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- 1531 ASBESTOS IN MOUNT DRUITT ELECTORATE SCHOOLS—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- *1532 TV HIRE COSTS IN NEW SOUTH WALES HOSPITALS—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- (1) Regarding the fees of up to \$14 per day being charged for TV hire in New South Wales hospitals by patient entertainment providers, is there a provision for the associated hospital to collect a percentage of the revenue based on overall usage?
 - (a) If so, what is the percentage?
 - (2) Considering that these fees are more than the cost of subscription services such as Foxtel, Stan or Netflix, will the Government negotiate with these providers to reduce the fees for patients?
 - (3) What is the Government doing to alleviate these expensive costs for patients in New South Wales hospitals?

Answer—

(1)-(3)

Patient access to television, including any associated charges, is determined at the local health district level. Concessions are offered at most facilities for concession card holders, such as seniors or Department of Veterans' Affairs card holders and flat rates are applied for extended length of stay.

Not all facilities receive revenue as part of their contract with the television service supplier.

eHealth NSW is working with NSW Health local health districts to implement Guest Wi-Fi services for patients and their carers to use in NSW Health public hospitals.

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- *1637 PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Treasurer—
- How many public sector agencies are located in Maitland (as at 22 October 2019)?
- Answer—
- This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Public Service and Employee Relations.
- *1638 WESTERN WILD DOG COORDINATOR—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- Will funding be provided for a Western Wild Dog Coordinator position, following the withdrawal of funding for such a position by the Australian Wool Industry?
- Answer—
- Western Local Land Services coordinates and delivers a number of programs in the Western region for the control of wild dogs including 10 Biosecurity staff and one Regional Pest Coordinator.
- LLS became aware in October that the industry-run and funded Western Wild Dog Coordinator would finish due to the withdrawal of funding by Australian Wool Industry.
- Local Land Services acknowledges the value that the Western Wild Dog Coordinator has provided to existing programs and will endeavour to identify future funding opportunities to support this role.
- *1639 LICENCES FOR TYRE RECYCLING PLANTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Will further licences be issued for tyre recycling plants, similar to the one provided for Green Distillation Technologies in Warren, New South Wales?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) What is the process for applying for a licence?
 - (ii) When will these licences become available?

Answer—

(1) Tyre recycling plants similar to the Green Distillation Technologies plant in Warren would require development approval before an environment protection licence can be issued.

(a) (i) Once a site-specific development consent is obtained, applicants should contact their local regional Environment Protection Authority (EPA) office about applying for a licence.

(a) (ii) Following assessment of the licence application and approval by the EPA.

*1640 NURSES IN WESTERN AND FAR WEST NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many nurse practitioners have been appointed in the Western NSW Local Health District?

(a) Where are they located?

(b) In what specialty are they practising?

(2) How many nurse practitioners have been appointed in the Far West Local Health District?

(a) Where are they located?

(b) In what specialty are they practising?

(3) Are there plans to create new positions for nurse practitioners in the New South Wales public health system?

Answer—

(1)-(2) Western NSW and Far West Local Health Districts have mechanisms in place to ensure that staffing profiles are adequate to meet forecasted activity demands, and practitioners often work across multiple sites.

I am advised that Western NSW Local Health District specialties include chronic care, emergency, hospital in the home, remote generalist, continence stoma therapy, women's health and mental health. Similarly, I am advised that Far West Local Health District specialties include chronic and complex care, mental health, drug and alcohol, respiratory and rural and remote generalist.

(3) Local Health Districts are responsible for service planning and development of new models of care, which includes recruiting nurse practitioners (NP). Districts undertake a service needs analysis to identify where NP roles could be utilised and would add the most value to health service delivery.

*1641 SENIORS ASSISTANCE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How does the Government assist seniors in the Canterbury electorate, particularly those who are on the pension, from a multicultural background or who are not technologically literate, with accessing rebates and refunds?

Answer—

The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing cost of living pressures for New South Wales residents, including seniors. The Cost of Living program includes a number of rebates and savings aimed at New South Wales Seniors.

The Cost of Living service can be accessed through the Savings Finder webpage on the Service NSW website, over the phone, or by visiting a Service NSW Centre. Customers can book an appointment with a Cost of Living specialist at Bankstown, Marrickville and Hurstville Service Centres which are nearby the Canterbury Electorate.

Service NSW aims to reflect the communities it serves, and as such has a culturally and linguistically diverse workforce who speak a number of languages. Interpreter services are also available for those who require this service.

To date over 1,800 specialist appointments have been completed in Service Centres nearby the Canterbury Electorate with an average customer saving of about \$572 (as at 14 November 2019).

A full list of rebates can be found on the Service NSW website: www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living#most-popular.

*1642 COOKS RIVER ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will the Minister for the Environment attend a meeting with the Member for Canterbury and local residents with regard to a strategy for managing the Cooks River and the surrounding natural environment?

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Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Local Government, as the Minister responsible for the Coastal Management Act 2016.

- *1643 PARKED BICYCLE SAFETY AT CAMPSIE RAILWAY STATION—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What procedures does the Government have to ensure the safety of parked bicycles at railway stations, particularly at Campsie Railway Station?

Answer—

There are currently 2 bicycle racks that accommodate approximately 16 bicycles at Campsie Railway Station.

The NSW Police Transport & Public Safety Command is responsible for security and crime-prevention across all modes of public transport in NSW. Sydney Trains continues to work closely with them and the NSW Police Local Area Commands to address crime on the rail network.

- *1644 SOCIAL HOUSING SHORTAGE—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

What is the Government's plan to tackle the severe shortage of social housing in the Canterbury electorate, without considering boarding homes?

Answer—

I am advised:

New South Wales now has the biggest social housing building program of any state or territory across the country. The \$22 billion Communities Plus program under Future Directions for Social Housing in New South Wales is planning to deliver 23,000 social housing, 500 affordable and 40,000 private housing dwellings across New South Wales.

Phase 1 and 2 of the Social and Affordable Housing Fund is also targeting the delivery of 3,400 additional social and affordable homes across New South Wales.

- *1645 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

Does the Government have a plan to provide assistance to local communities and local government councils, such as Canterbury Bankstown Council, to promote and celebrate Chinese New Year?

Answer—

The Government's Celebrating Diversity Grants Program invests in community projects, events and activities that foster community harmony, social cohesion, and celebrate cultural diversity.

Information about the program including the application process, eligibility, and assessment criteria are available at: <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants>.

- *1646 BREAST SCREENING—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Is breast screening available at Canterbury Hospital?

(a) If not, is there an opportunity to provide that service at Canterbury Hospital?

Answer—

BreastScreen NSW, in the Sydney Local Health District, has a permanent screening centre in the Campsie Centre. This is approximately one kilometre from Canterbury Hospital.

- *1647 CANTERBURY ROAD CLEARWAY—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What was the consultation process regarding the proposed new and extended clearway on Canterbury Road, especially in the Canterbury electorate?

Answer—

Feedback on the proposed clearway and the alternative parking options was open until Monday, 4 November 2019. A community update was distributed to 24,800 residents and businesses along the corridor on 15 October 2019 and face-to-face consultation was conducted with local businesses facing Canterbury Road between Jeffrey Street and New Canterbury Road.

*1648 BEXLEY ROAD CLEARWAY TIMES—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Have the changes to clearway times on Bexley Road at Earlwood, Clemton Park and Campsie made significant changes to peak hour traffic congestion?

Answer—

A benefit of having a clearway instead of the previous No Parking/No Stopping restrictions is that, in the event of a vehicle being parked illegally, it can be towed away, thus preventing delays for road users. However, the amount of traffic congestion normally existing along this corridor remains as it was before the change.

*1649 GAMBLING PREVENTION STRATEGIES—Ms Sophie Cotsis asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Considering that Campsie has one of the highest rates of gambling in New South Wales, what strategies has the Government adopted to increase gambling awareness in Campsie?

Answer—

The New South Wales Government is committed to promoting responsible gambling and preventing and minimising gambling harm. In late 2017, the Government strengthened the New South Wales Responsible Gambling Fund Trust, appointing nine experts to advise the Government on responsible gambling. The Government also created a dedicated Office of Responsible Gambling to lead the development of responsible gambling strategy and policy advice, along with prevention and harm reduction efforts across the state.

This financial year, \$35 million has been allocated to develop and implement programs and initiatives to prevent and minimise gambling harm, promote a safe gambling environment and support those impacted by problem gambling.

In October 2018, the Office released its first three-year Strategic Plan, which sets out the vision of New South Wales working towards zero gambling harm. A key priority of this plan is to build awareness of responsible gambling and gambling related harm, and encourage resilient communities.

One key program focusing on young people, called 'Odds on Youth', aims to build the capacity of youth organisations to prevent gambling harm amongst young people who access their services and provides grants to support local gambling harm initiatives. There are a number of participating organisations from the inner west of Sydney, and one of the funded initiatives in the Campsie area will be a project to improve gambling awareness via in-school workshops.

The annual Responsible Gambling Awareness Week was held from 16 to 22 September this year. The week aims to increase awareness of responsible gambling practices to the wider community and includes an advertising campaign to promote awareness of responsible gambling to the wider public through social media, websites and radio.

Events were also held across the state to promote responsible gambling in local communities and included:

- a community event held in partnership with Mission Australia (a Gambling Help NSW provider), the Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales and Sydney Women's Counselling Centre to provide information about the impacts of problematic gambling behaviours, as well as access to information about other support services in Campsie and surrounding suburbs.
- an interactive community workshop raising awareness of responsible gambling in Lakemba. The workshop was hosted by the Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales and supported by a representative from the local Gambling Help provider.

*1650 OBSTETRICS BEDS AT GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why was the decision made to reduce the number of obstetrics beds at Griffith Base Hospital from 14 to 12, as detailed in the new hospital clinical services plan?
- (2) On what dates did consultation with hospital staff and the community take place to inform this decision?

Answer—

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(1) Griffith Base Hospital currently provides a specialist maternity service and the current level of service will remain in the new hospital. The Griffith Clinical Services Plan shows a continued reduction in length of stay predicted as women choose models of care that promote community follow up in the home.

(2) Consultation for the development of the 2017 Griffith Clinical Service Plan occurred with clinicians and the community in two two-day site visits conducted at the beginning of June 2017 and end of planning in October 2017. On release of the draft plan, further consultation occurred with the hospital's doctors and clinical staff at the end of September and in November 2017.

*1651 WATER SHARING PLANS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why is rainfall runoff collection by farmers now being included in the new Water Sharing Plans being drafted as a newly created take category, considering it is not included in the either State nor Federal water acts?
- (2) If the Government proceeds with including the new take category, has the cap or Sustainable Diversion Limit within these Water Sharing Plans been increased to reflect the growth in total take levels?

Answer—

I am advised:

That legal limits for all surface water diversions, including rainfall runoff, have been in place since 1995 as part of the cap.

*1652 WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many water supply work approvals has the Government issued for projects funded under the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture's Water Efficiency Program since 1 January 2015 (as at 22 October 2019)?
- (2) What is the total dollar value of projects funded under the Water Efficiency Program for which the Government issued water supply work approvals after 1 January 2015 (as at 22 October 2019)?
- (3) What monitoring or oversight did the Government undertake to ensure water savings were made from each project funded under the Water Efficiency Program for which the Government issued water supply work approvals after 1 January 2015 (as at 22 October 2019)?
- (4) What is the total volume of water rights returned to the Federal Government from projects funded under the Water Efficiency Program for which the Government issued water supply work approvals after 1 January 2015 (as at 22 October 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Published information does not allow New South Wales to confidently identify all projects that have been funded under the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture's Water Efficiency Program. A determination of the number of related water work supply approvals is therefore difficult to ascertain.

(2) Published information does not allow New South Wales to confidently identify all projects that have been funded under the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture's Water Efficiency Program. A determination of the number of related water work supply approvals and associated dollar value is therefore difficult to ascertain.

(3) The Water Efficiency Program is a Commonwealth program and is subject to Commonwealth auditing processes. New South Wales understands that the Commonwealth has Program Delivery Partners or other suitably qualified persons to verify the water savings for each project being put forward for funding.

(4) Published information does not allow New South Wales to confidently identify all projects that have been funded under the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture's Water Efficiency Program. A determination of the number of related water work supply approvals and associated volume of return water rights is therefore difficult to ascertain.

*1653 FUNDING FOR EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

From the \$9.2 million allocated in the NSW Budget 2019-2020 for infrastructure maintenance and improvements to community showgrounds, will consideration be given to the funding of essential multi-purpose community infrastructure at the Eugowra Showground?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

*1654 SYDNEY HELICOPTERS SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How often has the Government engaged Granville based Sydney Helicopters:
 - (a) In the last year (as at 22 October 2019);
 - (b) In the last two years (as at 22 October 2019);
 - (c) In the last five years (as at 22 October 2019)?
- (2) What services has Sydney Helicopters provided to the Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) The below figures have been supplied by the New South Wales State Air Desk, a multi-agency team responsible for coordination of aircraft operations for the NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, the Office of Environment and Heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Services), the ACT Rural Fire Service, the NSW State Emergency Service, the Forestry Corporation of New South Wales, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, and Local Land Services. The State Air Desk only retains statistics on the number of taskings, the duration of which may vary from hours to weeks:

- (a) 98 taskings.
- (b) 159 taskings.
- (c) 268 taskings.

(2) Sydney Helicopters has been, and are currently, contracted to provide both helicopter services and aviation refuelling services in New South Wales through a Call When Needed contract.

*1655 WESTMEAD PROPERTIES TO BE DEMOLISHED FOR SYDNEY METRO WEST—Ms Julia Finn asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many properties in Westmead are earmarked for demolition as part of the construction of the Sydney Metro West Rail Line?
- (2) How much notice have the owners been given?

Answer—

As with all infrastructure projects of this scale, some properties along the alignment of the Sydney Metro West project have been identified as being required for the project.

All property acquisitions are managed in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991, which sets out the process to fairly compensate affected land owners and tenants and also identifies the relevant statutory notice period.

*1656 ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICE SITE REMEDIATION—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Why has the land owned by the Roads and Maritime Service in Robert Street, Whitebridge which was fenced off in 2017 with "Danger Asbestos" signs erected, not yet been remediated?

Answer—

Following the discovery of contamination during routine maintenance of the Whitebridge site in 2017, Transport for NSW had the site secured by fencing to ensure the safety of the community.

Transport for NSW has since carried out a number of detailed environmental studies in line with environmental guidelines and legislation to understand the level of contamination.

Council is required to grant development consent before Transport for NSW can start remediation activities. Transport for NSW is progressing a development application.

*1657 SECLUSION AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINT RATES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

What action, if any, is being taken to reduce the seclusion rate and the use of physical restraint at the Mental Health facility at Liverpool Hospital?

Answer—

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All local health districts and specialty health networks have now reported completion of a local, co-designed seclusion and restraint prevention action plan for their service.

SafeWards have been implemented at Liverpool Hospital including development of five sensory rooms and two sensory courtyards to assist consumers to regulate their emotions and avoid escalation of their behavior.

Training is being provided to staff to assist them with alternative techniques of de-escalation, sensory modulation and trauma-informed care rather than using seclusion and physical restraint.

- *1658 WALAMA COURT ESTABLISHMENT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What progress, if any, has been made in relation to establishing the Walama Court?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice is currently considering the Walama Court proposal alongside a range of other proposals that aim to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander overrepresentation in the criminal justice system.

- *1659 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION GUARDIANSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What steps has the Government taken in relation to the recommendations of the NSW Law Reform Commission concerning Guardianship legislation?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Government established the Ageing and Disability Commissioner on the 1 July 2019. This implements in part the New South Wales Law Reform Commission's recommendation in its Report No. 145: Review of the Guardianship Act 1987 for an independent statutory position to have powers to investigate suspected abuse and neglect of people in need of decision-making assistance.

The New South Wales Government is carefully considering the remaining recommendations made by the report.

- *1660 SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE—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—

In your position as Special Minister of State, what specific portfolio duties do you undertake?

Answer—

I refer you to the Administrative Arrangements (Administration of Acts-General) Order (No 2) 2019.

- *1661 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAIT TIMES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the average wait time for a patient waiting to be treated in the Emergency Department of Liverpool Hospital as at 1 July 2019?
- (2) What was the average wait time for a critically ill patient waiting to be treated in the Emergency Department of Liverpool Hospital as at 1 July 2019?

Answer—

Emergency Department performance is reported regularly by the Bureau of Health Information, and is publicly available.

- *1662 ENERGY RETAILERS BILLING ERROR COMPLAINTS FROM LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

How many complaints in relation to billing errors by energy retailers in New South Wales were received from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 by the Water and Energy Ombudsman from the Liverpool electorate?

Answer—

The Energy and Water Ombudsman (NSW) Ltd (EWON) is an industry-based dispute resolution scheme that operates independently of the New South Wales Government. Questions regarding EWON's complaints data should be directed to EWON.

EWON also publishes annual reports, including complaints data by regions, which are accessible at www.ewon.com.au.

- *1663 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT SECTION 293—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

What action will you take concerning Section 293 of the Criminal Procedure Act?

Answer—

I have instructed the Department of Communities and Justice to undertake a general review of section 293 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986. This is currently underway.

- *1664 PROJECTED NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What is the projected number of homeless persons within the electorate of Liverpool as at 1 December 2019?

Answer—

I am advised that data on the number of people assisted by Specialist Homelessness Services is published by Local Government Area on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's website at: <http://www.aihw.gov.au>.

- *1665 WORKPLACE INJURIES AT LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many registered workplace injuries occurred at Liverpool Hospital in the:
(a) 2017-2018 financial year;
(b) 2018-2019 financial year?

Answer—

Information on Workers' Compensation claims is published in the NSW Health Annual Report.

- *1666 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 378 BUS ROUTE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Following on from LA Q355, when will the Government re-establish the 378 bus service?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous response, LA Q355.

- *1667 WATER SAVING SCHEMES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the dire state of the drought in New South Wales, why has the Government not introduced the following water saving schemes utilised during the millennium drought:
(a) A state wide water tank rebate scheme;
(b) A state wide sustainable washing machine rebate scheme;
(c) A state wide smart shower head rebate scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The New South Wales Government is closely monitoring the drought situation and its impact on towns and communities throughout regional New South Wales. The Government is taking a risk-based approach to assist regional New South Wales Local Government water utilities with the management of critical water shortages in regional New South Wales towns.

The Government has recently commenced a project to review Drought Management Plans of regional New South Wales Local Government water utilities. The project is currently being piloted in Bourke, Dubbo and Tamworth and will be rolled out more widely as part of the Government's risk-based response to the drought.

The project aims to enhance the work the Government and Local Government are already doing to facilitate and implement local drought management measures to extend or secure town water supplies in regional New South Wales. The project will review the current situation and application of Council's drought management plan but will also give Council an opportunity to explore further drought management measures, including both supply and demand measures, that could be employed straight away or as the drought continues.

