Heritage
Planning & Environment	Sydney Water
Transport	Rail Corporation New South Wales

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Transport	Roads and Maritime Services
Treasury	Ministerial Holding Corporation

(2) That there may be overriding privacy, Government policy and other concerns that would need to be investigated before this information was provide and published.

*0736 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

In regards to the trial of on-the-spot fines for drug possession held over the 2019 Australia Day weekend at Electric Gardens at Centennial Park, Hardcore Til I Die and Rolling Out Loud at Sydney Showgrounds, what was the total amount of revenue raised through the infringements issued through the duration of the trial?

Answer—

I am advised that Revenue NSW publishes data on a monthly basis. For the month of January in which this particular event was held there were 39 infringements issued with a total value of \$15,600.

*0737 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS FROM SYDNEY TO WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many public sector jobs have been relocated from Sydney CBD to Wollongong since the Government announced its "Decade of Decentralisation" policy (to 30 May 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Since the introduction of the Decade of Decentralisation initiative, around 5,245 jobs have been relocated from the Sydney CBD to metropolitan areas including Western Sydney and Regional New South Wales.

Property NSW's Decade of Decentralisation register does not specifically reference direct relocations from Sydney CBD to Wollongong, however, the growth of public sector jobs in Wollongong is not limited to that of relocations.

*0738 DEMENTIA STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Considering the Committee for Sydney found in its recent report, 'Dignity and Choice: an inclusive future for our ageing population' that 300,000 New South Wales residents are expected to be living with dementia by 2050 and that councils are yet to develop adequate dementia strategies, how will the Minister address this issue?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Local Government.

*0739 TRANSFER OF PEOPLE INTO THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many people have been transferred into the Mount Druitt allocation zone, as a result of a Family and Community Services initiated transfer, from other allocation zones as at 4 June 2019?

Answer—

I am advised that information about public housing tenants and households who have transferred residences is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/FACsQuarterlystatisticalreportonhousingdelivery/Socialhousingdeliveryreport>.

*0740 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) In regards to the trial of on-the-spot fines for drug possession held over the 2019 Australia Day weekend at Electric Gardens at Centennial Park, Hardcore Til I Die and Rolling Out Loud at Sydney Showgrounds:

- What evaluation has been undertaken in regards to the trial?
- Under what conditions will the trial be made permanent?
- When will a decision be made as to whether the trial will be made permanent?

Answer—

I am advised:

An evaluation of the trial will inform the Government's consideration about criminal infringement notices for drug possession following the trial. The Government will consider the outcomes of the evaluation when it concludes.

*0741 COST OF PROVIDING CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How much did providing temporary/crisis housing in the Gosford electorate cost in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013-14;
 - (b) 2014-15;
 - (c) 2015-16;
 - (d) 2016-17;
 - (e) 2017-18?
- (2) How much did providing temporary/crisis housing across the Central Coast cost in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013-14;
 - (b) 2014-15;
 - (c) 2015-16;
 - (d) 2016-17;
 - (e) 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advised that information concerning households assisted with temporary accommodation can be found on the Department of Communities and Justice website, on Dashboard 3, available at: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/Objective4-Breakingdisadvantagewithsocialhousingassistance/Dashboard1>

*0742 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many rough sleepers were homed following the intervention by City of Sydney and the Government in 2017?
- (2) How many homeless people were homed on the Central Coast in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2013-14;
 - (b) 2014-15;
 - (c) 2015-16;
 - (d) 2016-17;
 - (e) 2017-18?

Answer—

I am advise that, since late March 2017, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has assisted more than 470 people who were previously sleeping rough in the inner city of Sydney into long-term permanent housing.

The number of homeless people housed on the Central Coast between the years 2013 and 2017 can be found on the DCJ website, Dashboard 4, at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0743 AMATEUR FISHING LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

How many amateur fishing licences are presently held by individuals within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

There are 6,710 amateur fishing licenses registered in the Fairfield Electorate.

*0744 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why has the Government reduced capital expenditure funding to the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) by more than 30 per cent in the NSW Budget 2019-20, in light of the record numbers of Indigenous families waiting for housing?

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(2) Why has the Government underspent the AHO budget by \$16.3 million in 2018-19 (as at 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The AHO Capital expenditure budget for 2018/19 contained the remaining components of the National Partnership Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH). The NPARIH has now ended, and the ongoing capital budget is returning to pre NPARIH levels.

The 2019-20 budget does contain some carryover funding for the completion of projects currently in construction across remote locations such as Moree, Coonamble and Goolooga and these are expected to be complete by the end of calendar 2019.

(2) Part of the exit from the NPARIH agreement was a mandate that \$15 million be dedicated for the Murdi Paaki region in far western New South Wales. An amount of \$10.5 million of this \$15 million was allocated as capital expenditure.

Under the Local Decision Making Accord signed with the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, these funds were placed under the control of the Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly (known as RAHLA), a joint Government and community body that will determine how these funds are invested. This RAHLA is administered by FACSJ, and, as a result, the \$10.5 million was transferred from the AHO capital budget into the 2019-20 FACSJ's budget.

The other \$5.8 million difference between budget and the projected spend is a budget carry forward for the aforementioned projects currently under construction in remote locations that will be complete by the end of calendar 2019.

*0745 WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Considering that in the NSW Budget 2019-20 publication referred to as 'Election Commitments' there is an entry at page 029 for "Water quality investigations at Terrigal Beach and Tuggerah Lakes", have any moneys been advanced towards this commitment in the 2019-20 financial year?

(a) What arrangements have been put in place to meet the commitment?

Answer—

A total of \$700,000 has been forecast for expenditure in 2019-20 financial year as follows:

- \$500,000 to investigate water quality issues at Terrigal Beach and Central Coast lagoons; and,
- \$200,000 to establish an expert panel to investigate water quality issues at Tuggerah Lakes.

Investigations at Terrigal and the establishment and administration of the Expert Panel are being led by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. The projects are expected to be completed for December 2020.

*0746 HOUSING IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering that there are up to 2,175 homeless people living in Griffith in any given year, and another 2,796 people live in marginal housing and struggling as they have to pay as much as 50 per cent of their weekly income on rent, how is the Government addressing housing in Griffith?

Answer—

I am advised that New South Wales now has the largest social housing building program of any state or territory across the country. The Government is also providing more support to vulnerable people and households who are living in the private rental market. Products are being offered to assist in accessing, improving and maintaining a tenancy.

The Department of Communities and Justice funds and undertakes a range of activities to support people experiencing rental stress, homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Griffith and the broader Riverina. Further information on the range of products and services available to people in housing distress is available on the website at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

*0747 DEER CONTROL PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) When will the commitment of \$9 million for a deer control program in New South Wales, announced by the Deputy Premier in February 2018, be delivered?

- (2) Will the program include a pilot research project to be delivered by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services into deer control techniques?
- (3) How much of the \$9 million commitment will be spent in the Illawarra?
 - (a) How will these funds be spent?
- (4) When will the program commence and conclude in the Illawarra?
- (5) Will the Government consult with Wollongong Council in the design and implementation of this program?

Answer—

- (1) The project will be delivered from July 2019 to June 2027.
- (2) Yes. It is a research project that will be led by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, in collaboration with private landholders, the South East Local Land Services and university researchers, to develop and improve deer control techniques.
- (3) The project will be conducted in the south-eastern part of Kosciuszko National Park and adjoining private properties.
 - (a) The first phase will focus on establishing a rigorous deer monitoring methodology to identify changes in deer numbers using available control methods, including new control techniques that are developed. The second phase will trial and evaluate different combinations of control techniques to determine which are cost-effective in maintaining low numbers of deer over time, and which options are suitable for use across a broader cross-tenure landscape.
- (4) I refer to my answer to question 3.
- (5) The results of this project will be shared with stakeholders, including local councils such as Wollongong Council, for application statewide, taking into account local conditions.

*0748 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Wollongong electorate as at 30 May 2019?
- (2) How long is the average wait for people on the public housing waiting list to secure housing in the Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of people on the NSW Housing Register can be found on the Department of Communities and Justice Dashboard 3, available at:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/vizhome/Objective4-Breakingdisadvantagewithsocialhousingassistance/Dashboard3>

I am also advised that information about the NSW Housing Register, including applicants and expected waiting times is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website, available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>

*0749 COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What month in 2016 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Kiama;
 - (e) Shellharbour;
 - (f) South Coast?
- (2) What month in 2017 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:
 - (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Kiama;
 - (e) Shellharbour;
 - (f) South Coast?
- (3) What month in 2018 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:

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- (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Kiama;
 - (e) Shellharbour;
 - (f) South Coast?
- (4) Have any of the annual compliance assessments been completed in 2019 for the following electorates (as at 30 July 2019)?
- (a) Heathcote;
 - (b) Keira;
 - (c) Wollongong;
 - (d) Kiama;
 - (e) Shellharbour;
 - (f) South Coast?
- (5) If compliance assessments completed were completed for any of the electorates in (4), in which month were they completed?

Answer—

I am advised that the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) engages contractors to conduct an annual compliance assessment of all public housing properties to service smoke alarms and ensure they work properly, subject to access being provided by the tenant. At the same time, an inspection of the internal/external paint, floor finishes, kitchen, bathroom, roof, windows and fencing is also undertaken to check their condition. Further details about the maintenance program is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/living.

*0750 ON DEMAND BUS SERVICES SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What has been the patronage of the on-demand bus services between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe?
- (2) Are there any plans to cancel the on-demand bus services between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe?
 - (a) If so, will the 401 service be restored to its former route, including Sydney Olympic Park, and services between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) As at 30 June 2019, 10,112 passenger trips have been taken on the Newington to Lidcombe (via Sydney Olympic Park) On Demand service since it commenced in December 2018.
- (2) There are no current plans to cancel the On Demand service between Newington and Lidcombe (via Sydney Olympic Park).

*0751 BULLI HOSPITAL FACILITY COMPLETION DATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the response to LA Q0005 on Bulli Hospital, you replied that the Bulli Hospital facility was on schedule for completion this year, yet in the NSW Budget 2019-20 Papers the completion date is June 2020, which date is correct?

Answer—

As stated in the documents themselves, dates in the Budget Papers are the expected financial completion dates of a project, which is when all contractual obligations have been met. Completion of construction often occurs before financial completion.

Construction on the Bulli Hospital is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019.

*0752 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) In the Budget Estimates 2017-18, \$9 million was allocated for an additional 30 palliative care nurses, could you please advise the local health districts they were allocated?
- (2) What are the locations of the 100 new palliative care nurses (as stated in NSW Budget Papers 2019-20)?
- (3) How many of the 100 new palliative care nurses will be employed in this financial year 2019-20?

- (4) How many will be Aboriginal Health workers?
 (5) How many of the Aboriginal Health workers will be employed in this financial year 2019-20?
 (6) Which wards have been targeted for refurbishment?
 (7) Which wards will be refurbished in this financial year 2019-20?

Answer—

(1) As part of the four-year \$100 million palliative care enhancement announced in 2017, all 15 local health districts in New South Wales were funded for two new palliative care nurse positions.

(2) to (3) Planning is underway for implementation of the 100 additional nurses for palliative care across New South Wales over the next four years, including consultation between the Ministry of Health and local health districts and specialty health networks.

(4) to (5) The 2019-20 NSW Budget Papers include funding for nine additional full-time equivalent Aboriginal Health Workers for palliative care.

(6) to (7) Planning is underway to identify the palliative care facilities for refurbishment.

*0753 AUSLAN INTERPRETERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Does the Department of Health directly employ any Auslan interpreters?
 (a) If so, how many?
 (b) If not, which providers does the Department of Health use?
 (2) How many Auslan Interpreters were used in 2018 in each Local Health District?
 (3) What is the wait time for an Auslan Interpreter in each Local Health District?
 (4) Does the Department of Health have any plans to hire more Auslan interpreters?

Answer—

Patients, their families and carers who do not speak English as a first language or who are deaf are provided with access to free, confidential and professional interpreters when they use public health services.

Further information about health care interpreting and translating services is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

*0754 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the health district locations for the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries (as stated in the NSW Budget Papers 2019-20) to take place?
 (2) How many of the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries will take place in this financial year 2019-20?
 (3) What are the health district locations for the additional cataract surgeries this financial year?

Answer—

An additional 10,000 cataract surgeries will be delivered over the next four years, commencing in 2019-20.

All local health districts will complete additional cataract surgeries.

*0755 COOGEE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students are enrolled at each of the schools in the electorate of Coogee, broken down by school (as at 30 July 2019)?
 (2) At what capacity (utilisation) are each of these schools?

Answer—

- (1) As at March 2018, enrolments at government schools in the Coogee electorate are as follows:

School	Enrolment
Bronte Public School	391
Centennial Park School	41
Clovelly Public School	599
Coogee Public School	615
Rainbow Street Public School	396

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(2) Every eligible student who wishes to attend a government school will be given a place at their local school. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments though the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

*0756 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE COOGEE ELECTORATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the school maintenance backlog, as at 30 July 2019, for every school in the electorate of Coogee, broken down by school?

Answer—

The anticipated list of planned maintenance activities for each school is currently being compiled while inspections are being undertaken and discussions are held with the relevant School principals.

The current estimate of the planned maintenance backlog in the Coogee electorate is \$2.2 million.

The Government's commitment to reduce the school maintenance backlog includes maintenance at all schools in the Coogee electorate.

Examples of maintenance in schools which are included in the backlog are painting - internal and external; repair/replacement of floor coverings; roof repairs and playground works.

*0757 SPOT REZONINGS COOGEE ELECTORATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

How many spot rezonings have been used in the electorate of Coogee, in each year, since the legislation that allowed the practice was introduced in 2012 (as at 30 July 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

There have been six (6) planning proposals for 'spot rezoning' in the Coogee electorate lodged with the Department since 2012.

*0758 BOARDING HOUSES UNDER AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Since 2009, how many boarding houses under the new Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy have been approved in the electorate of Coogee, by calendar year (as at 30 July 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) administers the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARH SEPP).

The ARH SEPP was introduced in July 2009 with the intent to facilitate the increased supply and diversity of affordable rental and social housing in NSW. This includes boarding houses along with secondary dwellings (granny flats), group homes and supportive accommodation.

Local councils are the relevant consent authority for approving boarding houses in local government areas.

Given the Department plays no role in approving development applications for boarding houses, City of Randwick Council and Waverley Council are best placed to provide the data asked for.

*0759 EASTERN SUBURBS BUS SERVICES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSESLR) is opening at capacity, will the Government exclude the cancelation of existing bus services that operate in the Eastern Suburbs, in particular the
- (a) 372;
 - (b) 373;
 - (c) X73;
 - (d) 374;
 - (e) 376;
 - (f) M50?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is finalising changes to the bus network in Sydney's south east to support access for customers to the new Central Business District and South East Light Rail once it has opened.

- *0760 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE LYMPHOEDEMA MANAGEMENT HOURS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What staffing full-time equivalent, or hours per week, is dedicated specifically to lymphoedema management at Orange Health Service?

Answer—

Lymphoedema services are provided by staff of the Orange Health Service Physiotherapy Department.

- *0761 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE UNPAID LYMPHOEDEMA SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Has a lymphoedema physiotherapist at Orange Health Service been providing unpaid lymphoedema management for the past 12 months (to 30 July 2019)?

Answer—

No.

- *0762 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE LYMPHOEDEMA SERVICES ANNUAL BUDGET—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the annual budget for lymphoedema services at Orange Health Service?

Answer—

Lymphoedema services are provided by the Orange Health Service Physiotherapy Department within the existing budget of Orange Health Service.

- *0763 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN THE WESTERN NSW AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

(1) How many mental health beds are available in the Western NSW Local Health District?

- (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?

(2) How many mental health beds are available in the Far West Local Health District?

- (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—

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

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*0764 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MURRAY ELECTORATE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering you recently announced 20 brand new, purpose-built social and affordable homes in the electorate of Wagga Wagga, when will you address the critical need for social and affordable housing in the electorate of Murray, particularly given that Murray has experienced a 37.9 per cent increase in homelessness during the 2011-16 period while Wagga Wagga has experienced an 18.4 per cent decrease in the same period?
- (2) What model or procedure does the Government use in determining the funding allocations and investment in order to meet community demand for social and affordable housing?

Answer—

- (1) There are a range of existing housing assistance programs and homelessness services supporting local communities in the Murray electorate. Further details are available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing.
- (2) A range of factors are taken into consideration in determining locations, including under occupancy of existing housing, demand for social housing, employment opportunities, and access to transport and essential services.

*0765 MERROWIE CREEK FLOODING—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that Wyangala Dam is at 25.8 per cent capacity (as at 22 July 2019), and that New South Wales is currently experiencing drought conditions that are the worst on record, can you explain why the Merrowie Creek near Hillston is being flooded?

Answer—

I am advised:

Environmental water managers recently delivered a volume of held general security water for the environment through Merrowie Creek. The environmental water event occurred after WaterNSW delivered a stock and domestic replenishment flow down the same system. This ensured efficient delivery of the environmental water.

There was no flooding as the environmental flow remained wholly within the channel.

*0766 INCENTIVES FOR REGIONAL BUSINESSES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Treasurer—

Considering regional businesses across New South Wales are struggling as a result of the ongoing drought, will the Government consider implementing payroll tax incentives and assistance for regional businesses in New South Wales, similar to that which operates in Victoria wherein businesses only pay half the payroll tax rate if they pay at least 85 per cent of their payroll to regional employees?

Answer—

As part of the 2018-19 Budget, the Government committed to increasing the payroll tax threshold progressively to \$1 million by 2021-22. New South Wales businesses with annual payrolls of less than \$900,000 do not currently pay payroll tax. The payroll tax threshold will increase to \$950,000 from July 2020, and to \$1 million from July 2021. The higher threshold will provide savings of up to \$13,625 per year by 2021-22 for New South Wales businesses, and exemption from payroll tax for increasing numbers of small businesses.

The Government recognises the economic importance of the regions and the different challenges faced by businesses there.

Additionally, the Government is in the process of implementing the recommendations from the recent Review of Payroll Tax Administration. These recommendations will make it easier to do business in New South Wales by reducing the paperwork for payroll tax compliance and enhancing business productivity.

*0767 COMMENCEMENT OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

When do you propose the Modern Slavery Act will commence?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 10 July 2019, the Modern Slavery Act 2018, an amendment Bill, and a draft Regulation was referred to the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues for inquiry and report due on 31 January 2020. The Government will determine how to proceed with the Act after the Committee's recommendations are received.

*0768 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES MACQUARIE FIELDS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many social housing properties are there within the Macquarie Fields electorate as at 30 July 2019?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the number of social housing properties is available on the social housing dashboard on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics.

*0769 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many items recommended for listing on the State Heritage Register have been considered for site specific exemptions?

- (2) What items on the State Heritage Register have had site specific exemptions implemented?

Answer—

I am advised,

Site specific exemptions can be considered for all items recommended for listing on the State Heritage Register, either prior to listing or afterwards. They are negotiated with owners to aid the management of a site without the need for separate approval.

The Heritage Office Database contains items that include site specific exemptions. <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx>

*0770 STUDENTS RESIDING IN EDMONDSON PARK ENROLMENTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering your answer to LA Q0185, can you provide an itemised breakdown of how many students residing in Edmondson Park are enrolled at each of the following schools (as at 30 July 2019):

- (a) Prestons Public School;
- (b) Dalmeny Public School;
- (c) Bardia Public School;
- (d) Casula Public School;
- (e) John Edmondson High School?

Answer—

- (1) As at 30 July 2019, the number of students residing in Edmondson Park are enrolled at each of the following schools:

- (a) Prestons Public School - 152 students;
- (b) Dalmeny Public School - 67 students;
- (c) Bardia Public School - 73 students;
- (d) Casula Public School - 18 students;
- (e) John Edmondson High School - 46 students.

*0771 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM CRITERIA—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering advice received in correspondence on 10 July 2019 from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads that criteria for project upgrades under the Transport Access Program "also examines Opal data, demographics, expected future growth, and proximity to key facilities such as education and health, opportunities for development and on the ground site investigations", what are the specific abovementioned criteria for each of the following stations:

- (a) Macquarie Fields Station;
- (b) Clarendon Station;

(c) Como Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government remains committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure where it is needed most. As you may be aware, the Government has committed more than \$2 billion in the Transport Access Program since 2011. To date, more than 470 Transport Access Program projects are either completed or underway across the state, including Clarendon and Como Station. Projects under the program include accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges and commuter car parks.

*0772 BARDIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL LIGHTS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering an agreement between Roads and Maritime Services and the Department of Education to install traffic lights at the intersection of the (new) Macdonald Road and Arthur Allen Drive prior to the opening of the upgraded Bardia Public School, as advised to the Sydney Western City Planning Panel by Campbelltown City Council on 13 November 2017, why were the lights not installed before Bardia Public School opened in term 1 this year?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW understands the traffic lights were not required to be in place as part of the school's development.

Transport for NSW supports the installation of traffic lights at this location and will work with Campbelltown City Council to address the community's concerns.

*0773 PRECINCT PLANS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

Considering the rising number of high-rise building defects and evacuations across the metropolitan area, will you remove Precinct Plans until the Government implements reforms to ensure high-rise buildings are built to safe standards?

Answer—

I am advised:

Precinct plans provide strategic planning frameworks for the future of urban renewal and land release areas across Sydney. Among other things, the precinct plans include details about future land uses, development controls, transport connections and open spaces.

Precinct plans do not approve or regulate the construction of buildings.

Questions relating to building defects and reforms to the wider building industry should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

*0774 APPOINTMENT AS CHILDREN'S MAGISTRATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Was Her Honour Children's Magistrate D. Maher appointed as a Children's Magistrate by the Chief Magistrate?

(a) If so, on what date was she appointed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Magistrate Maher was appointed as a Children's Magistrate by the Chief Magistrate on 18 June 2018.

*0776 LEGAL AID REVIEW OF FEES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will you respond to the Legal Aid review of fees paid to private practitioners?

Answer—

I am considering Legal Aid NSW's review of fees and will respond in due course.

*0777 ROAD UPGRADES CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Can you please provide any information about funds to upgrade Canterbury Road, Canterbury, and Bexley Road, Earlwood and Campsie?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government invested \$10.4 million to deliver the Canterbury Road, New Canterbury Road and Bexley Road/Canterbury Road pinch point projects, which were completed on 30 June 2019.

The Government's \$121 million Clearways Program included the delivery of new weekday clearways on Bexley Road between Canterbury Road, Campsie and Forest Road, Bexley.

The Government invested \$420,000 to provide a variable message sign on Canterbury Road, east of Bexley Road, in 2017.

*0778 HOSPITALS SECURITY AUDITS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Could the Minister advise if the security audits into the following emergency departments, recommended by the interim report into improvements to security in hospitals by Peter Anderson in February 2019, have been completed:

- (a) Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital;
- (b) Blacktown Hospital;
- (c) Blue Mountains Hospital;
- (d) Byron District Hospital;
- (e) Calvary Mater;
- (f) Cooma Hospital;
- (g) Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital;
- (h) John Hunter Hospital;
- (i) Nepean Hospital;
- (j) Orange, noting co-location with Bloomfield;
- (k) Prince of Wales;
- (l) Royal Prince Alfred;
- (m) Royal North Shore;
- (n) Shoalhaven;
- (o) St Vincent's Hospital Sydney
- (p) Tweed Heads Hospital
- (q) Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital;
- (r) Wellington Hospital;
- (s) Wollongong Hospital;
- (t) Wyong Hospital?

(2) If so, what were the dates?

(3) If not, when will the audits be completed?

Answer—

The recommendation referred to reflects a current requirement to undertake security improvement audits across NSW Health. Audits of all hospitals are scheduled to be completed by June 2020.

*0779 SOUTH COOGEE PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Can the Minister confirm that public housing properties in South Coogee are not being neglected, with the intention of sale?

(2) Can the sale of public housing be excluded in South Coogee, including the housing located at:

- (a) 7-11 Byron Street, Coogee;
- (b) 21 Gregory Street, South Coogee;
- (c) 14 Iluka Place, South Coogee;
- (d) Jenson Place South Coogee?

Answer—

I am advised the NSW Land and Housing Corporation:

(1) maintains properties to ensure they are safe and habitable in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act. Further details about social housing maintenance is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/living, and

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(2) has no current plans for these properties. LAHC continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns to ensure they meet the needs of the social housing system. Proceeds of sales are re-invested to upgrade existing homes and build new fit-for-purpose dwellings.

*0780 OPAL TOWER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has any funding from the NSW Budget 2019-20 been allocated to implement the recommendations of the Opal Tower report?
- (a) What is the date of commencement of the funding?
- (b) Will these funds support the development of a registration scheme for engineers within New South Wales?
- (c) Will these funds support the appointment of a building commissioner?

Answer—

The Opal Tower Report recommendations align with the Government's announced response to the building confidence report.

Development and implementation of the response is being led by the Department of Customer Service and the cost of the reforms will be met from the budget allocation to the Department commencing 1 July 2019.

*0781 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many personal watercrafts (such as jet skis) are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by type?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are 351 personal watercraft registered to postcodes within the Fairfield electorate. No breakdown by type is available as all registrations are recorded as 'PWC'.

*0782 STOCKTON BEACH RECREATION VEHICLE AREA MOTORBIKE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many motorbikes are registered to use the Stockton Beach Recreation Vehicle Area?

Answer—

I am advised:

84 are conditionally registered for use in that area.

*0783 CARAVAN AND MOTOR HOME VEHICLES REGISTRATION FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many caravan and camper motor home vehicles are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by type?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 409;
- (a) 252 caravans and 157 mobile homes.

*0784 BOAT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many boats under seven metres are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by classification of vessels?
- (2) How many boats over seven metres are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by classification of vessels?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Boats are not registered by electorate. The closest available data, derived from registrations by postcode, is provided below. This data does not include personal watercraft.

(1) 1,946 (as at 27 June 2019)

(a) The classification of these vessels is as follows:

Hull type	Total
Cabin runabout	519
Catamaran power	9
Catamaran sail	1
Centre console	9
Fishing vessel	3
Inflatable	22
Jetboat	1
Motor cruiser	11
Open runabout	1,326
Other	4
Punt	31
Round bilge	1
Row boat	1
Sailing vessel	1
Sailing vessel (yacht)	7
Grand total	1,946

(2) 106 (as at 27 June 2019)

(a) The classification of these vessels is as follows:

Hull type	Total
Cabin runabout	23
Catamaran power	4
Catamaran sail	2
Centre console	1
Motor cruiser	54
Open runabout	11
Sailing vessel (yacht)	10
Tri-sail	1
Grand total	106

*0786 DIRT BIKES REGISTRATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many dirt bikes are registered in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is not available as motorcycles are not registered by type.

*0787 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Is the Wollongong local government area classified as a regional or metropolitan area under funding programs administered by your Department and its agencies?

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- (2) Is the classification in (1) determined by you as the lead Minister of the cluster portfolio?
- (3) Is there a regular review of classifications of local government areas for funding program eligibility administered by your Department and its agencies?
 - (a) If so, what are the findings and recommendations of these reviews?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government considers individual community needs and characteristics as they relate to specific programs or projects.

The Government are proud to be investing record amounts in infrastructure and services across the whole State, including Newcastle and the Hunter.