On top of this, financial and technical assistance is available to regional New South Wales Local Government water utilities to support the continued delivery of town water services when a town or village supply is threatened by an extreme event such as drought. Funding is provided for the cost of water carting or emergency infrastructure.

Since the beginning of this drought, the Government has committed more than \$130 million to water infrastructure projects, water carting and emergency works projects to ensure communities have sustainable water supplies. This includes \$78 million recently approved for delivery of the Critical Drought Initiatives.

*1668 MAMMOGRAM MACHINE FOR ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Why does the only female specific hospital in New South Wales, the Royal Hospital for Women, not own its own mammogram machine?

Answer—

The NSW Women's Breast Centre, a diagnostic service offered by the Royal Hospital for Women, utilises a mammogram machine within its facility, owned by BreastScreen NSW.

*1669 SHOALHAVEN HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT TEMPORARY CLOSURE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Will the Mental Health Unit at the Shoalhaven Hospital be closed for 5 weeks later in the year and patients diverted to Shellharbour Hospital?

(a) If so, does this decision have the Minister's support?

(b) If not, what does the Minister intend to do to stop this planned shutdown?

Answer—

(1) The sub-acute Mental Health Unit at the Shoalhaven Hospital will be closed for three weeks, not five weeks, over the Christmas period.

Acute mental health units will remain open at all times and emergency departments are also open every day of the year.

Sub-acute mental health units are available to consumers who choose to use them. Consumers book into the Shoalhaven unit voluntarily, Demand reduces over the Christmas period as these people choose to spend time with families, friends or carers.

(a) Decisions about staffing of mental health units are made by Local Health Districts in line with the demand.

(b) Refer to previous answer.

*1670 BLACKTOWN AND MOUNT DRUITT HOSPITALS SURGICAL SERVICES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Has the local health district planned a reduction in surgical services at the Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals to improve their budgets in 2020?

(a) If so, does the Minister agree with this plan to reduce surgical services?

(i) If not, what does the Minister intend to do to prevent this reduction in services from taking place?

Answer—

Blacktown and Mount Druitt hospitals have an increase in their budgets. Efficient use of budget funds is being considered as per normal processes.

*1671 KEIRA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEMOUNTABLES—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Will demountables be replaced with permanent buildings at the following public schools in the Keira

electorate:

- (a) Austinmer Public School, currently 5 demountables;
- (b) Balgownie Public School, currently 3 demountables;
- (c) Bulli Public School, currently 3 demountables;
- (d) Coledale Public School, currently 2 demountables;
- (e) Corrimal High School, currently 5 demountables;
- (f) Figtree Heights Public School, currently 1 demountable;
- (g) Figtree High School, currently 5 demountables;
- (h) Keiraville Public School, currently 4 demountables;
- (i) Lindsay Park Public School, currently 3 demountables;
- (j) Pleasant Heights Public School, currently 4 demountables;
- (k) Russell Vale Public School, currently 4 demountables;
- (l) Thirroul Public School, currently 5 demountables;
- (m) Waniora Public School, currently 7 demountables;
- (n) Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, currently 13 demountables;
- (o) Woonona East Public School,
- (p) Woonona High School, currently 1 demountable;
- (q) Woonona Public School, currently 6 demountables?
 - (i) If so, for each school listed in (1) when will these demountables be replaced?
 - (ii) If not, why not?

Answer—

There are no current plans to replace the demountable buildings at these schools with permanent classrooms. Demountable buildings allow the Department of Education to be highly responsive to school needs. All demountable teaching spaces are air-conditioned and are regularly maintained.

Where geographically appropriate, a review of catchment boundaries can be undertaken to assist in more closely matching students who live in catchment to permanent classroom supply. This may help to reduce the number of demountables at the schools in this area.

*1672 CLADDING ON GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the name of the cladding material that was removed from Gosford Hospital?

Answer—

Buildings being delivered as part of the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment project have been assessed and found to comply with current Building Code of Australia (BCA) and legislative requirements.

One building at the hospital was previously found to have non-complying Aluminium Composite Panel (ACP) cladding. All non-complying ACP cladding was removed during remediation works completed in 2018.

*1673 CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Treasurer—

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—

The State Insurance Regulatory Authority consulted a broad range of stakeholders, including the Fire Brigade Employees' Union, the Rural Fire Service Association, Fire and Rescue NSW and the NSW Rural Fire Service, on the amendment of the workers compensation legislation. The amendments were also debated at length, with significant media coverage, before being approved by Parliament with the support of both the major and minor parties.

The New South Wales Liberal and Nationals Government introduced these amendments to ensure that it is easier for firefighters who develop cancer to claim workers compensation and to receive the support they deserve.

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*1674 DROUGHT RELIEF SMALL BUSINESS LOW INTEREST LOANS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

Is funding allocated for low interest loans up to \$50,000 to be offered to small businesses in rural communities affected by the drought, to be used to offset costs associated with stock and wages, so that small business owners can continue to trade during this time of economic uncertainty?

Answer—

Since 2017, the Government has invested \$3 billion in drought support and water security funding, including funding for 60 bores across 23 communities and 14 pipelines such as that from Wentworth to Broken Hill.

Of the \$1.8 billion Emergency Drought Relief Package, to date, more than \$988 million has been spent, which has flow on benefits for non-farm businesses.

Examples of Government assistance includes:

- The Drought Assistance Fund provides low interest loans of up to \$50,000 to primary producers for activities such as the transport of stock, fodder and water.
- The \$170 million Drought Stimulus Package is funding shovel-ready infrastructure projects to deliver economic stimulus for local economies experiencing the flow-on effects of the drought.
- The \$1 billion Farm Innovation Fund provides long-term, low interest loans (of up to 20 years) to NSW farmers for permanent on-farm infrastructure. The loans help farmers improve farm productivity, manage adverse seasonal conditions, ensure long term sustainability, and have flow on benefits to other small business in the local economy.
- The Buy Regional Campaign, launched 28 October 2019, connects city shoppers and rural sellers through an online hub, making it easy for Sydneysiders keen to help drought-affected towns to buy Christmas presents and produce direct from regional retailers.
- The NSW Small Business Commissioner (NSWSBC) is supporting small businesses impacted by drought through its advocacy role and mediation and specialist support services. It has supported councils and business chambers across the State and created resources and tools to support regional businesses be more resilient.
- The Government is subsidising skills training for farmers and regional businesses impacted by the drought to support off farm income and diversification of business practices. Training Services NSW has committed \$5 million through the Smart and Skilled program towards subsidised training for drought-affected farmers and regional business owners.

The Government has also established a dedicated Office of Drought Response which will enable better coordination of all resources across government agencies to support families, businesses and farmers.

In addition, the Commonwealth Government has recently announced the Small Business Drought Loan program which provides loans of up to \$500,000 to small businesses that directly provide primary production-related goods and services to farm businesses in the most drought-affected communities. The loans will be interest and re-payment free for the first two years, followed by three years interest-only and then five years principal and interest. The loans can be used to provide the working capital required to help manage businesses through the drought.

*1675 HUDSON PEAR ERADICATION PLAN FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Is funding allocated for a comprehensive Hudson Pear eradication plan, considering Hudson Pear has stripped the value of infested land in Western New South Wales and, if left unchecked, has the potential to reduce the viability of agricultural enterprises?
 - (a) If so, what level of funding is allocated?

Answer—

(1) Funding has been allocated for a comprehensive integrated response to the Hudson pear infestation in New South Wales. The response focuses on aggressive containment, and biocontrol using an insect that attacks and kills the cactus.

This approach will deliver long-term sustainable management of Hudson pear and greatly reduce its impact on the viability of agricultural enterprises and the community. Working together with landholders, all levels of government; local, regional, state and national, have invested in the management of the Hudson pear.

Initial trial releases of the biocontrol agent have had significant impacts on Hudson pear plants. Plants initially exposed to the insect, and smaller plants, are dying. Long distance dispersal of the biocontrol agent at these sites has also ranged between 300-400 metres.

North West Local Land Services and Northern Slopes Landcare Association are also increasing landholders' management capability of Hudson pear and other cacti

through production of best practice management guides, YouTube videos and workshops such as herbicide accreditation workshops.

(a) Chemical control of outlying populations at Qanda, Barradine, Pilliga and Broken Hill by Local Control Authorities and landholders is ongoing. An additional \$500,000 was allocated to implement the integrated Hudson pear response. This funding builds on previous investment over a number of years into biocontrol research and local management of this species.

*1676 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COSTS PATIENTS CAMPBELLTOWN AND CAMDEN HOSPITALS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why did Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals implement a policy to charge patients for items such as crutches, cam boots, shoulder immobilisers and knee immobilisers from 3 June 2019?
- (2) Has this policy been implemented at other hospitals?
 - (a) If so, which ones?
- (3) Is there access to a concession charge for pensioners for the mentioned items?
- (4) What is the cost price paid by the hospitals for the following items:
 - (a) Crutches;
 - (b) Cam boot;
 - (c) Shoulder immobiliser;
 - (d) Knee immobiliser?
- (5) Since 3 June 2019, what are the total costs charged to patients at Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals for the following items:
 - (a) Crutches;
 - (b) Cam boots;
 - (c) Shoulder immobilisers;
 - (d) Knee immobilisers?

Answer—

- (1) Prior to 3 June 2019, Camden and Campbelltown Hospital charged patients for medical equipment only in Outpatient Clinics. These costs were subsequently introduced to the Emergency Department (ED) in line with all other EDs across South West Sydney Local Health District.
- (2) Charging for consumable medical equipment is practiced across the state, and all hospitals within the District have implemented these charges.
- (3) No.
- (4) -(5) Costs vary between \$15.50 and \$30.00 per item. There is no breakdown of the total costs per item.

*1677 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering my correspondence to you dated 6 May 2019, will I receive advice on a suitable time for a meeting to discuss the future of Hurlstone Agricultural High School at Glenfield?

Answer—

As Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning I will happily meet with any Member to discuss schools in their electorate.

*1678 NARRANDERA TO TOCUMWAL RAIL LINE REOPENING FEASIBILITY STUDY CONFIDENTIALITY DECISION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When was Narrandera Shire Council first informed of the decision to make the Narrandera to Tocumwal Rail Line Reopening Feasibility Study confidential?
- (2) On what date did the Government decide the report was to be confidential?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Feasibility studies are always confidential because they contain commercial-in-confidence information. The Narrandera to Tocomwal Rail Line Reopening Feasibility Study is no exception, and Narrandera Shire Council was informed of this on 23 May 2018. A high level executive summary is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

*1679 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDIA POLICIES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How did Narrandera Shire Council and Griffith City Council factor the principles of free speech, good governance and democracy into their media policies which prevent councillors from speaking to the media on council matters?
- (2) What are the guiding principles regarding media statements on council matters by elected councillors?

Answer—

Section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that the Mayor is "the principal member and spokesperson of the governing body, including representing the views of the council as to its local priorities".

I am advised that consistent with this, Griffith City Council's Statements to the Media Policy and Narrandera Shire Council's Media and Public Relations Policy both provide that the Mayor is each councils' official spokesperson on policy and decision making by the councils.

I am advised that both councils' policies allow councillors to speak to the media in a personal capacity on the basis that they are providing their own opinion and are not representing the official position of the council.

*1680 NARRANDERA TO TOCUMWAL RAIL LINE REOPENING FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Which paragraphs of the Narrandera to Tocomwal Rail Line Reopening Feasibility Study have been deemed to be commercial-in-confidence?
- (2) Why can the Government not redact the paragraphs deemed commercial-in-confidence and then publically release the study?

Answer—

(1) The Narrandera to Tocomwal Rail Line Reopening Feasibility Study is entirely confidential. This is because it contains information that is commercial-in-confidence.

(2) A high level executive summary is publicly available on the Transport for NSW website.

*1681 ORANGE SQUASH CENTRE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

Will you consider allocating \$400,000 in whole funding, or co-contribution funding, from the 11.1 per cent of funds which remain unpaid by the Government to rural and regional New South Wales infrastructure projects, from the Restart NSW Fund, for the construction of a six-court squash centre at the Waratah Sports Club in Orange?

Answer—

The State Budget includes, and reports on, all approved and prospective Restart projects and programs. This differs from the ex post reporting of annual cash payments for Restart projects in rural and regional areas and the total cash payments, which is the basis for calculating the cumulative share of regional spending (18.9 per cent as at 30 June 2019) included in the annual report by the Auditor General.

As at the 2019-20 Budget, around 800 rural and regional projects, worth \$7.4 billion, have been approved for Restart funding, with \$2.1 billion in further Restart funding set aside for ongoing regional grant programs or projects. This represents 29 per cent of all budgeted and planned Restart funding since inception (of \$33.1 billion) which supports the Government's commitment to spend 30 per cent on regional projects over the life of the Restart Fund.

The "gap" of 11.1 per cent referred to in the question (assumed to be the difference between the reporting benchmark of 30 per cent and the 18.9 per cent reported referred to above) therefore does not represent an unallocated surplus but the difference between the historic profile of regional payments compared to metropolitan payments. It will regress to zero over time.

The process for considering Restart grants for regional projects is well settled. There are over twenty different regional programs, including grants programs focussed on supporting regional economies,

particularly the Regional Growth Fund and its constituent programs. These programs proceed by way of transparent selection processes and independent governance of project nomination.

Restart NSW is only possible because of the good economic management and innovative asset recycling program of the New South Wales Liberals and Nationals Government, and it forms part of a suite of measures to support the regions.

*1682 MOUNT CANOBOLAS MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS PROJECT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

Will you consider allocating \$7 million in whole funding, or \$5 million in partial funding, from the 11.1 per cent of funds which remain unpaid by the Government to rural and regional New South Wales infrastructure projects, from the Restart NSW Fund, for the construction of the Mount Canobolas Mountain Bike Trails project?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to your question LA Q1681.

*1683 ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM AND PLANETARIUM—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

Will you consider allocating \$15 million from the 11.1 per cent of funds which remain unpaid by the Government to rural and regional New South Wales infrastructure projects, from the Restart NSW Fund, for the construction of a \$19 million Regional Conservatorium and Planetarium in Orange?

Answer—

Please refer to my answer to your question LA Q1681.

*1684 GAME DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

(1) What support does the Government provide to the video game development industry through:

- (a) funding grants programs;
- (b) low cost loans or subsidies;
- (c) research and development backing;
- (d) conventions and trade missions;
- (e) business development, training and mentoring;
- (f) tax incentives or credits;
- (g) support for 'serious games' in health, welfare and education; and/or
- (h) other measures?

(2) Does the Government operate an interactive/video game advisory body to hear about industry needs?

(3) What advocacy has the Government carried out to build Commonwealth Government support for this industry; and

(4) What plans does the Government have to further support the interactive game industry?

Answer—

(1) The New South Wales Government provides a range of support, assistance and incentives for businesses, including the game development industry. Support programs include:

- (a) Funding grants programs
 - (i) Minimum Viable Product grants provide funding to promising startups including gaming developers to progress from a proof of concept stage to a minimum viable product.
 - (ii) 60 VISION grants offered by Create NSW, the NSW Government's arts and cultural agency, offers funding for professional artists to develop virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) work.
- (b) Low cost loans or subsidies
 - (i) Interest free loans and regional growth loans have been provided by NSW Treasury (previously Jobs for NSW) to companies in the digital creative industries. Regional Growth Loans are direct, interest-free loans for emerging and fast-growth small and medium-sized enterprise (SMEs) in regional New South Wales that are scaling quickly and creating jobs, but face barriers in accessing finance from traditional lenders.
- (c) Research and development backing

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- (i) The Creative Industries Knowledge Hub (CIKH), supported by the New South Wales Government and University of Technology Sydney (UTS), was established to support and develop the entrepreneurship and business skills of creative industries professionals in New South Wales. CIKH also serves to anchor Sydney's creative industries precinct centred on the UTS Ultimo campus. The program supports activities, events, knowledge exchange, networking and community building; and seeks to foster a culture of collaboration between creative industries, entrepreneurs and startups, researchers, and government.
 - (ii) The Create NSW, Creative Industry Development Program, provides support for one-off or annual events including workshops, masterclasses, forums and targeted professional development activities that enhance the New South Wales creative eco-system and increase creative professional development opportunities.
 - (iii) Boosting Business Innovation is an \$18 million program to give SMEs access to high-tech equipment, research, and expertise through the TechVouchers program. TechVouchers support research and development collaboration by providing up to \$15,000 matched funding for research and development projects with the 11 public New South Wales universities and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Startups and SMEs can connect to experts and embark innovative joint research and enable access to high technical equipment and facilities.
- (d) Conventions and trade missions
- (i) The New South Wales export development and services team supports new and established New South Wales exporters to improve global competitiveness. Export advisors supports export, international business and the government's trade agenda. A single access point for state and Commonwealth Government export support.
 - (ii) New South Wales promotes businesses on the national and international stage through the Premier's New South Wales Export Awards Creative Industries Award category. In New South Wales Blowfish Studios an independent game developer and publisher took out the New South Wales award in 2017. Other game companies promoted through the awards includes Plastic Wax who won the award in 2015. Companies promoted as finalists or winners in a category receive recognition at the New South Wales and international levels.
 - (iii) The New South Wales Government supports events relevant for the creative industries and the game development industry. These events have included Vivid Sydney, REMIX Global Summit and The Creative Achievement Awards.
- (e) Business development, training and mentoring
- (i) The Business Connect program is a personalised business advisory service that supports small businesses to start, establish or grow. It provides business development and mentoring advice by trusted and qualified business professionals for free. Services include practical and highly subsidised mobile, face-to-face advice, and workshops and seminars.
 - (ii) The Sydney School of Entrepreneurship assists students aspiring to pursue entrepreneurship and build startups by providing student entrepreneurs with the mindset, domestic and international networks, training and skills they need to succeed. The school is collaboration between all 11 New South Wales universities and TAFE NSW.
 - (iii) Launchpad is a one-stop-shop business and innovation support program provides facilities, assistance and resources for startup and high-growth technology businesses in Western Sydney. A partnership between the New South Wales Government and Western Sydney University.
- (f) Tax incentives or credits
- (i) The Jobs Action Plan gives businesses an incentive to employ new workers and expand their business in New South Wales. Under the plan, eligible businesses that increase the number of New South Wales full-time equivalent employees will receive a payroll tax rebate for every additional employee employed in a new job.
 - (ii) The Small Business Employment Incentive provides a grant of up to \$2,000 for non-payroll small businesses when they hire new employees.
- (g) Support for 'serious games' in health, welfare and education
- (i) The New South Wales Government has supported 'serious games' or gamification technology across a range of sectors through its grants, programs and services. In particular, the Sydney Startup Hub subsidises co-working hubs, incubators and accelerators including Stone and Chalk, The Studio, and Fishburners. These co-working space providers host

startups including digital creative startups and developers of serious games for the health, welfare and education sectors.

- (ii) Fledge Innovation Labs, funded by the New South Wales Government, provides support to gamification technology startups. Fledge provide low-cost access to collaborative working spaces, laboratory facilities, scientific equipment, and business support including a Virtual Reality Incubator, to support the development and commercialisation of VR products and services that solve important problems for the health and medical devices sectors.
 - (iii) The New South Wales Government provides funding to support technology solutions for Government, this includes gamified applications.
- (2) The New South Wales Government engages directly with the Interactive Games and Entertainment Association (IGEA). The IGEA is an independent industry association representing the business and policy interests of the Australian and New Zealand video game industry.
 - (3) The New South Wales Government supports the game development industry through various mechanisms, however no formal advocacy has been carried out with the Commonwealth Government.
 - (4) The New South Wales Government is fully supportive of the New South Wales games development industry and the wider technology and creative industries ecosystem. The New South Wales Government has a range of services and programs that supports its growth and will continue to support these industries through programs and opportunities as a result of the development of the Sydney Innovation and Technology Precinct.

*1685 DRUG POSSESSION OFFENCES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) When a person is issued with an on-the-spot fine for drug possession under the current trial, is a criminal conviction automatically recorded?
 - (a) If not, how is the offence recorded?
- (2) What information about the offence is visible to potential employers, authorities and the police?

Answer—

I am advised:

Section 338 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 provides that if the prescribed amount for an alleged penalty notice offence is paid, no person is liable to any further proceedings for the alleged offence. However, if a person elects to have the alleged penalty notice offence determined by a court, and the court determines that the offence is proven, the court may proceed to conviction.

Questions relating to the operation of the criminal infringement notice trial for certain drug possession offences, and relating to information disclosed in response to applications for a National Police Check, should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

*1686 AIR CONDITIONING INCENTIVES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Why has Air Conditioning Incentives stopped accepting new requests for discounted energy efficient air conditioners for households and small businesses?
- (2) When was the program placed on hold?
- (3) How many completed installations are being investigated for possible non-compliance?

Answer—

(1) The program was suspended because a preliminary audit of the program in June this year found several instances of non-compliance by installers with the recently updated wiring rules.

(2) 13 June 2019.

(3) The Government is consulting with Fair Trading NSW; the regulator of the Standards, to address any issues of non-compliance.

*1687 COOKS RIVER ECOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much funding has been allocated to naturalising the banks of the Cooks River in each of the past eight financial years (as at 23 October 2019)?
- (2) What projects are currently under consideration by Sydney Water to naturalise the banks of the Cooks River (as at 23 October 2019)?
 - (a) What is the proposed timeline for these works?

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- (3) How does Sydney Water and the Government intend to remove the concrete and steel that lines approximately 13 kilometres of the river's banks?
(4) What consultation has occurred with local councils and environment groups to progress the objective of removing the entirety of the concrete and steel lining the banks of the river?

Answer—

(1)

Financial Year	Funding for naturalising its assets along Cooks River main waterway
2011-12	\$780,000
2012-13	\$740,000
2013-14	\$3,780,000
2014-15	\$2,700,000
2015-16	\$210,000
2016-17	\$100,000
2017-18	\$0
2018-19	\$0

- (2) There are four projects currently under consideration to improve waterway health for the Cooks River. These projects have not yet been approved and as such timeframes have not yet been confirmed.
(3) When channels require renewal, naturalisation is preferred. However, constraints and flooding impacts need to be considered to determine if naturalisation is feasible.
(4) In 2008, Sydney water collaborated with councils to produce an overall concept design of naturalisation opportunities along the entire Cooks River.

*1688 POKER MACHINE LICENCES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What data, metrics or determinates are used by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority to determine the number of poker machine licences allowed in New South Wales?
(2) In the last five years, how many reviews have been conducted into the number of poker machine licences in New South Wales by the Independent Liquor and Gambling Authority (as at 23 October 2019)?
(3) When is the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority holding the next review into the number of poker machine licences in New South Wales?
(4) What are the parameters for the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority when conducting a review of the number of poker machine licences in New South Wales?
(5) Who is consulted when the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority conducts a review of poker machine licences?

Answer—

- (1) The Gaming Machines Act 2001 specifies a cap of 99,000 gaming machine entitlements, or such lower number as may be prescribed by the regulations.
(2) The last review of the state-wide cap on gaming machine entitlements was completed in 2014.
(3) The regulator is currently considering timing for the next review.
(4) The regulator will determine the parameters of the review.
(5) The regulator will determine the scope of consultation.

*1689 SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What tunneling will occur in Haberfield for the Sydney Metro West project?
(2) Considering the Government has announced railway station locations for the Sydney Metro West, when will it announce the indicative route for the project?
(3) Will homes be acquired in Haberfield to facilitate tunneling and construction for the Sydney Metro West project?

Answer—

I am advised:

Details relating to the route alignment have already been publicly announced. Further details will also be made available as part of the statutory planning process which will be administered by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Impacted landowners and tenants have been individually contacted by the Sydney Metro West project team, and an individual case manager has been assigned to each impacted party. Further information is available at www.propertyacquisition.nsw.gov.au.

*1690 CANNABIS REGULATION AND POLICING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Has the Government initiated planning to amend policing resources in communities abutting the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) if the ACT Government's decriminalisation of cannabis comes into effect on 31 January 2020 as planned?
 - (a) If so, what are these plans?

Answer—

- (1) The three Police Districts adjoining the Australian Capital Territory (Monaro, Hume and South Coast) are constantly monitoring crime in their regions to ensure Police responses meet community needs.
 - (a) The NSW Police Force facilitates flexible workforce allocation and deployment to meet demand and community need, and is ready to take appropriate action against those who commit an offence in New South Wales.

*1691 SPRINTER RESEARCH GROUP EVALUATION OF ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What reports have been made by the Sprinter Research Group into the implementation and operation of the Active Kids program (as at 23 October 2019)?
- (2) Are these reports publicly available?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) How is the evaluation of the program undertaken by the Sprinter Research Group?
 - (a) What are their findings?
- (4) What has been the total amount paid to the Sprinter Research Group to conduct evaluations of the program?

Answer—

Information about the Sprinter Research Project is available on the Office of Sport's website.

*1692 SCHOOL STUDENTS WELLBEING—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the Department of Education report on its objective to improve student wellbeing in New South Wales high schools?
- (2) What adjustments has the Department of Education made since the Auditor General reported in May 2019 that the wellbeing framework was hindered by a duplication of services and a lack of coordination?
- (3) Given the Government's election promise to employ two mental health workers to every New South Wales high school, how many additional mental health staff have been hired?
 - (a) When will the promise be fulfilled?
- (4) Of the total number of mental health workers in New South Wales high schools used to satisfy this election promise, how many are:
 - (a) Qualified psychologists;
 - (b) School counsellors;
 - (c) School chaplains?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education will report on the wellbeing indicator in its 2019 Annual Report which will be published in May 2020. This will align with the Department's annual reporting cycle and ensure the wellbeing indicator is reported along with other performance measures.
- (2) The Department has worked to reduce duplication and improve coordination by:
 - simplifying and aligning the Wellbeing Framework for Schools with the School Excellence Framework. This will reduce duplication by embedding the Wellbeing Self-Assessment Tool within the Department's School Excellence Framework resources.
 - developing professional learning resources to build staff capacity in both using the Wellbeing Framework and developing wellbeing approaches and programs to meet the needs of all students. For example, the development of trauma informed practice professional learning.

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- establishing a panel of prequalified external service providers focused on student engagement and attendance. The panel will reduce the administrative burden on schools as compliance checks have been completed centrally making it easier for schools to support student wellbeing.

(3) The New South Wales Government's \$88.4 million election commitment will establish a full-time counselling allocation and a full-time student support officer for every public high school by June 2023. Up to an additional 100 school counselling staff and 350 additional student support officers will be employed.

The positions will be phased in with 25 per cent in 2020-21, 50 per cent in 2021-22 and 25 per cent in 2022-23. Recruitment planning is underway, and a total of 55 scholarship recipients will enter the school counselling workforce in Term 1 2020. A further 111 are continuing their training.

(4) The New South Wales Government's \$88.4 million investment will provide public high school students with access to a highly qualified mental health professionals. As well as the 350 additional student support officers, the election promise provides an additional 100 school counselling positions, bringing the total to 1181 full-time positions.

The New South Wales school counselling service consists of both school counsellors and school psychologists. School counsellors and school psychologists have qualifications in psychology. School counsellors also have qualifications in teaching. School counselling staff are either registered psychologists or eligible to be registered with the Psychology Board of Australia.

The school chaplaincy program is funded by the Federal Government and is not part of the New South Wales Government election commitment. School chaplains under the national school chaplaincy program support the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community through the provision of pastoral care services. Fifty-seven New South Wales high schools will have a school chaplain in 2020.

*1693 RECYCLING RATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the Government's best estimate as to how many glass wine bottles are discarded for recycling each year in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the Government's best estimate as to how many polyethylene terephthalate or plastic milk bottles are discarded for recycling each year in New South Wales?
- (3) What is the Government's best estimate as to how many polyethylene terephthalate or plastic juice bottles are discarded for recycling each year in New South Wales?
- (4) What do each of the three items above contribute in terms of total yearly discarded waste in New South Wales?
- (5) For each item, what percentage ends up in:
 - (a) Recycling;
 - (b) Landfill;
 - (c) the Environment?

Answer—

The Government does not collect data on recycling or disposal by product type.

*1694 SMART START INTERLOCKS COMPLAINTS—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) How many complaints has Fair Trading NSW received about Smart Start Interlocks or other alcohol interlock devices (as at 23 October 2019)?
 - (a) How many of these complaints have been found to be legitimate?

Answer—

(1) Since 1 January 2015, NSW Fair Trading has received 15 complaints about alcohol interlock devices.

(a) NSW Fair Trading uses the Australian and New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS) definition of a complaint from the 'Guidelines for complaint management in organisations':

A complaint is an "expression of dissatisfaction made to or about an organisation, related to its products, services, staff or the handling of a complaint, where a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected or legally required." (AS/NZS 10002-2014)

The process for registering a complaint with NSW Fair Trading is a multi-layered process with several quality assurance checkpoints. After receiving a potential complaint, NSW Fair Trading determines if the matter is appropriate for intervention or if the matter would be better handled by another organisation.

A complaint to NSW Fair Trading does not necessarily mean that the business being complained about has breached any laws. Complaints can involve poor customer service or a business perceived to be not responding adequately to an existing concern.

*1695 DIGNITY SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION CONTRACTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Were contracts for the provision of supported accommodation in the South East of New South Wales, including the Bega Valley, awarded to Dignity in:
 - (a) 2017;
 - (b) 2018?
- (2) If so:
 - (a) How much supported accommodation has been delivered to the South East Region of New South Wales, including the Bega Valley, under these contracts?
 - (b) Where was it delivered?

Answer—

I am advised that Dignity delivered a supported Temporary Accommodation service in Goulburn and Queanbeyan from late 2017 to mid-2019.

I am also advised that data regarding Temporary Accommodation service provision is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>

*1696 REVIEW OF SOUTH EAST REGIONAL HOSPITAL RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Was the Ten Point Plan recommended by the reviewers in the 2017 Review of South East Regional Hospital conducted by Highlands Health Consulting (page 26 Chapter 8: Going Forward) adopted and implemented by the Government?
 - (a) If yes, what is the status of the implementation of each of these recommendations?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Was a Project Manager appointed to work with the Local Health District to implement the recommendations, as suggested in the Review?
- (3) Was an external follow up review conducted at six and twelve months to assess the implementation, as suggested in the Review?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. Full implementation of the recommendations occurred.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes, external consultants returned in April 2018 to conduct a final review.

*1697 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE FRAUD—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Were charges of Compulsory Third Party Insurance fraud proceeded with by NSW Police against Mr Marcel Joukhador?
 - (a) If not, when were the prosecutions dropped?
- (2) Were any orders made for NSW Police to cover the legal costs of this case?
 - (a) If so, what was the amount of those costs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (2) No.

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*1698 EMERGENCY SERVICES RESPONSE TIME ABERGLASSLYN HOUSE FIRE—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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- (1) When was the first triple zero call received by Fire and Rescue NSW to a house fire in Peppertree Circuit Aberglasslyn on Wednesday 22 October 2019?
- (2) Which emergency service was first on the scene?
 - (a) What was the response time from when the triple zero call was received to when services arrived on the scene?
- (3) How many Fire and Rescue NSW services attended the scene?
 - (a) From which stations did they attend?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 8.38pm.
- (2) Fire and Rescue NSW.
 - (a) 12 minutes.
- (3) Crews from three stations attended: Rutherford, Maitland, and East Maitland. Also in attendance was the Duty Commander from Metropolitan North 1 Zone Office.

*1699 DRUG-RELATED ADMISSIONS TO MAITLAND PSYCHIATRIC WARD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many inpatients were treated at the Mental Health Ward at Maitland Hospital from 2016 to 2019, disaggregated by calendar year (as at 24 October 2019)?
 - (a) How many of these mental health inpatients were diagnosed with a condition associated with illicit drug use, disaggregated by calendar year (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

(1)

Year	Separations from the mental health ward at Maitland hospital
2016	753
2017	832
2018	815
2019 (1 Jan to 30 Oct)	604

Approximately 2.6% of separations from New South Wales Mental health units have a primary diagnosis of a substance disorder other than alcohol.

*1700 SPORT ACTIVE KIDS PROVIDERS ACCREDITATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What accreditation must Active Kids swimming program provider organisations obtain for registration?
- (2) What accreditation must the staff hold?
 - (a) Are all staff members required to have Working with Children Check clearance?
 - (b) How does the Department of Sport monitor and enforce these requirements?

Answer—

Provider organisations and staff are required to hold nationally recognised accreditation, including Working with Children clearance. The Office of Sport undertakes reviews of providers to ensure compliance with set requirements.

*1701 GONE FISHING DAY—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Was funding provided for the 2019 Gone Fishing Day from the Recreational Fishing Trust Fund?
 - (a) If so, how much was provided?
 - (i) How was this funding distributed?
 - (b) How many applications for funding were received?
 - (i) How many were approved?
 - (ii) How many were denied?

Answer—

Yes, \$260,000 was invested into six major Gone Fishing Day events around the State attracting an attendance of around 20,000 people in total, as well as assisting fishing clubs and other community groups to run their own events. Fishing clubs and other community groups were provided with an opportunity through an Expression of Interest process to apply for either a grant translating to a package of 30 fishing rods with reels along with 30 gift bags, or a monetary grant of up to \$2,000.

Forty-nine Expressions of Interest were received from across the State (34 package grants and 15 money grants), all of which received funding.

*1702 PFAS DETECTION AND PROPERTY VALUES TRUEGAIN RUTHERFORD—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many property owners were notified by the Environment Protection Authority of downstream per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination from the Truegain Rutherford site discovered in March 2018?
- (2) What was the location by street address of those who were notified?
 - (a) How many property sales occurred in this location between 2016 and 2019, disaggregated by year (as at 24 October 2019)?
 - (b) What was the median value of these property sales, disaggregated by year?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Energy and Environment.

*1703 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) What is the current processing time for a new Justice of the Peace application?
- (2) What is the current processing time for a Justice of the Peace reappointment?
- (3) How many applications has the Department successfully received from applicants in the Maitland electorate?
- (4) How many applicants have received emails incorrectly informing them that their applications were unsuccessful?

Answer—

I am advised:

The time it takes to process an appointment and reappointment application can vary depending on the complexity of the application. While the Department of Communities and Justice aims to finalise all applications within three months, in some circumstances it may take up to six months. Information is not available in relation to applications received from applicants by electorate.

The Department of Communities and Justice is aware of 15 emails that were sent in error. Procedures have since been put in place so that such errors do not occur again.

*1704 SPECIALIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS PROVIDERS MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How many referrals for Specialist Domestic Violence and Homelessness program providers serving the Maitland area have been received in the period from 2016 to 2019 (as at 24 October 2019) disaggregated by:
 - (a) Calendar year;
 - (b) Domestic Violence and Homelessness clients?
- (2) How many emergency, temporary, medium-term and long-term placements have been made from 2016 to 2019 (as at 24 October 2019) disaggregated by:
 - (a) Calendar year;
 - (b) Domestic Violence and Homelessness clients?

Answer—

I am advised:

Time series data for homeless individuals in the Maitland Local Government Area is published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). AIHW does not publish the number of accommodation placements or number of domestic and family violence clients by local government area. Specialist Homelessness Service Collection data is available at www.aihw.gov.au.

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*1705 CESSNOCK ROAD UPGRADE AT TESTERS HOLLOW COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS FEEDBACK—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) During the recent exhibition of the Review of Environment Factors (REF) for the upgrade of Cessnock Road at Testers Hollow, how many responses were received in the form of:
 - (a) comments from the community;
 - (b) submissions from stakeholders?
- (2) What issues were raised by the community and stakeholders with the upgrade project that was placed on public exhibition?
- (3) Given the recent feedback on the REF, will the final business case be prepared on the exhibited upgrade or a revised project taking account of the recent community and stakeholder comments?
- (4) When is construction forecast to commence on the upgrade of Cessnock Road at Testers Hollow?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) Six.
 - (b) Five.
- (2) The issues raised by the community include increasing the height of the road and increasing lane capacity for future traffic.
- (3) Transport is preparing a submissions report for the project which summarises comments from the community, our responses and details of the decision. Transport is also preparing a Project Proposal Report for submission to the Federal government. The Project Proposal Report is based on the public display of the upgrade.
- (4) Subject to funding approval, construction is expected to start in late 2020 and will take about two years to complete.

*1706 MAITLAND BOARDING HOUSES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many registered Assisted Boarding Houses operate in Maitland?
 - (a) What are the names and addresses of these Assisted Boarding Houses?
 - (b) How does Ageing, Disability and Home Care NSW determine whether or not these Assisted Boarding Houses meet their licensing requirements?
- (2) How many registered General Boarding Houses operate in Maitland?
 - (a) What are the names and addresses of these General Boarding Houses?
- (3) Does Housing NSW, Compass, Hume or any other community housing provider refer clients to any of the Assisted Boarding Houses and General Boarding Houses for emergency, short-term, medium-term or long-term accommodation?

Answer—

I am advised, in Maitland there are no registered Assisted Boarding Houses, and there are two registered General Boarding Houses.

I am further advised, the register of Boarding Houses is maintained by NSW Fair Trading and is available at <http://parkspr.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/BoardingHouse.aspx>

I am further advised, Housing NSW and community housing providers that participate in Housing Pathways, support clients to resolve their housing situation through the private rental market, including registered boarding houses.

*1707 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ADMINISTRATION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Local Government—

How many different election companies were contracted by Councils to administer the 2016 New South Wales Local Government elections?

Answer—

I am advised that one election company, the Australian Election Company, was contracted by four councils to administer their elections in 2016.

*1708 BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS AND KOALA HABITATS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How are biodiversity offsets policed and monitored in New South Wales under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?
- (2) Are there any figures available on the effects of developments in the Hunter Valley on koala habitats under the biodiversity offsets scheme?