*0788 MICRO-BREWERIES AND SMALL DISTILLERIES LICENCE TRIAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Will the Government extend the trial of the micro-breweries and small distilleries licence in Sydney's Inner West?
- (2) What provisions are in place to ensure continuity and security for establishments operating under the existing trial?
- (3) How many Inner West establishments are currently operating under a micro-breweries and small distilleries licence?
- (4) How is the trial being monitored?
- (5) What benchmarks must be achieved in order for the trial to be made permanent?

Answer—

On 1 September 2018 the Government commenced a 12 month trial of a special micro-breweries and small distilleries licence for small scale producers of beer, cider and spirits. The trial sites are Sydney's Inner West and Newcastle Local Government Areas. The licence allows eligible micro-breweries and small distilleries to sell their own products to the public for consumption on their premises, not just as tastings.

The trial was a proof of concept, with a view to establishing a state-wide licensing option suited to the micro-brewery and small distillery model. This will support the craft brewery and small distillery sector and promote greater venue diversity across New South Wales.

The Government is extending the trial for an additional 12 months. In addition, businesses that rely on the special micro-brewery licence authorisation will continue to be able to do so after the trial ends, ensuring business continuity.

The Government is looking at ways to improve take up of the new licence type. In addition to expanding state-wide, this includes working with local councils to more closely align planning and liquor approval processes. Liquor & Gaming NSW will work with industry and local government stakeholders to ensure that this new licence type continues to support businesses do what they do best.

*0789 PUBLIC SERVICE CONSOLIDATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much will be spent by the New South Wales taxpayer on the following:
 - (a) Consolidating the public service into eight super-departments?
 - (b) Abolishing the Office of Environment and Heritage, Office of Local Government, Barangaroo Delivery Authority and UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation?
 - (c) Rebadging the departments with new names?
 - (d) Moving offices?
 - (e) New stationery for all departments and staff?
 - (f) New websites?

Answer—

Government agencies are structured to be agile and flexible to respond to the Government's strategic direction, deliver reforms and service the changing needs and priorities of the people of New South Wales.

In April 2019, the Government announced Machinery of Government (MOG) changes, with ten clusters reduced to eight clusters from 1 July 2019. The MOG changes streamline how clusters operate and collaborate to effectively service the new Ministry and achieve Government priorities.

NSW Treasury coordinated the process to ensure budgets were transferred between agencies in a way that reflected the Government's Administrative Orders, and with directions that the changes should be budget neutral as such, no additional funding was provided to implement the changes.

Clusters are responsible for implementation of the Machinery of Government changes, this process is underway.

*0790 NEW INQUEST INTO DEATHS OF CINDY SMITH AND MONA SMITH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Will you authorise or apply for a new inquest into the death of Cindy Smith and Mona Smith?

Answer—

I have recently written to the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force regarding the deaths of Jacinta and Mona Lisa Smith. I am continuing to consider the matter.

*0791 LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) How many people applied to Legal Aid NSW for assistance in criminal matters in 2018-19?

(a) Of those referred to above, how many applicants were represented by Legal Aid?

Answer—

I am advised:

In financial year 2018-19, 20,414 individual clients applied for legal aid for criminal law matters. Of those clients, 17,827 were represented on a grant of legal aid. A number of clients who applied for legal aid for criminal law matters applied more than once and were granted legal aid for more than one set of proceedings. Clients who were declined legal representation were not eligible for legal aid under Legal Aid NSW's eligibility criteria (for example, under the means test, merit test or guidelines).

Figures are current as at 25 August 2019.

*0792 RECOGNITION PAYMENTS VICTIMS OF CRIME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What was the average time taken from lodgement to determination for recognition payments applications by victims of crime in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (as at 30 July 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

The average time taken from lodgement to determination for recognition payment applications for the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 is as follows:

2016-17: 274 business days

2017-18: 335 business days

2018-19: 391 business days

2019-20: Data not yet available as the financial year has not ended.

The Government is committed to improving the time taken from lodgement to determination, including increasing temporary staffing at Victims Services and engaging additional resources in February 2019.

Early indications suggest that there have been dramatic improvements in the 2019-20 financial year. For example, as at August 2019, the average time taken to provide an immediate needs support package is nine days, against a service level standard of 15 days.

*0793 JUST REINVEST NSW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) How much money has been provided by the Government to Just Reinvest NSW since 1 July 2017 (as at 30 June 2019)?

(2) How much money has been provided by the Government to Cowra Justice Reinvestment since 1 July 2017 (as at 30 June 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Since 1 July 2017, the Government has provided over \$660,000 to justice reinvestment initiatives in New South Wales. Of this, almost \$250,000 was provided to Just Reinvest NSW for an 18-month justice reinvestment project. The Government also supports justice reinvestment initiatives with in-kind contributions.

The Government did not provide funding for the Australian National University Cowra justice reinvestment project.

*0794 DEATHS ON BOURKE-ENNGONIA ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What process is occurring between the NSW Police Force and the families of Jacinta Rose Smith and Mona Lisa Smith, who were killed on the Bourke-Enngonia Road in December 1987?
 - (a) When did that process commence?
 - (b) When is it proposed that it will cease?

Answer—

This question is a matter for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

I note that I have recently written to the Commissioner of the NSW Police Force regarding this matter.

*0795 INQUESTS AND DEATHS REPORTED IN 2018—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How many inquests were completed in New South Wales in 2018?
- (2) How many deaths in New South Wales were reported to the Coroner in 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Local Court Annual Review reports on court operations of the Coronial Jurisdiction. The report for 2018 is available online at www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au.

*0796 WATER LEAK WOODLANDS ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What action do you propose to take in relation to the substantial water leak from premises in Woodlands Road, Liverpool, which was the subject of representations to you dated 22 July 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water responded to reported water leaks at three adjacent homes on Woodland Road, Liverpool between 2 and 24 July. The water leaks were all located within private water pipes and are therefore the responsibility of the home owners to repair.

A Sydney Water technician visited the site and attempted to contact the registered owner or tenant for each household to advise that a private plumber should be contacted to rectify the water leak. In the event a resident was not at home, the technician called the phone number attached to the workorder or left a calling card at the property.

*0797 BARDIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering your answer to Question LA Q207, what are the traffic warrants for the intersection of Arthur Allen Drive and New MacDonald Road that need to be achieved before a pedestrian crossing can be installed outside Bardia Public School?
- (2) How many pedestrians cross New MacDonald Road in the one hour duration immediately before and after school hours?
- (3) How many cars travel on New MacDonald Road in the one hour duration immediately before and after school hours?
- (4) Considering your answer to Question LA Q207 and the fact the new intersection of Campbelltown Road and New MacDonald Road has now opened, when will work start on converting the former MacDonald Road into a long kiss 'n' ride zone and 40 vertical parking spaces for Bardia Public School?

Answer—

- (1) The traffic warrants for Bardia Public School are defined as follows.
 - (a) Traffic Demand - For each of four one-hour periods of an average day:
 - (i) The major road flow exceeds 600 vehicles per hour in each direction; and
 - (ii) The minor road flow exceeds 200 vehicles per hour in one direction.
 - (b) Continuous Traffic - For each of four one-hour periods of an average day:
 - (i) The major road flow exceeds 900 vehicles per hour in each direction; and
 - (ii) The minor road flow exceeds 100 vehicles per hour in one direction; and
 - (iii) The speed of traffic on the major road or limited sight distance from the minor road causes undue delay or hazard to the minor road vehicles; and
 - (iv) There is no other nearby traffic signal site easily accessible to the minor road vehicles.
 - (c) Pedestrian Safety - For each of four one-hour periods of an average day:
 - (i) The pedestrian flow crossing the major road exceeds 150 persons per hour; and
 - (ii) The major road flow exceeds 600 vehicles per hour in each direction or,
 - (iii) where there is a central median of at least 1.2m wide, 1000 vehicles per hour in each direction.
 - (d) Pedestrian Safety - High Speed Road - For each of four one-hour periods of an average day:
 - (i) The pedestrian flow crossing the major road exceeds 150 persons per hour; and
 - (ii) The major road flow exceeds 450 vehicles per hour in each direction or, where there is a central median of at least 1.2m wide, 750 vehicles per hour in each direction; and
 - (iii) The 85th percentile speed on the major road exceeds 75km/h.
 - (e) Crashes
 - (i) The intersection has been the site of an average of three or more reported tow-away or casualty traffic accidents per year over a three year period, where the traffic accidents could have been prevented by traffic signals; and
 - (ii) The traffic flows are at least 80% of the appropriate flow warrants.
- (2) During a survey completed in July 2019 when the school was operational, the number of pedestrians recorded during AM and PM peak period was:
 - (a) 102 (approximate) pedestrians have been identified crossing MacDonald Road during the AM peak period.
 - (b) 160 (approximate) pedestrians have been identified crossing MacDonald Road during the PM peak period.
- (3) During a survey completed in July 2019 when the school was operational, the number of vehicles calculated during the AM and PM peak periods was:
 - (a) Maximum MacDonald Road flow of 555 vehicles (southbound) per hour, and 451 vehicles (northbound) were recorded per hour during the AM peak period.
 - (b) Maximum MacDonald Road flow of 513 vehicles (southbound) per hour, and 440 vehicles (northbound) were recorded per hour during the PM peak period.
- (4) The work to convert the former MacDonald Road into a long kiss 'n' ride zone and 40 parking spaces for Bardia Public School is the responsibility of Campbelltown Council. It is understood that the works will commence when the former MacDonald Road is repurposed as a one-way road, when it is understood it will be renamed Malaya Street.

*0798 UPGRADING MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION AMOUNT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering your answer to LA Q186, can you confirm that no money has been spent on upgrading Macquarie Fields railway station from 1 July 2018 (as at 30 July 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*0799 Q FEVER VACCINATIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will the Government commit to funding Q fever vaccinations and the associated pre-vaccination screening costs for people aged 15 years and over whose work puts them in contact with high-risk animals or animal products?

Answer—

Funding of routine vaccination programs is the responsibility of the Australian Government, through the

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National Immunisation Program.

*0800 EDMONDSON PARK RAILWAY STATION ADDITIONAL COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When is construction of the proposed additional commuter carpark at Edmondson Park railway station expected to commence?
- (2) When is construction expected to be completed?
- (3) What can commuters who struggle to find a carpark do in the interim?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response, LA Q713.

*0801 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will the Government commit to funding replacement vehicles for the State Emergency Services in White Cliffs and Broken Hill that are reliable and fit for purpose, to travel the geographical distances required in an efficient manner and carry the range of equipment necessary for emergency rescue operations in remote landscapes?

Answer—

The Government announced \$56.4 million over four years to support the ongoing strategic replacement of the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) fleet commencing financial year 2018-19.

Overall, the Fleet Replacement Program will deliver 270 vehicles, 124 marine vessels and 95 trailers over the next three years.

I am pleased to advise the member that NSW SES White Cliffs and Broken Hill Units respectively are expected to receive new or rotated vehicles as part of the NSW SES's Fleet Replacement Program.

*0802 KARIONG CORRECTIONAL CENTRE HEALTH AND MEDICAL STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the number of health and medical staff that work at the Kariong Correctional Centre?

Answer—

The Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network manages the health care needs of inmates. Information on Network staffing is available in annual report Our Network 2018.

*0803 PRIORITY AND GENERAL HOUSING APPLICANT WAITING PERIODS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the average wait time for a priority housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (2) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?
- (3) What was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
- (4) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?

Answer—

I am advised that information on expected waiting times is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>

Further information on the median waiting times for households housed from the Housing Register is available in the NSW Auditor-General report <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/reports/family-and-community-services-2018>

*0804 ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are currently in operation in the Orange electorate as at 5 June 2019?
 - (a) Where are electric vehicle recharge stations located?

- (2) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are planned or proposed for the Orange electorate?
(a) Where will these be located?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW does not keep a record of the location of electric vehicle charging points.

Transport for NSW is currently partnering with private industry to deliver electric vehicle fast charging in regional areas. The locations will be determined when this process is complete.

- *0805 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ATTITUDES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering the findings of the National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey regarding the attitudes of a significant amount of young people to sexual assault and domestic violence, how is the Government working to change attitudes amongst young men in public schools?

Answer—

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 learn about respectful relationships, and the effect of violence on relationships and domestic violence prevention through the mandatory syllabus of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). In government schools, senior students participate in the mandatory course Life Ready.

- *0806 ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework 2015, what assessment has been made on how stronger environmental procurement requirements could boost recycling and green industries in New South Wales?
- (2) What other environmental benefits were identified if stronger environmental procurement requirements were introduced?
- (3) Which industries were identified to benefit?

Answer—

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is leading the development of a 20-year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy that will create a vision and roadmap for reducing waste, driving sustainable recycling markets and improving the state and regional waste infrastructure network.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will work closely with stakeholders to ensure the strategy has a robust evidence base and addresses the key priorities for waste and resource recovery across New South Wales.

Through the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, the Government has committed over \$802 million in funding for business recycling, organics collections, market development, managing problem wastes, new waste infrastructure, local councils and programs to tackle illegal dumping and litter. It is the largest waste and recycling funding program in Australia.

Any specific questions relating to procurement should be asked of the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

- *0807 WICKED CAMPER VANS ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What action has been taken or under consideration regarding a national cross-jurisdictional approach to rid our roads of Wicked Camper vans as their slogans can be misogynistic and racist?

Answer—

I am advised:

On 2 August 2019 the Transport and Infrastructure Ministerial Council agreed a national approach for dealing with offensive advertising on vehicles. The Council's communiqué is available online.

- *0808 PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH TOURETTE'S SYNDROME—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering how misunderstood Tourette's Syndrome is, are there any specific programs to help address challenges faced by people living with Tourette's Syndrome in New South Wales?

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Answer—

Tourette Syndrome is generally managed by General Practitioners in the community. General Practitioners can work with medical specialists and allied health professionals as required to provide care to patients.

I am advised that the Tourette Syndrome Association of Australia provides support for families living with Tourette Syndrome, including local support groups, educational materials, telephone counselling, annual conferences and camps.

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*0809 TENANCY LAWS AND PET OWNERSHIP—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Victorian Government introduced legislation to amend tenancy laws so as to restrict the right of a landlord to prevent their tenants from owning pets?
- (2) Is the New South Wales Government considering introducing similar laws in this State?
 - (a) If so, how will the New South Wales laws differ from those in Victoria?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) and (2) (a) No.

*0810 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICATIONS MOUNT DRUITT—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many applicants applied for social housing at the Family and Community Services Mount Druitt office during the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019?
 - (a) How many of these applications were for three-bedroom accommodation?
 - (b) How many of these applications were for two-bedroom accommodation?
 - (c) How many of these applications were for one-bedroom accommodation?
 - (d) How many of these applicants have been provided with accommodation (as at 31 July 2019)?

Answer—

Information about priority and general approved households and expected waiting times in GW4 Mt Druitt Allocation Zone for studio/1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom and 4 plus bedroom properties is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0811 CONSUMER FRAUD VULNERABLE PEOPLE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Premier—

Considering the rise of consumer fraud targeting the most vulnerable people, what steps are being taken by the New South Wales Government to tackle this issue?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*0812 DRIVING OFFENCES MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) How many infringement notices were issued for driving offences to residents of the Mount Druitt electorate during the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019?
 - (a) How many of these residents sought leniency?
 - (b) How many of these residents were granted leniency?
- (2) Will leniency continue to be granted for drivers with a clear driving record of 10 years and over?

Answer—

- (1) 9,946
 - (a) 873
 - (b) 104
- (2) Yes, in accordance with our review guidelines.

*0813 FIREARMS REGISTRY DELAY IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Could you please advise why the NSW Firearms Registry took 10 months to reply to my constituent's category AB firearms licence application, NSW Firearms Registry document reference 102174634LPA:JLA, and failed to meet the Premier's Priorities 2015-2019 to improve customer satisfaction with key Government services every year?

Answer—

I am advised the Firearms Registry must ensure firearms licences are only issued and held by individuals considered 'fit and proper' as per the Firearms Act 1996. Some matters require rigorous review and assessment to ensure the safety of the public is not compromised. To preserve the privacy of the constituent you make reference to, please contact my office directly to discuss this matter further. Possession and use of firearms is a privilege and public safety must always be of paramount concern when assessing licence applications and suspensions.

*0814 FIREARMS REGISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS REVIEW—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Considering the advice from the Firearms Registry that there will be a delay in finalising the request for internal review, document reference 102174634CMU:RLB dated 26 July 2019, could you please advise what lawful exemption has been provided to the Firearms Registry to waive their obligation to comply with Section 53 (6) of the Administrative Decisions Review Act 1997 which requires that they notify the applicant in writing of the outcome of the internal review within 21 days?

Answer—

I am advised the applicant was notified well within the 21 days that an outcome was not likely within 21 days.

*0815 REGIONAL TENDERS FOR COUNTRY STIMULUS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Will the Government consider immediately initiating a bias toward rural and regional-based businesses submitting tenders for regional state Government contracts so that rural and regional employment is maintained and to assist country-based businesses remain economically viable and sustainable during this drought and consequential economic downturn?

Answer—

The Government has already initiated policy support for rural and regional-based businesses tendering for government contracts. The Government's Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Regional Procurement Policy was implemented on 1 February 2019. The Minister for Finance and Small Business is responsible for this policy area.

*0816 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION DIVIDEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that the Government's recent request for a \$100 million dividend from Hunter Water will require the corporation to take on more debt for a total of \$1.1 billion, can the Minister make assurances that the costs required to service this debt will not be passed on to Hunter Water customers?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question was previously addressed in LA Q133. Dividends and distributions from Hunter Water do not impact customer prices.

*0817 HUNTER WATER CORPORATION PRIVATISATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that the Government's recent request for a \$100 million dividend from Hunter Water will require the corporation to take on more debt for a total of \$1.1 billion, can the Minister make assurances that the corporation will not be privatised?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to privatise Hunter Water.

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*0818 FOOTBALL PITCHES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Considering that projections by Northern NSW Football estimate that by 2036 football will require an additional 700 full-sized pitches across New South Wales to cope with demand, what plans does the Government have to meet this demand?

Answer—

The Government has been working with Councils across Greater Sydney and regional New South Wales to ensure sport infrastructure planning meets the needs of communities into the future, with significant funding available to facilitate the developments of infrastructure.

*0819 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Will the Government defer the payment of the Emergency Services Levy for the 2019- 20 financial year to allow councils adequate time to factor any increase into their budgets?
- (2) Will the Government consider reviewing the percentage contribution of each council toward the Emergency Services Levy?
- (3) Will the Government commit to undertaking consultation with councils regarding their rate bases' capacity to fund the levy?
- (4) Will the Government consider increasing its contribution to the Emergency Services Levy, considering that the Rural Fire Service, State Emergency Service, and Fire and Rescue NSW provide a public good?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Treasurer.

*0820 WOOL TRACK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government commit to funding in full the Wool Track Improvement Project, a regional road between Cobar and Balranald consisting of MR416, RR7522 and MR67, to allow the road to be certified for heavy vehicles up to higher mass limit AB-Triples?

Answer—

I am advised:

The movement of Higher Mass Vehicles on The Wool Track is managed by the Balranald and Central Darling shires. I encourage them to apply for funding if they wish to further improve The Wool Track.

*0821 MITCHELL HIGHWAY REST AREA—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Government commit to funding the establishment of a rest area with bathroom facilities on the Mitchell Highway (B71) between Cobar and Bourke?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW recognises the need for improved rest area facilities along the Kidman Way between Cobar and Bourke. It is a priority when funding becomes available.

*0822 MURRAY ALLUVIUM WATER RESOURCE PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Will the Government be adhering to the recommendation of the Natural Resources Commission's 2016 report "Review of water sharing plans due to expire in 2017 or 2018" that "current science and knowledge is at the forefront of water planning and reform" when finalising the Murray Alluvium Water Resource Plan?
- (2) Considering that the Department of Industry Risk Assessment for the Murray Alluvium Water Resource Plan found that historically the area had seen issues with an elevated water table and increased salinity, when will the Government raise the long-term average annual extraction limit in the Lower Murray Alluvium Deep resource unit to 122 gigalitres per year, which is below the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) determined sustainable yield limits?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Water Resource Plans are drafted according to several requirements listed in the Basin Plan 2012.
- (2) The water resource plan risk assessment and water quality management plan identify the risk of increased salinity in the Lower Murray and strategies to address the risk.

*0823 SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the growing number of rural primary aged students attending after-school care programs, will the Government consider including after-school care providers and pre-schools in the definition of a student's nominated "home" location under the School Student Transport Scheme?
 - (a) If so, by what date can after-school care providers and preschools expect this change to be made?

Answer—

I am advised:

Access to before and after school care in rural, remote and smaller schools is a priority for the Government. Research is being undertaken into the needs of parents, schools and care providers to help develop suitable services.

Under the current School Student Transport Scheme, free travel is provided between the home and the school only. Travel to before and after school care programs is not covered under free travel as generally service providers require children participating in these programs to be signed in and out by their parent or guardian.

Safety concerns prevent the School Student Transport Scheme being extended to include pre-schoolers. The Government is considering an extension of the School Drive Subsidy to mitigate the cost burden of driving a child to preschool in remote and isolated areas.

*0824 ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering that the last Roads Classification Review was undertaken in 2004, when will the Government be appointing the panel members to conduct a Road Classification Review?
 - (a) When will invitations for submissions on a Road Classification Review be issued to regional councils?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is in the process of establishing an independent panel that will oversee the classification review of the New South Wales road network. A decision on this matter will be made shortly and the work of the panel will start as soon as possible thereafter.

*0825 NEW INTERCITY FLEET BLUE MOUNTAINS LINE SERVICE—Ms Trish Doyle asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the New Intercity Fleet arrive in time to meet your promised deadline for Blue Mountains line service in 2021?
- (2) Will modification works to tracks, tunnels, platforms and signalling equipment be undertaken in time to ensure that when the New Intercity Fleet is introduced it actually goes all the way to Lithgow?
- (3) Will the New Intercity Fleet be delivered with guard compartment doors that can stay open as the train departs a station so guards may continue to fulfill their current roles on the new trains?
- (4) Why did you say to the Blue Mountains Gazette on 29 July 2019 that "ongoing industrial issues in relation to the design of the train being worked through but my expectation is we'll see a train arrive later this year"?
 - (a) Do you believe that the train expected to arrive later this year is fit for purpose?
- (5) How much will the track modifications and infrastructure upgrades necessary to accommodate these oversize trains cost taxpayers?
 - (a) How long will it take to finish these modifications?

Answer—

I am advised:

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- (1) The first of the New Intercity Fleet trains will arrive later this year.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The new train design does not support crew cabin doors staying open while the train is in motion. Guards will be able to use Closed Circuit Television cameras, which will provide full visibility of the entire length of the train, even on curved platforms and in bad weather.
- (4) Ongoing consultation has meant that finalising train design has taken longer than planned. The resulting fleet will be state-of-the-art, with improved accessibility and comfort, enhanced safety, and modern features.
- (5) The contract value for these works is around \$75 million, which is within the \$2.8 billion budget for the New Intercity Fleet project.

*0826 WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many people applied for a Working with Children Check in each of the past three financial years?
 - (a) How many of these applications were denied in each year?
 - (i) What was the breakdown of the reasons as to why these applications were denied?
 - (b) How many of these applications were for the purposes of volunteering at not-for-profit organisations?
 - (c) What is the total amount of revenue raised in each of the past three years by applications for Working with Children Checks where the applicant expressed the purpose of applying as to volunteer for a not-for-profit organisation?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services, as the Minister is responsible for this information.

*0827 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO COUNCILS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What support is the Government providing to metropolitan councils to manage dog deaths from leptospirosis?
- (2) What support does the Government provide local councils to manage pest and other rat infestations?

Answer—

- (1) No metropolitan council has approached Department of Primary Industries (DPI) requesting assistance to manage Leptospirosis to date. DPI has continued to liaise with the Australian Veterinary Association to remain updated as events unfold.
- (2) The NSW Food Authority's local government unit assists council environmental health officers with training and advice on ensuring hygiene standards are maintained in food premises, including by ensuring adequate rodent control is undertaken. Although rodent control is a landholder responsibility, councils in New South Wales are very experienced in managing rodent infestations on their land and have not requested specific support from the government for this task.

*0828 GENDER MARKERS ON IDENTIFICATION AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will the Government amend the requirement for a transgender person to have undergone surgery before their gender marker is amended on government-issued identification?
- (2) What consultation has occurred on this proposal in the past year?
- (3) What provisions exist to allow for the gender marker of a parent to be changed on a child's birth certificate where a parent identifies as a gender different to that recorded when the child was born?
 - (a) Considering that this can cause difficulties for families and children, does the Attorney General agree that the current arrangements are not in the best interests of a child in this circumstance?

Answer—

I am advised:

In New South Wales, government-issued identification records a person's biological sex and not their gender.

Section 20 of the Act provides that an application can be made to alter registrable information on the Births Register. At present, registrable information does not include information about change of sex and

therefore it is not presently possible to amend a child's birth certificate where a parent legally changes their biological sex or identifies as a different gender.

The Department of Communities and Justice will monitor developments of other states and territories on these matters, including the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Bill 2019 (Vic).

*0829 ONE METRE MATTERS RULE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Why are dashcams and other personal recordings not permissible as evidence when allegations of a violation of the one-metre-matters rule are made against motorists?
- (2) How is this rule enforced by police?
- (3) How many fines have been issued for violating this rule since the regulation was introduced?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) If a person provides police with video or photos alleging motorists passing bicycle riders at an unsafe distance, police will evaluate whether it could be used to commence proceedings.

Any dashcam footage or personal recording which meet the tests of admissibility in the Evidence Act 1995 may be used as evidence. However, police cannot lay charges against an alleged offender unless there is sufficient admissible evidence for the prosecution to prove to the satisfaction of the court, beyond a reasonable doubt, every element of the charge.

(2) Police have a number of options in enforcing Rule 144-1 of the Road Rules 2014, including charges, infringement notices and cautions.

(3) Between 1 March 2016 and 3 August 2019, 98.

*0830 RIDING BIKES ON FOOTPATHS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In each of the past five financial years, how many people have been fined for riding a bike on a footpath?
- (2) What has been the total amount of revenue raised by these fines in each year?
- (3) Since reforms were made to allow children up to the age of 16 to ride on the footpath, how many riders aged 16 to 18 years have been fined for doing so?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about penalty notices is available at www.revenue.nsw.gov.au.

*0831 NSW AGEING STRATEGY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What has been the total amount of money spent on the NSW Ageing Strategy in each of the past four financial years?
- (2) What has been the total amount of money spent on programs directly arising from the NSW Ageing Strategy in each of the past four financial years?
- (3) What is the timeline for the development of the next iteration of the NSW Ageing Strategy, due in 2020?

Answer—

(1) Budgetary information for the New South Wales Ageing Strategy is available on the Department of Communities Justice (DCJ) website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au and the Treasury website at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au>.

(2) Refer to previous answer.

(3) Consultation to develop a new strategy will commence shortly. The new strategy will commence in 2021.

*0832 SENIORS SURRENDERING LICENCES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) In each year since 2011, how many people in New South Wales aged 60 and over have surrendered their driving licenses?
- (2) What support is offered to people who surrender their driving licenses on account of age, illness or disability?
 - (a) In what ways do the Government and its agencies measure the number of seniors accessing

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alternative transport options after surrendering their licenses?