Answer—

- (1) The Biodiversity Conservation Trust is responsible for ensuring landholders adhere to the obligations of biodiversity stewardship agreements entered into under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Biobanking agreements under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (collectively known as 'biodiversity stewardship sites'). The Trust works with biodiversity stewardship site owners to ensure they are aware of their obligations and are implementing their agreements. Site owners are required to submit annual reports to the Trust and the Trust also conducts annual site inspections. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust Compliance Policy is available on the Trust's website. In certain circumstances the Trust can withhold annual management payments to encourage landholders to satisfactorily complete their obligations. Where an alleged breach of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 is identified, the Trust can refer the breach to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Environment, Energy and Science Group as the appropriate regulatory authority.
- (2) Biodiversity stewardship sites generate credits which a proponent can purchase to meet an offset obligation. Consent authorities, such as local government authorities or regional planning panels, set the biodiversity offset to be met as a condition of consent. Records of approved and offset impacts are maintained by the relevant consent authority. The biodiversity offset scheme is designed to deliver a no-net-loss to biodiversity, meaning impacts to koala habitat are offset by gains at biodiversity stewardship sites.

*1709 ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROPERTIES CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many Aboriginal housing properties are located in the electorate of Cessnock (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (2) How many are 1 bedroom properties?
 - (a) Are the properties houses or units?
- (3) How many are 2 bedroom properties?
 - (a) Are the properties houses or units?
- (4) How many are 3 bedroom properties?
 - (a) Are the properties houses or units?
- (5) Are there any properties with 4 or more bedrooms?
- (6) How many properties have been purchased since 1 July 2011 (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (7) How many properties have been sold since 1 July 2011 (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (8) Are any of the Aboriginal housing properties currently vacant (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

- (1) As at 24 October 2019, there are forty Aboriginal Housing properties in Cessnock.
- (2) There are not any 1-bedroom properties.
- (3) There are ten 2-bedroom villas.
- (4) There are eighteen 3-bedroom houses.
- (5) There are twelve properties with 4 or more bedrooms.
- (6) Fourteen.
- (7) No properties have been sold since 1 July 2011.
- (8) As at 24 October 2019, there are two properties vacant.

*1710 DEFINITION OF DAMS, WEIRS AND RESERVOIRS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the different types of dams in New South Wales?
 - (a) What is the definition of each type?
- (2) What are the different types of weirs in New South Wales?
 - (a) What is the definition of each type?
- (3) What are the different types of reservoirs in New South Wales?
 - (a) What is the definition of each type?
- (4) Are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 standard across all Australian States?
 - (a) If no, which States vary?

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Answer—

According to the Dams Safety Committee's latest 2018/2019 annual report, prescribed dams, now called declared dams, are differentiated by their construction types which are:

- Concrete buttress
- Decked rockfill
- Rockfill dam
- Masonary buttress
- Concrete gravity
- Earthfill dam
- Concrete arch.

Many declared dams that are all individually listed in the annual report consist of combinations of these types.

These types are generally consistent with the types of dams defined by the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANGOLD) the peak industry body for dams in Australia.

Furthermore, Dams Safety Regulation 2019 differentiates dam types using the below criteria to classify dams for the purpose of declaration under the Dams Safety Act 2015:

- (a) a dam having a dam wall that is more than 15 metres high,
- (b) a dam that Dams Safety NSW is reasonably satisfied would result in a major or catastrophic level of severity of damage or loss were there to be a failure of the dam,
- (c) a proposed dam that Dams Safety NSW is reasonably satisfied will become a dam referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),
- (d) a dam or proposed dam that is a prescribed dam within the meaning of the Dams Safety Act 1978 immediately before the repeal of that Act.

Weirs, generally being a low dam built across a river and where declared by Dams Safety NSW are defined by type in the annual report in a similar manner.

Reservoirs, generally being a natural or artificial lake or large tank are not consistently classified or defined in New South Wales.

The use of the terms Weirs and Reservoirs is not consistent across Australia.

For a list of NSW declared dams, refer to the Dams Safety NSW's website at www.damsafety.nsw.gov.au/dams-in-nsw/

*1711 CREATE NSW'S ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING—Mr Clayton Barr 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) Of the 156 successful applicants from rural and regional areas who received funding from Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Development Program, how many of these have received funding from this program previously?
 - (a) What was the maximum funding amount received by a previously successful recipient?
 - (b) What was the minimum funding amount received by a previously successful recipient?
- (2) Have any of these recipients been successful on more than 2 occasions?
 - (a) If yes, how many?

Answer—

I am advised;

(1) Of the 156 successful applicants from rural and regional areas who received funding from Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Development Program in the 2018-19 year, 83 applicants previously received funding from this program.

(a) Of those 83 recipients, the maximum funding provided to an organisation was \$705,000.

(b) Of those 83 recipients, the minimum funding provided to a recipient was \$815.

2. Of these 83 successful applicants who received funding from this program on a previous occasion, 73 recipients were successful on more than two occasions

(Note: the above data relates to the five-year period from 2014-15 to 2018-19)

*1712 CESSNOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT MEDICAL STAFF—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many full-time equivalent medical staff were employed at Cessnock District Hospital in each year from 2011 to 2019 (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time.

*1713 ISOLATED PATIENTS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) How many patients from the electorate of Cessnock accessed the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) in each financial year since 1 July 2015 (as at 24 October 2019)?

(2) How many patients' families from the electorate of Cessnock accessed the scheme in each financial year since 1 July 2015 (as at 24 October 2019)?

(3) What was the average distance travelled by families from the electorate of Cessnock who accessed the scheme?

(a) What was the longest distance travelled?

(4) What was the average duration of the stay by families from the electorate of Cessnock who accessed the scheme?

(a) What was the longest duration of stay?

Answer—

The information requested is not available.

*1714 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS PROJECTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Is there any requirement for recipients of a My Community Project grant to make their completed projects available to the community, beyond the specific group they represent?

Answer—

This is a NSW Treasury policy and should be referred to Treasurer for response.

*1715 INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) How many of the 30 members of the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) make up a Panel and are required to read and consider public submissions received?

(a) Who is tasked with reading the submissions if not the panel members?

(i) Do these individuals have any authority in the decision-making process?

(2) Once the period for making a submission has ended, how soon after the closing date do Commission Panel members meet to discuss the submissions?

(a) Is it normal practice for a decision to be made and a response written prior to these meetings?

(i) If not, what happened to initiate the Rix's Creek South Mine announcement which was made and then withdrawn on 4 October 2019?

(3) Are all Commission Panel members impartial in relation to the project they are allotted?

(a) How is this verified by the Commissioner?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Each Panel is made up of one or more Commissioners, with the number depending on the Chair's assessment of the nature and complexity of the case. Appointments are made in line with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and the Commission's policy on the Constitution of the Commission for each matter. The Department provides the Commission with a copy of the public submissions, which are considered by Commissioners during deliberations. Submissions relating to the public exhibition of a development application are reviewed and considered by the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (Department) in the preparation of an assessment report under the EP&A Act. The Panel members also read and consider the

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Department's assessment report. Comments received after the assessment report has been delivered to the Commission are also reviewed and considered by the Panel. Additionally, the Commission receives comments and/or submissions in relation to public meetings or hearings. Those comments and/or submissions are also reviewed and considered by the Panel.

- (a) The Department and the Panel.
 - (i) The Department prepares an assessment report on behalf of the Commission and includes a statement in its assessment report whether the project is approvable or not, but is not the decision-making authority. The Panel is the decision-making authority in these cases.
- (2) If a public meeting or hearing is held, the Panel allows a seven day period after this meeting or hearing for comment or submissions. If additional information is received by the applicant to the Panel, an additional seven day period may be offered in accordance with the Commission's policies. The Panel meets as soon as possible after these periods close.
 - (a) This information is publicly available at www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au.
- (3) Commissioners must comply with the Commission's conflict of interest policy and the Commission's code of conduct. The Chair strictly enforces compliance with these policies.

*1716 WATER LICENCE FIXED CHARGES REBATE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Why is the rebate for fixed charges on water licence holders not being extended to stock and domestic licence holders in the lower Namoi?
 - (a) Are there plans to extend the rebate to stock and domestic licence holders?

Answer—

As part of its Emergency Drought Relief Package, the NSW Government is providing a rebate of the fixed charge component of water bills (up to \$4,000) to all general security licenses (and supplementary water access licenses) in rural and regional NSW.

WaterNSW is administering the program on behalf of the Government, with the rebate applied to water bills in 2018/19 and also to those in 2019/20.

As the drought worsens, the Government continues to examine all options for supporting regional communities experiencing water scarcity, including changes to the eligibility criteria for this program.

*1717 TAFE NSW TAMWORTH ENROLMENTS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How many students currently enrolled at TAFE NSW Tamworth list their home address as being within the 2390 postcode (as at 24 October 2019)?
 - (a) In which courses are these students enrolled?

Answer—

I am advised that due to the commercial environment in which TAFE NSW operates, it would be inappropriate to provide student data at a locational level. I am also advised TAFE NSW provides enrolment and course information in its annual report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>.

*1718 TAFE NSW EXPENDITURE WESTERN NSW—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What was the annual expenditure between the 2008-2009 and the 2018-2019 financial years for the following TAFE NSW locations:
 - (a) Bourke;
 - (b) Brewarrina;
 - (c) Broken Hill;
 - (d) Cobar;
 - (e) Condobolin;
 - (f) Coonabarabran;
 - (g) Coonamble;
 - (h) Dunedoo;
 - (i) Gilgandra;
 - (j) Lake Cargelligo;

- (k) Lightning Ridge;
 - (l) Menindee;
 - (m) Narrabri;
 - (n) Nyngan;
 - (o) Walgett;
 - (p) Warren;
 - (q) Wilcannia?
- (2) For the above listed TAFE NSW locations, at which sites are Automotive Trade courses offered?
- (a) For each site, what level of Automotive Trade qualification can a student attain?
 - (b) How many students are currently enrolled in these courses (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that due to the commercial environment in which TAFE NSW operates, it would be inappropriate to provide detailed operational data at a locational level.

However, I can confirm that Automotive courses are currently available at Broken Hill, Cobar, Condobolin, Coonabarabran, Narrabri, Nyngan, and Walgett.

I am also advised that information on expenditure and enrolments is available in aggregate in the TAFE NSW annual report, which can be found at <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/about-tafensw/annual-report>, and 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>.

*1719 TAFE NSW COURSE AFFORDABILITY—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) What assistance is available for students studying at TAFE NSW who are unable to cover course fees?
- (2) Where a student is unable to study their preferred course at their local TAFE campus, does TAFE NSW provide assistance for that student to travel to an alternate campus?
- (3) Does TAFE NSW offer the opportunity to remote access courses from other TAFE NSW campuses?

Answer—

I am advised that TAFE NSW offers several options for subsidised training which include fully subsidised training and access to both fee exemptions and fee concessions for those students meeting eligibility criteria under the NSW Government Smart and Skilled funded delivery. TAFE NSW also provides assistance to students in offering fee instalment/payment plans for the duration of their study.

Through the 2019-20 Budget, we are investing \$71 million over four years for an additional 100,000 Fee Free TAFE and VET courses over the next four years including 70,000 fee free traineeships. This builds on our commitment of \$285 million for 100,000 fee free apprenticeships over four years that began on 1 July 2018, and takes the total of fee free VET and TAFE courses to be offered by this Government over the next four years to over 700,000.

Connected Learning Centres (CLCs) provide opportunities for students to access a much wider range of courses than would normally be possible by linking students across different CLC locations to form viable classes. The online and flexible learning can be supported with practical learning with the use of Mobile Training Units. The

Government has already opened 14 CLCs across rural and regional NSW, with another 8 to be delivered by mid-2022.

Additionally, TAFE NSW offers over 60 Away From Base customised courses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in regional or remote locations to access TAFE NSW offerings which are not accessible within their local area. Away From Base courses are fully-subsidised residential blocks of study in which the students are able to engage in face to face learning at a TAFE NSW campus. In between the Away From Base residential blocks, students are provided with additional learning resources to help them to complete activities and assessment tasks at home.

TAFE Digital students have access to high quality online training regardless of where they are physically located. Students can access teacher support via a range of channels and have access to TAFE Digital support services. Computers for student use are available across all TAFE NSW campuses, which coupled with current technology platforms, provide opportunities for students from a TAFE NSW campus to connect into either TAFE Digital online courses or connected learning courses delivered from another regional location.

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*1720 ASSET PRIVATISATION IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Are there any more plans to privatise any Government owned assets or services in Newcastle?
- (2) Will you rule out privatising any more public assets or services in Newcastle?

Answer—

The New South Wales Liberal and Nationals Government is always looking for better ways to improve the delivery of services for the people of New South Wales and ensure that critical infrastructure projects are delivered. Our asset recycling strategy has been a successful fiscal strategy which has enabled the establishment of the Generations Fund, allows us to maintain the State's Triple A credit rating, and means that we are able to deliver record infrastructure to take our State forward.

*1721 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER THRESHOLD LEVEL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What is the Government's source of funds for paying NSW Ports for container volumes exceeding a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
- (2) Does Government financial support become payable to the lessee of Port Botany and Port Kembla when container volumes exceed a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
- (3) Does the Government require the Port of Newcastle to pay a penalty, in the form of passing the cost of any payment made to NSW Ports, for container volumes exceeding a threshold at the Port of Newcastle?
- (4) Is it Government policy not to develop a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle before container capacity is reached at Port Botany followed by Port Kembla?
- (5) Do the lease arrangements for the ports of Newcastle, Botany and Kembla reflect the 2013 NSW Government's Freight and Ports Strategy and the 2018 NSW Freight and Ports Plan - that Port Kembla should be the State's next container terminal once Port Botany reaches capacity?
- (6) Under the Government's container terminal policy, is it a condition for developing a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle that the developer pays the Government's penalty for container volumes exceeding a threshold level?
- (7) Did the Government lease the Port of Newcastle to be able to pay NSW Ports Pty Ltd for container volumes exceeding a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
 - (a) If not, what is the Government's source of funds to be able to pay NSW Ports Pty Ltd for container volumes exceeding the threshold level at the Port of Newcastle until 2063?
- (8) On what date did the Government inform the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) of its decision to pass to the developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle, any cost incurred in paying the lessee of Port Botany and Port Kembla for container volumes exceeding a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
- (9) Is there agreement or disagreement between the Government and the ACCC about the date that the Government disclosed the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany and Port Kembla to the ACCC?
 - (a) Is the date sub judice?
- (10) Is there agreement or disagreement between the Government and the ACCC about the date that the Government disclosed the Port Commitment Deed for the Port of Newcastle to the ACCC?
 - (a) Is the date sub judice?
- (11) Considering that there is no legislated cap on the number of containers that can travel through the Port of Newcastle, was a container volume threshold at the Port of Newcastle given as an instruction to Morgan Stanley for a conducting a scoping study into leasing Port Botany and Port Kembla?
 - (a) If no, on what date did the Government decide on a container volume threshold at the Port of Newcastle?
- (12) Was a decision made in 2012 to pass to the developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle the cost of paying a lessee of Port Botany and Port Kembla for container volumes exceeding a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle?
 - (a) If no, on what date was this decision made?
- (13) Is the Government's decision to pass to the developer of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle the cost of paying financial support to NSW Ports for container volumes exceeding a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle, consistent with the Government's decision that Port Kembla will be the State's next major container terminal after Port Botany reaches capacity?
- (14) Does the Government agree or disagree with the statement by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in its Operation Spicer Report dated August 30 2016 that "as a statutory state-owned

corporation, the NPC [Newcastle Port Corporation] was obliged to comply with the NSW Government's "Working with Government Guidelines"?

- (15) Is the Ports Assets (Authorised Transactions) Amendment Act 2013 sub judice?
- (16) For the purposes of the Port Commitment Deeds for Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle, does the term "container" have a confidential meaning?
- (17) Considering that the Government charges a penalty for container volumes above a threshold level at the Port of Newcastle, how many containers a year were shipped through the port since it was leased?
- (18) Considering that the Port of Newcastle is not prevented from developing a container terminal, would a container terminal be an uneconomic enterprise contrary to market demand if the Government did not require the Port of Newcastle to pay a penalty for container volumes exceeding a threshold level?

Answer—

- (1) Please refer to the answer to question 124 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates. This matter is otherwise subject to the sub judice convention.
- (2) Please refer to the answer to question 106 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (3) Please refer to the answer to question (2) above.
- (4) I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.
- (5) Please refer to the answer to question 127 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (6) Please refer to the answer to question (2) above.
- (7) No. Please refer to the answer to question (1).
- (8) Please refer to the answer to question 126 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (9) This matter is currently the subject of court proceedings and is therefore subject to the sub judice convention.
- (10) This matter is currently the subject of court proceedings and is therefore subject to the sub judice convention.
- (11) This matter is currently the subject of court proceedings and is therefore subject to the sub judice convention.
- (12) This matter is currently the subject of court proceedings and is therefore subject to the sub judice convention.
- (13) Please refer to the answer to question 134 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (14) Please refer to the answer to question 136 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (15) No.
- (16) Please refer to the answer to question 142 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
- (17) Please refer to the answer to question 106 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates. With respect to how many containers a year were shipped through the Port of Newcastle, this question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Transport and Roads.
- (18) Please refer to the answer to question 146 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.

*1722 BIRTH CERTIFICATE SEX RECORD CHANGE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) Are there plans to implement legislation to allow transgender and gender diverse (TGD) people change the sex recorded on their birth certificate without having to undergo medical or surgical intervention?
 - (a) If so, when?

(b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice is monitoring developments in other states and territories on this matter, including the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Amendment Act 2019 (Vic).

*1723 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the public announcement system at the Queens Wharf Newcastle Light Rail stop is loud and is having a negative impact on residents in the nearby Menkins Apartment building located at 161 Scott Street, Newcastle?
- (2) Will action be taken to lower the volume of the public announcements at the Queens Wharf Newcastle Light Rail stop, especially early in the morning and late at night, to mitigate the negative impact on residents?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the Minister meet with residents of the Menkins Apartment building to discuss their concerns?

Answer—

I am advised:

An acoustic consultant is monitoring the noise along the route of the Newcastle Light Rail. The noise is being monitored at various locations, including the Queens Wharf stop near the Menkins apartment building. The consultant is expected to produce a report in early 2020. Residents will be notified of the outcomes of the report at that time.

*1724 MATER HOSPITAL BUS SERVICES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What time do bus services to Mater Hospital finish on weekdays?
- (2) What time do bus services to Mater Hospital finish on weekends?
- (3) Will the hours that the Mater Hospital is serviced be increased?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1-2) This information is available on the Newcastle Transport website.

(3) Newcastle Transport will continue to review the performance of the network and make improvements that support the transport needs of the community.

*1725 DESTINATION NSW REVIEW—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Did Treasury undertake a review into the strategy and direction of Destination NSW?
 - (a) If so, will the findings of the review be made public?
 - (i) If not, why not?

Answer—

The Government is committed to keeping and enhancing New South Wales as the Premier State for tourism both domestically and internationally. Currently, tourism injects billions into the State economy annually.

NSW Treasury commenced an internal review of Destination NSW in June 2019. The purpose of the review is to consider the role, structure and activities of Destination NSW with its move to the Treasury Cluster.

Outcomes from the review will be made public in the coming months.

*1726 52 NOBBYS ROAD CARPARK DOORS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the garage doors to the underground carpark in Nobby's Road Housing complex have been broken for over four years before being removed altogether?
- (2) Why were the doors removed instead of replaced?
- (3) Is the Minister aware there have been a number of reports of anti-social behaviour in the carpark?

- since the doors were reported broken and subsequently removed?
- (4) Will the doors be replaced so the carpark is secure?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Land and Housing Corporation removed the garage doors after ongoing issues with their operation due to corrosion, electrical motor and wiring issues, and vandalism.
- (2) The garage doors were removed because they do not contribute to the security of the building, which is accessed from the carpark via abloy locks.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.
- (4) No.
- (a) Please refer to answer given for question 2.

*1727 LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SHARING PLAN REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering your answer to LA Q200 stated the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Sharing Plan was informed by a 2006 NSW Natural Resource Commission review of the plan, and considering the review states that the Lower Murray Groundwater Water Sharing Plan, unlike other water sharing plans, "does not include the same provisions that allows recharge volumes and environmental water provisions to be amended" and recommends there be "consistency in amendment provisions" across plans, why has this recommendation not been implemented?

Answer—

The lack of an amendment provision does not prevent such amendments.

*1728 REPRESENTATION TO FEDERAL MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES, DROUGHT, RURAL FINANCE, NATURAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What representation have you made to the Federal Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management regarding the fact that as at 23 October 2019 South Australia's Lower Lakes are at 102 per cent capacity, 15,511 megalitres are flowing to South Australia per day, and 27 gates in the South Australian Murray are open to the sea?
- (2) What has been the outcome of your representation?

Answer—

I am in regular contact with my federal colleagues regarding a range of issues that are important to rural and regional communities.

I refer you to my public statements in relation to this matter available via: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/news/murray-darling-basin-plan-untenable-for-nsw>

For any further questions relating to water issues please contact the Minister for Water.

*1729 RECYCLED CONTENT FOR LOCAL COUNCIL PROJECTS—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Local Government—

Considering the report released by Local Government NSW titled 'At the Crossroads: The State of Waste and Recycling in NSW' that indicates household recycling and waste diversion rates are stagnating in New South Wales, will regulations be reviewed to allow Local Councils to prioritise procurement of recycled content for projects?

Answer—

This is a matter that should be directed to the Minister for Energy and Environment.

However, I am advised that the NSW Government supports the safe re-use of waste materials by streamlining and minimising regulatory requirements through the NSW resource recovery framework.

The NSW Government is also developing the 20-Year Waste Strategy which will examine impediments to end market development, including the uptake of recycled content.

Local councils can set their own specifications for the use of recycled materials to drive sustainable markets through local procurement.

Further information is available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/recycling-and-reuse.

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*1730 FEE-FREE APPRENTICESHIPS BY REGION—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) How many fee-free apprenticeships have been taken up since announcement of this scheme, listed by region (as at 24 October 2019)?

(a) How many applicants have left their fee-free apprenticeship without completion?

Answer—

(1) There have been 26,069 fee free apprenticeships approved since the scheme began on 1 July 2018. This can be broken down to the following Smart and Skilled regions:

Capital Region	410
Central Coast	1,292
Central West	689
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	583
Far West and Orana	466
Hunter Valley	1,233
Illawarra	1,716
Mid North Coast	542
Murray	387
New England and North West	467
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	2,249
Richmond - Tweed	886
Riverina	788
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	377
Sydney	13,961
Cross border apprenticeship arrangements	23

(a) Of this total, 2,811 have left their fee free apprenticeship without completion.

*1731 TRUNDLE CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS STRESS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Considering reports that school children at Trundle Central School are displaying physical symptoms of severe stress as a result of the effects of the drought crisis on their families and community, will the number of school counsellors increase and be available to students, as raised in LA Q9864 of Parliament 56/1?

Answer—

The Department of Education acknowledges the enormous impact of the drought on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities across NSW, and is prioritising these areas in its planning.

The NSW Government is investing \$88.4 million to support mental health and wellbeing in students. This investment includes funds to establish a dedicated fly-in fly-out and telepsychology service to provide regular and timely access to psychology support in rural and remote NSW schools. This approach has been successfully trialled in 12 rural and remote schools, and communities like Trundle will be able to access these services next year.

The Department is also finalising the procurement process to establish pre-qualified providers for a contingent psychology workforce, including face to face and telepsychology services. This will be available in Term 1, 2020.

In addition, the Department is working with leading mental health organisations to support schools deliver best practice in prevention and early intervention mental health support for students. A number of initiatives are in development, which will result in increased support for rural NSW.

Trundle Central School is one of 38 drought affected schools in NSW that have been identified as a priority to be offered the batyr@school mental health program from 2020. The batyr@school program aims to remove the stigma around mental health and engage, educate and empower young people to seek support when they need it.

*1732 TEXTILE RECYCLING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) What programs does the Government operate or fund to support recycling of clothing and other textiles?

- (2) What community education does the Government provide about this matter?
- (3) What liaison has the Government carried out with charities and the fashion industry aimed at reducing textile waste?
- (4) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to support a national scheme to reduce and prevent textile waste and increase recycling?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to reduce textile waste and ensure recycling of unwanted clothing and textiles?

Answer—

- (1) The Government funds several programs to support recycling of clothing and other textiles. These include the Bin Trim, Circulate and Product Improvement programs.
- (2) The Government has supported Planet Ark's programs which provide information on how to recycle clothing and other textiles.
- (3) The Government works closely with numerous charities and the fashion industry such as the Australasian Circular Textile Association and National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations to discuss textile waste and implement solutions.
- (4) The Government has been working with the Commonwealth to develop the National Waste Policy, which seeks to reduce the total waste generated per person and increase resource recovery from all waste streams.
- (5) The Government will continue to support businesses, non-profit organisations, industry associations and consumers to reduce textile waste and ensure recycling of unwanted clothing and textiles through its existing programs and involvement with the National Waste Policy.

*1733 HORSE RACING REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the report by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation 7.30 Report program about systemic horse racing cruelty and 4,000 race horses being killed each year?
- (2) What action has the Government taken to:
 - (a) enforce existing racing rules;
 - (b) reduce the volume of horses bred for and retired from racing;
 - (c) increase industry investment in animal welfare;
 - (d) encourage racing events for older horses;
 - (e) support retraining of retired race horses;
 - (f) increase rehoming of retired race horses;
 - (g) minimise injury and death in races;
 - (h) ensure lifetime tracing of race horses;
 - (i) provide accurate public information about the racing industry including deaths and injury;
 - (j) prevent cruel slaughter of race horses in abattoirs?
- (3) What action has the Government taken to improve Racing NSW oversight and enforcement?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to audit and overhaul Racing NSW to improve animal welfare outcomes in the racing industry?
- (5) What further action does the Government plan to address the cruelty and regulation failures exposed by this television program?

Answer—

Racing NSW is established by the Thoroughbred Racing Act 1996 (the Act) as the controlling body for thoroughbred racing in this State. It does not represent the Crown and is not subject to control or direction by the Government.

Racing NSW's responsibilities under the Act and the Rules of Racing (Rules) include controlling, supervising and regulating thoroughbred racing, investigating and enforcing penalties for breaches of the Rules and initiating, developing and implementing relevant policies.

It is noted that on 13 November 2019, the Chair of Racing NSW, Mr Russell Balding AO, wrote to the Managing Director of the ABC, Mr David Anderson, to raise concerns about possible breaches of ABC Editorial Policies and Code of Practice relating to the 7.30 program in question.

*1734 DOLTONE HOUSE JONES BAY WHARF—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) What neighbourhood disturbance complaints has the Government received about Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf?

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- (2) What concerns are raised in these complaints and how long have adjacent residents been raising these same concerns?
- (3) What investigations and audits of liquor licence have been carried out in response to community complaints?
- (4) Does this venue have a liquor licence for its SoHo facility?
- (5) What licencing conditions have been applied in response to these complaints?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to ensure compliance and protect adjacent residents from intrusive night time noise, anti-social behaviour and nuisance?

Answer—

(1) Since 2009, Liquor & Gaming NSW (L&GNSW) has received nine complaints which allege that Doltone House Jones Bay Wharf has caused disturbance to the neighbourhood. Eight of these complaints were general reports of disturbance and one was a formal disturbance complaint made under section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007.

(2) The nine complaints received by L&GNSW since 2009 raised issues relating to the behaviour of patrons leaving the venue (including anti-social behaviour) and loud music emanating from the venue.

(3) In response to the complaints received since 2009, L&GNSW has conducted 8 on-site inspections at the venue and has also met with venue management staff to review policies and procedures to manage disturbance issues.

(4) 'SoHo' is an area within the Doltone House premises which is designed for executive meetings and associated activities. The SoHo area is not covered by the venue's on-premises liquor licence; however, the venue utilises a catering licence which allows liquor to be lawfully supplied in this area.

(5) The venue's liquor licence includes two noise-related conditions. Firstly, the La10 noise condition, which sets technical limits on noise from the venue, and secondly, a restriction on the removal of waste at nights after 10.00 pm.

(6) L&GNSW will continue to monitor the venue for compliance with its licence conditions and its general operation as it relates to undue disturbance. L&GNSW will also respond to any complaints of undue disturbance. When considering its regulatory response, L&GNSW must balance the objects of the Liquor Act 2007 which requires it to regulate in a way that is consistent with the needs and aspirations of the community, and, to contribute to the responsible development of live music, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries.

*1735 RENTAL HOUSING MODIFICATIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Noting the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute's report entitled 'Mortgage stress and precarious home ownership: implications for older Australians' dated August 2019, what plans does the Government have to make it easier for the growing number of elderly persons in private rental housing to be able to make modifications to their home to aid access and mobility?
- (2) What advice does Fair Trading provide to renters about making modifications to improve access and mobility?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to review the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, to provide for tenants to modify their home to improve access and mobility?

Answer—

(1) A revised Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 is currently being finalised, following public consultation. The Regulation prescribes a list of minor fixtures, alterations, additions or renovations for which it would be unreasonable for a landlord to withhold consent. This list includes hand-held shower heads or level-style taps for the purpose of assisting elderly or disabled people.

(2) Fair Trading provides general information to tenants about the need to obtain landlord consent to install a fixture, or make an alteration, addition or renovation to a rented home under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010. Once the new provisions commence, Fair Trading will provide tenants with advice about these provisions.

(3) The statutory review of the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, undertaken in 2015- 2016, already considered the issue of minor fixtures or alterations to accommodate elderly or disabled tenants.

*1736 COMMUNITY COLLEGES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) Noting Community Colleges Australia's report entitled 'Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Students of not-for-Profit Community Education Providers: Analysis of 2018 Data', how does the Government plan to support not-for-profit community education providers?
- (2) What strategies has the Government implemented to:
 - (a) ensure community colleges can continue to provide high quality programs across New South Wales;
 - (b) ensure vulnerable and disadvantaged learners' access to 'second-chance' education;
 - (c) provide accessible fees for community college programs;
 - (d) support community college teachers and teaching;
 - (e) support the development and renovation of new and existing facilities?
- (3) Does the Government plan to re-establish a Board of Adult and Community Education?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to:
 - (a) provide core operational funding for adult and community education providers;
 - (b) increase funding for Community Service Obligation programs;
 - (c) increase funding for foundation skills, adult basic education and teaching of English as a second language;
 - (d) develop a specific adult education program to fund retraining and employment skills for older people?
- (5) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth to formally recognise the role of adult and community education?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to support community colleges' sustainability, capacity and accessibility?

Answer—

(1-2) The Government supports Adult and Community Education (ACE) Colleges and vulnerable students through the ACE Program and the ACE Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program.

(3) No.

(4-6) A review of the ACE Program is currently underway to better position this program for the future.

*1737 NO GROUNDS HOUSING EVICTIONS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) What assessment has the Government made of the Productivity Commission's report entitled 'Vulnerable Private Renters: Evidence and Options 2019' that found no grounds terminations constitute a small but significant portion of landlord terminations and recommended no grounds terminations be removed from legislation?
- (2) What consideration has the Government given to extend notice periods for no grounds evictions in order to improve tenant welfare?
- (3) What action will the Government take to strengthen residential tenancy provisions that provide for greater certainty of tenure?

Answer—

(1) The Government has noted the Productivity Commission report.

(2) The 'no grounds' termination provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 (the Act) have been maintained in line with the recommendation from the 2016 report on the statutory review of the Act.

(3) The Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018 introduces a range of reforms that modernise the residential tenancies framework to strike an appropriate balance between the needs, rights and obligations of tenants and landlords. It will ensure that the increasing numbers of renters are able to live in properly maintained premises that they can make into a genuine home.

*1738 FORESHORE WALK BARANGAROO SOUTH—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Premier—

When does the Government expect that the community will be able to use the foreshore walkway around Barangaroo South, Central and the Headland Reserve through to Walsh Bay?

Answer—

I am advised the Wulugul Walk is expected to open when the Central Barangaroo development is complete in 2024.

*1739 333 BUS SERVICE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What does Opal travel data record about passenger numbers on 333 bus services?
- (2) What are the on-time and cancellation rates for 333 bus services and what rates apply during peak

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travel periods?

- (3) What assessment has the Government carried out into the reliability of 333 bus services?
- (4) What assessment has the Government carried out into the need for more express or limited stop bus services between Bondi and the Central Business District?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to increase 333 service levels, particularly in peak travel times?
- (6) What further action will the Government take to improve 333 bus services to better meet community needs?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 722,000 passenger trips each month in the 12 months to 30 September 2019, for a total of 8.7 million. Patronage was highest in the summer months, with an average of 26,000 passenger trips per day.
- (2) On-time and cancellation rates do not apply to route 333, as it is a turn-up-and-go ('headway') service.
- (3) Transport for NSW monitors the reliability of all services.
- (4) A review of the Bondi Road corridor was undertaken in late 2018, as part of service changes along the Bondi to City corridor. This resulted in enhancements to route 333 to provide a high frequency 'turn-up-and-go' service, seven days and nights a week.
- (5) -(6) Transport for NSW will continue to monitor services along the Bondi Road corridor, and where necessary make adjustments in response to changes in demand.

*1740 THE METRO MINERVA THEATRE—Mr Alex Greenwich 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) What consideration has the Government given to re-activation of the Metro Minerva Theatre in Kings Cross?
- (2) What liaison has the Government carried out with the building owners about possible use as a theatre?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to encourage use of this building as a theatre?

Answer—

I am advised;

(1) The Metro/Minerva Theatre was listed for sale in late 2017 and bought by Abacus Property Group in early 2019. In March 2018, City of Sydney Council rejected a Notice of Motion to begin acquisitions for the Theatre. The Theatre has since been nominated for listing on the State Heritage Register in November 2018 by City of Sydney Council.

On 5 November 2019, the State Heritage Register Committee of the Heritage Council resolved the place is likely to be of state heritage significance for its historic, associative and aesthetic values, and that a listing should be progressed.

The State Heritage Register Committee resolution was made in the knowledge the theatre was adapted as a food market and as offices for several decades.

Once Heritage NSW finalises its assessment, the State Heritage Register Committee will decide whether or not to advertise its intention to list the theatre on the State Heritage Register and seek public submissions.

(2) Representatives from Create NSW met with the Theatre owners, Abacus Group, in October 2019 to discuss the future of the building, especially in consideration of a potential heritage listing. It is acknowledged there are strong community aspirations for reconstruction of the Theatre.

Restoration of the theatre has been considered by the owner who sought professional advice from theatre operators. Given the previous internal alterations, substantial restoration work would be required including reconfiguring the current floor level back to the original sloped gradient for appropriate audience seating/viewing. The owners have determined reconstruction and recommissioning of the building as a theatre is not viable at this time.

(3) The State Heritage Register Committee and Heritage NSW are committed to supporting and engaging with City of Sydney and the owner to work towards a scheme for reuse of the site that conserves its cultural values.

*1741 ENERGY PROVIDER SWITCHING—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is it true that energy suppliers can switch a consumer's account to a new provider without expressed permission?
- (2) How does the Government inform consumers about unauthorised switching and what action they can take?
- (3) What advocacy has the Government carried out with the Commonwealth Government to prevent unauthorised account switching?
- (4) What further action does the Government plan to ensure accounts can be transferred only with the consumer's consent?

Answer—

- (1) Retailers are prohibited from switching a customer's account to a new provider without the explicit informed consent of the customer, consistent with requirements under the National Energy Retail Law.
- (2) Customers are informed of retailer obligations to obtain explicit informed consent through many channels, including the online portal for customers to compare energy offers, NSW Energy Switch. If customers experience a problem with their retailer, they can contact the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW, the independent dispute resolution service for electricity and gas customers in NSW.
- (3) The Australian Energy Regulator is responsible for enforcing compliance with the National Energy Retail Law.
- (4) The Australian Energy Regulator has a range of tools available to ensure compliance with national energy laws.

*1742 GAMBLING ADDICTION REDUCTION MEASURES—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Customer Service—

What is the Government doing to address the increased level of gambling addiction in the community?

Answer—

The proportion of the New South Wales adult population classified as problem gamblers is around 1 per cent (1 per cent in the 2019 prevalence study). The prevalence of problem gambling in New South Wales has remained stable and is in line with the national rate of problem gambling, which was estimated at 1.1 per cent in 2017).

The New South Wales Government is committed to promoting responsible gambling and preventing and minimising gambling harm. In late 2017, the Government strengthened the New South Wales Responsible Gambling Fund Trust, appointing nine experts to advise the Government on responsible gambling. The Government also created a dedicated Office of Responsible Gambling to lead the development of responsible gambling strategy and policy advice, along with prevention and harm reduction efforts across the state.

In October 2018, the Office released its first three-year Strategic Plan, which sets out the vision of New South Wales working towards zero gambling harm. The five pillars of the plan are research, partnerships, education and awareness, support services and technology and intervention. Work is well underway to deliver against these goals. The Office has achieved the following in 2018-19:

- Completed a Gambling Research Gap Analysis and released the Research Agenda 2018-2021.
- Commissioned research to understand how effective the existing Responsible Conduct of Gambling training and practice is in New South Wales
- Delivered two responsible gambling grants programs for projects that prevent and reduce gambling harm in communities across New South Wales, which has supported 23 projects totalling commitments of \$3.1 million across the areas of research and technology, prevention, education and awareness and harm minimisation in FY 2018-19.
- Delivered a three-year Education and Awareness Strategy to guide programs to build awareness of responsible gambling and gambling related harm, and encourage resilient communities in New South Wales.
- Supported the delivery of Gambling Help services across New South Wales, which saw 7,350 people accessing help, over 33,500 counselling sessions on the phone, online and face to face (Service information as reported to the Office of Responsible Gambling to 16 August 2019).