- (3) Are refunds offered to those who surrender their licence due to illness, age or disability?
(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised:

Year	Number of people aged 60 or over who surrendered their driving licence
2012	12,545
2013	13,807
2014	14,629
2015	14,686
2016	15,662
2017	13,588
2018	13,210
2019	(At 6 August 2019) 8,854

- (2) and (3) This information is available online.

*0833 INNER WEST LINE MAINTENANCE COSTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What has been the total amount of time the T2 Inner West Line has been closed for maintenance in each of the past three financial years?
(2) What has been the total cost of maintenance on the line for each of the past three financial years?
(3) What has been the total cost of replacement buses during maintenance periods on the line in each of the past three financial years?

Answer—

Sydney Trains operates and maintains the largest and most complex rail network in Australia. The network is 165 years old and requires regular renewal and maintenance to ensure its continued reliable operation. To minimise impacts on customers, this work is scheduled when patronage is lowest, such as at night, on weekends and during public holidays.

Sydney Trains has an annual maintenance program of approximately \$1.5 billion, ensuring the safety and reliability of railway services across the Sydney Trains and NSW Trains Intercity networks.

Total maintenance expenditure and cost of planned rail replacement trackwork bussing are publicly available in Sydney Trains' Annual reports.

*0834 GREENWAY PROJECT PERMITS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have all the necessary permits been issued by Sydney Trains to allow work to commence on the central links for the Greenway project?
(a) If not, why not?
(2) What additional support will the Government provide to the Inner West Council to progress the project, considering the year-long delay in Sydney Trains issuing the necessary permits?
(3) What actions has the Minister taken to stop further delays to work commencing on the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

The premise of your question is incorrect. This information is publicly available.

Sydney Trains has not caused any delays to the delivery of the Greenway Project. All delays to the project are as a consequence of the Inner West Council.

*0835 ILLEGAL DUMPING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

What efforts is the Government making to ensure that illegal dumping, beyond the risk of a fine, is not an attractive option for people looking to dispose of waste?

Answer—

The Government is taking a holistic approach to tackle illegal dumping through implementation of the NSW Illegal Dumping Strategy 2017–21. The strategy outlines a range of actions to reduce illegal dumping using six approaches:

- Building an evidence base
- Stakeholder engagement and capacity building
- Education and awareness
- Prevention, infrastructure and clean-up
- Regulation and enforcement
- Evaluation and monitoring.

The strategy is supported by \$65 million of funding provided through the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

*0836 LITTERING FINES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many fines for littering from a vehicle were issued in the financial year 2018-19 through the dob in a tosser program?
 - (a) Of these, how many were challenged in court?
 - (i) Of those challenged, how many were successfully prosecuted?

Answer—

- (1) There were 7,244 fines for littering from a vehicle issued in the financial year 2018-19 through the Report to NSW Environment Protection Authority program.
 - (a) Twenty five littering prosecutions were challenged in court during 2018-19.
 - (i) This resulted in ten convictions, six matters where the offence was proven (but a conviction was not recorded), five acquittals and four dismissals.

*0837 REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Treasurer—

Considering that unemployment is at 10.5 per cent in Beresfield-Hexham and 8.7 per cent in Shortland-Jesmond, what efforts is the Government making to ensure better employment opportunities for regional residents?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, the Honourable John Barilaro MP.

*0838 HUNTER STADIUM PARK AND RIDE SERVICE OPERATIONAL COSTS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the Minister's responses to LA Q72, how much was contributed by Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation to the operational costs of the Hunter Stadium Park and Ride Service?
- (2) How much was contributed to the operational costs by Transport for NSW?
- (3) Were passenger numbers recorded by Newcastle Transport?
 - (a) If so, how many passengers made use of the service (as at 31 July 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) The Park and Ride service was a City of Newcastle initiative, not a regular timetabled public transport route. Government funding was linked to alleviating the impact of light rail construction in the city centre and was only ever designed to be temporary.
- (2) Operational costs are commercial-in-confidence.
- (3) Passenger numbers are recorded by the City of Newcastle.

*0839 FIRE STATION UPGRADES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) In the 2018-19 budget, how much funding was allocated, statewide, for refurbishment and upgrade of existing fire stations?
- (2) In the 2018-19 budget, how much funding was allocated to the Wallsend electorate for refurbishment and upgrade of existing fire stations?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Information about Fire and Rescue NSW's infrastructure budget is available in the 2018-19 Budget Papers.

*0840 FOOTBALL FIELDS WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Considering that 35 per cent of football fields in the Wallsend electorate do not have adequate floodlighting, what Government support can be given to football clubs using these fields?

Answer—

The Government provides various grant programs to assist with sport infrastructure upgrades in the Hunter Region, including lighting. These programs include:

- My Community Project
- Community Building Partnership Program, and
- Office of Responsible Gambling Infrastructure Grants.

*0841 THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL DREDGING PROGRAM—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How much money has been allocated to dredging The Entrance channel over the past four years (as at 31 July 2019)?

- (a) Has all the money been expended?
- (b) Has the funded dredging program been completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) A total of \$524,000 has been allocated for dredging in The Entrance channel (i.e. entrance channel to Tuggerah Lakes) over the last four years.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.

*0842 FLOODING COSTS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

How much each year, averaged across a 50-year period, does it cost to fully ameliorate the cost of flooding in the Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, Hastings and Manning streams?

Answer—

Under the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy introduced in 1984, floodplain management is primarily the responsibility of local councils.

The Government's Floodplain Management Program supports this policy and since 2011-12 has provided a combined total of more than \$1 million per annum in funding to councils in Tweed, Richmond, Clarence, Hastings and Manning river valleys.

This amount does not include programs managed by other agencies as that data is not held by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

*0843 SOUTH COAST LINE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any plans to increase the frequency of weekday off-peak services on the South Coast line?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase the frequency of weekday peak services on the South Coast line?

Answer—

I am advised:

As you may be aware, a new timetable was introduced on 26 November 2017 as part of Stage 1 of the \$4.3 billion More Trains, More Services program. The new timetable delivers up to 1,500 new train services across the network. These extra services are needed to address significant patronage growth on public transport and particularly on the Sydney Trains network. The program represents the single largest increase in capacity on the network.

The new timetable has been developed using a combination of Opal card data and customer feedback, ensuring that services reflect demand across the broader network. The timetable was designed to benefit the majority of customers, but may not satisfy every preference. I am pleased to advise there are plans for

a four-kilometre crossing loop for the South Coast Line at Toolijooa to create capacity for a regular 30-minute service in peak periods. The timetable will be reviewed as part of these improvements.

The Government is delivering a new fleet of intercity trains. It will replace those used on the South Coast and other intercity lines and offer customers greater comfort, reliability and convenience. The new fleet will operate as both 8 and 10-car sets. The 10-car sets will have 820 seats and have been designed to address increased patronage on the rail network.

*0844 FAST RAIL NETWORK EXPERT PANEL—Mr Chris Minns asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government release the findings of the expert panel headed by Professor Andrew McNaughton into a fast rail network?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to LA Q555.

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*0845 FINAL REPORT OF THE EXPERT PANEL ON MINING IN THE CATCHMENT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Will the Minister publicly release the final report of the Expert Panel on Mining in the Catchment?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Will the final report be made available for the assessment of proposals for mining extensions to the:
 - (a) Department of Planning;
 - (b) Independent Planning Commission?
- (3) What is the timetable for the Government's response to any recommendations in the report?

Answer—

I am advised:

The initial report of the Independent Expert Panel for Mining in the Catchment (the Panel) is currently publicly available on the website of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer. The initial report was public released in December 2018.

The Panel's final report is expected to be received by the end of this year.

The Government will give detailed consideration to the Panel's findings and recommendations and will consider the report's release at that time.

*0846 TENDERS FOR THE WOLLONGONG HARBOUR REMEDIATION PROJECT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has a tender been awarded for the Wollongong Harbour Remediation Project (RFT-10024211)?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when will work start on the project?
- (2) How long will it take for its completion?

Answer—

I am advised:

That the tender to remediate contaminated land at Wollongong Harbour has closed and submissions are currently being evaluated.

A start date cannot be confirmed until the contract is awarded. However, work is anticipated to commence before the end of the calendar year.

*0847 WETHERILL PARK TAFE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What is the overall enrolment figure at the Wetherill Park campus of TAFE NSW for 2019 (as at 1

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August 2019)?

- (2) What was the figure for enrolments at this campus for each calendar year from 2015 (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that information about student numbers is available in the TAFE NSW Annual Report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/corporate/annual-report>.

- *0848 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY SENIORS SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

How much funding has the Government invested post-election in suicide prevention strategies targeted at seniors in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

The Government is investing \$87 million over the next three years into new suicide prevention initiatives in New South Wales from 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Eight new or expanded suicide prevention initiatives known as Towards Zero Suicides, will focus on developing and integrating new and innovative suicide prevention programs.

The planned initiatives will assist communities to develop strategies and services to meet their own local needs, including those of seniors.

- *0849 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY ADULT MEN SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How much funding has the Government invested post-election in suicide prevention strategies targeted at adult men in South Western Sydney?

Answer—

The Government is investing \$87 million over the next three years into new suicide prevention initiatives in New South Wales from 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Eight new or expanded suicide prevention initiatives known as Towards Zero Suicides, will focus on developing and integrating new and innovative suicide prevention programs while building on what is already in place and will include preventions for adult men.

- *0850 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY SUICIDE SUPPORT SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) Which non-government support services located in South West Sydney have received funding from the Government post-election for suicide support services targeted at newly arrived refugees?

- (a) How much funding has been allocated to these services?

Answer—

The Government is investing \$87 million over the next three years into new suicide prevention initiatives in New South Wales from 2019-20 to 2021-22.

NSW Health is expanding the adult Community Living Supports program to refugees with mental health conditions with the aim of providing trauma informed, recovery focused and culturally appropriate psychosocial supports to refugees and asylum seekers who are experiencing psychological distress and mental illness.

New Horizons was contracted in June 2019 to deliver this program in South Western Sydney and commenced service delivery in August 2019 with a recurrent budget of \$1.2 million.

Total recurrent funding of \$4.5 million per annum also supports the Mental Health Community Living Supports for Refugees program, which is being delivered in seven local health districts across New South Wales where primary and secondary settlement of refugees is concentrated. This includes a \$1.2 million per annum investment in the South Western Sydney Local Health District.

- *0851 SOUTH WEST SYDNEY CALD COMMUNITIES SUICIDE PREVENTION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) What strategies and resources for the prevention of suicide targeted at culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in South Western Sydney have been allocated funding from the Government?
- (2) What are the languages that have been identified for the resources to receive this funding?

Answer—

(1) The Government is investing \$87 million over the next three years into new suicide prevention initiatives in New South Wales from 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Eight new or expanded suicide prevention initiatives known as Towards Zero Suicides, will focus on developing and integrating new and innovative suicide prevention programs, while building on what is already in place. The initiatives will assist communities to develop strategies and services to meet their own local needs including those that are culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD).

These initiatives will be implemented in all local health districts across the state, including South Western Sydney.

(2) These new services will be able to access telephone interpreting and other multilingual interpreters in those languages needing assistance.

*0852 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS NUMBERS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many full-time correctional officers were employed in each year between 2010 and 2019 (as at 1 August 2019) at the following centres:
 - (a) Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre;
 - (b) Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre;
 - (c) Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre;
 - (d) Orana Juvenile Justice Centre;
 - (e) Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre;
 - (f) Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of staff employed in New South Wales Juvenile Justice Centres can vary due to a range of factors such as services offered and the centre's capacity. Information about the six Youth Justice centres is available at www.juvenile.justice.nsw.gov.au.

*0853 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK CLOSURE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Can you confirm that the Sydney Children's Hospital, which is reportedly half the size of the Westmead Children's Hospital, receives 75 per cent of all children's emergencies in New South Wales, of which three out of every four children are from regional areas?
- (2) Could you advise if there are plans to condense Sydney Children's Hospital and Westmead Children's Hospital?
- (3) Could you clarify whether the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick is slated for closure?
- (4) If so:
 - (a) When will it be closed?
 - (b) What are the reasons for this decision?

Answer—

(1) Presentations to Sydney Children's Hospital emergency department during the period from July 2016 to June 2019 represented 5.7 per cent of the total paediatric patient presentations to emergency departments in New South Wales. During the same period, 5.3 per cent of the patients presenting to Sydney Children's Hospital emergency department were from regional New South Wales.

(2) to (4) The Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick and Children's Hospital at Westmead will continue as two hospitals.

*0854 REGIONAL COACH/TRAIN WEEKEND CONNECTIONS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Following our discussions regarding the potential to extend coach/train connections from weekday only to include weekend connections between Orange and Lithgow, could you advise if this weekend connection service will be delivered?
 - (a) If so, when will it commence?

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(2) Will consideration also be given to providing weekend coach/train connection between Parkes and Lithgow?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is working with local coach operators to deliver improved connectivity to weekend train services. NSW TrainLink currently provides several coach services on weekends to connect Orange and Parkes. These coach services are designed to meet with NSW TrainLink regional and intercity train services.

*0855 PARKES OBSTETRIC AND ANAESTHETIC JOB VACANCIES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What steps has the Western NSW Local Health District taken over the past three years to recruit medical practitioners with specialist skills and/or qualifications in obstetrics and anaesthetics to fill vacant positions at Parkes Hospital and Lachlan Health Service?

(a) How were these positions advertised?

(b) Where were these positions advertised?

(c) When were these positions advertised?

(d) How long were these positions advertised?

(e) Were applications received or inquiries made regarding these advertised positions?

(i) If so, what was the result?

Answer—

The Western NSW Local Health District has mechanisms in place to identify vacancies and recruit to positions in accordance with service delivery needs and models of care across Parkes Hospital and Lachlan Health Service.

*0856 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES REGIONAL POSITIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Can the Minister confirm that there will be no reduction in the number of positions, temporary or permanent, full-time equivalent, in regional New South Wales as a result of the dissolution of Roads and Maritime Services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has given a clear undertaking that this is not about job cuts; it is about jobs growth for transport in regional areas.

*0857 SCHEDULE FOR STANDARD EXEMPTIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

In relation to the schedule for standard exemptions published in the Government Gazette No. 16 of 9 February 2018, can you define the word 'chimney'?

Answer—

I am advised:

The word should be interpreted having regard to normal principles of interpretation.

*0859 GOSFORD ELECTORATE FIRE FIGHTERS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many new fire fighters have been assigned to the Gosford electorate each year since 2011 (as at 1 August 2019)?

(2) How many new fire fighters have been assigned to the Central Coast each year since 2011 (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fire and Rescue NSW do not assign firefighters based on electorates. For more information about firefighters presently employed by Fire and Rescue NSW, please refer to Annual Reports available at www.fire.nsw.gov.au (under publications).

*0860 GOSFORD ELECTORATE SCHOOLS SUSPENSIONS AND ASSAULTS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students were suspended from Gosford electorate high schools in each year since 2014 (as at 1 August 2019)?
- (2) How many students were suspended from Gosford electorate primary schools in each year since 2014 (as at 1 August 2019)?
- (3) What was the number of assaults at each of the schools in the Gosford electorate in each year since 2014 (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) The number of students suspended from high schools in the Gosford electorate was 533 in 2014; 494 in 2015; 557 in 2016; 459 in 2017 and 495 in 2018. 2019 suspensions data is not yet available.
- (2) The number of students suspended from primary schools in the Gosford electorate was 55 in 2014; 62 in 2015; 61 in 2016; 66 in 2017 and 65 in 2018.
- (3) The following data is provided for 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019, however there is no data regarding reported assaults for 2014 as Incident Notification data capturing for this specific incident type commenced in January 2015.

School Network	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Brisbane Water	18	12	11	9	8
Central Coast	9	12	3	2	3
Mooney Mooney	16	9	13	8	14

*Data as at 1 August 2019

*0862 BARYULGIL COMMUNITY DUST DISEASES SUPPORT—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

- (1) What icare support resources are available to the Baryulgil community for ongoing issues with dust diseases?
- (2) What icare resources have been provided to the Baryulgil community for ongoing issues with dust diseases?
- (3) How many times has the 'lung bus' visited the Baryulgil community in each year since 2014 (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

This question is best referred to the Treasurer. However, I am advised that icare's Dust Diseases Care Scheme provides support to people in the community who have had work-related exposure to certain types of harmful dust in New South Wales, including asbestos.

Between 2002 and 2005, icare's mobile respiratory unit visited Baryulgil and conducted 242 screenings. Of the individuals screened, five individuals were found to have had dust exposure during employment in New South Wales and were awarded compensation under the Scheme.

The majority of asbesto exposure in the Baryugil area involves community members rather than workers. Screenings for people whose exposure is not work-related is a matter for NSW Health.

Icare continues to work with NSW Health to promote regular screening in the Baryulgil area.

*0863 CENTRAL COAST ABORIGINAL YOUTH SERVICES—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What are the Aboriginal-owned or managed youth support agencies on the Central Coast?
- (2) Which organisations have received funding under the legislative changes?
- (3) How much was taken from existing youth programs on the Central Coast?
- (4) How much was given to Aboriginal programs on the Central Coast?
- (5) How many young people have been removed from under the Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS)?
 - (a) How many clients were moved to other services?
 - (i) What are the names of these organisations?

Answer—

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I am advised that there are a number of Aboriginal led organisations on the Central Coast working with young people including Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi Aboriginal Corporation, Yerin Aboriginal Health Services, Bungree Aboriginal Association, NAISDA Dance College and Bara Barang Corporation.

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is not aware of any legislative changes affecting the funding received by any organisations.

I am advised that no funding has been taken from existing youth programs on the Central Coast.

DCJ provided \$2,108,118 (ex GST) funding to non-government organisations to deliver Aboriginal programs on the Central Coast in the 2017-18 financial year.

No young people have been removed from Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS). RYSS advised DCJ that when their temporary contract expired on 30 June 2019, they had no current active clients remaining under this contract for transitioning to another youth service.

*0864 SHARK MESHING PROGRAM—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What is the total cost of the Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program?
- (2) How are contractors appointed to clear the shark nets?
 - (a) Who is the contractor appointed for Central Coast beaches?
- (3) What is the cost of the smart drumline trial?
 - (a) When will the trial be completed?
 - (b) When will the results be made public?

Answer—

- (1) About \$2,169,641 million in 2018-19.
- (2) Contractors are appointed based on open tenders advertised on the Government's e-tender website.
 - (a) Central Coast North contractor is A Reliance II Charters.
 - (b) Central Coast South contractor is Outwide Fishing Charters Pty Ltd.
- (3) Estimated budget for SMART drumline trials to 30 June 2020 is \$6,700,000.
 - (a) 30 June 2020.
 - (b) Catch data from the SMART drumline trials are published on the DPI website every month.

*0865 IVOTE 2019 STATE ELECTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

- (1) How many complaints were received about the difficulty of using the online iVote system during the 2019 State election?
 - (a) How many complaints were received about the iVote platform failing or being inaccessible?
 - (b) How many complaints were received about problems with passwords?
- (2) How many people relying on iVote appear not to have been able to vote or had their vote invalidated?
- (3) What evaluation has been carried out in the operation of iVote during the election?
- (4) Is it true that some informal votes were recorded through iVote?
 - (a) If so, what action will be taken to help voters ensure their vote counts?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to improve the iVote user experience?

Answer—

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is currently undertaking a review of the administration of the 2019 State Election in accordance with the Electoral Act 2017 (NSW).

Data relating to the performance of the iVote system during the 2019 State General Election will be analysed as part of the review.

In addition, the Parliamentary Joint Steering Committee on Electoral Matters has commenced an inquiry into the administration of the 2019 State Election and related matters.

Further, the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) appointed an independent auditor (PricewaterhouseCoopers) to prepare a post-election report in relation to iVote for the 2019 State Election. The auditor's report can be accessed on the NSWEC's website.

*0866 WATER BUBBLERS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the Government's policy on access to water bubblers to supply drinking water?

- (2) Does the Government provide water bubblers on Property NSW lands where there are large numbers of visitors, such as Darling Harbour, The Rocks and Kings Street Wharf?
- (3) Does the Government provide water bubblers at major public buildings where large numbers of visitors attend?
- (4) Considering the need to reduce plastic, what further steps will the Government take to improve access to drinking water on Government-owned sites?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There is no broader policy on access to water bubblers to supply drinking water for the wider community.
- (2) Bubblers are available where there are large numbers of visitors.

Having regard for those lands within the Place Management NSW (PMNSW) portfolio, bubblers can be found at the following locations:

- Playfair Street, The Rocks
- Campbell's Cove, Circular Quay
- Eastern Promenade, Circular Quay
- Three at the Childrens Playground, Darling Harbour
- Outside the Chinese Garden, Darling Harbour
- In front of IMAX site, Darling Harbour
- Western Promenade, Darling Harbour
- Eastern Promenade, Darling Harbour
- The Goods Line, Haymarket
- Liverpool Street Footbridge, Darling Harbour
- Four in the recently opened Darling Square precinct, Darling Harbour

With a common goal of encouraging people to carry a refillable bottle and drink tap water Sydney Water and 25 councils recently partnered to install 170 permanent water stations across Greater Sydney to give our community access to free, great quality drinking water. From the Northern Beaches to the Blue Mountains to Wollondilly and areas in between, they have been installing them into public places because not only is Sydney tap water among the best in the world but it also minimises plastic waste and litter management costs both from the collection and landfill implications.

Of the 150 permanent water stations that were installed mostly over the past 12 months in parks and high traffic locations, 1.2 million litres of tap water has been dispensed to communities across Greater Sydney. This equates to almost 20,000 kilograms of plastic waste saved from production and landfill and 2 million standard plastic bottles saved from purchase (\$6 million). The water stations had consistent messaging that reminded people to 'Make tap water your drink' as it's 'Better for the environment' which were translated into 11 different languages depending on the council cultural diversity.

*0867 IWORCS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What action has the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation taken with the Streets Opening Coordination Council to implement a public application programming interface for the iWORCS platform?
- (2) Is the Government committed to developing a public interface for the community to get accurate and current information about projects that require excavation of roads and footpaths and Roads and Maritime Services street opening approval?
- (3) When does the Government expect this interface to be available?

Answer—

I am advised that The Department of Customer Service has had no involvement in the development of the iWORCS platform, nor has the department.

Future questions about the Government's involvement in iWORCS are best directed to the Minister for Transport as his department is a continuator to the Streets Opening Coordination Council association.

*0868 JUVENILE ARTHRITIS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is it true that about 3,000 children in New South Wales have Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis?
- (2) Is it true that NSW Health funds just 16 hours per week of public clinical medical services through two part-time paediatric rheumatologists to cover all of New South Wales?
- (3) Is it true that this service funds one clinical nurse consultant to cover all of New South Wales?

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- (4) Is it true that New South Wales has one-seventh fewer consultant paediatric rheumatologists as other states despite having around half the children in Australia with Juvenile Arthritis?
- (5) What action has been taken to implement the 2013 'Model of Care for the NSW Paediatric Rheumatology Network'?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to minimise permanent joint disability, sight-threatening eye inflammation and other life-threatening complications resulting from Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis?

Answer—

- (1) Yes
- (2) No
- (3) No

(4) Sydney Children's Hospitals Network is unable to verify the number of consultant paediatric rheumatologists in other states.

(5) A range of actions have been undertaken to implement the 2013 'Model of Care for the NSW Paediatric Rheumatology Network', including the development of agreed and appropriate pathways of care, and the development of an agreed suite of clinical outcomes data collection to benchmark activity and inform changes to model of care delivery.

(6) NSW Health is committed to equity and access for children with Juvenile idiopathic arthritis, in line with the Model of Care for the NSW Paediatric Rheumatology network, to provide the best care for children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

I am advised that NSW Health was represented on the Steering Committee for the National Strategic Action Plan for Arthritis, which includes a number of strategies aimed at improving the care of children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis.

*0869 GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What action has been taken on the Roads and Maritime Services project to maintain and repair Glebe Island Bridge which was expected to start in 2018, as referred to in LA Q4919?
- (2) What action has been taken on the Transport and Mobility Plan expected in 2016 referred to in LA Q2502?
- (3) What action has been taken to repair and maintain the bridge since March 2017?
- (4) When will the Government provide details about future options for the bridge for community comment?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to ensure reuse of the bridge for active transport?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) developed designs to undertake bridge fender maintenance work. The design did not receive approval from the NSW Heritage Council. TfNSW will work with the Heritage Council to develop a design that meets their requirements and the maintenance required.

(2) A cross-government project team has worked to consider opportunities for integrated planning of transport, land and water uses at Bays West, linked with the proposed Bays Station as part of Sydney Metro West.

(3) Mechanical, electrical and structural investigations have been undertaken in the past to assess maintenance needs. Measures have been implemented to contain any bridge fenders that have degraded and improve safety for waterway users. The frequency of visual inspections has also increased to monitor maintenance requirements of the bridge.

(4) and (5) As part of investigations for Bays West, the potential for possible future uses of Glebe Island Bridge is being considered. Future use options could include the provision of improved walking and cycling links and new public transport in the medium to longer term. Options development would be subject to community and stakeholder consultation.

*0870 CYCLIST SAFETY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is it true that, despite an overall reduction in road fatalities, bike rider fatality rates have remained static even though rates of riding have fallen and pedestrian fatality rates have started to rise?
- (2) What evaluation of the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-16 was carried out and what outcomes were determined?
- (3) What action plan has the Government implemented since 2016?

- (4) What further action has been taken to address heavy vehicle safety issues and better protect vulnerable road users since LA Q9629?
- (5) What assessment has the Government made of the "Dehumanization of cyclists predicts self-reported aggressive behaviour toward them" research published in Science Direct?
- (a) What strategies are being used to ensure that all road users treat bike riders as legitimate road users?
- (6) What approvals are required before the City of Sydney can implement the missing links from the CBD cycle network to provide safe separated cycle routes in the city?
- (a) What outcomes have been identified with respect to the identified performance measures?
- (7) What further plans does the Government have for improving cyclist safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available.

There have been significant reductions in the New South Wales road toll over the past four decades. After peaking at 1,384 in 1978, fatalities in New South Wales had fallen by almost 80 per cent in 2014 to 307, the lowest annual toll since 1923.

Similar trends have been experienced for other road user fatalities, including pedal cyclists. Pedal cyclist fatalities have remained low in recent years. Eight pedal cyclist were killed on New South Wales roads last year (provisional figure), the same number as in 2017 and three more than the result in 2016 (five). Notably, the 2016 result was the lowest since records began in 1935. Similarly, there was a long term decreasing trend in pedestrian fatalities until 2014 (with 41 fatalities), the lowest since records began in 1928. There have been pedestrian fatality increases in recent years, with 71 deaths recorded in 2016 and 67 in 2018 (provisional figure).

As at August 11 there have been 35 pedestrian fatalities in 2019. This is 11 fewer fatalities compared to the same period in 2018 (provisional data).

- (2) A review of the status of each action outlined in the Cycling Safety Action Plan 2014-16 has been undertaken. Of the 37 actions in the Plan, 34 are complete.

Bicycle rider trauma continues to be monitored annually as part of the annual statistical statements for road traffic crashes in New South Wales.