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This financial year, \$35 million has been allocated to develop and implement programs and initiatives to prevent and minimise gambling harm, promote a safe gambling environment and support those impacted by problem gambling.

*1743 CHEMOTHERAPY PLACES AT MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering that patients at the Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital have waited up to 9 weeks to commence chemotherapy, how many chemotherapy places were available at the Hospital in:
- The 2011-12 financial year?
 - The 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

Cancer treatment places at Calvary Mater Newcastle have increased from 12 chemotherapy chairs in 2011-12 to 20 chairs in 2018-19.

*1744 MEDICAL ONCOLOGISTS AT MATER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Considering that patients at the Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital have waited for up to 9 weeks before commencing chemotherapy treatment, how many medical oncologists were employed at the hospital in:
- The 2011-12 financial year?
 - The 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

The FTE medical oncologist staffing has increased 17 per cent from 2011-12 to 2018-19.

*1745 HOMELESSNESS IN WALLSEND—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering that BaptistCare Hopetreet Wallsend has distributed over 110,000 meals to the region's vulnerable and homeless since August 2012, what is the Minister doing to address homelessness in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that the 2019-20 Budget includes an investment of \$1 billion to continue the NSW Government's commitment to tackling housing and homelessness. This also includes new funding of \$61 million over four years to implement the NSW Homelessness Strategy. More information available at: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>

I am also advised that in 2019-20 the NSW Government will spend over \$200 million to provide Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS). This includes a funding of over \$5.6 million per annum to six SHS that provide assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the Wallsend Electorate. More information available at: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>

These services include support, referral and information, and after hours responses for people most at risk of becoming homeless including, women experiencing domestic and family violence, people sleeping rough, young people leaving care, people with mental health issues and people living in unsafe conditions.

*1746 RELOCATION OF MCCAFFREY DRIVE SPEED CAMERA—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that recent data has shown that the McCaffrey Drive, Rankin Park, speed camera has seen a 367 per cent rise in casualty crashes since the camera was installed in the last 5 years and that further along McCaffrey Drive there have been a number of fatal crashes in the last 5 years, will the Minister consider relocating the camera to the area where these accidents have been occurring?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to relocate the Rankin park fixed speed camera. A comprehensive review in 2013 recommended retention of the camera, as it reduced speeds and improved road safety. The review found there was a reduction in the rate of crashes once the increased traffic volume was taken into account.

Speeding infringements at this location have fallen from 600 per month to around 50.

There have been no serious injury or fatality crashes at this location since the comprehensive review was completed in 2013. This indicates that the camera continues to deliver road safety benefits.

*1747 CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT BENCHMARK TIMES—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What was the accepted benchmark for the commencement of chemotherapy treatment at the Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital in:
- (a) The 2011-12 financial year?
 - (b) The 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

The timeframes for chemotherapy treatment are clinically determined according to the Medical Oncology Group of Australia guidelines for cancer treatment. These guidelines state that appropriate timeframes can vary from two days to eight weeks from presentation, depending on the patient's diagnosis, treatment and condition.

*1748 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Considering the Community and Small Business CCTV Fund is only open for those in the Sydney Local Government Areas, will the Government provide a similar fund for businesses and community groups in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that this question falls under the responsibility of the Hon Mark Speakman, SC MP, Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

I note that the Attorney General has previously answered a similar question in his response to LA Q1588 - Community and Small Business CCTV Fund.

*1749 PERMANENT PARK AND RIDE SERVICE TO JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Considering the success and the willingness of staff and visitors to utilise a Park and Ride Service from Hunter Stadium, will the Minister consider implementing a cost neutral park and ride service for staff, visitors and patients to the John Hunter Hospital on a permanent basis?

Answer—

The District continues to improve access to the campus. Strategies implemented to improve access include:

- A \$10-million investment in an additional 740 car parks on the hospital campus.
- Securing a north and south hospital interchange for the future Newcastle Inner City Bypass. This will have the single biggest impact on relieving congestion around the hospital.
- Investing up to \$4 million towards upgrading the internal road network on the hospital campus. This will include trialling two-way traffic flow on the internal road in front of the main car park. The road is currently one-way. This project commenced in August 2018.
- Increasing the public bus routes and frequency to the campus. At peak times, the bus services are at 10 minute intervals.

I am advised that reintroducing the shuttle bus at John Hunter Hospital Campus would do little to relieve traffic congestion and is not recommended by the District at this time.

*1750 GRIFFITHS ROAD SPEED CAMERA EDUCATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the recent data which indicated that the red light and speed camera at Griffiths Road, Lambton is the fourth biggest earner from fines issued in the State and that despite the reduction in speed limit the number of low speed accidents have not reduced but the level of fines issued has continued to grow, what is the Government doing to educate drivers at Griffiths Road?
- (2) How has the Government tried to reduce the number of fines being issued?
- (3) How much money has been spent on educating drivers about reducing their speed along this section of road?

Answer—

I am advised:

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(1-2) The Centre for Road Safety at Transport for NSW invests significant resources in communications and engagement activities to educate the community on the safe use of our road network. The annual investment in road safety advertising campaigns exceeds \$20 million.

The change in speed limit along Griffiths Road was communicated to the public through a media release and messaging signs, and by notification to visitors to the Safer Roads NSW website who have opted to receive alerts of speed limit changes. For a month following the speed limit change, those exceeding the speed limit were sent a warning letter instead of being fined.

The number of speeding infringements has been trending downwards, suggesting the communications efforts have been effective in educating drivers.

(3) Roads and Maritime Services spent \$15,708 on variable message signs that were displayed along this section of road from 27 February to 26 March 2018.

*1751 GRIFFITHS ROAD SPEED LIMIT REVIEW—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that despite the speed reduction at Griffiths Road, Lambton, the number of low speed accidents have not reduced but the level of fines issued has continued to grow, will the Minister consider a review of the decision to reduce the speed limit along this section of road?

Answer—

I am advised:

There has been a significant reduction in the number of crashes and crash injuries on Griffiths Road, Lambton.

There are no plans to further review the speed zone on that road.

*1752 COMPANION ANIMALS ACT 1988 AMENDMENT IMPOUNDING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Local Government—

(1) Will the Minister amend the Companion Animals Act 1998, as per resolution 84 of the Local Government Association Conference (from Blacktown City Council), to

(a) prohibit cats roaming on public and private lands without permission;

(b) review the holding period for unidentified cats;

(c) ensure consistency between the Impounding Act 1993 and the Companion Animals Act 1998?

Answer—

The Government is aware of the problem of predation on native wildlife by cats roaming freely and is committed to promoting responsible pet ownership within the community.

Pet owners are encouraged to take steps to confine cats to their property to reduce potential risks to the cat and any negative impacts on neighbours and the environment. To that end, the Office of Local Government (OLG) is supporting local councils and pet owners to better manage cats through improved public education and targeted compliance action.

I have sought the advice of the Ministerial Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group on the issues associated with cat management in the community, which will help inform future Government policy.

*1753 COMPANION ANIMALS ACT 1988 AMENDMENT CAT ROAMING—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Local Government—

Will the Minister amend the Companion Animals Act 1998, as per the recent resolution of the Local Government Association Conference (resolution 83 from the Shoalhaven City Council), so that domestic cats may no longer roam?

Answer—

The Government acknowledges the impact of roaming cats on the community and specifically, native fauna. The Government promotes responsible pet ownership and encourages cat owners to act responsibly and ensure that their pets do not cause nuisance or disruption to other members of the community.

I have sought the advice of the Ministerial Responsible Pet Ownership Reference Group on the issue of cat management in the community, which will assist in the formulation of Government policy in this area.

*1754 HOMELESSNESS ON THE CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What specific homelessness funding has been allocated to the Central Coast?
- (2) Has a count of homeless people on the Central Coast been undertaken?

Answer—

I am advised the 2019-20 budget includes \$210 million for Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS), programs and critical referral services such as Link2home, and includes funding for homelessness services on the Central Coast.

Information about NGOs funded to deliver SHS is available on the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) website at: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>.

I am also advised that a street count across New South Wales, including the Central Coast, is planned for February 2020. Information on street counts expanding to regional areas is available on the DCJ website at: <https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au>.

I am further advised the DCJ Hunter Central Coast district will hold a Central Coast Engagement (Connections) Week on 19-21 November 2019 to identify and assess the needs of people experiencing street homelessness on the Central Coast.

*1755 PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE LISAROW COMPLETION—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) When is the upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Lisarow (stage 3B) due to be complete?
- (2) When will stages 4 and 5 of the Pacific Highway upgrade begin on the Central Coast?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Second half of 2023, subject to weather.
- (2) It would be preemptive to give a timeline for the expected commencement of construction on stages 4 and 5 of the Pacific Highway Upgrade as these are still in planning.

*1756 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING BUILDINGS CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL AREA—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How many buildings in the Central Coast Council area are listed on the combustible cladding register?
- (2) Will the register be made available for public viewing?
- (3) What steps have been taken to ensure the relevant public authorities are aware of these buildings and risks to the public minimised?

Answer—

- (1) Twenty eight buildings were listed on the Cladding Regulation Online Registration System (Combustible Cladding Register) with an address in the Central Coast local government area as at 8 November 2019.

It is important to note that buildings on the Combustible Cladding Register still require further assessment and do not necessarily have cladding that is unsafe or which increases the risk of fire spreading.

- (2) No.
- (3) Fire + Rescue NSW and local councils have the information from the Combustible Cladding Register to help inform their public safety and regulatory work.

*1757 CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN POLICE AREA COMMANDS RESOURCES—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

Will any additional funding or resources be allocated to Police Area Commands within the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area considering the increase in the number of Apprehended Violence Orders, the rate of domestic assault and the number of drug offences from July 2017 to June 2019 according to the recent Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research data?

Answer—

I am advised:

The two year BOSCAR trend test for the number of domestic violence related assaults in the Local Government Area (LGA) was stable. Between July 2017 and June 2019, the rate of personal domestic violence offences decreased slightly.

Similarly, the two year trend for the drug offences for the LGA was also stable. Any increases in drug

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detection are an indication of proactive policing by the police area commands.

The two year trend for breaches of Apprehended Violence Orders for the LGA remain stable.

Having said this, I am pleased to note that in 2019/20 South West Metro Region will receive eight additional police officer positions as part of the NSW Government's allocation of 450 extra police for this financial year.

*1758 BANKSTOWN-LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL GREEN TRAVEL PLAN UPDATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What progress has been made on the development of a Green Travel Plan for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital?

Answer—

Preparation of the Green Travel Plan is due to be completed in early 2020, and implementation will commence thereafter.

*1759 CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL ALTERNATIVE PARKING OPTIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Have any alternative parking options close to the vicinity of the Canterbury-Bankstown Hospital been identified, pending the longer term redevelopment of the hospital?

Answer—

In March 2019, the New South Wales Government announced \$1.3 billion for the development of a new Bankstown hospital. Until the longer term redevelopment of the hospital, other parking options will continue to be explored to free up parking onsite for patients and visitors, including:

- A review of traffic flow and drop-off to the Emergency Department, as part of the planning of the Emergency Department expansion, to minimise disruption to parking onsite.
- Working closely with the City of Canterbury-Bankstown Council to identify potential alternative parking options in the vicinity.
- Development of a Green Travel Plan.

*1760 BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL TRAINING ACCREDITATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Are the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's current Respiratory and Sleep Medicine and Orthopaedic Surgery adequate, considering their recent loss of training accreditation?

- (a) What action will be taken to improve these services and allow the hospital to be re-accredited?
- (b) What are the alternative local accredited training hospitals available for trainee doctors?

Answer—

(1) Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital has Orthopaedic and Respiratory Medicine services that provide high quality care to patients in that community. A specialty that is not accredited does not indicate suboptimal levels of clinical care, rather accreditation is about the educational programs in specialty areas.

(a) A re-accreditation application for Respiratory Medicine will be made to have the service re-accredited for commencement in 2021, and a re-accreditation application for Orthopaedics is currently being submitted to the Australian Orthopaedic Association for commencement of training in 2021.

(b) Alternative accredited training hospitals available for trainee doctors in South Western Sydney include Liverpool and Campbelltown Hospitals.

*1761 BANKSTOWN ZONE SOCIAL HOUSING POPULATION GROWTH—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

How will the Government ensure adequate social housing stock in the GW09 Bankstown allocation zone to meet future demand considering estimated population growth and the current social housing waitlist?

Answer—

New South Wales now has the biggest social housing building program of any state or territory across the country.

The Communities Plus program under Future Directions for Social Housing in New South Wales will deliver a significant increase in social and affordable housing across the state. This increase in the number of dwellings will be delivered in partnership with all levels of government, Community Housing Providers and the private sector.

*1762 M5 EAST MOTORWAY CASH BACK SCHEME—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the response to LA Q1149 received on 26 September 2019, will tolls on the M5 East Motorway be subject to cashback under the M5 Cashback Scheme?

(a) If not, why not, considering tolls on the M5 South-West are subject to cashback under the M5 Cashback Scheme?

Answer—

I am advised:

The scope of the M5 Cashback scheme was set by the former Carr government. I refer you to my answer to LA Q1149 for information about the benefits for drivers from the Government's toll relief scheme.

*1763 BANKSTOWN LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL REVIEW OF TRAFFIC FLOW AND DROP-OFF—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the outcome of the review of traffic flow and drop-off to the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department, undertaken as part of the planning for the Emergency Department's expansion?

Answer—

As part of the \$25 million expansion of the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Emergency Department, Health Infrastructure has developed a detailed design of traffic flow and drop off arrangements, which will ensure improved flow and access to the hospital, once the project is complete in 2021.

Work has also been undertaken to minimise the impact of the redevelopment on access to the facility, with interim measures to ensure safe and appropriate access for patients, staff and members of the community. Building works for the redevelopment commenced in October 2019, along with the interim traffic measures.

*1764 COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY REFUNDS BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Customer Service—

(1) How many drivers in the Bankstown electorate were eligible to receive a Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Green Slip refund in the 2018-19 financial year?

(a) How many received a CTP Green Slip refund in the 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

78,471 policies were eligible for a CTP Green Slip refund in the Bankstown electorate. In the 2018-19 financial year, CTP Green Slip refunds were issued for 45,812 policies in the Bankstown electorate.

*1768 339 BUS SERVICE FREQUENCY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

When will the timetable change to extend the 339 bus service to every 15 minutes be implemented?

Answer—

I am advised:

Additional services on route 339 are part of the Government's commitment to introduce over 14,000 additional weekly bus services over the next four years.

Opportunities to introduce these additional services on route 339, to provide a 15 minute frequency, will be investigated as part of future planning.

*1769 PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL ELECTIVE SURGERY WAIT TIME—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Why is the median wait time for urgent elective surgery at the Prince of Wales Hospital 27 days and thus is the worst in the State?

Answer—

The median wait time for urgent elective surgery at Prince of Wales Hospital is 13 days. This data is publicly available.

*1770 ASSISTANCE FOR FLAMMABLE CLADDING REMOVAL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

What support is the Government giving both Randwick City Council and Waverley Council to remove flammable cladding from development sites in their respective local government areas?

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Answer—

I am advised that this matter should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation.

*1771 SERVICE NSW CENTRE RANDWICK—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Customer Service—

When will a Service NSW centre be opened in Randwick?

Answer—

The roll-out of the ten new Service NSW centres, including one for Randwick, is currently in the early stages of planning, and will be staged across the next four years.

*1772 HEALTH FUNDING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is there a Treasury Cap on New South Wales health funding?
- (2) What savings in total has NSW Health been asked to make in the 2019-2020 financial year?
- (3) Does NSW Health need to make any savings to deliver on their election commitments?
 - (a) If so, what is the amount?

Answer—

- (1) No.
- (2) NSW Health had a 4.5% increase in its recurrent budget for 2019/20, representing a \$1 billion increase over the 2018/19 budget.
- (3) No. Funding provided to NSW Health via the State Budget process includes provision for all election commitment funding requirements.

*1773 LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET SAVINGS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What amount of budget savings have the following local health districts and services been requested to make:
 - (a) Illawarra Shoalhaven;
 - (b) Central Coast;
 - (c) Nepean Blue Mountains;
 - (d) Northern Sydney;
 - (e) South Eastern Sydney;
 - (f) South Western Sydney;
 - (g) Sydney;
 - (h) Western Sydney;
 - (i) Far West;
 - (j) Hunter New England;
 - (k) Mid North Coast;
 - (l) Murrumbidgee;
 - (m) Northern NSW;
 - (n) Southern NSW;
 - (o) Western NSW;
 - (p) Sydney Childrens Hospital Network;
 - (q) Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health;
 - (r) St Vincents Health Network?

Answer—

NSW Health had a 4.5% increase in its recurrent budget for 2019-20, representing an additional \$1 billion. Budget information associated with local health districts and specialty health networks is published annually in their Service Agreements.

*1774 SCHOOLS AIRCONDITIONING—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

When will Austinmer Public School, Wollongong High School of Performing Arts, and Woonona East Public School receive air conditioning, as per their successful application under the Cooler Classrooms Program?

Answer—

Delivery at these three schools is scheduled to start progressively after June 2020.

*1775 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Which specific local government areas is the Assertive Outreach program currently working within (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (2) Will this initiative be rolled out within the Wollongong Local Government Area?
 - (a) If so, when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised that Assertive Outreach is currently being delivered by the Department of Communities and Justice in partnership with health and homelessness services in the City of Sydney, Newcastle and Tweed.

I refer to you to my answer to a Question Without Notice on 18 September 2019 regarding work that is underway to identify further opportunities across the state.

*1776 SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much of the \$1.1 billion Social and Affordable Housing Fund has currently been allocated (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (2) How many additionally constructed social housing properties has the fund delivered (as at 1 October 2019)?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services.

*1777 HOMELESS-SPECIFIC MEDICAL CENTRE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister and NSW Health aware of the trial of a homeless-specific medical centre in Western Australia?
- (2) Are there plans to trial this initiative in Sydney?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

(2) A similar model is already offered in Sydney. NSW Health will consider evaluation findings from the Western Australia pilot when available.

*1778 NORTHERN RIVER FOOD TOURISM STRATEGY INVESTMENT—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

When will the Government's investment of \$240,000 over four years to support the Northern River Food Tourism strategy, in conjunction with industry body Northern Rivers Food, as announced during the election, be made?

Answer—

The Government will deliver on its election commitment of \$240,000 over four years to support the Northern Rivers Food Tourism Strategy.

*1779 VOLUNTARY HOUSE RAISING SCHEME FUNDING REVIEW—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Will the Government review the Voluntary House Raising Scheme's total funding pool available for New South Wales per annum (under the Floodplain Management Program)?
 - (a) Will a local allocation approach based on priority be reinstated?
 - (b) Will the financial barriers impeding landholder access to funding be removed, specifically the requirement to obtain detailed project cost quotes?