An evaluation of the Safer Roads Program is planned, including the cycling sub-program. However, five years of data is required to carry out this analysis.

- (3) The Road Safety Plan 2021 was launched in February 2018 to reset road safety priorities and to help work towards the State Priority target for reducing deaths and serious injuries on New South Wales roads.

- (4) New South Wales is contributing to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Review, which is considering safety for heavy vehicles and their interactions with other road users. Five papers have been released so far, with the remaining three due in August 2019.

- (5) Transport for NSW considers research evidence with robust methodologies in the development of policies. Transport for NSW has completed a preliminary review of the research on dehumanisation of bicycle riders published in Science Direct. The paper notes that the sample of people surveyed is "not representative" and the "findings should be viewed with caution as they may be over- or under-estimating the prevalence of dehumanizing beliefs among the population".

The Government promotes a 'share the road' culture. The Go Together campaign, which has been in place since 2016, encourages drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians to respect each other's space and ensure that everyone stays safe.

- (6) Transport for NSW is working with the City of Sydney to develop and deliver new cycleways on Chalmers, Castlereagh and King streets in Sydney CBD.

Further approvals will be required through the Local Pedestrian Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee, together with the Central Sydney Traffic and Transport Committee. A Review of Environmental Factors will also be required. This work will also consider the CBD and South East Light Rail project construction and testing underway, given the competing demands and limited kerbside space, along with the need to balance the transport network for all users.

- (a) The delivery of cycleway infrastructure needs to ensure that the road space for all users is considered, including cyclists, pedestrian, public transport, freight, servicing and vehicles.

- (7) The Government will continue to implement the priorities in the Road Safety Plan 2021 which will

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contribute to improving bicycle rider safety.

*0871 NEW SOUTH WALES NORTHERN BASIN OF THE MURRAY-DARLING SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the updating of meters in the New South Wales Northern Basin of the Murray-Darling system, what is the expected funding cost in total?
- (2) How much funding is committed by the Commonwealth Government?
 - (a) When does this funding become completely available?
- (3) How much funding is committed by the Government in each financial year from 2018-19 to 2020-21?
- (4) How much Commonwealth Government funding has been made available to fund cameras for the purpose of live monitoring of the river systems?
- (5) How many cameras have been installed as at 1 August 2019?
 - (a) Where are the cameras located?
 - (b) What plans are in place for additional cameras?

Answer—

I am advised:

Water users who are subject to New South Wales' non-urban metering rules will be responsible for buying, installing and maintaining compliant metering equipment. The costs will vary depending on a number of factors, including the size and location of the pump, and the condition of any existing metering equipment.

Details about Commonwealth programs are a matter for the Commonwealth Government.

The Government has not committed funding for the updating of meters in the New South Wales Northern Basin of the Murray-Darling system.

*0872 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES OFFICE IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When did the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) move to its current location at 266 King Street, Newcastle?
 - (a) What floor area does the RMS currently lease at this location?
 - (b) What was the monetary cost to fit-out the current location?
 - (c) When does the current lease expire?
 - (i) Is there an option to extend the current lease?
 - (i) What term is the extension for?

Answer—

I am advised:

All matters relating to the fit-out and lease of office spaces occupied by agencies within the Transport Cluster are done in accordance with the whole-of-government office accommodation policies administered by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

*0873 CLADDING ON GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS GOSFORD—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What is name of the cladding material that was removed from Gosford Hospital?
- (2) What is the composition of the cladding on the Government Finance building in Gosford?
- (3) What is the composition of the cladding on the Australian Taxation Office building in Gosford?
- (4) What other buildings on the Central Coast have been identified as having at-risk cladding?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*0874 SCHOOL BUS PASS APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN EAST LISMORE AND GOONELLABAH—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Why did Transport NSW refuse free school bus pass applications for families of school children living in East Lismore and Goonellabah, considering they have concerns about the safety of crossing the Bruxner Highway?

- (2) Will Transport NSW reconsider its assessments and respond to the safety concerns raised by these families and provide them with the much needed free school bus passes?

Answer—

I am advised:

The School Student Transport Scheme provides free travel to and from school for around half a million New South Wales students. The School Student Transport Scheme is one of the most generously subsidised travel schemes in Australia.

Families who have had a School Student Transport Scheme application rejected where there are concerns regarding pedestrian access constraints are welcome to request a review into their application.

Transport for NSW has a review process in place and the families concerned are encouraged to lodge a review request. Transport will assess each request for review on an individual basis including the availability of a safe walking route.

- *0875 JOINT ORGANISATIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the current \$300,000 seed funding considered sufficient for the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation of Councils and 12 other Joint Organisations across the state to operate effectively?
(2) Will additional funding be provided to cover ongoing administrative costs?

Answer—

Joint organisations are at different stages in their ability to identify opportunities for ongoing sustainability. In recognition of this and as a demonstration of commitment to the Joint Organisation model, the Government has made available an additional \$1.95 million (\$150,000 for each of the 13 Joint Organisations) to provide further one-off support. This funding has been allocated for the purpose of funding one or more projects in each Joint Organisation to build capabilities based on the circumstances of each region.

- *0876 NON-RECURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much non-recurrent infrastructure funding was spent in schools located in the Wollongong electorate in each year from 2015 to 2019 (to 1 August 2019)?
(a) Which schools were these improvements made at?
(b) What facility was constructed and/or replaced?
(2) Are there any works planned for Wollongong electorate schools in the 2018-19 financial year which have been delayed?
(a) Where are these located?
(b) When are they now expected to be completed?
(3) Are there any works planned for Wollongong electorate schools for the 2019-20 financial year?
(a) If so:
(i) Where are these located?
(ii) When are they scheduled for completion?

Answer—

(1) The following is a summary of the non-recurrent infrastructure spending in the Wollongong electorate undertaken by the Asset Management Unit. This is only a portion of the total maintenance spending at schools in the electorate.

2014-15

School	Project description
Berkeley West Public School	School master key system
Farmborough Road Public School	Upgrade school bell system
Five Islands Secondary College	Install dividing wall and new doorway
Illawarra Sports High School	Refurbish GLS for autism class
Kemblawarra Public School	Upgrade key locks

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Mount St Thomas Public School	Concertina wooden doors between classrooms
Mount St Thomas Public School	Upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater and drainage systems
Smiths Hill High School	Toilet upgrade
Towradgi Public School	Toilet renovation
Towradgi Public School	Supply and install security fencing
Warrawong High School	Upgrade metal work area
Warrawong High School	Convert change rooms into fitness centre
Warrawong High School	Construct an outdoor cafe
Warrawong High School	Conversion of teaching spaces for new autism classes
TOTAL	\$705,788

2015-16

School	Project description
Illawarra Sports High School	Roof replacement
Mount Kembla Public School	Bushfire protection
Smiths Hill High School	Electrical upgrade
Wollongong West Public School	Toilet upgrade
TOTAL	\$423,646

2016-17

School	Project description
Berkeley Public School	Electrical upgrade and installation of air conditioning
Berkeley West Public School	Install air conditioning
Berkeley West Public School	Install disabled access ramps and raise walkway roof
Five Islands Secondary College	External upgrade
Five Islands Secondary College	Science lab upgrades
Illawarra Sports High School	Office refurbishment
Illawarra Sports High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
Illawarra Sports High School	Install lift, disabled toilet/shower/change room facility
Lake Heights Public School	Upgrade facilities
Mount Kembla Public School	Replace playground equipment
Mount St Thomas Public School	Construct retaining wall
Warrawong High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
Warrawong High School	Install lift, bathroom upgrade, blister ramps & signage
Wollongong West Public School	Integration of facilities for disabled access
TOTAL	\$2,614,906

2017-18

School	Project description
Berkeley West Public School	Stage 2 - new ramp and door to Library
Cringila Public School	Canteen upgrade
Illawarra Sports High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
Illawarra Sports High School	School signage

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Illawarra Sports High School	Integration of room
Illawarra Sports High School	Security fence
Kemblawarra Public School	Electronic gates
Kemblawarra Public School	Electronic sign
Para Meadows School	COLA
Port Kembla Public School	Apply hi-vis coatings
Smiths Hill High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
Towradgi Public School	Supply and install soft fall base to concrete tunnel
Warrawong High School	Air conditioning to hall
Wollongong West Public School	Installation of bell & intercom system
TOTAL	\$597,951

2018-19

School	Project description
Berkeley Public School	Supply & Install AC units Block D - Adm in
Coniston Public School	Installation of artificial turf
Coniston Public School	Outdoor kitchen
Illawarra Sports High School	Provision and Upgrade of IA E-Stops
Illawarra Sports High School	Installation of bus shed
Illawarra Sports High School	Installation of 60kW solar PV system
Kemblawarra Public School	Footpath to basketball court and mobile stage ramp
Kemblawarra Public School	Preschool enhancement outdoor area
Mount St Thomas Public School	Toilet upgrade
Para Meadows School	Playground equipment & soft fall
Smiths Hill High School	Installation of 1 00kW solar PV system
Smiths Hill High School	Installation of solar panels
Smiths Hill High School	Upgrade of RCD protection
Towradgi Public School	Conversion of room to 2 GLS-Autism class 2019
Warrawong High School	Provision and Upgrade of IA E-Stops
Warrawong Public School	Canteen refurbishment - Breakfast Club
Windang Public School	Security fencing
TOTAL	\$787,528

(2) Yes. The Wollongong Public School upgrade has experienced delays due to unexpected site remediation works and archaeological preservation. The anticipated completion is mid-2020.

(3) Yes there are works planned for schools in the Wollongong electorate in the 2019-20 financial year. These works are due for completion in 2020 and located at:

- Berkeley Public School
- Illawarra Sports High School
- Mount St Thomas Public School
- Port Kembla Public School
- Primbee Public School
- Warrawong High School
- Warrawong Public School (due for completion 2019)

In addition to these, there are ongoing major works upgrades at Gwynneville Public School and Wollongong Public School.

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*0877 COVERED WALKWAYS AT RAILWAY STATIONS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many railway stations in New South Wales have lifts with covered walkways as at 1 August 2019?
- (2) How many railway stations do not have covered walkways as at 1 August 2019?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details about station upgrades, including facilities provided, are available on the Transport for NSW website.

*0878 SERVICE NSW ACCOUNTS IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many Service NSW accounts were there in the Wollongong electorate on the day before the My Community Project vote commenced?

Answer—

Customers who create a MyServiceNSW account are asked for their residential address, however the provision of these details is not mandatory. Many customers choose not to include their residential address.

It is therefore not possible to accurately determine how many MyServiceNSW accounts were active for people living in the Wollongong electorate on the day before the My Community Project vote commenced.

When MyServiceNSW account holders vote in the My Community Project their residential address is validated using the Medicare details that they are required to provide.

*0879 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES IN THE WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) As at 1 August 2019, how many Land and Housing Corporation properties in the Wollongong local government area are currently being considered for:
 - (a) Redevelopment
 - (b) Sale?

Answer—

(a) I am advised that information about new developments is available on the Land and Housing Corporation website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about/who%1ahc.

(b) I am advised that Land and Housing Corporation continually reviews the suitability of the properties it owns. Proceeds from the sale of assets are re-invested into the social housing system. Financial information on property disposals is contained in the Department of Communities and Justice Annual Report at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0880 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE COMPLETION RATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the completion rate for the Higher School Certificate for each public school located in the Wollongong electorate for each calendar year since 2010 (to 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

Making the completion rates of each of the public schools located in the Wollongong electorate publicly available would potentially contravene Section 18A subsection 4(a) of the Education Act (1990), which refers to the publication and comparison of school results.

*0881 TEACHERS AT MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that there have been approximately 700 classes without a teacher during the first six months of operation of Murrumbidgee Regional High School, by what date will there be sufficient teaching staff in order to provide a teacher for all classes?

- (2) Will the Government be supporting incentivisation of Griffith to four-point transfer status in order to attract more teachers to Griffith and address this shortage of teachers at Murrumbidgee Regional High School?

Answer—

- (1) When teachers are absent, every class is covered by a trained teacher either through built-in relief, a casual teacher or minimal supervision. This has been the practice for a number of years and is common across all schools. To address the shortages of casual teachers at Murrumbidgee Regional High School, five teachers are being recruited on two year temporary contracts to cover teacher absences across both sites.
- (2) The question of incentives will be considered as part of the Department of Education staffing review that will occur in 2020. This enables a procedurally fair and equitable approach to all schools and their teaching staff across New South Wales.

*0882 VEHICLE REGISTRATION CONCESSIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will consideration be given to providing vehicle registration concessions to holders of the Commonwealth Centrelink issued Low Income Health Care Card, akin to what is offered in Victoria?
- (a) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Registration concessions are available to more than 800,000 eligible pensioners and carers in New South Wales. To be eligible for a pensioner registration concession, customers must hold a Pensioner Concession card issued by the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The concession is available for a single vehicle registered in New South Wales in the name of the eligible pensioner.

As the Government already provides a range of generous registration concessions and rebates to help motorists with cost of living pressures, there is no proposal to expand the eligibility for vehicle registration concessions.

*0883 MAITLAND PALLIATIVE CARE PHYSICIAN NUMBERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many full-time equivalent palliative care physicians were employed by Hunter New England Health in Maitland in each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 31 July 2019)?

Answer—

Approximately one full-time equivalent palliative care physician has been employed at Maitland Hospital since 2011 to lead palliative care services. This physician is supported by a team including a Senior Resident Medical Officer, Nurse Unit Manager, Clinical Nurse Specialist and other nursing, social work, and administration staff.

The Calvary Mater Newcastle Palliative Care Service is also available for 24 hour support.

*0884 HOUSING NSW MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What training is provided to Housing NSW maintenance contractors to ensure compliance with asbestos management procedures and best practice?

Answer—

Land and Housing Corporation contractors are responsible for the control and decontamination of sites containing asbestos, and must comply with the requirements of WorkSafe New South Wales when they handle, remove, encapsulate and dispose of asbestos.

Information about asbestos management in public housing properties is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/policies/manage-asbestos-policy>.

If a tenant is concerned about asbestos or any other maintenance matter, they should immediately call the Maintenance Line on 1800 422 322, which is available 24 hours a day seven days a week, all year round.

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*0885 EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE AND CONDUCT DIRECTORATE REVIEW—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will the review of the Employee Performance and Conduct (EPAC) Directorate within the Department of Education be made public?
(a) If so, when will this occur?

Answer—

Yes.

The report is available on the Department of Education's website.

*0886 THE ENTRANCE CROWN LAND SALES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the designation, address and location of all Crown land in The Entrance electorate?
(a) Which Crown land is managed by Central Coast Council?
(b) Which Crown land is managed by a Crown land trust?
(c) Which Crown land is held under a lease?
(i) Which party holds the lease?
(ii) What is the purpose of the grant?

Answer—

I am advised:

A table of the relevant Crown land, its purpose, address and tenure details will be made available directly to the Member for The Entrance, and is summarised below.

As at 12 August 2019, in The Entrance state electoral district:

(1) There are 75 Crown reserves, and about 2500 hectares of Crown waterway, 73 hectares of Crown road, 13 hectares of Crown land with no property identification and three hectares of Crown land granted following Aboriginal land claim pending transfer.

(a) Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 Central Coast Council is the appointed Crown land manager of 37 reserves. In addition, nine reserves devolve to Council under section 48 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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 councils, Crown roads or Crown waterways).

(b) In addition to Council managed Crown land, there are seven appointed corporate Crown land managers and one appointed statutory land manager.

Further, 23 Crown reserves default to the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016.

(c) There are 12 leases over Crown land.

(i) and (ii) – Refer to the table which will be provided to Member for The Entrance.

*0887 THE ENTRANCE ELECTORATE GOVERNMENT LAND—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government entities and departments own land in The Entrance electorate?
(2) What is the location of this land, including the lot number and street address?
(a) What is the size of each parcel of land?
(b) Is there a publicly available map showing this land?

Answer—

I am advised by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

(1) The following Government clusters and agencies own land within The Entrance electorate:

Customer Service	Department of Finance, Services and Innovation
Education	Department of Education
Education	University of Newcastle

Health	Ministry of Health
Planning, Industry and Environment	Aboriginal Housing Office
Planning, Industry and Environment	Department of Industry
Planning, Industry and Environment	Department of Planning and Environment
Planning, Industry and Environment	NSW Land and Housing Corporation
Planning, Industry and Environment	Primary Industries (Crown Land)
Stronger Communities	Ageing, Disability and Home Care
Stronger Communities	Fire and Rescue NSW
Stronger Communities	NSW Police Force
Transport	Rail Corporation New South Wales
Transport	Roads and Maritime Services
Transport	Transport for NSW
Treasury	Ministerial Holding Corporation

(2) That there may be overriding privacy, Government policy and other concerns that would need to be investigated before this information was provide and published.

*0888 PROPERTY NSW LAND SALES—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many parcels of land controlled by Property NSW have been sold over the last four years (as at 1 August 2019)?

(a) What land is currently for sale (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 1 August 2019, 237 lots sold over the last four-year period.

(a) As at 1 August 2019, the following properties were on the market:

- (i) 38-40 Ridge Street, Nambucca Heads;
- (ii) 45 Young Street, Holbrook;
- (iii) 14B Wallace Street, Holbrook;
- (iv) 14 Bardwell Street, Holbrook.

*0889 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT IDENTIFICATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Why are residents of New South Wales required to use a Medicare number to confirm their identification to vote for My Community Project rather than a New South Wales drivers licence or proof of age card?

Answer—

This question is more appropriately directed to the Treasurer as the Treasurer is responsible for this information

*0890 POLICE FORCE YOUTH OFFICERS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What is the number and Local Area Command location of specialist youth officers in the NSW Police Force?

(2) What is the number and Local Area Command location of vacancies for specialist youth officers in the NSW Police Force?

(3) What is the number and Local Area Command location of youth liaison officers in the NSW Police Force?

(4) What is the number and Local Area Command location of vacancies for youth liaison officers in the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Information on the NSW Police Force Youth Command is available at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

*0891 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS BORDER TOWNS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) How does the Office of Sport manage Active Kids Vouchers in border towns which share sporting facilities, such as Mulwala and Yarrowonga?
- (2) Are measures in place to ensure residents of New South Wales, particularly in rural and remote areas, are able to use Active Kids vouchers at their nearest facility?

Answer—

(1) The Government analyses service provision across New South Wales on an ongoing basis to ensure that sufficient activities are available for all New South Wales children wanting to use Active Kids vouchers. This includes meeting with local Government organisations in border regions, including the Riverina, to increase opportunities for child participation through a diverse provider network.

(2) A number of measures are in place to ensure children in rural and regional New South Wales can participate in Active Kids' programs. Active Kids targets areas of social disadvantage, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, isolated rural and remote communities, and indigenous communities to increase access to the program and participation.

The Office of Sport is working with partner agencies, such as NSW Education and Non-Government Organisations, in these communities to redress identified social inequity.

*0892 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS APPROVALS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) In relation to the new pedestrian crossings which have met the stipulated warrant requirement for approval since 1 January 2011 (to 1 August 2019), how many of these were in:
 - (a) City locations;
 - (b) Regional locations;
 - (c) Rural locations?
- (2) In relation to pedestrian crossings which have been requested but did not meet the stipulated warrant requirement for approval since 1 January 2011 (to 1 August 2019), how many of these were in:
 - (a) City locations;
 - (b) Regional locations;
 - (c) Rural locations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is not responsible for non-signalised pedestrian crossings which, with few exceptions, are on local roads and the responsibility of local government.

While warrants are an important consideration, the identification of the most appropriate pedestrian crossing facility should take into account a range of additional factors. These include adjacent land use and desire lines, vehicle speeds, sight lines, stopping distances, traffic lanes and traffic volume.

*0893 PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR TOLL NOTICES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What payment options are available for drivers who infrequently use toll roads to pay tolls when they do not have either a credit or debit card?
- (2) What payment options are available for those drivers who are not in reasonable proximity of a Service NSW Centre?
- (3) When was the paying by cheque option withdrawn?
- (4) Considering the administration fee of \$10 charged for each Toll Notice issued if the driver does not have a valid electronic tolling account, what is the actual cost to the issuer for each Toll Notice issued?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) This information is publicly available.
- (3) 2018.

(4) There are a number of costs associated with administration fees such as the cost of viewing the images of the vehicle (higher if the image has to be reviewed manually), and the costs associated with processing payments, and answering telephone or e-mail queries. To avoid paying an administration fee, arrangements should be made to pay within three days of any trip on a toll road.

*0894 NATURAL RESOURCES ACCESS REGULATOR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) commenced operation on 30 April 2018, how many field officers were employed by 30 June 2019 of the expected over 100 officers?
- (2) How many field officers are employed on a:
 - (a) Full-time basis?
 - (b) Part-time basis?
- (3) What is the full-time equivalent (FTE) of all field officers employed?
- (4) How much funding has been provided to NRAR for the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) At 30 June 2019 the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) employed 142 total staff including 95 field officers.
- (2) Of the 95 field officers employed at 30 June 2019:
 - (a) 83 full time employees
 - (b) Four part-time employees
 - (c) Eight casual employees.
- (3) The full-time equivalent (FTE) of the full time and part time field officers as at 30 June 2019 was 86.1. This does not include the casual employees who work variable hours.
- (4) Based on initial budget allocation, NRAR is expected to receive \$24.76 million in funding during 2019-20.

*0895 WILCANNIA WEIR—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In relation to the new weir announced for Wilcannia and funded by both State and Commonwealth funding:
 - (a) Has the community consultation for the location been finalised?
 - (b) Has the location been decided on?
 - (c) When is construction expected to:
 - (i) Commence;
 - (ii) Be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) Over the next six months WaterNSW is working on the planning approvals and environmental assessments that are important to ensure the weir best meets the needs of the community and the environment. Throughout the project, WaterNSW will partner with the community to provide updates and opportunities for feedback.
- (b) The preferred option for the new weir is about 5.2 kilometres downstream of the existing weir. This option was confirmed after extensive technical investigations, community discussions, consideration of Indigenous social, cultural and spiritual concerns, stakeholder workshops and drop-in session.
- (c) Construction is due to commence by July 2020 and be completed by December 2020.

*0896 INTRODUCTION OF A CLASS LICENCES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) When were A Class Licences introduced?
- (2) What was the total volume of water extraction allowed for the quantum of A Class Licences:
 - (a) Before 2012 Water Sharing Plan;
 - (b) After 2012 Water Sharing Plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A Class Licences were introduced when the water sharing plan for the Barwon-Darling was gazetted on 4 October 2012.

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(2) A-Class licenses did not exist prior to the 2012 Water Sharing Plan. The average annual take over the long term by A Class licence holders would be 9,856 megalitres per year.

*0897 ENVIRONMENTAL WATER HOLDINGS ALONG THE MURRAY-DARLING RIVER SYSTEM—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many gigalitres of Environmental water holdings along the Murray-Darling River system were sold in each year from 2013 to 2018?
 - (a) For each sale, what was the average price realised?
- (2) How many gigalitres of Environmental water holdings along the Murray-Darling River system were purchased in each year from 2013 to 2018?
 - (a) For each purchase, what was the average price realised?

Answer—

In the period 2012-13 to 2018-19, the former Office of Environment and Heritage, now Department of Planning, Industry and Environment did not sell or purchase any environmental water holdings (licences).

However, the former Office of Environment and Heritage, now Department of Planning, Industry and Environment sold and purchased some allocations as outlined in table 1 in Appendix A.

*0898 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN WENTWORTH SHIRE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What is the Government doing to address the educational infrastructure needs of the students of Wentworth Shire to ensure they do not need to travel interstate in order to receive an education?
- (2) On what date can residents of Wentworth Shire expect their New South Wales public school facilities to be adequate to cater for the needs of the Shire's students?

Answer—

Wentworth Shire has substantial surplus teaching spaces in its schools beyond current enrolment demand.

*0899 MAITLAND POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many times was each fire station in the electorate of Maitland taken off-line during each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (as at 1 August 2019)?
 - (a) On what dates did this occur for each station?
 - (b) For how long was the duration of these events for each station?
 - (c) How was taking the Maitland Station offline authorised under the In Orders from 17 October 2008?
- (2) How many call-outs were undertaken by each fire station in the electorate of Maitland during each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (as at 1 August 2019)?
- (3) What was the response time for each fire station in the electorate of Maitland during each financial year from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (as at 1 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised information about Maitland Local Government Area operational performance is available in the Fire and Rescue NSW Annual Report, available at www.fire.nsw.gov.au.

*0900 ACCREDITED CERTIFIERS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many Accredited Certifiers were registered in each year from 2012 to 2018?
 - (a) Of the Accredited Certifiers registered in (1), how many were new registrations?
- (2) How many complaints were received whereby an Accredited Certifier was reprimanded and/or fined in each year from 2012 to 2018?
- (3) How many had their registration cancelled (not expired) in each year from 2012 to 2018?
- (4) How many complainants were successful in suing an Accredited Certifier for proven and upheld complaints for certifying poor/shoddy/inferior construction in each year from 2012 to 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*0901 HIGH INTENSITY CONTAINER TERMINAL AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What impact would a high intensity container terminal at the Port of Newcastle have on trade for New South Wales?
- (2) Would a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle have benefits for Regional New South Wales?
- (3) Is the Deputy Premier aware that the New South Wales National Party Conference supports a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
- (4) Do you support removing obstacles facing the Newcastle Container Terminal Expansion Plans, including the cap on the number of containers and the State Government fee payable on container exports?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Current arrangements - which do not prohibit the development of a container terminal and allow for the growth of container volumes through Newcastle - are delivering benefits for the region.

(4) This is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*0902 REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION STAFF AT THE NEWCASTLE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many registration and accreditation staff worked at the Newcastle Department of Education office in each year from 2014 to 2019 (as at 1 August 2019)?
- (2) Have there been any job losses in the Newcastle Department of Education office as at 1 August 2019?
- (3) How many registration and accreditation staff at the Newcastle Department of Education office have lost their jobs in each year from 2014 to 2019 (as at 1 August 2019)?
 - (a) Will there be any further reduction in jobs at the Newcastle Department of Education office?
- (4) Will the reduction of jobs impact on the ability of the Department to ensure registration and accreditation compliance in schools?

Answer—

(1), (3) and (4) I am advised that the Department of Education does not have a classification of 'registration and accreditation' staff.

(2) From 1 January 2014 to 1 August 2019, there have not been any job losses at the Department of Education's School Services Directorate, Newcastle Office, previously referred to as the Newcastle District Office.

*0903 TRAIN SERVICES LIVERPOOL VIA REGENTS PARK—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government be reinstating the Liverpool via Regents Park service during the construction of the Sydenham to Bankstown metro?
 - (a) If so, will the Government continue this service following the construction of the Sydenham to Bankstown metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Planning is still underway for services during the construction of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro. Once finalised, plans will be communicated to ensure customers have plenty of time to plan ahead.
 - (a) I refer you to my previous response, LA 0964.