Answer—

(1) The department will consider whether there is a need to examine ways to improve the scheme to better meet council needs, including consideration of the current available funding pool.

(a) The program is currently based on a priority allocation.

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(b) No, the requirement to obtain detailed project costs is essential to ensure government funds are allocated and expended appropriately.

*1780 TAXI LICENCES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government consider increasing its current \$20,000 assistance package when buying back taxi licences to ensure that the compensation offered better reflects a fair and just value in line with pre-reform licences?
- (2) Will the Government consider leasing the licences back to the industry for a price reflective of the market they have exclusive access to?
- (3) Will the Government maintain a 'rank and hail' proposition to reduce entry costs for taxi operators and allow taxi networks to develop competitive business models?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1-2) The Government acknowledged the reforms would not be easy for many in the industry, and the quarter of a billion dollar Industry Adjustment Assistance Package was created by the Government to provide financial assistance to persons who were involved in or connected to the taxi and hire car industry and were detrimentally impacted by the point to point transport reforms. It was not established as a compensation scheme.

Three assistance funds have been made available to industry:

- Transitional Assistance Payment Scheme
- Additional Assistance Hire Vehicles Payment Scheme
- Additional Assistance Payment Scheme

(3) The Act requires that a person must not provide a taxi service (i.e. a passenger service where the transport is by a motor vehicle that plies or stands for hire on a road or road related area) unless the provider of the service is the holder of a taxi licence for the motor vehicle used to provide the service.

The Act requires Transport for NSW to determine each year the number of taxi licences to be released in the following financial year. The Point to Point Transport Commissioner tenders the licences which are awarded to the highest ranked bidders. There is no intention to change these arrangements.

*1781 INTERSECTION OF COWLONG ROAD AND BRUXNER HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

Will Transport for NSW undertake a study of the dangerous intersection of the Cowlong Road and the Bruxner Highway at the Alphadale Crossroads (heading towards the Alstonville Plateau) considering its significant history of serious crashes and the proposed left-turn lane that will give some improvement to safety?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is in the early stages of investigating improvements to the intersection of Cowlong Road and the Bruxner Highway to improve road safety.

*1782 BEXHILL AND MURWILLUMBAH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPGRADES—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the major upgrades at Bexhill Public School and Murwillumbah East Public School start?
 - (a) Will all five demountable classrooms at Bexhill Public School be replaced with permanent classrooms, as indicated by the Minister for Education on 7 March 2019?
 - (b) How many of the eight demountables at Murwillumbah East Public School will be replaced with permanent buildings?

Answer—

(1) The Bexhill Public School upgrade is currently in the early stages of planning. The Murwillumbah East Public School upgrade is currently in the design phase.

(a) While the masterplan for the Bexhill Public School upgrade is yet to be finalised, it is anticipated the project will replace all demountable classrooms with permanent teaching spaces.

(b) The masterplan for the Murwillumbah East Public School upgrade includes the replacement of all demountable classrooms with permanent teaching spaces.

*1783 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY RELOCATIONS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Did the Government receive any submissions for the relocation of departments and agencies from local government or regional peak organisations in Wollongong and the Illawarra and South Coast in support of the relocation to these areas at any time since the introduction of the Decade of Decentralisation initiative?
 - (a) If so, please name the organisation, date of the submission, and the request for the relocation of the department and agency.
 - (b) What was the Government's response to each of the requests and the date on which the responses were provided?

Answer—

A list of organisations, councils and individuals who made submissions to the New South Wales Decentralisation Taskforce received can be found at <https://psa.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/NSW-Decentralisation-Taskforce-Report-April-2013-FINAL.pdf>.

*1784 LINKS TO LEARNING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will the current Links to Learning Program be continued in 2020?
- (2) Considering the current program concludes in December 2019, when will existing providers be informed about future arrangements for the Links to Learning Program?
- (3) If the program is intended to continue in 2020:
 - (a) Will the current objectives of the program remain the same?
 - (b) Will there be changes to the overall funding allocated to the program?
 - (c) Does the Department intend to conduct a tender/procurement process to select providers to deliver the program?
 - (i) If so, will the process be an open or closed tender/procurement process?
 - (ii) When will the tender/procurement process be commenced?

Answer—

- (1) The funding cycle for the Links to Learning Community Grants Program has been extended for 12 months. The funding cycle will now conclude on 31 December 2020.
- (2) Existing providers were advised of the 12 month extension of the funding cycle on 18 October 2019.
- (3)
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) No
 - (c) A tender/procurement process will not be undertaken to select organisations to deliver targeted projects in 2020. During 2020 the Department of Education will be reviewing the Links to Learning Community Grants Program beyond 2020.

*1785 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government publish an update to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the response, LA Q9947 of the 56th Parliament.

*1786 ROAD SAFETY ON M1 MOTORWAY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Following serious accidents on Mount Ousley and near the Mount Keira Road overpass at West Wollongong, what steps have been considered to increase road safety along the M1 Motorway in these areas?
- (2) Have these initiatives been implemented?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, what was the nature of the measure and when was it implemented?

Answer—

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The M1 on Mt Ousley has a number of key safety systems in place to reduce the risks of crashes on this key part of the network. These systems include, two heavy vehicle arrestor beds, 40 km/h truck and bus speed limit, speed cameras, slow vehicle lanes and over-height vehicle warning signs and alert systems.

Transport for NSW is planning for the Mt Ousley interchange project. The 2018/19 NSW budget included \$3 million to continue design and related investigation work for this project. Transport for NSW is also investigating potential short term road safety improvements and has submitted these for funding under the current round of the Safer Roads Program. Speed limits within the area are being reviewed to determine if adjustments are required. Transport for NSW, in partnership with the heavy vehicle industry and the Transport Workers Union, has produced a driver safety video to help inform heavy vehicle drivers on how to best descend the Mt Ousley pass in a safe and effective manner. This video has already received over 20,000 views and has been distributed to the heavy vehicle industry and is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*1787 WATER RESILIENCE PROJECTS IN WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Considering the 2019-20 allocation of \$17.8 million to WaterNSW for "Other Resilience Measures" in the Wollongong electorate contained in the NSW Budget 2019-20 Wollongong Electorate Report:
 - (a) What projects are to be funded through this budget allocation;
 - (b) What funds are associated with each project?

Answer—

In addition to immediate drought responses, WaterNSW undertakes ongoing capital works to enhance system resilience across Greater Sydney and for system augmentation to meet growth. This funding relates to water infrastructure to enhance system resilience in the Illawarra.

*1788 UNANDERRA STATION UPGRADE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What opportunities will be available for Wollongong and Illawarra-based small and medium sized businesses to be involved in the construction of the Unanderra Station upgrade?
- (2) Will Transport for NSW make any specific arrangements to make sure Wollongong and Illawarra-based businesses are fully aware of opportunities to be involved in the Unanderra Station upgrade?
 - (a) If so, what is planned?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Upcoming, current and past business opportunities are listed on the NSW Government eTendering website. The website includes NSW Government procurement policies and guidelines, as well as details of already awarded contracts over \$150,000 in value. Businesses can register their details on this webpage to receive email notifications of new opportunities.

(2) Transport for NSW is committed to providing an open and transparent contracting process to meet the needs of individual projects. Businesses who are interested in tendering for Transport for NSW's projects are encouraged to register on the eTendering website.

*1789 REMEDIATION OF CRINGILA PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What are the reasons for the delay in the Department opening a tender process for the clean-up and remediation of Cringila Public School following a fine issued by the Environment Protection Authority in 2018 relating to coal wash combustion?

Answer—

The Department of Education has taken extensive measures to ensure the safety of Cringila Public School students and teachers. Working with other government agencies, there has been no delay in addressing the latest underground combustion near the school.

The Department is currently assessing tenders for the approved Remediation Action Plan work. The tenders are being assessed in accordance with NSW Government

procurement guidelines. The remediation work will begin once the contract has been awarded.

The health and safety of students, staff and the school community are of the utmost importance to the

Department.

*1790 NSW BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

- (1) Has the NSW Building Commissioner visited Wollongong?
 - (a) If so, on what date and with whom did he meet?
 - (i) What issues were discussed with each stakeholder he met with?
 - (b) If not, when will he do so?
- (2) How many representations has the NSW Building Commissioner received in relation to building rectification works from:
 - (a) Wollongong building owners;
 - (b) Unit and apartment owners;
 - (c) Strata management and committees?
- (3) Has the NSW Building Commissioner responded?
 - (a) If so, what was the nature of the response?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the building rectification works which have been identified for Wollongong buildings?

Answer—

- (1) The Building Commissioner has not visited Wollongong but has a visit scheduled this year.
- (2) The Building Commissioner has not received any direct representations about building rectification works from building owners, unit and apartment owners, strata management and committees in Wollongong.
- (3) N/A
- (4) The Building Commissioner does not hold this information.

*1791 IMPACT OF BUSHFIRES ON NORTH COAST TIMBER SUPPLY AGREEMENTS—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) What has been the impact of bushfires on North Coast timber supply agreements?
- (2) What plans does the Government have in place, or is considering, to ameliorate the impact on these timber supply agreements?

Answer—

Forestry Corporation's current focus is the immediate firefighting effort, which significant numbers of staff are deployed to as part of the State's coordinated firefighting response. Timber supply impacts will be assessed after the fire threat has eased.

*1792 ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the health budget for the 2019-20 financial year for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (2) What was the actual health budget for the 2018-19 financial year for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District?
- (3) What is the 2019-20 financial year service agreement for Wollongong Hospital?
- (4) What was the 2018-19 financial year service agreement for Wollongong Hospital?
- (5) Will the Minister guarantee there will be no funding cuts to the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District in the 2019-20 financial year?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1)-(2) The 2019-20 initial expense budget for Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District is \$998 million, an increase of \$40 million on the prior year comparative budget of \$958 million.
- (3)-(4) I am advised by the District that the 2019-20 initial expense budget for the Wollongong Hospital is \$411.2 million, an increase of \$5.2 million on the prior year initial expense budget of \$406.0 million.
- (5) The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District budget increased by \$40 million over the prior year budget. There will be no cuts to this funding increase in the 2019-20 financial year.

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*1793 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES INVESTMENT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) In the 2018-19 financial year, how much did the Government spend on mental health programs and facilities in the Shellharbour electorate?
 - (a) What specific programs were delivered due to this investment?

Answer—

Health services are not provided on the basis of electorate.

*1794 PORT KEMBLA STEEL—Ms Anna Watson asked the Premier—

- (1) How many Government funded projects across New South Wales are utilising steel sourced from Port Kembla Steelworks in their construction?
 - (a) What are these specific projects?

Answer—

The majority of steel used in Government projects is sourced from Australia.

We are investing \$93 billion in infrastructure across New South Wales, including the Illawarra and South Coast, which will create tens-of-thousands of jobs across a number of industries like steel.

*1795 IDENTITY THEFT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Government aware of any incidences or reports of identity theft linked to a drivers license being stolen out of a letterbox or during transit whilst being posted from Service NSW?
 - (a) If so, how many?
- (2) What is the Government doing to protect the identities of citizens?

Answer—

I am advised:

Service NSW maintains data about stolen and lost driver licenses.

*1796 DRIVERS LICENCE NUMBER—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) For what reason are drivers unable to change their driver's licence number?
- (2) Are victims of identity theft able to change their driver's licence number?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

This is a Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) policy and should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Roads for response.

*1797 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH UNIT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many additional staff members will be made available to Shellharbour Hospital for the upcoming holiday period, considering Shoalhaven Hospital's sub-acute mental health unit is temporarily closed and patients are being transferred to the Shellharbour Hospital mental health unit for treatment?
- (2) What is the average number of patients being treated by Shoalhaven Hospital's sub-acute mental health unit in a single day, calculated over the last:
 - (a) Week;
 - (b) 30 days;
 - (c) 90 days (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (3) How many mental health units across New South Wales public hospitals will experience a temporary closure over the upcoming holiday period?

Answer—

(1) All Mental Health inpatient services are staffed according to demand and in line with Nursing Hours per Patient Day; that will be the same for the holiday period.

(2) The Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit at Shoalhaven Hospital is a 28 day voluntary program that provides functional living skills to low acuity, low risk voluntary consumers.

(a) For the period of 18-24 October 2019, an average of 13 people were treated by the Shoalhaven Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit each day.

(b) For the period of 26 September-24 October 2019, an average of 12 people were treated by the Shoalhaven Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit each day.

(c) For the period of 26 July-24 October 2019, an average of 14 people were treated by the Shoalhaven Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit each day.

(3) Each health service plan identifies opportunities to adjust planned activity, bed base and outpatient clinics. The Shoalhaven Hospital Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit was the only mental health unit identified as closing over the holiday period.

*1798 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS EMPLOYMENT—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) How many workers are currently employed in the Albion Park Rail bypass project (as at 24 October 2019)?

(2) How many of these workers are employed on a:

- (a) Full time basis;
- (b) Part-time basis;
- (c) Casual basis?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) As of October 2019 there are 403 full time equivalent positions working on the Albion Park Rail bypass project; this includes Transport for NSW staff, staff employed through main contractor Fulton Hogan, and associated subcontractors.

(2) Transport for NSW does not have the breakdown of full time, part time and casual employment as these requirements change monthly depending on the project work schedule. This breakdown would not adequately represent other employment that is generated by the project, such as truck drivers. Full time equivalent positions accurately capture Transport for NSW, contractor and subcontractor employees working on the project in October 2019.

*1799 WORKPLACE INJURY AND DEATHS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) How many workers have lost their lives whilst at work since 1 January 2019 (as at 24 October 2019)?

(2) How many workers have lost their lives whilst at work over the last five years (as at 24 October 2019)?

(3) How many incidences of serious injuries at workplaces have been reported to the Government since 1 January 2019 (as at 24 October 2019)?

(4) How many incidences of serious injuries at workplaces have been reported to the Government over the last five years (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

(1-4) This information can be found on the Safework Australia and Safework NSW websites and are updated regularly to reflect ongoing investigations.

*1800 WAGE UNDERPAYMENT SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) How many incidences of workers being underpaid by businesses within the Shellharbour electorate have been reported to the Government over the last 12 months?

(a) What were the outcomes of the investigations?

(2) What is the Government doing to address the issue of wage theft in New South Wales, with specific reference to the Illawarra region and the Shellharbour electorate?

Answer—

The underpayment of wages and entitlements to workers by private companies is covered by Commonwealth legislation, and the relevant Minister is the Hon Christian Porter MP, Federal Minister for Industrial Relations and the relevant agency is the Federal Fair Work Ombudsman.

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*1801 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT SHELLHARBOUR—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many teachers are employed at public schools within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 24 October 2019)?
- (a) How many teachers are employed on a non-permanent basis at public schools within the Shellharbour electorate (as at 24 October 2019)?

Answer—

As at 24 October 2019, there is a total of 693.120 full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching entitlements at public schools within the Shellharbour electorate.

(a) As at 24 October 2019, there is a total of 236.5 FTE teachers employed on a non-permanent basis at public schools within the Shellharbour electorate.

This information captured all teaching staff in a temporary and casual capacity.

Note: teacher is defined as any person engaged at a school that is employed under the Teaching Services Act, including teachers, principals, assistant and deputy principals, head teachers and instructional leaders.

*1802 VILLAWOOD GOVERNMENT-OWNED VACANT LAND—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Are any plans in place for the use of the vacant government-owned land at Kamira Court in Villawood?

Answer—

I am advised that the future of the vacant government-owned land at Kamira Court in Villawood is subject to the rezoning of the Villawood Town Centre. The rezoning is currently being led by Fairfield City Council.

*1803 MARITIME VESSEL CHECK POLICY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What policy must staff of Maritime NSW adhere to when performing vessel checks in open waters throughout New South Wales?
- (a) Can you provide me with a copy of this policy?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW Maritime is responsible for regulating safe and responsible use of vessels on navigable waters in New South Wales in accordance with the Marine Safety Act 1998 and Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009.

NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officers conduct boating safety functions in accordance with NSW Maritime's Boating Compliance Procedure as well as the Boating Safety Officers Operations Manual and Coastal Operations Policy.

*1804 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For each year from 2011 to current (as at 24 October 2019), how many residents in the Fairfield electorate who were owners of personal watercraft were issued with an infringement notice for offences related to activities performed while using their watercraft in New South Wales waters?
- (a) What is the breakdown by offence type?

Answer—

I am advised:

From 2011 to 24 October 2019, 294 infringements were issued to operators of personal watercraft (PWC) where the PWC was registered to an address in the Fairfield electorate, or the operator's registered address was in the Fairfield electorate.

These 294 infringements were made up of 242 Penalty Notices, and 52 Official Cautions.

*1805 ORPHAN SCHOOL CREEK CONTAMINATION—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Considering dead fish have been spotted in the Orphan School Creek in the Fairfield Local Government Area, is the Environmental Protection Agency aware of any contaminants or other issues affecting this waterway?

(a) If so, are there any health concerns for the residents within the vicinity of this waterway?

Answer—

- (1) Yes. Orphan School Creek was likely impacted by sewage, which contains pathogens and other potential contaminants.

(a) On 17 October, pathogens were present in Orphan School Creek at levels at which direct contact with the water and activities such as swimming and boating, is not recommended. The EPA advised Sydney Water to erect signage at the affected areas and at a downstream boat ramp to advise the community of the contamination. Monitoring by Sydney Water indicated the water quality had improved by 27 October 2019 to recommended levels.

*1806 AMATEUR FISHING LICENCE INFRINGEMENT—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) For each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 24 October 2019), how many fishing related infringement notices were issued by the Department of Primary Industry to individuals holding an amateur fishing licence who reside in the Fairfield electorate?

(a) What is the breakdown per offence type?

- (2) For each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 24 October 2019), how many residents in the Fairfield electorate were issued infringement notices for non-compliance by the Department of Primary Industry for failing to produce an amateur fishing licence when requested?

Answer—

(1)

Year	Penalty Notices issued
2011	26
2012	17
2013	11
2014	12
2015	14
2016	13
2017	27
2018	10
2019	17
Grand Total	147

Infringement notices were issued for a range of issues, including:

- Possessing prohibited sized fish;
- Exceeding bag limits or daily limits;
- Failing to have official receipt in possession;
- Possessing prohibited fishing gear;
- Harming an animal in a sanctuary zone.

(2)

Year	Penalty notices issued
2011	21
2012	32
2013	12
2014	14
2015	19
2016	14
2017	16
2018	23
2019	15
Grand total	166

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*1807 WATER ON THE M4 TUNNEL ROADWAY—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is an excessive amount of water frequently flowing across the roadway on the M4 Tunnel going westbound from Haberfield at the entry point between the tunnel and the main tunnel?
- (a) If so, how long has your office been aware of this issue?
- (b) What is the source of the water?
- (c) What efforts have been made to rectify this issue?

Answer—

I am advised:

WestConnex advised that it has identified a minor leak in one of the New M4 Tunnels which has led to the presence of some water on the road.