*0904 MAITLAND ELECTORATE RETURN AND EARN—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How much money was paid in the 2018-19 financial year for the Return and Earn Reverse Vending Machines (RVM) in the Maitland electorate at:
 - (a) Return and Earn RVM located at BP Thornton;
 - (b) Return and Earn RVM located at Coles Rutherford;
 - (c) Return and Earn RVM located at Woolworths Aberglasslyn;
 - (d) Return and Earn RVM located at Home Consortium Rutherford?
- (2) What is the 2018-19 financial year result for the Return and Earn Donation Machine at Service NSW,

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East Maitland for eligible bottles returned and payments redeemed for donation?

- (a) Have the recyclable drink containers all been recycled?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) (a) BP Thornton: 5,483,748 containers have been returned and a total of \$548,374.80 has been paid out in either cash or donations.
- (b) Coles Rutherford: 3,494,483 containers have been returned and a total of \$349,448.30 has been paid out in either cash or donations.
- (c) Woolworths Aberglasslyn: 4,599,090 containers have been returned and a total of \$459,909.00 has been paid out in either cash or donations.
- (d) Home Consortium Rutherford: 5,527,685 containers have been returned and a total of \$552,768.50 has been paid out in either cash or donations.
- (2) A reported 3,923 containers and \$392.30 of payments were redeemed for donation.
- (a) The Network Operator is obligated to ensure all eligible drink containers are recycled including the 3,923 containers from the Service NSW donation station.

*0906 TOURISM STRATEGIES NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the total number of tourism businesses in New South Wales for each financial year from 2011-2012 to 2018-19 disaggregated by electorate?
- (2) What plans are there to increase tourist numbers across New South Wales?
- (3) What tourism strategies does the Government presently have in place to promote tourism across New South Wales disaggregated by electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Tourism Research Australia does not provide electorate level data for tourism businesses.
- (2) In August 2018, the NSW Government released its revised tourism blueprint, the Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan 2030, which set bold new Statewide and regional targets to:
 - (a) More than triple 2009 overnight visitor expenditure to 2030, aiming to achieve \$45 billion by 2025 and \$55 billion by 2030;
 - (b) Double overnight regional visitor expenditure and achieve \$20 billion by 2025 and \$25 billion by 2030.
- (3) Refer to answer provided for question 2.

Destination NSW promotes destinations and regions as part of whole-of-state and whole-of-Sydney marketing campaigns. A number of funds and cooperative marketing opportunities are available for tourism operators across the State. For further information, please visit destinationnsw.com.au.

*0907 TOURISM DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) What was the total number of domestic overnight visitors in New South Wales, disaggregated by electorate, in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?
- (2) What was the total number of international overnight visitors in New South Wales, disaggregated by electorate, in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?
- (3) What is the average investment made by an overnight domestic traveller in New South Wales, disaggregated by electorate?
- (4) What is the average investment made by an international traveller in New South Wales, disaggregated by electorate?

Answer—

- (1) Tourism Research Australia does not provide domestic overnight visitation data for NSW at electorate level.
- (2) Tourism Research Australia does not provide electorate level data for international overnight visitation.
- (3) Tourism Research Australia does not provide electorate level data for domestic overnight expenditure.
- (4) Tourism Research Australia does not provide electorate level data for international overnight

expenditure.

*0908 ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) What progress has been made on the proposed upgrade of the Ashtonfield Public School first announced in the 2018-19 NSW Budget?
- (2) What is the status of the:
 - (a) planning stage;
 - (b) scope of works?
- (3) When will a development application (DA) be lodged with Maitland City Council for the project?
- (4) Will the DA include a traffic management plan, considering the history of parking problems in residential streets surrounding the school?
- (5) What is the construction timetable for the:
 - (a) commencement of building work;
 - (b) forecast completion date?

Answer—

- (1) Planning on the upgrade of Ashtonfield Public School is underway.
- (2) (a) Schematic designs for the upgrade project are in the final stages of development.
(b) It is proposed that the project will deliver new permanent innovative and flexible learning spaces for 11 classes and an upgrade to core facilities, including extensions to the administration, library, hall and canteen.
- (3) A DA was lodged with Maitland City Council on 2 July 2019.
- (4) A traffic report has been included as part of the DA.
- (5) It is anticipated that construction will commence in late 2019 and be completed in early 2021.

*0909 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MAITLAND OFFICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the manager-to-caseworker ratio in child protection at the Maitland Family and Community Services office for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?
- (2) What was the manager-to-caseworker ratio in out-of-home care at the Maitland Family and Community Services office for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?
- (3) What is the ratio of caseworker support officers to administration staff at the Maitland Family and Community Services office for each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that no jobs in the Family and Community Services Maitland office will be lost during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice does not apply fixed ratios of caseworkers and casework support workers to managers.

Casework support workers work alongside caseworkers and are not administrative staff.

The Hunter Central Coast District confirms there will be no reduction in funded full time equivalent (FTE) position numbers within Maitland CSC in 2019-20.

Information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Department of Communities and Justice website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>

*0910 MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) What work was completed by Roads and Maritime Services in the five weeks from 2 June 2019 at the Maitland Railway Roundabout on the New England Highway at Church Street and Cessnock Road?
- (2) Why is the traffic light to regulate eastbound traffic approaching the roundabout not yet operational?
 - (a) When will this traffic light begin operating?
- (3) What is the status of work on the traffic detector for westbound traffic approaching the roundabout?
 - (a) When will the traffic detector begin operating?
- (4) What is the current forecast completion date for the stage one upgrade of the Maitland Railway

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Roundabout?

Answer—

(1) and (2) Work on the installation of traffic signals began in June 2019. The electricity connection was delayed, so Transport for NSW transferred its resources to other projects. Electricity was connected on 28 July 2019. Transport for NSW will return to the site later this month and have the signals operating in September 2019 (weather permitting).

(3) The traffic detectors will be installed later this month. The traffic detectors will become operational at the same time as the traffic lights.

(4) Road widening work will start in September 2019. It is scheduled for completion in November 2019 (weather permitting).

*0911 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL TRACKS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the Newcastle Light Rail tracks at the intersection of Scott and Pacific Streets, Newcastle has been the site of many accidents in recent months, what action has been taken to address these safety issues (as at 1 August 2019)?

(2) Further to my correspondence of 12 July 2019 regarding this matter, will the Minister convene a group of experts and key stakeholders, including representatives from the cycling community, to assess this section of track and identify enhancement that can be made to improve safety at this location for all users?

(3) Have rubber track inserts been considered as a possible solution to these issues?

(4) Will the Minister work with Newcastle City Council to prioritise the deliver of cycleway infrastructure in the Newcastle CBD?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) Transport for NSW is conducting a review of road safety on the Newcastle Light Rail network. The review focuses on cyclist interaction within the mixed running alignment (where the light rail runs along a normal road environment) between Newcomen Street and Pacific Street.

As part of the review, an independent road safety audit was commissioned to assess the risk along the mixed running alignment. The audit was led by a qualified road safety auditor with extensive experience in light rail systems, and the audit team included the local Newcastle Cycleways President as an independent specialist advisor.

An on-site investigation and walkthrough was held on 19 July 2019. Stakeholders involved in the walkthrough included Transport for NSW, Newcastle City Council, NSW Police, and transport group Keolis Downer. During the walkthrough the group discussed road safety risks to cyclists, previous crashes, and potential solutions that can be implemented to reduce the risk.

(3) A study was conducted in the United States of America into cyclist interactions with street car systems, which are considered similar to light rail and tram networks elsewhere in the world. The report refers to rubber inserts (flange filler material) used for heavy rail and its ability to reduce the risk of a cyclist wheel falling into the gap. However, the report further states that extensive experiments in Switzerland indicate that flange filler is not appropriate for light rail tracks due to the frequency of trams. Separate analysis conducted by Transport for NSW's Assets Standards Authority also supports this finding. The safety review will consider a range of solutions.

(4) Cycling infrastructure in the Newcastle CBD is a matter for the City of Newcastle Council. Transport for NSW will assist Council where possible and encourage Council to submit nominations through the Active Transport Program for consideration of future funding.

*0912 MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL PARK—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) How many threatened species are found in the Murray Valley National Park as at 1 August 2019?

(2) Is the Minister aware that the Deputy Premier wants logging to be permitted in the Murray Valley National Park?

(3) Will the Minister rule out logging in the Murray Valley National Park?

(4) Will the Murray Valley National Park remain a National Park?

Answer—

(1) 47.

- (2) I am aware of the Deputy Premier's public comments regarding an ecological thinning trial in that National Park (this ecological thinning trial was recommended by the Natural Resources Commission in 2009 and endorsed by the Hon. Frank Sartor MP in his second reading speech of the National Park Estate (Riverina Red Gum Reservations) Bill 2010).
- (3) I do not support commercial logging in any national park.
- (4) Yes.

*0913 ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME COMPLAINTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many complaints has Transport for NSW received from those involved in the taxi industry over the administration of the Additional Assistance Payment Scheme (AAPS) as at 1 August 2019?
- (2) What is the total number of complaints, in each electorate, received by Transport for NSW as at 1 August 2019?
- (3) Why did the correspondence to unsuccessful applicants under the AAPS not indicate the specific reasons for ineligibility?
- (4) What is the reason or reasons for the inability to seek a review of decisions made under the AAPS?
- (5) What communication strategy and plan did Transport for NSW use to advertise the AAPS?
- (6) Has Transport for NSW determined that this communication strategy was successful?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, why are there large numbers of stakeholders in the taxi industry claiming they were unaware of the AAPS existence?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As at 1 August 2019, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has received 26 requests for additional information and 151 enquiries related to a review of a determination of the Additional Assistance Payment Scheme (AAPS).

(2) Transport for NSW (TfNSW) does not collect this information.

(3) Determinations under the AAPS were made after careful consideration of the information provided in each application, the particular circumstances of the applicant and any other relevant evidence or information received. Determinations also took into account any relevant criteria recommended by the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industry Assistance Panel (the Panel). As a result, each determination under the AAPS was unique to the particular circumstances of, and information provided by, the applicant. Applicants were advised that they could contact the AAPS hotline if they had any further queries.

(4) Applicants with queries regarding their determination, the application process and/or assessment of their information against the criteria are encouraged to contact 1300 639 074.

(5) TfNSW wrote to all holders of ordinary NSW taxi licences in early July 2018 to advise them that the AAPS was open to applications and to invite them to apply. On 3 July 2018, TfNSW issued a media release to advise that the scheme was now open. Also on 3 July 2018, TfNSW published a notice in the NSW Government Gazette to advise that the application period for the AAPS would be open from 2 July 2018 to 1 October 2018.

At this time, TfNSW updated its website to include detailed information about the AAPS including facts sheets providing guidance on how to apply. The Industry Assistance Contact Centre was established to provide applicants with assistance in the preparation and submission of their applications. TfNSW also engaged Business Connect to provide assistance to persons seeking to submit an application for AAPS.

(6) TfNSW received 1,258 applications for the AAPS. This is considered to be a significant number and evidence that the manner in which the AAPS was promoted and advertised was successful.

TfNSW is not aware of large numbers of persons claiming they were unaware of the existence of the AAPS.

*0914 HANNAH CABINET ELECTION COMMITMENT—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Considering your commitment made at the Lismore Regional Art Gallery on the 5 February 2019, when will the \$250,000 grant towards purchasing the iconic Hannah Cabinet, to become part of the Lismore Regional Gallery's permanent collection, be fulfilled?

Answer—

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Correspondence has been sent to Lismore City Council to finalise this matter.

*0915 REGIONAL RAIL FLEET PROJECT—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will sleeper car class still be available as a premium service to passengers when NSW Trainlink's existing XPTs are replaced by the new European-designed Civity trains as part of the New South Wales regional train fleet from 2023?
- (2) Will you publicly release Growth from Knowledge's full market research paper for the Regional Rail Fleet Project based on eight focus groups and an online survey of 860 people across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory?

Answer—

I am advised:

TfNSW commissioned market research with existing and potential customers of regional services to understand what on-board features are important to customers.

The research involved a mix of qualitative and quantitative research, including eight focus groups and an online survey of 860 people across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

This research showed that if the fleet's first class features improved there would be less demand for sleeper carriages and as such, the new Regional Rail fleet will not feature sleeper cars.

The new fleet's premium class offers considerable improvements over the current first class. The shift from current two-plus-two to a two-plus-one seating configuration will allow for significantly wider, more spacious seating and would see the greatest patronage on both six and 11 hour journeys.

The design of the new trains provides the best combination of value for money, proven contemporary train design and faster delivery of new trains into service.

There are no plans to publicly release the full customer research paper for the Regional Rail Fleet Project.

*0916 DISTRIBUTION SNOWY HYDRO RIVER FUNDS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How will the Snowy Hydro River Panel representatives ensure a needs based equitable distribution of funds to Local Government Areas?
 - (a) How will that process be determined?

Answer—

A fact sheet on the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund is available online.

*0917 BANKSTOWN TAFE LOCATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the Bankstown TAFE will remain at its current location?
 - (a) Is the Minister aware of or has he participated in any discussion regarding the site of the Bankstown TAFE being considered as a potential site for the new Bankstown hospital?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW has no current plans to divest the Bankstown TAFE site.

*0918 BANKSTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the status of the upgrades to Bankstown North Public School which were funded in the 2018-19 NSW Budget?

Answer—

The upgrade to Bankstown North Public School is currently in the design stage.

*0919 BIRRONG HIGH SCHOOLS UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What is the status of the upgrades to Birrong Boys and Girls High Schools which were funded in the NSW Budget 2018-19?

Answer—

The upgrades to Birrong Boys High School and Birrong Girls High School have been prioritised and are

in the early planning stages.

The Department of Education's School Infrastructure NSW is exploring options to expand both schools to provide additional permanent teaching spaces and core facilities to meet enrolment growth.

*0920 YAGOONA TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the time frame for upgrades to Yagoona train station funded in the NSW Budget 2019-20?
- (2) What are the exact works at Yagoona train station which are funded in the NSW Budget 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the accessibility upgrade of Yagoona Station is underway. A commencement date for the works will be determined after the planning and community consultation have been completed, approvals obtained and a contractor selected.

*0921 TEMPORARY TRANSPORT SERVICE PLAN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Can the Minister advise when the Temporary Transport Service Plan, which will detail the alternative transport routes during the Sydenham to Bankstown possession periods, will be released?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently finalising the temporary service plan.

Once the plan is finalised, Transport for NSW will advise the community of the temporary services and routes. Customers will be given plenty of advance notice.

*0922 BIRRONG TRAIN STATION UPGRADE CONSULTATIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What consultations will be conducted with residents in relation to the upgrades to Birrong train station which are funded in the NSW Budget 2019-20, in particular with respect to parking and alternative travel routes during renovations?

Answer—

I am advised:

The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback after the initial concept design has been finalised and the planning documents placed on public display.

The public will be given regular updates about what to expect during construction, including information about any temporary changes to parking and access routes.

*0923 BIRRONG TRAIN STATION UPGRADE TIME FRAME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the time frame for the upgrades to Birrong train station which are funded in the NSW Budget 2019-20?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is underway for accessibility upgrades at Birrong Station.

A construction schedule will be developed once planning approval has been received and a construction contractor appointed.

*0924 RACISM, XENOPHOBIA AND DISCRIMINATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Considering increasing community reports about racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia and ethnic-based discrimination, what assessment has the Government made of trends in associated violence, threats, abuse and property damage?
- (2) What action has the Government taken in response to current trends?
- (3) What further action does the Government plan to take to prevent and address racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia and ethnic-based discrimination?

Answer—

New South Wales sets an example for the rest of the world as a peaceful and harmonious multicultural society. A clear majority of Australians support multiculturalism and recognise the benefits that cultural diversity brings to our way of life.

But we cannot take our social cohesion for granted. Community harmony takes commitment. It takes a concerted effort from all sections of our society.

This Government has implemented a raft of measures addressing these issues across the spectrum of criminal, civil and social concerns.

Crimes Amendment (Publicly Threatening and Inciting Violence) Act 2018

- Responding to community concerns, this Government introduced the Crimes Amendment (Publicly Threatening and Inciting Violence) Act 2018, which creates a new criminal offence of threatening or inciting violence on the ground of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or intersex or HIV/AIDS status.
- The new law supports and complements existing civil provisions under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, while replacing previous provisions for serious vilification with the tough new criminal offence focussed on public safety.
- The Anti-Discrimination Board continues to investigate vilification that does not include threats or incitement to harm people or property, while the NSW Police Force will now deal with allegations involving public threats of or incitement to violence.

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- These criminal and civil measures are further supported by a range of proactive social programs being delivered by New South Wales agencies and reported to Parliament each year by my agency, Multicultural NSW, in its annual Community Relations Report.

New South Wales Community Resilience and Response Plan (COMPLAN)

- The Government further delivers a range of proactive programs that aim to safeguard social cohesion and community harmony.
- The New South Wales Community Resilience and Response Plan (COMPLAN) draws together agency capabilities and details a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to preventing and managing risks to community harmony identified by agencies through any of their community engagement activities and social cohesion programs.
- Since it first came together in early 2018, the COMPLAN Committee identified and will continue to monitor developments that pose a risk to community harmony, including far-right wing extremist activities, anti-Islamic and anti-Semitic sentiment, and local community tensions arising from conflicts or political turmoil overseas.

Community Partnership Action (COMPACT) Program

- The Government is also delivering the flagship \$9.2 million Community Partnership Action (COMPACT) program. COMPACT aims to inspire and empower young people to stand up and stand united as champions for community harmony against the divisive forces of hate, fear and violence.
- Since 2016, the COMPACT Program has supported 24 youth engagement projects involving close to 60 partner organisations.
- COMPACT engaged over 20,000 young people and over 130 schools in its first two years (2016-18), inspiring a new generation of community leaders, critical thinkers and champions for community harmony.

*0925 LIGHT RAIL OVERCROWDING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How has patronage on the Central Station to Dulwich Hill light rail increased since it began operating?
- (2) What is the trend in complaints about this service?
- (3) Is it true that the majority of complaints are about overcrowding and passengers unable to travel due to carriages being at capacity?
- (4) What action has the Government taken to increase service levels to meet need?
- (5) What measures have been used to improve access during peak travel periods?
- (6) What measures have been used to ensure access for short distance travellers between Wentworth Park and Central?
- (7) What action has the Government taken to increase the number of light rail vehicles servicing this route?
 - (a) When will they be operating?

- (8) What further action will the Government take to increase services and access to light rail travel on this route?
(a) When will these be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Patronage increased from 3.9 million journeys in 2013-14 to 10.3 million in 2017-18. The line was extended from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill in March 2014.
- (2) Complaints increased from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and then decreased in 2018-19.
- (3) No
- (4) and (5) 220 services per week have been added since 2016, principally in peak periods. On 6 August 2018, morning peak period services began operating one hour earlier, from 7.00am. Evening peak period services were extended by an hour, to finish at 7.00pm.
- (6) Short trips are not provided for in the Sydney Light Rail Project Deed.
- (7) Consideration is being given to procuring up to four additional light rail vehicles. They could be obtained within 24 months, subject to availability.
- (8) Future Transport 2056, the Government's vision for transport across New South Wales, provides strategic direction on public transport improvements. Future Transport identifies Inner West Light Rail as a key city-serving corridor. The city-serving transport network provides high-frequency services to higher-density areas within 10 kilometres of metropolitan centres.

*0926 CASINO ALLEGATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Considering the allegations of criminal gang links, money laundering, sex trafficking and visa schemes connected with Crown Casio:
(a) What liaison has the Government carried out with Commonwealth Government agencies on these matters?
(b) What investigation and review of licensing conditions and links with criminal gangs has the Government carried out or initiated to date?
(c) What probity investigation will the Government carry out on casino licence holders?
(d) What measures does the Government use to prevent undue influence from gaming industry interests?
- (2) What action will the Government take to ensure New South Wales casinos operate ethically and within the law?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to increase oversight and strengthen probity requirements for casinos in New South Wales?

Answer—

(1) Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) works with law enforcement agencies and has ongoing engagement with AUSTRAC and police as co-regulators at strategic, operational and policy levels to ensure that New South Wales casinos remain free of criminal influence and exploitation, including junket operations. This engagement supports L&GNSW's ongoing oversight of casino operations through the comprehensive casino regulatory framework.

On 8 August 2019, the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority announced that it will be conducting an inquiry under section 143 of the Casino Control Act 1992 (the Act) into ongoing suitability issues relating to recent media reports about allegations of misconduct at Crown Melbourne.

The Authority has appointed the Honourable Patricia Bergin SC to conduct the inquiry. Ms Naomi Sharp SC and Mr Scott Aspinall will be appointed as counsel assisting the inquiry.

The inquiry will also consider the proposed sale of shares in Crown Resorts from James Packer's CPH Crown Holdings Pty Limited to Lawrence Ho's Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited.

The Terms of Reference and a timetable for public submissions will be published by the Authority shortly and announcements will be made later regarding the processes of the inquiry, including how submissions can be made.

- (2) The Government has put in place a comprehensive set of controls to ensure that casino operations:
- remain free from criminal influence and exploitation
 - continue to be conducted honestly, and

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- are run in a way that contains and controls the potential for a casino to cause harm to the public interest, and to individuals and families.

This controls include the Casino Control Act 1992, the Casino Control Regulation 2010 (with the Casino Control Regulation 2019 due to commence from 1 September), a set of internal controls for each casino operator that need to be approved by the Authority, and the use of disciplinary actions where required.

(3) The Government will consider any findings made by the Authority following its inquiry.

*0927 FIREARMS PERMITS WAIT TIMES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Are permits to acquire firearms currently taking longer than the mandated period to approve?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised there is no 'mandated period to approve' a permit to acquire.

*0928 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Considering funding for Jenny's Place will expire in September, will the Minister urgently step in and provide funding to ensure this vital service does not close?
 - (a) If so, what action has been undertaken to ensure that Jenny's Place Domestic Violence Resource Centre, which provides a valuable front line service in the Newcastle electorate helping women and children who are experiencing domestic violence, does not close?
- (2) How much of the \$390 million the Government says it is spending on domestic violence programs over 4 years will be spent on:
 - (a) Jenny's Place;
 - (b) Newcastle services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The additional funding for Jenny's Place that expires in September was not provided by the Government but contributed by a philanthropic source.

Since 2016, Jenny's Place has received almost \$4 million through the Specialist Homelessness Services Program for their Domestic Violence services which includes their Crisis and Transitional Housing provision. Jenny's Place continues to receive Government funding to support its important work providing specialist support services, including refuge and outreach services for women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence.

The Government is committed to supporting women and children who are experiencing homelessness and we know that domestic and family violence is the main reason that women and children leave their homes in Australia.

In 2019-20, \$7.7 million of state funding is scheduled to be allocated to the 33 Staying Home Leaving Violence sites in New South Wales. This includes the 6 new sites that became operational in 2018-19. The Commonwealth Government has allocated an additional \$3.5 million over three years for the 33 sites via the Keep Women Safe in Their Homes Program.

\$32.5 million is being invested in Start Safely in 2019-20 increasing the Government's commitment of \$26.5 million in 2018-19.

Funding for services delivered by Jenny's Place and other providers across the Newcastle Local Government Area are also in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars the Government spends each year to combat domestic and family violence through mainstream services in justice, police, health, child protection and social housing.

More information is available at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0929 BENEFITS FOR WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What benefit would a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle have for agricultural exporters in Western New South Wales?
- (2) Does the Minister support the motion passed at the New South Wales Nationals Conference calling for the removal of obstacles preventing a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?

(3) Does the Minister support the export of agricultural products from the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

Any expansion of export facilities may have flow-on benefits for agricultural industries. Motions passed at the NSW Nationals Conference are a matter for the Secretariat.

*0930 CONTAINER TERMINAL AT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When the Government signed lease agreements for Port Botany and Port Kembla on 30 May 2013, what was the Government's source of funds to meet its contractual commitment to pay the lessee for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above the Government's minimal specified cap?
- (2) Does the Minister support a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
- (3) Is the Minister aware that the NSW National Party Conference supports a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Treasurer.
- (2) This is a private business decision for the Port of Newcastle.
- (3) Yes.

*0931 HUNTER WATER RECYCLED WATER PROJECT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Will the Minister support Newcastle Racecourse's plan to use recycled treated water from the Burwood Waste Water Treatment Plant for irrigation purposes at the racecourse, Merewether Golf Course and local parks and gardens?
- (2) Will the Minister divert part of the \$145 million dividend being paid by Hunter Water this year to this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) That in the last financial year Hunter Water supplied 6,450 million litres of recycled water, equating to over 10 per cent of treated wastewater.

Hunter Water is working to increase the level of wastewater recycling. As part of the current review of the Lower Hunter Water Plan, Hunter Water is progressing investigations on a range of new recycling projects for non- potable uses (such as industrial, municipal including parks and sporting fields, and agricultural) including recycling opportunities in Newcastle such as the proposal from Newcastle Racecourse.

- (2) I am advised that the allocation of distributions from State Owned Corporations are a matter for the Parliament, through the normal budget processes.

*0932 FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS REVIEW—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the Federal Financial Relations Review (FFR Review) announced in the 2019-20 NSW Budget commenced?
 - (a) If not, when it is expected to do so?
- (2) Apart from the Chair, David Thodey AO, who are the other members of the eminent panel?
- (3) When will community consultation as part of the review process commence?
- (4) What will the community consultation process involve?
- (5) Will part of the review examine an:
 - (a) Increase in the Goods and Services Tax;
 - (b) Reintroduction of an income tax surcharge?
- (6) Has the Government discussed the review with the Commonwealth Government?
 - (a) If so, what has been the Commonwealth's response?
- (7) How many reviews of federal-state relations have there been?
- (8) Please list the title of the report and date published?
- (9) What were the conclusions and recommendations of each report in (8)?
- (10) In what ways will the FFR Review differ from its predecessors?

Answer—

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Information regarding the Federal Financial Relations Review can be found online at <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/federal-financial-relations-review>.

*0933 NUCLEAR POWER IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Does the Minister support the use of nuclear power in New South Wales?
- (2) Will the Minister rule out nuclear power in the Hunter region?

Answer—

- (1) The Government supports private sector-led investment in electricity generation and takes a technology-neutral approach to new energy generation projects. New South Wales law prohibits the mining of uranium, and the construction and operation of nuclear reactors for electricity generation.
- (2) The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on State Development established an inquiry into a proposal to lift the ban on nuclear power and uranium mining in New South Wales. The Government will consider the outcomes at the conclusion of the inquiry.

*0934 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What consultation has been undertaken with health workers at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital about ongoing security and safety concerns?
- (2) Will the Minister confirm that additional staff will be provided, including additional security staff, and to improved training programs to deal with difficult patients?

Answer—

The safety of staff, patients and visitors to New South Wales public hospitals is paramount and NSW Health maintains comprehensive policies on the management of security and violence issues in the workplace.

Consultation has informed a number of further actions to strengthen health workers' security and safety. These include:

- Ensuring all staff are wearing duress alarms when working in the Emergency Department.
- Reviewing the timeliness of the 'Code Black' activation by staff, and the response of the 'Code Black' team.
- Planning for targeted training on de-escalation techniques and earlier identification of patients with escalating behaviors.

Additional resources will be provided to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department to ensure the safety and security of all staff, patients and visitors.

This will include:

- Building works to limit access to parts of the Emergency Department
- Rostering of an additional Security Officer in response to increased activity and/or increased prevalence of patients affected by mental or drug health issues.

*0935 ESSENTIAL ENERGY STAFF REDUNDANCIES IN REGIONAL AND RURAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

How does the Government plan to assist cities like Port Macquarie and Grafton, which are bearing the brunt of Essential Energy job cuts despite already high levels of unemployment as well as centres like Lismore, Kyogle, Tenterfield and Murwillumbah, all adversely affected by this latest round of cuts?

Answer—

I'm pleased to advise that thanks to the Government, Essential Energy has halted its plans to cut jobs in regional New South Wales.

*0936 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Does the public voting process for the Government's My Community Project 2019 funding program detract from a merit-based assessment of applications and risk skewing the outcome in favour of applicants who may be more tech or marketing savvy, or based in larger population centres?
- (2) Further, is the requirement to open a MyServiceNSW Account, aside from having a Medicare card and residing in a specific electorate, an obstacle to participate in the voting process from 15 July 2019 until 15 August 2019?

Answer—

My Community Project (MCP) is the first grant program in New South Wales that gives the people of New South Wales the opportunity to propose and vote for projects to be funded in their local communities. This method puts the decision-making power in the hands of communities.

The Government requires voters to use a MyServiceNSW Account and Medicare card to ensure each person only votes once. Use of a Medicare card helps ensure that a voter is over 16 years of age and is eligible to vote for MCP. Many people already have a MyServiceNSW Account, which is free and only requires an email account to create.

Once established, it provides quick and easy access to a wide range of other New South Wales government services, such as the Compulsory Third Party Green Slip refund for eligible policyholders.

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*0937 POONCARIE WEIR WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why was the Pooncarie Weir, a State asset, handed to the Wentworth Shire Council for management and upkeep?
- (2) Considering the Wentworth Shire Council are now responsible for the management of Pooncarie Weir, are they now entitled to charge downstream users for water that passes through the weir?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Pooncarie Weir is owned by Wentworth Shire Council.
- (2) Wentworth Shire Council is not entitled to charge downstream water users for the water that passes through the weir. Ownership or control over the Pooncarie Weir does not provide Council with ownership to any water that passes through the weir.

*0938 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT SECTION 293 COMMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What action, if any, will you take in response to the comments about section 293 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1986 by His Honour Judge Grant on 2 August 2019 in R v DP; Attorney General (NSW) as Intervenor [2019] NSWDC 368?

Answer—

I have recently received advice from the Department of Communities and Justice in relation to this matter. I am considering that advice.

*0939 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL ASSAULTS ON HOSPITAL STAFF—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many assaults on hospital staff occurred in Liverpool Hospital in the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?

Answer—

Information on assaults is published in the NSW Health Annual Report. NSW Health has an extensive support program in place to assist staff including nurses and paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work.

*0940 AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY TESTING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Of the autopsies in the period 1 January 2018 to 6 August 2019, how many with pathology tests to be carried out in relation to post-mortem examinations and analysis have been sent:
 - (a) Overseas;
 - (b) Interstate?

Answer—

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NSW Health Pathology conducts a large volume of pathology tests each year to support coronial post-mortem examinations. I am advised that NSW Health Pathology may send a very small number of rare or complex test requests to another highly specialised laboratory interstate.

*0941 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE LOCAL COURT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Will a 2018 Annual Review of the Local Court be released?
(a) If so, when?
(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

The 2018 Local Court Annual Review has been released and is available online at www.localcourt.justice.nsw.gov.au.

*0942 FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF THE BRAIN OF MARJORIE WELSH—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

When will the analysis of the brain of the late Marjorie Welsh be completed by a forensic neuropathologist?

Answer—

In line with privacy regulations and out of respect for the family it would be inappropriate to make comment on a specific case.

*0943 REVIEW OF THE SURETY BOND SCHEME—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

When will you release the report of the KPMG review of the Surety Bond Scheme?

Answer—

The KPMG Report has been released on the NSW Trustee & Guardian website.

*0944 PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCE RENEWAL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Has Comet Ridge Limited applied to renew its petroleum exploration licence 428?
(a) If so:
(i) When?
(ii) Has the licence been approved?

Answer—

1(a)(i) On 10 August 2012, Comet Ridge Limited submitted an application to the former Department of Trade and Investment's Division of Resources and Energy for the renewal of petroleum exploration licence 428 (PEL 428). Santos Limited is the Operator (joint venture partner) of PEL 428.

1(a)(ii) The current Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Division of Resources and Geoscience is still assessing the renewal application.

*0945 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will the Minister extend the eligibility for new registrations and renewals of agricultural vehicles to cover agriculture dependent businesses - that is, businesses where historically the majority of their income has been derived from the agriculture industry?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has no plans to extend the eligibility criteria for a primary producer registration concession beyond what is currently available.

*0946 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PERMANENT TEACHING POSITIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many permanent full-time positions are there at Murrumbidgee Regional High School?
(a) Of those positions:

- (i) How many are currently not filled?
- (ii) How many are non-teaching roles/positions?

Answer—

The School Budget Allocation Report identifies a total staffing entitlement of 141.589 full-time equivalent positions.

Murrumbidgee Regional High School fills an additional nine positions above establishment from their operational budget.

Currently nine permanent positions are in the merit selection process. All positions are currently filled with either a temporary or casual staff member.

Of the staffing entitlement allocation, 27.364 are non-teaching positions.

*0947 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CASUAL STAFF POSITIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many casual positions are there at or allocated to Murrumbidgee Regional High School (as at 6 August 2019)?
 - (a) Of those positions, how many are filled by staff:
 - (i) Employed in non-teaching roles?
 - (ii) Employed on an ongoing, 'permanent casual' basis?
 - (iii) Holding the title of 'Deputy Principal'?

Answer—

1. As at 6 August 2019, 37 staff were employed in a casual capacity.

- (a) (i) 6 non-teaching staff were employed on temporary contracts.
- (ii) 31 teaching staff were employed on temporary contracts.
- (iii) 4 deputy principals are employed on temporary contracts.

*0948 SCHOOL COUNSELLORS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICERS FOR THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many of the 100 extra school counsellors and 350 extra school support officers promised by the Government will be located in the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

The Government will invest \$88.4 million over the four years 2020/21- 2022/23 to support the wellbeing and mental health of students in government schools across New South Wales. This includes up to 100 additional school counselling staff and up to 350 additional student support officers across New South Wales so that every government high school will have both full time school counselling and student support officer positions.

There are seven high schools in the Liverpool electorate. James Busby High School, John Edmondson High School, Liverpool Girls High School, and Miller Technology High School already have a full time school counselling position. Ashcroft High School, Haxton Park High School, and Liverpool Boys High School have existing part time positions which will be increased to full time. All seven high schools will be allocated a student support officer position.

*0949 DEMOUNTABLES IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many demountable buildings are currently located in schools in the Liverpool electorate as at 6 August 2019?

Answer—

There are 75 demountables across the 25 public schools in the Liverpool electorate, of which 72 are in use as classrooms.

*0950 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SECURITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

When was a security audit last carried out into the Emergency Department at Liverpool Hospital?

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Answer—

Liverpool Hospital conducted a comprehensive, facility-wide security audit including the Emergency Department last year.

*0951 SYDNEY HARBOUR SEABED ALLOTMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) On how many occasions have allotments of seabed in Sydney Harbour been leased or sold to private individuals or entities by the Centre for Maritime Safety?
- (2) What is the the total area of seabed that has been sold or leased to private individuals or entities by the Centre for Maritime Safety?
- (3) What has been the total revenue raised by these leases or sales of Sydney Harbour seabed by the Centre for Maritime Safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*0952 PUBLIC STATUES INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Considering that the President of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council opened NAIDOC week celebrations by noting that there are no publicly-funded statues of Indigenous leaders and historical figures in the Sydney Central Business District, will you commit to funding statues of Indigenous leaders to properly reflect the central role Indigenous Australians have played in the history of our city and state?

Answer—

The Government supports public recognition of our historical leaders and significant figures.

I am advised that the City of Sydney Council is responsible for the erection of statues in the Sydney Central Business District.

The Government is open to discussion on this issue with the City of Sydney Council and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

*0953 COST OF LIVING PRESSURES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Considering Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures show the price of hospital and medical services has risen by 195 per cent since 2000, electricity costs have soared by 194 per cent and preschool and primary education has risen by 159 per cent, and considering that the Household Income and Labour Dynamics Survey (HILDA) results show real household disposable income has stalled since 2009, how will the Government assist New South Wales residents with cost of living pressures?

Answer—

The Government is committed to reducing cost of living pressures for New South Wales residents. More than \$1.5 billion has been identified as savings for New South Wales households through more than 70 rebates and savings included in the Cost of Living program since July 2018.

Over 1.5 million New South Wales residents have accessed the Cost of Living service through the Savings Finder tool online, and over 30,500 by attending specialist appointments in Service NSW Service Centres.

*0954 EASTERN SUBURBS CYCLEWAY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What approvals are currently outstanding for the Eastern Suburbs Cycleway?
 - (a) Why has the Government delayed these approvals?
- (2) What funding is currently allocated to the project in the NSW Budget 2019-20?
- (3) What is the current timeline to deliver the project (as at 6 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are no outstanding approvals for this project.
- (2) In October 2018, the Government committed to funding \$5.3 million to deliver the Spring Street which is being led by Waverley Council. In the 2019-20 State Budget, \$57 million was allocated towards walking and cycling projects, of which over \$6 million is allocated by Transport for NSW

towards the delivery of the Eastern Suburbs Cycleway (inclusive of the Spring Street Cycleway) through the 2019-20 Active Transport Program.

(3) Delivery timeframes will be confirmed as part of the Final Business Case.

*0955 ELECTRIC SCOOTERS PROHIBITION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government plan to remove the prohibition on electric scooters from being ridden on public roads, footpaths, cycleways or shared paths?
- (2) Does the Government plan to trial electric scooters?
 - (a) If so, where and when?
- (3) What conversations have occurred with the National Transport Commission in relation to the safe use of electric scooters in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has convened an electric scooter working group which includes National Transport Commission, Transport for NSW and NSW Police, to consider important issues such as rider and pedestrian safety. Electric scooter operators have also been invited to provide their experience and advice to the working group. The potential benefits and risks of electric scooters will be captured along with recommendations currently being developed by the working group for consideration of a potential trial.

*0956 GREAT SYDNEY HARBOUR WALK BONDI TO MANLY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

- (1) Do Destination NSW and the Government support plans for the proposed Great Sydney Harbour Walk from Bondi to Manly?
- (2) What support has Destination NSW provided to proponents of the proposed Great Sydney Harbour Walk from Bondi to Manly?
- (3) Has the Minister or representatives from the Government or Destination NSW met with the proponents of the project, or spoken to any of the local government mayors who signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the project in November 2018?
 - (a) How is the Government or Destination NSW working to make the project a reality?

Answer—

(1) Destination NSW and other key Government agencies have collaborated in the establishment of the proposed Bondi to Manly walk.

(2) Destination NSW has been a member of the Bondi to Manly Walk Steering Committee since its inception. The Steering Committee is responsible for the delivery of the project and to ensure the Bondi to Manly Walk becomes a permanent tourist attraction. The Steering Committee comprises representatives of the six local Councils along the Walk, key Government agencies, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and La Perouse and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Destination NSW has provided in-kind support through the provision of meeting space for the Steering Committee.

(3) See response to Question 2.

(a) See response to Question 1. The Bondi to Manly Walk has seen the collaboration between three levels of government, including the six Councils along the Walk, key Government agencies and Federal Government agency, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. The Walk has strong support from La Perouse and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the Committee for Sydney, the Business Council of Australia and the Greater Sydney Commission.

*0957 CYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY LIGHT RAIL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What measures are being implemented along the route of the CBD and Eastern Suburbs light rail, both during testing and when full services commence, to protect:
 - (a) Cyclists;
 - (b) Pedestrians?
- (2) Considering the recent fatality in Newcastle, what measures are being implemented along the route of the Newcastle light rail to protect:
 - (a) Cyclists;
 - (b) Pedestrians?

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- (3) In the planning for the Parramatta light rail, how is safety being prioritised for :
(a) Cyclists;
(b) Pedestrians?

Answer—

I am advised:

1. An integrated safety campaign has been underway since March 2018, to encourage people to interact safely with CBD and Eastern Suburbs light rail. The campaign is backed by NRMA and cycling groups, Bicycle NSW and Bike East, and targets cyclists, motorists and operators of heavy vehicles across a wide range of media.

To support the transition to tram testing, a range of measures have been introduced, including police escort and traffic controllers, to help ensure customer safety.

2. Transport for NSW has conducted an extensive light rail safety community engagement and public education campaign for Newcastle Light Rail.

Signage, traffic lights, waiting zones, wayfinding and road markings across the city centre show cyclists, pedestrians and road users how to safely navigate light rail. Light rail drivers have also undergone extensive training. Additional sign posting and pavement markings, particularly for cyclists, will be installed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Throughout Rail Safety Week 2019, Newcastle Transport Customer Service Officers were also on the network talking to customers about rail safety.

3. Transport for NSW has been undertaking comprehensive community and business engagement for Parramatta Light Rail. This engagement will continue throughout construction and focus on raising community awareness of the changed conditions, coming with light rail testing and operations.

For pedestrians and cyclists, Parramatta Light Rail will include features such as traffic signals at crossings close to stops; safety fencing where required; waiting zones incorporated into a range of pedestrian crossings; and signage, road marking and wayfinding to raise awareness of safety rules around light rail operations.

Light rail drivers will also undergo thorough training to ensure they have complete route knowledge and awareness of sensitive locations on the route.

Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will also deliver a five-kilometre active transport link from Parramatta to Carlingford providing a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists away from light rail tracks and roads.

*0958 SENIORS SAVERS CARD APPLICATIONS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

(1) Since it was introduced on 1 July 2019, how many people have applied for the Seniors Savers Card (as at 6 August 2019)?

(a) How many of these applications have been:

- (i) Approved;
(ii) Declined?

(2) How will Government enforce the requirement that cardholders engage in less than 20 hours per week paid employment?

Answer—

As at 6 August 2019, a total of 7,212 applications were received:

- 6,303 Senior Savers Cards have been approved;
- 876 are in progress;
- 23 cards have been reissued (eight converted to a Seniors Card from Seniors Savers Card and two made inactive). No applications were declined.

Cardholders must declare their work hours upon application. Seniors Card may investigate on suspicion of a cardholder making a false statement, and has the power to immediately cancel a card if it is determined that a cardholder does not meet the work hour eligibility criteria.

*0959 RAPID PUBLIC TRANSPORT PARRAMATTA ROAD M4 EAST PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that it was a condition of planning consent for the M4 East project, why, a month after the M4 East opening, have two lanes of rapid public transport on Parramatta Road not been delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

The WestConnex planning condition B34 of the M4 East Motorway project approval states "at least two lanes of Parramatta Road, from Burwood Road to Haberfield, are to be solely dedicated for the use of public transport, unless an alternative dedicated public transport route that provides an improved public transport outcome for the area is approved by the Secretary."

The condition of approval does not specify a timeframe for implementing the public transport routes.

The Government is not in breach of this condition.

Consistent with priorities identified in Future Transport 2056, Transport for NSW is continuing detailed planning for short-term improvements between Burwood and Sydney CBD to be delivered under the Bus Priority Infrastructure Program. These initiatives are planned to improve bus priority and the reliability of bus services that operate along and across Parramatta Road.

*0960 TEN CAR CARRIAGES IN PEAK HOUR—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the announcement you made on 5 July 2019 relating to boosting services to ten carriages during the peak on the South Coast line, when will the new carriages arrive?
- (2) Are there any plans to increase platform lengths?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) Which platforms?
 - (ii) When will work commence?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Later this year.
- (2) Yes. Planning is underway for extensions at Port Kembla, Wollongong, Thirroul, Waterfall, Bellambi and Kiama. Consideration will be given to extending the platforms at other stations. Automatic selective door operation technology will ensure that only doors adjacent to a platform will open.

*0961 RAILWAY CROSSINGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does Transport for NSW have any plans to remove the following railway crossings:
 - (a) Bellambi;
 - (b) Woonona;
 - (c) Corrimal?
- (2) If Transport for NSW does have plans to remove the above railway crossings, when will the removal occur?
- (3) If Transport for NSW does not have any plans to remove the above railway crossings, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are currently no plans to remove any of these railway crossings.

Sydney Trains manages and maintains these crossings. This includes assessing and managing the risks associated with the level crossings.

*0962 CORRIMAL COKEWORKS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has Transport for NSW been consulted about the proposed development of the Corrimal Cokeworks?
- (2) Has Transport for NSW been engaged in any stage of the process for the development of the Corrimal Cokeworks?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes. Transport for NSW has been consulted about the proposed rezoning of land at the Corrimal Coke Works site.

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*0963 SOUTH COAST LINE OVERCROWDING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

With the announcement of the late delivery of the new carriages, has Transport for NSW any plans to help alleviate the overcrowding on the South Coast line until the arrival of the new carriages?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is making improvements now to meet increased current and future demand on the South Coast Line.

In January 2019, in direct response to increased patronage, we doubled the capacity of the 3.24pm and 3.54pm weekday services from Central to the South Coast.

We are also about to improve weekend services. From January 2020, we will be operating trains with eight cars, instead of four, between Kiama, Wollongong and Sydney on 44 services each weekend.

To meet future increases in demand, even more services will be delivered as part of the Government's More Trains, More Services program.

*0964 SYDENHAM TO CANTERBURY METRO BIRRONG AND YAGOONA STATIONS—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What are the proposed train frequencies and routes for the Birrong and Yagoona Stations following the construction of the Sydenham to Canterbury Metro?
- (2) Will express train services be reinstated for Regents Park Station following the construction of the Sydenham to Canterbury Metro?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning is still underway for services on the Sydney Metro City and Southwest. As usual, customers will be advised of service plans closer to the date of operational commencement.

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*0965 MOBILE CONNECTIVITY IN THE REGIONS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Can the Minister detail the projects and locations on which the \$300 million election commitment to improve mobile connectivity in the regions will be spent?
 - (a) What was the process to determine these projects and locations?
 - (b) How does this funding interface with the Commonwealth Government's Blackspot program?

Answer—

Scoping and investigative works are underway to set the framework for a \$300 million investment in regional mobile connectivity. The scale and innovative nature of this investment demands that the scoping study be given the time required for sufficient diligence and community consultation.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is working closely with the Commonwealth Government to ensure this investment complements the Mobile Black Spots Program and leverages investments from both levels of government and the private sector to deliver the outcomes needed in regional communities.

*0966 REGIONAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM CASE STUDY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

Considering the importance of the Regional Digital Connectivity Program, will the Minister agree to undertake a case study within the Barwon electorate to consider the impact that poor connectivity has on the quality of education, businesses and social cohesion in the far west of the state?

Answer—

The Regional Digital Connectivity program is ring-fenced exclusively for investment in transformative digital infrastructure across regional New South Wales.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is currently engaging with stakeholders, including some councils in the Barwon electorate to understand the impacts of poor connectivity on education, services, industries and communities, and determine how best to leverage improved connectivity in regional centres for the benefit of surrounding areas.

*0967 WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) What funding is available in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for private construction of wild dog exclusion fencing?
- (2) Will the Government partner with private landholders who have invested in fencing to deliver the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence along the borders of South Australia and Queensland?

Answer—

The NSW Budget 2019-20 includes \$3.387 million for the project to extend the NSW Border Wild Dog Exclusion Fence. There is no funding available in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for private construction of wild dog exclusion fencing. Previous wild dog exclusion fencing programs have been funded by the Australian Government.

The Government will work with a range of stakeholders, including private landholders, to deliver the extension of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence. Where landholders have already constructed exclusion fencing which is aligned with the proposed route of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence extension, this fence will be assessed by the Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Extension Project. If the existing exclusion is fit-for-purpose, it will be retained, and if not it will be upgraded.

*0969 ELECTRICITY POLES OWNERSHIP—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering that historically electricity network operators have borne responsibility for management and upkeep of electricity poles, what authority or legal basis does the Government rely upon in its assertion that the upkeep and maintenance of electricity poles is the responsibility of private landowners?

Answer—

Most electricity poles on private property are, and always have been, privately owned.

Property owners are responsible for the safe maintenance and upkeep of all privately-owned power poles and powerlines under the Electricity Supply Act 1995, the Electricity Supply (Safety and Network Management) Regulation 2014, and the New South Wales Service and Installation Rules. This includes the poles between the first point of connection on the owner's property to the switchboard or meter and the poles that extend into the owner's property.

Rectification of private power pole and powerline defects are deemed a contestable service. Under Part 3, Division 4 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995 a distributor may impose certain requirements on a customer in relation to their connection to the network, including requirements to procure and fund connection works or network augmentations.

*0970 MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL PARK—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering that the Murray Valley National Park has suffered extensive environmental degradation, namely an increase in feral pests and overgrown flora since the area was designated as a National Park in 2010, when and how will the Government be reviewing the "lock up and leave it" approach to management of National Parks?

Answer—

Murray Valley national and regional parks were reserved in 2010 due to the high conservation value and declining health of the river red gum forest. Active management of the national and regional parks is being carried out to protect and restore their conservation values, which include approximately 50 threatened species and an internationally protected wetland. Murray Valley National Park is now in the top 20 most visited national parks in New South Wales, and the economic value to New South Wales of visitation to the park is approximately \$17.4 million per year.

*0971 WERAI INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREA—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Considering the provision that a portion of the Werai forests be returned to the local Aboriginal ownership, as per the National Park Estate (Riverina Red Gum Reservations) Act 2010, by what date can

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the Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation expect to see the transfer completed and the realisation of the Werai Indigenous Protected Area?

Answer—

While there is no set date, negotiations with the Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation towards an Indigenous Land Use Agreement are progressing.

*0972 BUMP IT UP PROGRAM CENTRAL COAST SCHOOLS—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which schools on the Central Coast have participated in the "Bump it up program"?
- (2) What have been the results at each school?

Answer—

(1) and (2). The table in 'Appendix B' lists Government schools in the Central Coast local government area participating in Bump It Up. The table provides NAPLAN top two band performance for the last five years.

Results for 2019 are not expected to be available until the last quarter of 2019.

*0973 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION PROPERTIES KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How many properties from the Land and Housing Corporation in the Keira electorate were transferred or sold to non-government organisations in each year from 2016 to 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information concerning the sale of properties is published in the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) annual report, available on the FACS website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0974 LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM DEPUTY CORONER'S REPORT—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What specific changes will be implemented to address the unconscious bias and racism in the local health system, following the recent report handed down by the NSW Deputy Coroner Harriet Grahame in relation to the death of Naomi Williams?
 - (a) What is the time limit for these measure to be implemented?

Answer—

(1) I extend my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ms Williams.

NSW Health is committed to implementing a strong local model for providing culturally safe health care for Aboriginal people. The Respecting the Difference training is mandatory for all Murrumbidgee Local Health District staff, and is designed to challenge preconceived perceptions or beliefs about working with, and providing health services to, Aboriginal communities and dismantle the stereotyping of Aboriginal people.

Tumut Hospital staff are also working with local Aboriginal community representatives to listen and plan locally identified health priorities.

From September 2019, Aboriginal cultural competency training is being introduced for all district staff.

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*0975 FARM INNOVATION FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Considering that as of 4 August 2019 a total of \$393,597,794 has been allocated under the Farm Innovation Fund:
 - (a) How many applications have been received in New South Wales, by postcode?
 - (b) How many applications have been approved in New South Wales, by postcode?
 - (c) How many applications were denied in New South Wales, by postcode?
 - (i) What was the reason for applications being denied?

Answer—

Application information is not reported by postcode.

*0976 DAIRY FARMERS RESIDING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19, what was the total number of dairy farmers residing in each region of New South Wales?

Answer—

Information relating to dairy farmers in New South Wales is not collected by region. The number of licensed dairy production businesses in New South Wales is detailed in Table 1 in Appendix C.

*0977 FRESH MILK AND DAIRY ADVOCATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

When will you appoint a fresh milk and dairy advocate?

Answer—

The fresh milk and dairy advocate will be appointed shortly.

*0978 CASEWORKER RATIOS IN THE HUNTER REGION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What does the Department of Family and Community Services consider as an acceptable ratio for caseworkers to managers working in Family and Community Services across the Hunter Region?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not apply fixed ratios of caseworkers to managers. DCJ recognises the importance of quality supervision and management of casework staff.

Information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the DCJ website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0979 LICENCED COMMERCIAL FISHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

In each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19, what was the total number of licenced commercial fishers residing in each region of New South Wales?

Answer—

Data relating to commercial fishers is not collected on a regional basis.

*0980 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INNOVATION FUND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Considering the \$20 million Domestic Violence Innovation Fund announced in the 2016 NSW Budget, which projects have been funded as at 8 August 2019?

(2) Have all funds been expended?

(a) If not,

(i) Why not?

(ii) What are the plans for those funds?

(iii) When will grant applications be announced for future funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

A list of projects funded through Round 1 and Round 2 of the Government's Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund is publicly available on the Women NSW website: www.women.nsw.gov.au.

Funding under the Government's Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund is being distributed as follows; Round 1 funding is over four years from 2017-2021; and, Round 2 is over three years from 2018-2021.

An independent evaluation of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund is currently being undertaken.

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*0981 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST IN THE MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Maitland electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register, including applicants and expected waiting times is available on the Department of Communities and Justice Website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

*0982 PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) How many public sector agencies are located in Maitland as at 8 August 2019?

(a) In each financial year from 2010-11 to 2019-20 (to 8 August 2019) what is the total number of employees in each department at each of these public sector agencies?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations.

*0983 HOMELESSNESS AS A PREMIER'S PRIORITY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Premier—

(1) As homelessness is now a Premier's Priority, how will the Government fund pilots and/or initiatives to address:

(a) Long-term homelessness;

(b) Transitional accommodation for victim-survivors of Domestic and Family Violence?

Answer—

The Government has committed more than \$1 billion for homelessness services and the implementation of the Homelessness Strategy.

More information on my Premier's Priority to Reduce street homelessness across New South Wales by 50 per cent by 2025 can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/premiers-priorities/.

*0984 CROWN LAND IN LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Considering the Land Negotiation Program and the transferring of suitable Crown land to local Councils, how many properties:

(a) Have been transferred to Lake Macquarie City Council?

(b) Were deemed suitable to transfer to Lake Macquarie City Council?

(c) Were rejected for transfer by Lake Macquarie City Council?

(2) How many of the transferred properties have been subject to a reclassification of the category for rating purposes?

(3) How many have now been rated as:

(a) Residential;

(b) Business;

(c) Farmland;

(d) Mining?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*0985 ADULT FARES FOR BUS TRIPS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2017-18, what were the Adult fares for bus trips of the following distances:

(a) Zero to three kilometres;

(b) Three to eight kilometres;

(c) Eight or more kilometres?

Answer—

I am advised:

Fares orders are published on the New South Wales Government legislation website.

*0986 RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Since the inception of the Return and Earn Container Deposit Scheme (to 8 August 2019), how many bottles and cans have been returned in the Cessnock electorate?
 - (a) How much money has been claimed by consumers in the Cessnock electorate since the inception of the scheme?
 - (b) How much money has been donated to charities since the inception of the scheme?
 - (c) Are there any plans to increase the number of Return and Earn locations within the next 12 months?
 - (i) If yes, where will these machines be located?

Answer—

- (1) 42,888,163.
 - (a) A total of \$4,288,816.30 has been claimed in either cash (through vouchers, or PayPal accounts) or donations.
 - (b) More than \$500,000.
 - (c) There are currently around 640 return points across the state and 316 of these are Reverse Vending Machines. TOMRA Cleanaway constantly reviews return points across New South Wales to ensure the Return and Earn network provides good community access and reduces any gaps in the service. This may result in some return points being resized or moved to new locations to cover areas that are not currently well serviced. This is an ongoing process.

*0987 ELECTRONIC TOLL ACCOUNTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Who holds the value of Electronic Toll (E-Toll) accounts managed by Service NSW on behalf of drivers?
- (2) Does the toll road owner request payment from Service NSW on a daily basis?
 - (a) If not, how regularly is the request made?
- (3) What commission or service fee rate does Service NSW charge the toll road owner for managing the E-Toll account collection and payment?
 - (a) Has the commission or service fee rate increased since 2012 (to 8 August 2019)?
 - (b) What was the commission or service fee rate for each year since 1 July 2012 (to 8 August 2019)?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.

*0988 CESSNOCK RACECOURSE—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the Government or Racing NSW undertaken or been provided with any economic modelling on the impact on the Cessnock electorate of:
 - (a) The cessation of race meetings at Cessnock Racecourse;
 - (b) The establishment of a racehorse training centre at Cessnock Racecourse?

Answer—

Matters in relation to the economic and strategic development of thoroughbred racing are the responsibility of Racing NSW as the statutory controlling body for thoroughbred racing in New South Wales, and should be directed to Racing NSW for response.

*0989 MUSWELLBROOK BYPASS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has community consultation on the Muswellbrook Bypass commenced?
 - (a) If not, when will this occur?
 - (b) If yes, when is this expected to be completed?
- (2) Have negotiations with landholders commenced?
 - (a) If not, when will this occur?
 - (b) If yes:

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- (i) When is this expected to be completed?
- (ii) How many separate landholdings are involved?
- (3) Is construction expected to commence in the first half or the latter half of 2022?
- (4) When is the contract expected to be put out to tender?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Community consultation will be ongoing throughout the development of the project.
- (2) No. Discussions with landowners will start once project environmental approval has been obtained.
- (3) and (4) On Tuesday 3 September 2019, tenders were called for the development of the concept design and environmental assessment of the Muswellbrook Bypass Construction is expected to start in 2022, dependent on approval of a Final Business Case.

*0990 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Under the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) scheme, which closes on 30 September 2019, what is the total value of refunds claimed as at 7 August 2019?
- (2) How many CTP Green slip holders:
 - (a) Have made claims;
 - (b) Are still to make claims?
- (3) What is the total value of administration fees charged to process the claims as at 7 August 2019?
- (4) Will the unclaimed CTP Green slip refunds be retained by the Government?
 - (a) Will this be in consolidated revenue?
 - (i) If not, where will the funds be placed?

Answer—

- (1) Compulsory Third Party (CTP) refunds may be claimed until 30 September 2019. As at 5 September 2019, the total value of refunds claimed is \$214.8 million*.
- (2) (a) As at 5 September 2019, 3.45 million policy holders have made claims*.
- (b) As at 5 September 2019, 756,763 policy holders are still to make claims*.
- (3) As at 5 September 2019, the current expenditure on administration fees to process the refunds is \$29.5 million.
- (4) No, the unclaimed refund amounts will not be retained by the government.
- (a) No
 - (i) The Government will return all unclaimed money to policy holders which is paid on all CTP premiums

*Data provided by Service NSW and State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA)

*0991 PRISONERS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL IN ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

- (1) Do Corrective Services NSW staff guard prisoners who are taken from a New South Wales gaol and admitted to hospital in another State or Territory, for example Goulburn Correctional Centre to Canberra Hospital?
 - (a) If not, who is responsible for guarding the prisoner:
 - (i) Other State or Territory's Corrective Services staff;
 - (ii) The Australian Federal Police;
 - (iii) Local Police Services?
- (2) If the prisoner is guarded by other than Corrective Services NSW staff, is Corrective Services NSW charged a fee for service by the alternative Department?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes. Corrective Services NSW staff guard prisoners who are admitted to a hospital in another State or Territory. New South Wales inmates can currently be admitted to hospitals in Queensland, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.
- (2) Not applicable.

*0992 BALLOT PAPERS 2019 STATE ELECTION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Premier—

- (1) How many polling places ran out of ballot papers on election day during the 2019 State Election?
 - (a) How many electors were unable to register their votes due to this?
 - (b) What were the locations of the polling places that ran out of ballot papers?
 - (i) Did each of these locations have new housing developments in the immediate area since the previous State Election in 2015?

Answer—

Any questions in relation to operational issues regarding the 2019 State Election are best referred to the NSW Electoral Commission.

*0993 CHILDREN TAKEN INTO CARE IN THE BARWON ELECTORATE DUE TO PARENTS WITH DRUG DEPENDENCIES—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many children have been taken into care due to parents with drug dependencies in the Barwon electorate from July 2018 to 30 June 2019?
- (2) How many of these parents were required to have detoxification and/or rehabilitation program orders as a result of their contact with Family and Community Services in the Barwon electorate during this same period?

Answer—

Children enter care due to a variety of reasons, and it is rarely isolated to just one reason such as the parent/s drug dependency. Due to the nature of the entry process it cannot be determined if a child has entered into care entirely because their parents had drug dependencies.

Data on 2018-19 entries and exits for Out of Home Care for New South Wales will be published in the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Annual Report in October 2019. Detailed information is not available until the DCJ Annual Statistical Report is published in early 2020 and it will be reported by District rather than by electorate. The Barwon electorate covers part of the Western New South Wales District and New England District.

Parents in contact with DCJ who have addictions to alcohol and/or other drugs are assisted to access detoxification and/or rehabilitation programs when appropriate. DCJ works with a range of drug and alcohol services to support parents with drug dependencies. Parents are encouraged to attend however attendance and treatment is voluntary. There is no capacity for courts to order parents to engage with treatment.

Data on child protection and Out of Home Care is available on the DCJ website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0994 CHILDREN TAKEN INTO CARE IN THE BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many children have been taken into care in the Barwon electorate from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019?

Answer—

Data on 2018-19 entries and exits for Out of Home Care for New South Wales will be published in the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Annual Report in October 2019. Detailed information by District is not available until the DCJ Annual Statistical Report is published in early 2020. The Barwon electorate covers part of the Western New South Wales District and New England District.

Data on child protection and Out of Home Care is available (for earlier years) on the DCJ website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*0995 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK FERAL ANIMALS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What damage are feral horses causing to flora and fauna in the Kosciuszko National Park?
- (2) Does the Minister support the eradication of feral animals from National Parks?
 - (a) If so, what steps will you will take to eradicate feral horses from the Kosciuszko National Park?

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Answer—

- (1) The environmental impacts of wild horses in Kosciuszko National Park are well documented in the publicly available 2016 report of the Wild Horse Independent Technical Reference Group and in several independent peer-reviewed scientific research papers. A copy of the 2016 report is available on my department's website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.
- (2) The Government supports the many programs that the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has in place across the state to manage and reduce threats from pest animals.
 - (a) The Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018 sets out the framework to manage horses in Kosciuszko National Park. Under the legislation, a horse heritage management plan will set acceptable methods of control to reduce the population to sustainable levels.

*0996 MAYFIELD HOUSING NSW TENANT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a Housing NSW tenant in Mayfield was forced to use an unlockable portable bathroom in front of her property for over three months as her bathroom was deemed unusable?
- (2) Will the tenant receive a refund on her rent for the discomfort and inconvenience she has experienced as a result of the delays in repairing her bathroom?

Answer—

The Department of Communities and Justice have been in contact with the tenant and arrangements have been put in place regarding abatement to the rent on the property.

*0997 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN ROYAL COMMISSION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Deputy Premier has called for a Commonwealth Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Basin?
- (2) Does the Minister support a Commonwealth Royal Commission into the Murray-Darling Basin?

Answer—

- (1) The Deputy Premier is on the record stating that a Royal Commission will not deliver a single extra drop of water back to the system.
- (2) I support doing what is best for New South Wales.

*0998 HUNTER HOMELESS CONNECT USE OF THE NEWCASTLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Hunter Homeless Connect uses the Newcastle Entertainment Centre to hold their annual event?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that Hunter Homeless Connect are charged thousands of dollars to use the Newcastle Entertainment Centre for two days?
- (3) Has any consideration been given to offering exemptions for such a not-for-profit community group, which brings together a wide range of government and non-government services to support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness?
- (4) Will consideration be given to refunding the fees charged to use the Newcastle Entertainment Centre?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2), (3) and (4) Newcastle Entertainment Centre proudly supports the Hunter Homeless Connect.

The Newcastle Entertainment Centre provided a significant discount on rental fees for the July 2019 annual Hunter Homeless Connect Day held at the Newcastle Showground Exhibition Centre.

*0999 NEWCASTLE TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that Keolis Downer ignores representations sent to them by Members of Parliament on behalf of constituents?
- (2) Does the Minister expect the operator of Newcastle Transport, Keolis Downer to respond to representations sent to them directly by Members of Parliament?
- (3) Will the Minister direct Keolis Downer to respond to representations sent to them by Members of Parliament?

Answer—

I am advised:

The operator is required to deal with all complaints and feedback in accordance with the Newcastle Integrated Services Contract.

*1000 WEMOOSH MAYFIELD WEST AFTERSCHOOL CARE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that WEMOOSH has been providing before and after school care at Mayfield West Demonstration School for more than 30 years?
- (2) Why is out of hours school care at Mayfield West Demonstration School being put out to tender despite being a category A service?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Out of Hours School Care at Mayfield West is being put to tender at the discretion of the School executive.

*1001 PROPERTY SALES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What was the total value of property sold by the Government in the electorate of Newcastle last financial year?

Answer—

The total value of Whole of Government property sold for the financial year 2018-19 in the Newcastle electorate is \$59,121,864 (excluding transfers between Government agencies).

We note that the total value provided above reflects sales within in the Newcastle Local Government Area, as opposed to the Newcastle electorate, as sale data in Government Property Register (GPR) is not captured by State electorate.

*1002 PENSIONER REBATE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that that the pensioners rebate for council rates has not increased since 1993?
- (2) Considering that the cost of living has increased significantly over the past 26 years, will the Minister consider raising the rebate for pensioners?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Since 2011, the Government has invested more than \$694 million to help pensioners make ends meet through subsidising council rates and charges.

The Government has a proven track record to further assist pensioners, with a number of concessions and rebates available including, travel concessions, energy rebates and water rebates, motor vehicle discounts, parking concessions, health concessions and recreational concessions.

Further, each New South Wales council has the discretion to provide further concessions above the legislated maximum concessions for pensioners.

*1003 NEWCASTLE CONTAINER TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Did the Government lease the Port of Newcastle to be able to pay NSW Ports Pty Ltd for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above the Government's minimal specified cap until 2063?
 - (a) If no, what is the Government's source of funds to be able to pay NSW Ports Pty Ltd for container traffic at the Port of Newcastle above the Government's minimal specified cap until 2063?

Answer—

Given the Parliamentary convention of sub judice, it is not appropriate to make any comment on the purpose and effect of the Port Commitment Deed arrangements as this matter is currently the subject of court proceedings.

*1004 MURRAY-DARLING FISH DEATHS AND 2003 NATIVE FISH STRATEGY—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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- (1) With reference to the recommendations of the Department of Primary Industries Interim Report into the Murray-Darling fish deaths, by what date will the technical group report their findings on the oxygenation interventions?
- (2) Considering the Department of Primary Industries' commitment to improve management for protecting and enhancing our native fish populations following the fish kills, will the Government commit to return to the 2003 Native Fish Strategy with localised projects and community involvement?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales.

*1005 REGIONAL MOBILE BLACKSPOTS INVESTIGATIVE AND PROGRAM DESIGN WORKS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Considering the answer to LA Q0178, asked on 29 May 2019, what are the investigative and program design works currently being undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on regional digital connectivity?
 - (a) By what date will those investigative and program design works be completed?
- (2) Following the completion of those investigative and program design works, by what date will the locations receiving funding from the \$300 million that has been committed be announced?

Answer—

The Government is committed to addressing the digital connectivity needs of regional residents, despite telecommunications typically being a Commonwealth Government responsibility.

There is a clear election commitment and funding profile outlined in the latest Budget to deliver these important investments.

The scale and innovative nature of this investment demands that the studies be given the time required for sufficient diligence and community consultation.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is presently progressing investigative and program design works.

I am proud to be part of the first New South Wales Government delivering this unprecedented level of investment into regional digital connectivity.

*1006 ABANDONED VEHICLES REMOVAL BUDGET—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What was the budget for the removal of abandoned vehicles in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?
- (2) What was the average cost of the removal of an abandoned vehicle in the financial year 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Transport for NSW does not have a specific budget for abandoned vehicles.
- (2) The removal of abandoned vehicles is part of day-to-day operational activities carried out by Roads and Maritime. Operational activities, which can include staff and administrative costs, are provided for within the operational expenditure budget. It is not possible to breakdown expenses by individual activity.

*1007 ABANDONED VEHICLES REMOVAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

How many abandoned vehicles were removed from roads by Roads and Maritime Services in each financial year from 2015-16 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

The figures below reflect the number of abandoned vehicles removed by Transport for NSW from State Roads and Motorways in the Sydney and Regional areas:

2015-16: 1,544

2016-17: 1,612

2017-18: 1,679

2018-19: 1,551

- *1008 ASSAULTS AT HOSPITALS STAFF SUPPORT—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Noting the Minister's response to LA Q74 and Q75, exactly what support is available to assist staff, including nurses and paramedics, when they experience stressful or traumatic situations at work?

Answer—

NSW Health has an extensive support program in place to assist staff including nurses and paramedics when they experience stressful or traumatic situations in their work. This includes a requirement from NSW Health that all health entities implement an Employee Assistance Program that provides an early intervention strategy for staff in order to assist them to identify and resolve professional, personal, health or work related issues.

In 2017, the Government also announced a \$48 million investment in paramedic support which included \$30 million to enhance health and wellbeing initiatives.

- *1009 ASSAULTS AT HOSPITALS STAFF AND PATIENT SAFETY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Minister's response to LA Q74 and Q75, and given recent industrial action taken over the matter of safety in hospitals, what steps are being taken to ensure that staff and patients are kept safe?

Answer—

The safety of staff, patients and visitors to New South Wales public hospitals is paramount and NSW Health maintains comprehensive policies and procedures, as well as training and education to ensure that all staff have the skills and support needed to prevent and manage escalating situations when they arise.

Steps have been undertaken to improve physical security measures and access controls at hospitals, enhance CCTV systems, and upgrade personal duress alarms for staff in emergency departments across New South Wales, which they must wear while on duty.

In addition, former Health and Police Minister, the Hon. Peter Anderson AM, was appointed in November 2018 to review security in New South Wales public hospitals. His final report is expected by the end of the year.

- *1010 ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS FACING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

Considering that across Australia some 85,000 women and girls are estimated to have difficulty accessing sanitary items when needed due to issues including domestic violence, what steps is the Minister taking to ensure that access to sanitary items is a right rather than privilege?

Answer—

The Government supports making access to sanitary products more affordable. Hence, we agreed with other States and Territories to remove the GST on sanitary products from 1 January 2019, removing the tax from tampons, menstrual cups, cloth or flannel pads, menstrual pads and panty liners, maternity pads and menstrual underwear. This change will benefit women right across New South Wales and ensure that sanitary products are more affordable and accessible for all women.

The Government is committed to addressing domestic and family violence, accordingly, we are investing \$431 million over four years to tackle domestic violence through a range of initiatives.

This is in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars our government spends each year to respond to domestic and family violence through mainstream services in justice, police, health, child protection, social housing and homelessness services.

- *1011 ACCESS TO SANITARY ITEMS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS FACING HOMELESSNESS OR POVERTY—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering that across Australia some 85,000 women and girls are estimated to have difficulty accessing sanitary items when needed due to issues including homelessness and poverty, what steps is the Minister taking to ensure that access to sanitary items is a right rather than privilege?

Answer—

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The Government is concerned about homelessness and is taking a holistic approach to tackling this issue and the factors that contribute to it. Those factors are complex and require a range of solutions to meet the needs of vulnerable people.

The Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) Program, funded by the Department of Communities and Justice and delivered by non-government organisations, forms a vital part of the service system supporting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. SHS provide a client-centred response built around the needs of the client's circumstances, experiences and choices. These services help people resolve their crisis and longer-term accommodation needs by working with them to develop a tailored response to their needs. Information about SHS program is available on the Department of Communities and Justice Website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

The Government also supports making access to sanitary products more affordable. That is why we agreed with other States and Territories to remove the GST on sanitary products from 1 January 2019, removing the tax from tampons, menstrual cups, cloth or flannel pads, menstrual pads and panty liners, maternity pads and menstrual underwear. This change will benefit women right across New South Wales, but particularly those on low incomes. Information about the agreement to remove GST on sanitary products is available on the Parliament of Australia Website at <https://www.aph.gov.au>.

- *1012 SPEED LIMIT ON NEWCASTLE ROAD AND GRIFFITHS ROAD RAW DATA AND ANALYSIS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the speed limit reduction on Newcastle Road and Griffiths Road, and following up on the Minister's responses to LA Q89, can a copy of the raw data and analysis regarding crash history, road geometry, road environment, traffic volume and the number of access points/roadside developments across the road be provided?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW has already provided data in support of this decision.

- *1013 COMMENCEMENT OF STAGE 5 OF THE NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS DESIGN WORKS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Regarding commencement of Stage 5 of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass, and following up on the Minister's responses to LA Q269, when will detailed design works and tenders for roadworks begin?

Answer—

I am advised:

Detailed design work has commenced. Transport for NSW is preparing the Final Business Case.

Transport for NSW will call for construction tenders following completion of the detailed design and subject to approval of the Final Business Case.

- *1014 WALLSEND HOSPITAL ON-SITE PARKING—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What plans have been made to address the reduction in on-site parking resulting from construction of the new ambulance station at the Wallsend Hospital site?

Answer—

The construction of a new car park on previously vacant land at the Wallsend Health Campus has provided 158 car spaces in a sealed and formalised car park, which has increased safety and access for patients, visitors and staff.

- *1015 BANKSTOWN POLICE NUMBERS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many authorised police officers are there within the Bankstown Police Area Command?

(2) What is the actual number of police officers within the Bankstown Police Area Command?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on police officer numbers is available in the NSW Police Force Annual Report which can be accessed at www.police.nsw.gov.au.

The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police positions based on operational requirements and Government commitments.

Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police including highway patrol, major crime squads and other resources which are managed centrally, but can be deployed across boundaries to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

*1016 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL CARPARK CAPACITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the capacity of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital carpark:
- As at 8 August 2019;
 - As at 30 June 2018;
 - Following the completion of upgrades to the Emergency Department?

Answer—

There are 561 car spaces available for staff, patients and visitors at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital.

In June 2018 the Government committed \$25 million to increase the capacity and expand the treatment spaces of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Emergency Department. This project will affect 35 parking spaces and strategies are being implemented by the hospital to minimise the impact on patients, staff and visitors.

In March 2019, the Government announced \$1.3 billion for the redevelopment of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital on a new site.

*1017 BANKSTOWN TO LIVERPOOL METRO EXTENSION UNDERGROUND—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Is the Government intending to build the Bankstown to Liverpool Metro extension underground?

Answer—

I am advised:

Work will start in this term of Government on early planning for metro extension projects as part of the Government's long-term transport vision. This will involve investigations into an extension of Sydney Metro City and Southwest from Bankstown to Liverpool.

This early planning will include consideration of surface and below ground options. Community consultation will be a part of the decision-making process.

*1018 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO CONVERSION TOTAL COST—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the total cost of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro conversion as separate from the Chatswood to Sydenham component?

Answer—

I am advised:

The cost of converting the railway line from Sydenham to Bankstown to metro standards is included in the overall cost of Sydney Metro City and Southwest.

*1019 BANKSTOWN SOCIAL HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What is the wait time in the GW09 Bankstown Allocation Zone (as at 8 August 2019) for a:
- Studio or one-bedroom property;
 - Two-bedroom property;
 - Three-bedroom property;
 - Four-bedroom property?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*1020 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

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Considering the response to LA Q645 received on 25 July 2019, what investment has been made to expand the assertive outreach program into the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area?

Answer—

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) supports Specialist Homelessness Service providers and Service Support Fund programs in the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area and works with other agencies (such as health care), and community housing providers to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Further information on the NSW Homelessness Strategy is available on the DCJ website at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

*1021 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO PRIVATISATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government exclude privatising the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro infrastructure?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Sydney Metro City & Southwest project has nothing to do with privatisation.

This information is publicly available. All infrastructure on the Sydney Metro network, such as stations, trains and railway tracks is owned by the Government.

*1022 BANKSTOWN SOCIAL HOUSING WAITLIST—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) How many applicants are on the social housing wait list GW09 Bankstown Allocation Zone (as at 8 August 2019) by;

- (a) General;
- (b) Priority;
- (c) Suspended?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) does not apply fixed ratios of caseworkers to managers. DCJ recognises the importance of quality supervision and management of casework staff.

Information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the DCJ website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*1023 BANKSTOWN SCHOOLS ENROLLED OVER CAPACITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Which schools within the Bankstown electorate are currently enrolled over capacity?

- (a) For each over-enrolled school, what is the school's maximum enrolment?
- (b) For each over-enrolled school, what is the school's current actual enrolment?

Answer—

Every eligible student who wishes to attend a New South Wales government school will be given a place at their local school. Accordingly, the Department of Education does not have fixed enrolment capacities at New South Wales government schools. Schools have the capacity to adapt to fluctuating enrolments through the use of a combination of temporary and permanent teaching spaces.

*1024 AUTOPSY SERVICES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) What is NSW Health doing to address the lack of autopsy services in Regional New South Wales?

(2) Has NSW Health conducted an investigation into the delays?

- (a) If so, what were the findings?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

On 21 August 2019 the Government proposed two amendments to the NSW Coroner's Act 2009 to reduce unnecessary coronial referrals and improve timeframes for bereaved families.

The Government is also increasing its investment in the coronial process with an additional \$200,000 in funding to employ more forensic social workers, \$450,000 to implement a new Forensic Medicine Information System and \$60,000 for extra administrative support.

The Government has convened a high-level taskforce to conduct an end-to-end review of the coronial system in New South Wales. The taskforce seeks to improve the timeliness of coronial pathways in rural and regional New South Wales, as well as the experience of families.

*1025 PHYSICAL ASSAULTS REPORTED—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many physical assaults were reported by employees of NSW Health and their contractors in each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 8 August 2019)?

Answer—

Information on assaults is published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

*1026 INDEXATION RATE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Considering the indexation rate as stated in the 2019-20 NSW Budget, why is the current rate at 1.75 per cent as it is applied to community programs?
- (2) Will this lead to a reduction in important community services due to the fact costs and wages are increasing above this level?
- (3) Will consideration be given to increase this rate to prevent a reduction in services?
 - (a) If so, when will this happen?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that these questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*1027 LISMORE MEN'S SHED—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the election commitment to move the Lismore Men's Shed to the Lismore railway precinct commence?
 - (a) When will it be finalised?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is proud to support Men's Shed initiatives, including the Lismore Men's Shed whose interests were passionately represented to the Government by the former Member for Lismore, Thomas George.

Transport for NSW has completed all required actions to allow the Lismore Men's Shed Group to occupy the premises on the Lismore railway precinct. The group received its licence to occupy the premises on Friday 9 August 2019.

The Lismore Men's Shed Group needs to obtain the relevant approvals from Lismore City Council and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment before it can occupy the premises.

*1028 STATE OF EMERGENCY COMPENSATION—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will consideration be given to some form of financial or in-kind compensation to offset losses when a state of emergency is declared when major bushfires threaten towns or rural properties and emergency services personnel need to take water from these properties and take actions such as cutting fences?

Answer—

The Government provides a diverse range of financial and non-financial assistance measures to support individuals, communities, small businesses, primary producers, and local councils in the wake of a disaster. Disaster assistance is activated on a case-by-case basis, and normally with the declaration of a natural disaster.

Landowners who have had water taken from their property in an emergency should visit their Local Land Services office or telephone 1300 795 299. Where a claim is made against an emergency services agency for damage to fencing or other property, it will be referred to the agency's insurer for assessment.

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*1029 SAFETY AT THE DAWSON STREET, LISMORE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When will the Government fulfill its \$6 million election promise to boost safety at the Dawson Street intersection on the Bruxner Highway in Lismore?
 - (a) When will traffic lights be installed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Planning for the traffic signals is underway. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-2020 and should be completed by the end of 2021.

*1030 ELECTION COMMITMENTS FOR THE LISMORE ELECTORATE—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Premier—

- (1) When will the election commitment of \$100,000 in seed funding to establish a new Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital at one of three shortlisted sites in the region be delivered?
- (2) When will the election commitment of \$35,000 for equipment for Friends of the Koala Incorporated's (FOK) Koala Care and Treatment Centre in East Lismore be delivered, particularly as FOK has already had to purchase the equipment to triage and treat injured or sick koalas?

Answer—

I refer you to the Deputy Premier's answer to Question on Notice 548.

*1031 NSW HEALTH PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why is the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program not being made available for children in the North Coast from July 2019, unlike those who live in Western Sydney, the Mid North Coast and the Central Coast?
- (2) Will it be made available on the North Coast?
 - (a) If so, when?

Answer—

On 20 March 2019, the Government announced an investment of \$70 million over the next four years to provide 35 new mobile dental clinics, for up to 136,000 primary school children each year. As a new program, the roll out of the 35 mobile dental clinics will be gradual in the Mid North Coast, Central Coast and Western Sydney over the next four years.

An evaluation of the program will inform future Government decisions.

*1032 TRAVELLING STOCK ROUTES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Would consideration be given to legislative change to allow weekend and long weekend access to travelling stock routes for passive recreational use such as family camping, freshwater fishing, indigenous cultural study, local Landcare work, bushwalking, horse riding, mountain bike riding and bird watching to boost tourism in regional and rural areas?
- (2) What is DPI-Fisheries' doing to ensure the State's more than 1 million recreational fishers have easy access to thousands of travelling stock routes, including new metal Angler Access Signs detailing their angler access locations?
 - (a) Could better arrangements be put in place for obtaining keys where gates have been locked by Local Land Services?

Answer—

- (1) Travelling Stock Routes (TSRs) are a vital resource for farmers and drovers, particularly in times of drought. TSRs are carefully managed for this reason. Local Land Services is currently developing a state-wide plan for Travelling Stock Reserves which aims to improve social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes while also maintaining grazing access as the key economic use and conservation tool.
- (2) DPI Fisheries has an extensive program to identify safe and legal access points so that recreational fishers in New South Wales have access to quality fishing areas. The program continually monitors access points and provides detailed information to fishers.

*1033 DECISION CONCERNING OLD GROWTH FORESTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What were the reasons behind the decision to order that old growth forests in the north-east native State Forest estate be remapped and rezoned?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government's reasoning is set out in the document "NSW Government Response to the Natural Resource Commission Reports: Advice on the Coastal IFOA Remake" on the Environmental Protection Authority website.

No decisions have been made about rezoning specific areas.

*1034 KYOGLE SHIRE COUNCIL WASTE LEVY—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Why is a waste levy imposed on Kyogle Shire Council and its ratepayers as part of the North Coast Regulated Levy Area (RLA) when this local government area shares similar population density and socio-economic disadvantage with the neighbouring Tenterfield Shire, which sits outside the regulated levy area boundaries?

Answer—

Kyogle Council is defined under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014 as one of several local government areas that make up the Regional Levy Area. Tenterfield Shire Council is not included in this definition.

Following an independent review of the waste levy in 2012 which recommended the levy be extended across the state, the Government directed the Environment Protection Authority to consult with potentially affected councils. In 2015, after consultation with local councils, the Government decided to not expand the levy at that time but to instead introduce targeted measures to improve regional and rural landfills and transfer stations.

The Government is leading the development of a 20-Year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy. Work is underway to ensure the strategy has a robust evidence base so that it can identify and address the key priorities for waste and resource recovery for New South Wales, including incentives and other tools to change behaviour. Kyogle Council was encouraged to contribute to the development of the 20-Year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy during the consultation phase.

*1035 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Further to LA Q620, has the Wollongong Local Government Area ever been considered for inclusion as part of the remit of the Greater Sydney Commission?

(a) If so, why was it included?

(b) If not, does this mean that the Wollongong Local Government Area is considered non-metropolitan for the purposes of planning in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions regarding the Greater Sydney Commission should be referred to the Premier.

*1036 FIGTREE ON-DEMAND BUS SERVICE TRIAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) What were the reasons for the cancellation of the on-demand bus service trial in Figtree, considering that the two other trials in the Illawarra region continue?

(2) Has Transport for NSW published an evaluation of the trial for Figtree?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, is the report publicly available?

(i) If so, what is the URL for where the report is available online?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The On Demand public transport trials are intended to find creative new ways of delivering transport

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services.

The On Demand trials in Shellharbour, Thirroul and Figtree were introduced on 2 January 2018 and then monitored closely for 12 months. Based on the results, it was decided to end the Figtree trial, expand the Shellharbour zone and vary the service delivery model to improve customer outcomes.

(2) No. This information is commercially sensitive.

*1037 PRIMARY SCHOOL MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) On what date will the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program start in the Wollongong electorate?
- (2) Why has the Illawarra region been prioritised after Western Sydney, the Mid North Coast and the Central Coast for delivery of this program?
- (3) Which local schools in the Wollongong electorate will be prioritised under the program based on the level of oral health risk among their students?
- (4) How many NSW Health staff will be involved in delivering the program in Wollongong schools?
- (5) How many fully equipped dental vans will be available in Wollongong for the delivery of this program?

Answer—

On 20 March 2019, the Government announced an investment of \$70 million over the next four years to provide 35 new mobile dental clinics, for up to 136,000 primary school children each year. As a new program, the roll out of the 35 mobile dental clinics will be gradual in the Mid North Coast, Central Coast and Western Sydney over the next four years.

An evaluation of the program will inform future Government decisions.

*1038 UNCOMMENCED OR PARTIALLY COMMENCED PROVISIONS ACTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What are the reasons for the Government not yet proclaiming the uncommenced or partially uncommenced provisions in the:
 - (a) Coal Acquisition Legislation Repeal Act 2007 No 62;
 - (b) Dams Safety Act 2015 No 26;
 - (c) Forestry Legislation Amendment Act 2018 No 40;
 - (d) Gas Supply Act 1996 No 38?
- (2) On what date does the Government intend to proclaim the uncommenced or partially commenced provisions in the Acts listed above?

Answer—

(1) (a) Coal Acquisition Legislation Repeal Act 2007 No 62 - Sections 4 (a) and (c) of the Coal Acquisition Legislation Repeal Act 2007 provide for the repeal of the Coal Acquisition Act 1981 (and associated arrangements and orders) and the Coal Ownership (Restitution) Act 1990 on a date appointed by proclamation once the legislation is no longer required. The government has not yet set that date because it wants to ensure there are no remaining unintended issues that could create uncertainty over coal ownership in the state. It will examine whether it is appropriate to set a date in due course.

(b) The Dams Safety Act 2015 No 26 is a matter for the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

(c) Forestry Legislation Amendment Act 2018 No 40 - The uncommenced amendment in the Forestry Legislation Amendment Act 2018 relates to clause 108(2)(d) of the Local Land Services Regulation 2014. This clause has since been repealed through subsequent amendments to the Regulation that updated the categorisation of land subject to a private native forestry (PNF) plan. Accordingly, the uncommenced amendments in the Forestry Legislation Amendment Act 2018 are no longer necessary.

(d) The Gas Supply Act 1996 No 38 is a matter for the Minister for Energy and Environment.

*1039 TAFE NSW FORESTRY ENROLMENTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Does TAFE NSW offer any courses in forestry, forestry management or related subjects?
 - (a) At which TAFE campuses are these offered?
 - (b) How many students were enrolled in each course on each campus in New South Wales each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 8 August 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that all TAFE NSW course offerings and locations are available and regularly updated on the TAFE NSW website, at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses>.

I am also advised that information about student numbers is available in the TAFE NSW Annual Report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

*1040 RESILIENCE PROJECTS WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) In the NSW Budget 2019-20 there is \$17.8 million allocated in the Wollongong electorate for resilience measures, what is the nature of each of the projects being undertaken as part of these resilience measures?

(a) What is the cost of each of these projects?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Environment and Energy.

*1041 COST OF LIVING OFFICERS SERVICE NSW—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) How many people have met with Cost of Living Officers in Service NSW centres since the service was first established at:

- (a) Warrawong;
(b) Wollongong?

(2) What is the average saving identified for these customers during appointments?

(3) What has been the average total saving identified for customers for the following categories:

- (a) Compulsory Third Party insurance (CTP) refunds;
(b) Fuel Check;
(c) Energy rebate;
(d) Active kids vouchers;
(e) Free registration through the Toll Relief Program;
(f) Access to national parks?

Answer—

(1) (a) 843 appointments

(b) 291 appointments

(2) Average savings: Warrawong - \$768.39; Wollongong - \$721.26

(3)

Specific rebate/saving	Warrawong	Wollongong
(a) CTP rebate	\$1,417.83	\$785.26
(b) Fuelcheck	\$0.00 *	\$0.00 *
(c) Family energy rebate	\$3,345	\$740
(d) Active Kids	\$15,100	\$5,900
(e) Toll relief	\$0.00 *	\$0.00 *
(f) National Parks Concession Pass	\$87,059	\$28,728.00

*Fuelcheck - In an NRMA media release it was stated that motorists can save up to \$500 per year.

*Toll Relief - This initiative is used predominantly by motorists in Sydney that are frequent toll users. There have been 86,000 free registrations for the 2018-19 financial year, returning more than \$36 million to New South Wales toll road users.

*1042 NEWSTART PAYMENT AND HOUSING NSW RENT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) Is the Minister aware of the public discussion regarding an increase in the level of the Newstart payment?

(2) If the Newstart payment is increased by \$75 a week, will this result in an increase in rent paid by Housing NSW tenants?

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- (a) If so, by how much?
(3) What would be the total additional annual rental revenue generated by an increase in the Newstart payment of \$75 a week?

Answer—

I am advised:

This matter should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*1043 SENIORS SAVERS CARD WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) Since it was introduced on 1 July 2019, how many people in the Wollongong electorate have applied for the Seniors Savers Card (as at 8 August 2019)?
(2) How many of these applications have been:
(a) Approved;
(b) Declined?
(3) How will Government enforce the requirement that cardholders engage in less than 20 hours per week of paid employment?

Answer—

- (1) Between 1 July 2019 and 8 August 2019 there were a total of 109 completed applications for the Seniors Savers card in the Wollongong electorate.
(2) This information is not captured by Service NSW.
(3) The Senior Savers Card has been introduced for New South Wales citizens over 60 years of age who are engaged in paid employment for 20 hours or more per week. Holders need to be aged 60 or over. The NSW Senior Savers Card has no requirement for validation of paid employment hours

*1044 PUBLIC LAND FOR SALE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What Government-owned land in the Fairfield electorate is presently available for purchase?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 22 August 2019, there are no Property NSW-managed lots on the market within the Fairfield electorate available for purchase.

Please note that we can only comment on disposals of Property NSW-managed lots.

Property NSW is not aware of lots proposed for sale or put on the market by other clusters/agencies in the Fairfield electorate.

*1045 PUBLIC LAND LEASES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE BUSINESSES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Why are business proprietors on Government-owned land located at the intersection of Loscoe Street and The Horsley Drive in Fairfield only being made offers for three-year leases?

Answer—

I am advised:

The property referenced (Lots 13/2/DP7605 and 14/2/DP7605 - 449-461 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield 2165) is the responsibility of Roads and Maritime Services. Therefore this is a matter for the Minister for Transport and Roads.

*1046 PUBLIC LAND SALES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE PAST 10 YEARS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has any Government-owned land in the Fairfield electorate been sold in the past 10 years?
(a) If yes:
(i) Where was the land located?
(ii) How much was the land sold for?
(iii) When was it sold?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, Government owned land has been sold in the Fairfield electorate in the past 10 years.

Note that the information and total value provided reflects sales within in the Fairfield Local Government Area, as opposed to the Fairfield electorate, as sale data in Government Property Register (GPR) is not captured by State electorate

Land was sold in the below Local Government Areas (LGAs)

- Fairfield
- Eurobodella
- Queanbeyan – Palerang
- Wingecarribee
- Goulbourn – Mulwaree
- Liverpool
- Campbelltown
- Wollondilly
- Shoalhaven

Indicated below, is the total value of land sold in the above noted LGAs for the past 10 years.

- 2008-09 - 12,409,540
- 2009-10 - \$5,727,922
- 2010-11 - \$41,043,696
- 2011-12 - \$15,914,970
- 2012-13 - \$41,073,745
- 2013-14 - \$6,003,000
- 2014-15 - \$4,622,500
- 2015-16 - \$20,709,500
- 2016-17 - \$13,003,000
- 2017-18 - \$25,553,037
- 2018-19 - \$36,773,980
- 1 July 2019 to 14 August 2019 \$3,655,000

*1047 SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATORS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which schools in the Fairfield Electorate currently have defibrillators on site?
(a) For each of these schools, was the equipment purchased by the school or privately funded?

Answer—

(1) The following eleven schools in the Fairfield Electorate have a defibrillator:

- Canley Vale High School
- Canley Vale Public School
- Fairfield High School
- Fairfield Public School
- Fairvale Public School
- Fairvale High School
- Fairfield West Public School
- Westfields Sports High School
- Carramar Public School
- Old Guildford Public School
- Yennora Public School

(a) The following eight schools purchased their defibrillator:

- Canley Vale High School
- Canley Vale Public School
- Fairfield High School
- Fairfield Public School
- Fairvale Public School
- Fairvale High School
- Fairfield West Public School
- Westfields Sports High School

The defibrillator was privately funded for the remaining schools listed below:

- Carramar Public School

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- Old Guildford Public School
- Yennora Public School

*1048 SCHOOL FIRST AID TRAINING FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Which schools in the Fairfield electorate currently offer first aid training to students and/or staff?

Answer—

All school staff are provided with first aid training to recognise and respond to injuries and incidents that occur in schools through mandatory anaphylaxis and emergency care training. Additionally, all public schools have in place annual Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and anaphylaxis training for staff.

First Aid training is offered as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Syllabus, Stage 6. Schools may elect to offer first aid training as an extra curricula activity to students.

*1049 FAIRFIELD STATION EXPRESS TRAINS—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) How frequently do express train services presently operate from Fairfield Station to the City Circle loop?

(2) What days of the week do these services operate?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the transportnsw.info website.

*1050 FAIRFIELD-CABRAMATTA POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

How much funding has been allocated to the Fairfield-Cabramatta Police Citizens Youth Club for refurbishments and/or upgrades as part of the \$39.2 million program to replace and refurbish Police Citizens Youth Clubs across New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

In 2018 the Government announced record funding of nearly \$40 million for PCYC NSW to specifically build four new clubs and upgrade five existing facilities throughout the state. Details can be found at: <https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au>.

*1051 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) How many community groups from the Fairfield Electorate have lodged applications for funding from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund?

(2) How many applications have been successful?

(a) Of the successful applicants, how much funding has been provided for the installation of CCTV cameras (as at 8 August 2019)?

(3) How many applications have been declined?

(4) How many businesses from the Fairfield Electorate have lodged applications for funding from the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund?

(5) How many applications have been successful?

(a) Of the successful applicants, how much funding has been provided for the installation of CCTV cameras (as at 8 August 2019)?

(6) How many applications have been declined?

Answer—

I am advised:

Applications are currently being assessed by the Department of Communities and Justice in conjunction with the NSW Police Force.

*1052 SERVICE NSW CENTRES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) In light of the fact that the Fairfield Electorate presently has no Service NSW centres to meet the needs of local residents, will you commit to the provision of a permanent mobile Service NSW unit to routinely operate in the Fairfield Central Business District?

Answer—

The Service NSW users are not permanently allocated to particular Local Government Areas (LGAs). Instead they are deployed to rotate between locations more than 30 minutes from a Service Centre. Their function is to ensure that our regional customers have access to the same Government Services as our metropolitan customers.

There are a number of Service NSW Service Centres located within close proximity to the Fairfield electorate including Wetherill Park, Granville, Auburn, Parramatta, Lidcombe, and Liverpool.

In April 2019 the NSW Government announced that a new Service Centre will also open in Merrylands.

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- 1053 BROKEN HILL TOWNSHIP WATER LICENCE FROM MURRAY RIVER—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1054 MENTAL ILLNESS PATIENTS LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE COMMUNITY BASED FACILITIES—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 1055 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MISSED CLASSES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1056 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SALARY WAGE CAP EXEMPTION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—
- 1057 FAIR TRADING SCAM PROTECTION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1058 LAKE CARGELLIGO HEALTH STAFFING VACANCIES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1059 SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK SEWERAGE OVERFLOWS—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1060 GOSFORD ELECTORATE PARAMEDICS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1061 DIVERSITY TARGETS CREATIVE SECTORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1062 BROKEN HILL PIPELINE BENEFIT FOR NORTHERN IRRIGATORS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1063 BATHURST BULLET 2 TRAIN SERVICE BUSINESS CASE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1064 SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1065 VEHICLES TURNING INTO BONNYRIGG AVENUE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1066 COMMUNITY 2168 PROJECT MILLER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- *1067 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
How many buildings within the Liverpool electorate are on the combustible cladding register as at 20 August 2019?
Answer—
The Cladding Regulation Online Registration System (the Register) is administered by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. This question should be asked of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
- 1068 FORMER OFFICE OF TRUSTEE AND GUARDIAN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1069 GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND SALES LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1070 LIVERPOOL SERVICE NSW CENTRE ATTENDANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1071 BUDGET FUNDING FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE IN THE LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1072 LAKE CARGELLIGO MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE HOUSING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1073 EVIDENCE ACT SECTION 127—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1074 BIKE RACKS ON BUS SERVICES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1075 SENIORS REGIONAL TRAVEL CARD—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1076 CROOKWELL TO GOULBURN RAIL TRAIL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1077 DOMESTIC RECYCLING EXPANSION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1078 WESTCONNEX M4-M5 LINK TUNNELS AT ST PETERS—Mr Ron Hoenig to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1079 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SALARY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 1080 LEGAL AID NSW CARE PARTNER FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1081 FISHERIES OFFICE BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1082 FIREARMS REGISTRY ADVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1083 WARATAH SERIES 2 TRAINS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1084 FALSE INFORMATION ON CLASSES MISSED IN GRIFFITH AT MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- 1085 RETIREMENT VILLAGE EXIT ENTITLEMENTS AND RECURRENT CHARGES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- *1086 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH AND ORTHOPAEDICS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Will a stand-alone mental health unit and orthopaedics unit be part of the newly-developed Griffith Base Hospital?
 - (2) How many mental health nurses and orthopaedic surgeons will be employed directly by the Griffith Base Hospital?
- Answer—
- (1) The new Griffith Base Hospital will include new operating theatres suitable for orthopaedic procedures, alongside an Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit suitable for orthopaedic rehabilitation. I am advised Murrumbidgee Local Health District has sufficient mental health inpatient beds at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital to meet the needs of the District's population. The Griffith Specialist Community Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Service provides mental health care for adults and children with a specialist team also provide acute treatment responses. Emergency Mental Health assessments and consultation services are also provided by telehealth by the Mental Health Emergency Consultation Service which operates 24 hours per day.
- (2) The development of a Griffith Base Hospital Workforce Plan is underway as part of the redevelopment planning process.
- 1087 MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE RATES IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1088 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL DOCTORS ADMINISTERING RAPE KITS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1089 GARRAWARRA CENTRE FOR AGED CARE, WATERFALL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1090 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES JOB LOSSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1091 PUBLIC HOUSING MAINTENANCE COST—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1092 HOUSING NSW HEAD LEASES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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(Paper No. 22)

- 1093 CREATE NSW ARTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS PROGRAM 2018—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1094 SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1095 WATER SECURITY GREATER SYDNEY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1096 SHORE POWER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1097 SOCIAL HOUSING SALES—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- 1108 MENTAL SUPPORT FOR INNER CITY HOUSING TENANTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 1109 OXFORD STREET TRAFFIC DARLINGHURST AND PADDINGTON—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1100 HOARDING AND SQUALOR SUPPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1101 BIRRONG TRAIN STATION UPGRADES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1102 PURCHASES OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1103 AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLATIONS UNDER THE COOLER CLASSROOMS POLICY—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1104 DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- *1105 FIRE SAFETY IN NEW SOUTH WALES HEALTH CARE FACILITIES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Do all public hospitals and health care facilities in New South Wales meet the minimum legal requirements to ensure compliance with State fire safety requirements?
- (a) If not, where are these facilities located?
- (b) If not, when are these facilities scheduled to meet compliance?
- Answer—
- NSW Local Health Districts and other Specialised Health Networks are responsible for ongoing management of the properties they occupy, including but not limited to fire safety compliance. This includes managing identified risk, rectification and remediation.
- 1106 DOCTORS IN 24 HOUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS OPERATING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1107 WATER ACCESS LICENCES – REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1108 CAPACITY OF THE UMBERUMBERKA RESERVOIR—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1109 PYRMONT PUBLIC TRANSPORT—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1110 SYDNEY TO NEWCASTLE TRAIN SERVICES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1111 GOVERNMENT PAYROLL FUNCTIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 1112 OPAL PATRONAGE DATA—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1113 ORGAN DONATION RATES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1114 CARRINGTON BOAT RAMP UPGRADE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1115 NEWCASTLE PORT COURT CASE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 1116 PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1117 PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1118 UTILITY POLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1119 MAITLAND TAFE STATISTICS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 1120 SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE BACKLOG MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- *1121 ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are currently operational in the Maitland electorate (as at 21 August 2019)?
 - (a) Where are the electric vehicle recharge stations located?
 - (2) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are planned or proposed for the Maitland electorate?
 - (a) Where will these be located?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- The Sydney Metro City and Southwest project has nothing to do with privatisation.
- This information is publicly available. All infrastructure on the Sydney Metro network, such as stations, trains and railway tracks is owned by the Government.
- 1122 PROPERTY NSW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING OFFICE MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1123 SERVICE NSW MAITLAND JOBS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1124 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1125 DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1126 CONCESSIONS IN THE NSW BUDGET—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—
- 1127 SERVICE NSW WALLSEND JOBS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1128 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ECONOMIC REVITALISATION PLAN ELECTION COMMITMENT—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Premier—
- 1129 LINK2HOME SERVICE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1130 COOLER CLASSROOMS POLICY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1131 FLOOD DAMAGE AT THE MURWILLUMBAH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1132 RESPONSIBILITY OF REGIONAL ROADS FROM LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1133 TEACHERS PAY INEQUALITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 1134 AMENDMENT TO THE RETIREMENT VILLAGES ACT 1999—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1135 FIVE MILLION TREES FOR GREATER SYDNEY GRANT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- *1136 TEMPORARY TRANSPORT SERVICE PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- Will there be any community consultation conducted on the Temporary Transport Service Plan which will detail the alternative transport routes during the Sydenham to Bankstown possession periods?
- Answer—
- I am advised:
- (1) The On Demand public transport trials are intended to find creative new ways of delivering transport services.
- The On Demand trials in Shellharbour, Thirroul and Figtree were introduced on 2 January 2018 and then monitored closely for 12 months. Based on the results, it was decided to end the Figtree trial, expand the Shellharbour zone and vary the service delivery model to improve customer outcomes.
- (2) No. This information is commercially sensitive.
- 1137 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EXPERT PANEL REVIEW REPORT BRIEFING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1138 GAZETTING OF A NATIONAL PARK—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1139 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM EXPERT PANEL REPORT RECOMMENDATION 16—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1140 SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 1141 COOKS RIVER—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1142 SCHOOLS CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1143 EMPLOYMENT CANTERBURY ELECTORATE—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 1144 TRAIN SERVICES PRINTED TIMETABLES HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1145 SERVICE NSW ACCOUNTS MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1146 SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY MODIFICATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1147 ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT SCHEME—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1148 FORESTRY CORPORATION AND NSW APIARISTS' ASSOCIATION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1149 M5 EAST MOTORWAY TOLLS CASHBACK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1150 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS IN THE CESSNOCK ELECTORATE—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1151 ADULT FARES FOR TRAIN TRIPS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 1152 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAMPUS INJURIES FROM VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1153 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CARPARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1154 HUNTER WATER OFFICES LAKE MAQUARIE MAITLAND—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1155 GLENDORE PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY FENCE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1156 CARDIFF TRAIN STATION CARPARK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1157 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL CARPARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1158 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1159 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND JUSTICE COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1160 UPGRADE OF WIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 1161 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION BUDGETS FOR WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1162 MALDON-DOMBARTON RAIL LINK—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1163 DUNC GRAY VELODROME BASS HILL FUNDING—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 1164 PUBLIC SECTOR JOB CUTS IN WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1165 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FIRE-FIGHTING STAFF—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1166 PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY AND INSTITUTIONS PRECINCT—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Premier representing the Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- 1167 BANNING OF PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1168 MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL PARK—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1169 2019 AERIAL HORSE SURVEY—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1170 RADIATA PLATEAU—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1171 REGIONAL GROWTH - ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM FUND EXPENDITURE—Ms Kate Washington to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1172 COONAMBLE POLICE STATION STATUS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1173 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTING WATER REFORM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- 1174 RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES FUNDING NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Treasurer—
- 1175 POONCARIE WEIR MODIFICATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1176 NON-RENEWAL OF RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY ASSESSOR CONTRACTS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1177 COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE INQUIRY—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1178 REMOVAL OF RED-LIGHT AND AVERAGE SAFETY CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1179 NEW RED-LIGHT SPEED AND AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS IN THE FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1180 FIREARMS LICENCES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1181 REVENUE RAISED FROM RED-LIGHT SPEED AND SAFETY CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 1182 DEFACED OR VANDALISED RED-LIGHT SPEED AND SAFETY CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1183 MOBILITY-FRIENDLY ACCESS TO AND FROM CARRAMAR, YENNORA AND VILLAWOOD TRAIN STATIONS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1184 MOBILE SPEED CAMERAS DEPLOYED—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1185 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1186 PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED AND OFFENCES COMMITTED TO FAIRFIELD RESIDENCE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 1187 VEHICLE MOVEMENTS LOOKOUT ROAD NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1188 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL CAMPUS KOOKABURRA CIRCUIT VEHICLE NUMBERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1189 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL SECURITY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- *1190 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WAIT TIME IN EMERGENCY—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the Bureau of Healthcare Information's 'People's use and experiences of mental health care in NSW' report found that 45 per cent of mental health-related patients waited four hours or less and 10 per cent of mental health-related patients waited more than 24 hours in the emergency department in the South Western Sydney Local Health District, what additional resources will be allocated to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital to reduce emergency wait times for mental-health related presentations?

Answer—

Senior specialist clinical mental health nurses are based in the emergency department to provide timely assessment and review of patients presenting with mental health concerns.

A Rapid Emergency Mental Health Service trial has also commenced, where a dedicated ambulance vehicle staffed by a paramedic and a Mental Health Clinical Nurse Consultant attends to triple zero calls, undertakes an assessment and where clinically indicated, diverts the consumer to Community Mental Health services.

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Appendix A

Table 1: Summary of gigalitres (GL) sold and purchased from 2012-13 to 2018-19

Water Year	Sold allocation in storage		Sold Supplementary		Purchased allocation in storage	
	Volume (GL)	Average Price (\$/ML)	Volume (GL)	Average Price (\$/ML)	Volume (GL)	Average Price (\$/ML)
2012-13	23.3	42	4.6	10	-	-
2013-14	13.0	162	5.7	20	6.5	100
2014-15	2.4	118	-	-	2.1	115
2015-16	1.5	220	-	-	-	-
2016-17	1.0	320	-	-	19.0	5
2017-18	2.7	190	-	-	2.3	117
2018-19	15.0	349	-	-	-	-
Average	8.4	166	1.5	16	4.3	42

Appendix B

Table 1: Government schools in Central Coast local government area participating in Bump It Up, with percentage NAPLAN results in the top two bands.

School name	Electorate	Cohorts	% NAPLAN results in the top two bands				
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Berkeley Vale Public School	The Entrance	Years 3/5	32.3%	29.1%	26.8%	31.4%	31.6%
Blue Haven Public School	Wyong	Years 3/5	24.7%	20.4%	22.6%	21.6%	37.5%
Brisbania Public School	Terrigal	Years 3/5	27.8%	29.7%	31.7%	35.6%	37.3%
Budgewoi Public School	Swansea	Years 3/5	15.3%	23.6%	23.4%	21.6%	26.4%
Erina High School	Terrigal	Years 7/9	17.5%	17.2%	15.3%	19.1%	20.2%
Gorokan Public School	Wyong	Years 3/5	15.3%	21.5%	13.8%	23.5%	19.0%
Henry Kendall High School	Gosford	Years 7/9	19.8%	19.9%	18.3%	24.2%	24.4%
Kariong Public School	Gosford	Years 3/5	29.3%	31.8%	31.7%	36.8%	35.9%
Kincumber High School	Terrigal	Years 7/9	17.6%	15.7%	13.5%	22.4%	19.1%
Valley View Public School	The Entrance	Years 3/5	20.2%	28.8%	28.0%	34.8%	33.0%
Wadalba Community School	Wyong	Years 3/5	23.9%	16.5%	9.7%	27.7%	27.5%
Wadalba Community School	Wyong	Years 7/9	10.3%	12.5%	12.0%	10.9%	9.5%
Warnervale Public School	Wyong	Years 3/5	31.6%	27.0%	20.2%	35.6%	38.2%
Wyong High School	Wyong	Years 7/9	11.9%	11.4%	11.8%	10.2%	14.3%

Appendix C

Table 1: Number of licensed dairy production businesses in New South Wales by year.

Year	Number of dairy businesses
2011/12	778
2012/13	731
1013/14	710
2014/15	704
2015/16	690
2016/17	661
2017/18	626
2018/19	575