WestConnex advised that it is working to isolate and fix this leak as soon as possible.

*1808 SOCIAL HOUSING WAIT LIST IN GW10 AREA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What new initiatives have been incepted since March 2019 to address the rapidly increasing and bloated social housing waiting list in the GW10 area?

Answer—

The NSW Government has the biggest social housing building program across the country.

I am advised the Social and Affordable Housing Fund expects to deliver 687 dwellings in the Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains Districts. More information is available at:<https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/families-and-communities>

*1809 HOMELESSNESS IN FAIRFIELD LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What new initiatives have been incepted since March 2019 to tackle homelessness in the Fairfield Local Government Area?

Answer—

I am advised that information about homelessness services and initiatives is available on the Department of Communities and Justice website at www.dcj.nsw.gov.au.

*1810 PERSONAL WATER CRAFT NON-COMPLIANCE INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

For each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 24 October 2019), how many residents in the Fairfield electorate who were owners of personal watercraft were issued with infringement notices for non-compliance?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to response to LA Q1804.

*1811 FIREARM INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

For each recurring year from 2011 to current (as at 24 October 2019), how many residents in the Fairfield electorate who were owners of firearms were issued with infringement notices for failing to adhere to firearms regulations?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to my response to LA Q0785.

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- 1812 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS WITHOUT FLASHING LIGHTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1813 PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES IN MAITLAND ELECTORATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer—
- 1814 DAVIS OVERPASS ROOTY HILL—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1815 HERMIDALE PUBLIC TOILETS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1816 BUNNERUNGEE BRIDGE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1817 MENINDEE WEIR—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1818 MOAMA POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1819 GRIFFITH DRINKING WATER NSW HEALTH VERBAL APPROVAL—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1820 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1821 SYDNEY TRAINS INFRINGEMENTS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1822 LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION COSTS—Ms Jenny Leong to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1823 DORRIGO AVENUE HOXTON PARK ROAD RIGHT TURNS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1824 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER LIVERPOOL COUNCIL AREA—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1825 WALKING AND CYCLING PROGRAM LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1826 GREEN SPACES IN LIVERPOOL ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1827 LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL NURSES SICK LEAVE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1828 IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS ISSUES PAPER—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Premier—
- *1829 NSW ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEVIES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- (1) How much has been paid to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on community development levies for the:
- (a) 2015-16 financial year;
 - (b) 2016-17 financial year;
 - (c) 2017-18 financial year;
 - (d) 2018-19 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Revenue NSW has collected Community Development Levy amounts as follows:
- (a) \$65,822;
 - (b) \$98,780;
 - (c) \$4,698,514;
 - (d) \$946,388.

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- 1830 GEORGE ZISOPOULOS REINSTATEMENT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1831 REVIEW OF MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1832 COOGEE ELECTORATE LAND AND HOUSING ASSETS SALE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1833 CAMPBELLTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1834 SOUTH COAST LINE SERVICES NEW CARRIAGE TRAINS PEAK HOURS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1835 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL EPILEPSY OUTPATIENT CLINIC CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR PERIOD—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1836 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL MIRRABOOK UNIT BEDS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1837 BULLI LOOKOUT TRACK RE-OPENING—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1838 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL IN THE WESTMEAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1839 PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH ACT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 1840 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED IN PROJECTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1841 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED IN THE ANZAC MEMORIAL CENTENARY PROJECT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 1842 AUSTRALIAN MADE STEEL USED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1843 TEN YEAR LICENCE RESTRICTIONS FOR CLASS C AND R—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1844 TEN YEAR LICENCE RENEWAL RESTRICTIONS FOR CLASS R OR LR—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1845 LICENCE RENEWAL FEE DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1846 LICENCE CONSOLIDATION REFUND—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 1847 AGRICULTURAL CURRICULUM—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1848 ROAD SAFETY SCHOOL INITIATIVES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1849 BREWARRINA ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 1850 PASSFIELD PARK SCHOOL—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1851 INTEREST RATES VULNERABLE CONSUMERS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1852 MACQUARIE FIELDS SCHOOLS UPGRADE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1853 VARROVILLE HOMESTEAD—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong 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—
- 1854 COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS AND INDIGENOUS ADVISORY GROUPS REMUNERATION OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1855 PRIVATE IRRIGATION COMPANIES OVERSIGHT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1856 INDUSTRIAL MANSLAUGHTER LAWS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1857 WATERCRAFT ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1858 RURAL AND REGIONAL TOURISM—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 1859 DROUGHT RELIEF—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1860 LIGHT RAIL SAFETY AUDITS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1861 LIGHT RAIL WHEELCHAIR SAFETY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1862 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL WARNING SIGNS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1863 CYCLING STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1864 ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1865 LIVERPOOL ROAD ASHFIELD CLEARWAY PLANS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1866 POLICE BODY CAMERAS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1867 COOKS RIVER NATURALISATION—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1868 REVIEW OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS COST—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer—
- 1869 QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS PROGRAM CENTRAL COAST REGION—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1870 LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS SMALL BUSINESSES PAYMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1871 BULLI HOSPITAL—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 1872 DROUGHT RELIEF APPLICATIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1873 MAITLAND ELECTORATE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1874 MAITLAND POLICE CALL-OUTS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1875 NEW MAITLAND HOSPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1876 DRUGS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—
- 1877 FISH RESCUE STRATEGY—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1878 MEHI RIVER FISH KILL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1879 MAITLAND RAILWAY ROUNDABOUT TRAFFIC MONITORING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1880 NSW RURAL WOMEN'S NETWORK AND NSW RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING FUNDING—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 1881 RURAL AND REGIONAL ON DEMAND PUBLIC TRANSPORT PILOT PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1882 FIXING COUNTRY ROADS PROGRAM—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1883 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1884 SECURITY IMPROVEMENT AUDITS AT CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1885 TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES ON REGULATED RIVER SYSTEMS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1886 NON-URBAN WATER METERS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1887 CESSNOCK HOSPITAL AND KURRI KURRI HOSPITAL NURSE STAFFING—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1888 SENIORS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 1889 ORAL AIRWAYS REGIONAL AND RURAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1890 RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD BANK FAR WEST AND OUTBACK NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1891 COBAR HOSPITAL BLOOD PRODUCTS SUPPLY—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1892 ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED PATIENTS WEST AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1893 BUS STOP UPGRADES FUNDING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 1894 CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1895 COMMUTER CAR PARKING SPACES ALONG SYDENHAM-BANKSTOWN LINE METRO CONVERSION—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1896 SHOPPING TROLLEY DUMPING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1897 NEWCASTLE BUS STOP RELOCATIONS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1898 OFFSHORE SAND DREDGING FOR BEACH NOURISHMENT PURPOSES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1899 STOCKTON BEACH EROSION MANAGEMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1900 CARRINGTON BOAT RAMP—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- *1901 PORT OF NEWCASTLE CONTAINER TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—
- (1) Do the confidential Port Commitment Deeds specify government policy for developing a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle?
 - (2) Has the Port of Newcastle the capacity to handle one million containers per annum and what payments would this rate trigger?
 - (3) What contractual payments and obligations would the Government have to make to NSW Ports as a result of one million containers being handled by the Port of Newcastle in one year?
 - (4) Does the Government's policy make provision for the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle at any time?
 - (5) Does the Government's policy provide for development of Port Kembla as the next long-term container facility once Port Botany reaches capacity?
 - (6) Does the Government's policy require Ports Botany and Kembla to reach capacity before a dedicated container terminal is developed at the Port of Newcastle?
- Answer—
- (1) The lease arrangements for the ports of Newcastle, Botany and Kembla reflect the 2013 New South Wales Government's Freight and Ports Strategy and the 2018 New South Wales Freight and Ports Plan - that Port Kembla should be the State's next container terminal once Port Botany reaches capacity.
 - (2) This question is more appropriately directed to the private port operator. In addition, please refer to the answer to question 106 of the supplementary questions provided by the Treasurer for the Budget Estimates, which provides a detailed description of when the payments are triggered under the Port Commitment Deeds.
 - (3) Please refer to the answer to question 106 of the supplementary questions by the Treasurer for the 2019-20 Budget Estimates.
 - (4) The 2018 New South Wales Freight and Ports Plan states that "The NSW Government policy position is that Port Kembla has been identified as the location for the development of a future container terminal to augment capacity of Port Botany when required. Current arrangements do not prohibit the development of a container terminal at the Port of Newcastle but rather allow for the growth of container volumes through Newcastle that service the region."
 - (5) Please refer to answer to question (4) above.
 - (6) Please refer to answer to question (4) above.
- 1902 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1903 RANGERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES NATIONAL PARKS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1904 YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL PORTABLE GIRLS' DORM—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 1905 TEMORA AGRIBUSINESS FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1906 WATER LOSSES CLASSIFICATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1907 TEACHERS DROUGHT AFFECTED COMMUNITIES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1908 CHARLESTOWN ELECTORATE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1909 SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS SUPPORT SERVICES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 1910 WALLSEND SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1911 HUNTER NEW ENGLAND DENTURE WAITING TIME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1912 ASBESTOS PROPERTY SALES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1913 WALLSEND COMMUTER CARPARKS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1914 OPAL CARD FEES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1915 WALLSEND BUS STOPS RELOCATION CONSULTATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1916 WALLSEND OPAL CARD RETAILERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1917 NEWCASTLE BUS STOP INFRASTRUCTURE—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1918 CARDIFF COMMUTERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1919 LIVERPOOL-BANKSTOWN VIA REGENTS PARK TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1920 BANKSTOWN METRO STATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1921 LAND FOR BANKSTOWN METRO TURN BACK—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1922 TEACHERS PAY INEQUALITY BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1923 BANKSTOWN TO CABRAMATTA TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1924 SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN METRO JOURNEY TIMES CARRAMAR TO SEFTON—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1925 BANKSTOWN TO CABRAMATTA RAIL SERVICES FUTURE STRATEGY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- *1926 UNCLAIMED MONEY REVENUE NSW BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE NOTIFICATION—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—

Considering the response to LA Q1600 received on 30 October 2019, which indicates that \$3,385,593 in unclaimed money held by Revenue NSW is attributable to the Bankstown electorate, will potential claimants in the Bankstown electorate be notified?

Answer—

Revenue NSW does not directly contact potential owners of unclaimed money.

In New South Wales, businesses and public sector superannuation funds send information to Revenue NSW about money owed to people they cannot find. Businesses are required to make reasonable efforts to locate owners before they send it to Revenue NSW.

Information sent to Revenue NSW often does not have current contact details, which makes contacting potential owners difficult. Data integrity issues with the information provided has also made previous data matching attempts unsuccessful.

All unclaimed money held by Revenue NSW is published on the website for anyone to search and lodge a claim.

- 1927 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE SCAM PROTECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- 1928 METROPOLITAN WATER SECURITY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1929 COOGEE ELECTORATE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC HOUSING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1930 WATER SMART CITIES PROGRAM—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1931 BULLI HOSPITAL ADDITIONAL PARKING LAND—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1932 ADDITIONAL NURSES AND MIDWIVES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1933 WOLLONGONG SOCIAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1934 KING STREET WARRAWONG MASTER PLAN—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1935 DAMS EVAPORATION RATES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1936 PRIVATE PROPERTY FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1937 NSW LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION VALUE FOR MONEY PROCESS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1938 FORESTRY CORPORATION DIVISIONS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1939 MINERALS EXPLORATION TENURES—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1940 PUBLIC SECTOR EFFICIENCY DIVIDENDS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- 1941 WINDANG BRIDGE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1942 WOY WOY ROAD AND BRISBANE WATER DRIVE GOSFORD ELECTORATE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1943 ICARE PARALYMPIAN MENTORING PROGRAM COST—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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- 1944 EDUCATION PROTOCOL TRANSITION OF HEAD TEACHERS TO CLASSROOM POSITIONS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1945 FIRST HOME BUYERS GRANT UPTAKE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1946 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1947 DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1948 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE SCHOOLS MAINTENANCE BACKLOG—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1949 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE SCHOOL ENROLMENT FIGURES—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1950 ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICERS IN SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1951 SAND MINING PROPOSAL NEAR BANKS OF MINNAMURRA RIVER—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 1952 SHELLHARBOUR ELECTORATE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1953 ALBION PARK RAIL BYPASS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1954 ILLAWARRA LINE TRAIN DELAYS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1955 SPEED CAMERAS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1956 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE SPEED CAMERAS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1957 PINCH POINT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1958 MULTICULTURAL GRANT PROGRAMS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE FUNDING—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 1959 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE SPEED CAMERA SIGNAGE PROJECTED COST FOR REMOVAL—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1960 COMMUNITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CCTV FUND APPLICANTS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1961 TRANSPORT PLAN PARRAMATTA CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO BADGERYS CREEK AIRPORT—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1962 PINCH POINT PROGRAM APPLICATION AUTHORITY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1963 FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUND GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Local Government—

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- 1964 COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF POWER PROVIDERS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1965 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE HUNTER NEW ENGLAND LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1966 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1967 VISITING MEDICAL OFFICERS IN THE WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1968 GOAT MUSTERING CONTRACTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 1969 SCHOOL BUS ROUTE EXTENSIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 1970 MURRAY DARLING BASIN PLAN ICAC INVESTIGATION—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Premier—
- 1971 SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTING WATER DONATIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1972 OVERSIGHT OF COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY FUNCTIONS—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1973 GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL PUBLIC ALLERGY CLINIC—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1974 CROSSING SUPERVISORS SAFETY CRITERIA—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1975 CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1976 SUPPORT FOR ACECQA FUNDING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1977 BUDGETARY PROVISIONS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 1978 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE APPLICATIONS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1979 FERAL CATS REMOVAL—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1980 YOUTH KOORI COURT EXPANSION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1981 LEGAL AID PAYMENTS—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1982 POLICE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 1983 LIVERPOOL COURT HOUSE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1984 CAMPBELLTOWN LEGAL PRECINCT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

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- 1985 NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 1986 CAMDEN COUNCIL REDISTRIBUTION—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 1987 SPECIALIST LYMPHEDEMA THERAPY WAIT TIMES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1988 MAMMOGRAM WAIT TIMES AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1989 ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN FUNDING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1990 ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN GENDER STAFF RATIOS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1991 UNMANNED TRAIN STATIONS SOUTH COAST LINE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1992 PAEDIATRIC OPERATION WAIT LIST—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 1993 BLUE RIDGE HARDWOOD INCOME SUPPORT PAYMENTS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 1994 MYUNA BAY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

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- 1995 ENERGY AND WATER OMBUDSMAN—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 1996 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXIS—Ms Yasmin Catley to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 1997 MACARTHUR SERVICE NSW CENTRE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 1998 DRIVING INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 1999 DRIVER AND RIDER LICENCES DELIVERY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2000 SCHOOL CLASSROOM AIR-CONDITIONING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2001 MURRAY ELECTORATE BOORGA AND DICKIE ROADS SEALING—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2002 NIMMIE-CAIRA PROJECT—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2003 APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS—Mr Jihad Dib to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2004 SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSINGS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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- 2005 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2006 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ART GALLERY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2007 MENTAL HEALTH ACT REVIEW—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 2008 CCTV ON PRIVATE PROPERTY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- 2009 SUPPORT FOR FORMER INSTITUTIONAL CARE LEAVERS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Premier—
- 2010 EASTERN SUBURBS RAILWAY ART GALLERY STATION PROPOSAL—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2011 PLASTICS EXPOSURE SAFETY CONCERNS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2012 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES INNER CITY—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2013 PALLIATIVE CARE—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 2014 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVER POLICY—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2015 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVER POLICY DIMENSIONS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2016 OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE INDOOR SPACE WAIVERS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2017 CASTLEREAGH STREET CYCLEWAY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2018 M4 EAST TOLLING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2019 HEAVY VEHICLE SAFETY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2020 RURAL FIRE SERVICE WOMEN VOLUNTEERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2021 CYCLING AND TRAMWAY FINES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2022 GEORGE STREET CYCLEWAY—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2023 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2024 RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUNDING—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2025 BICYCLE COURIERS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2026 SELF-FUNDED RETIREE ENERGY REBATE—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2027 TUGGERAH PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2028 FERAL CAT CONTROL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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- 2029 RURAL FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2030 YARRA BAY CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2031 TAFE PEER TUTORING PROGRAM - RANDWICK TAFE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2032 ROZELLE INTERCHANGE TUNNELING UNDER 73-79 RYAN STREET, LILYFIELD—Mr Jamie Parker to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2033 DRUG SUMMIT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2034 YASS VALLEY YOUTH REFUGE CAMPAIGN—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2035 HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2036 WESTERN SYDNEY EMPLOYMENT—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 2037 WESTERN SYDNEY HOSPITALS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2038 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 2039 WESTERN SYDNEY SCHOOLS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—
- 2040 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT FLIGHT PATHS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 2041 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT JET FUEL SUPPLY—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 2042 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SUPPORT TO LOCAL COUNCILS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- 2043 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—
- 2044 WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT RAIL CONNECTION—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

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- 2045 HUNTER VALLEY FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2046 NEWCASTLE-SINGLETON RAIL—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2047 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Treasurer—
- 2048 RAWORTH BACKLOG SEWER SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2049 Q FEVER—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2050 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

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- 2051 ON-FARM EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2052 NSW FIREARMS PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2053 MAITLAND-SINGLETON EXPRESS BUS SERVICE—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2054 DOONSIDE RAILWAY STATION RELOCATION PLANS—Mr Stephen Bali to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2055 BLACKTOWN HOSPITAL FLAMMABLE CLADDING—Mr Stephen Bali to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2056 PUBLIC SECTOR ROLES IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr 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—
- 2057 HOMELESSNESS IN HUNTER REGION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2058 BARNARD RIVER SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2059 EXPRESS PASSENGER TRAIN (XPT) FLEET CENTRE PINS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2060 SPEED HUMPS ON CLASSIFIED STATE ROADS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2061 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN CESSNOCK—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2062 WESTON FIRE STATION—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2063 EXPRESS PASSENGER TRAIN (XPT) FLEET—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2064 UPPER NEPEAN SCHEME—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2065 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTIONS GEORGES RIVER—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2066 SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHERS VACANCIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2067 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ELIGIBILITY MACQUARIE FIELDS ELECTORATE—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2068 TUGGERAH LAKES EXPERT REVIEW COMMITTEE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2069 CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING—Ms Sophie Cotsis to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- 2070 NEWCASTLE LIGHT RAIL EXPANSION BUSINESS CASE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2071 WAIT TIMES FOR CHEMOTHERAPY AT THE MATER HOSPITAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2072 LAND CLEARING IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

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- 2073 LOCAL SPORT DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2074 NEWCASTLE CRUISE TERMINAL—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer—
- 2075 HUNTER SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- 2076 NEWCASTLE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUSINESS CLOSURES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- 2077 NEWCASTLE PORT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2078 MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN ICAC REPORT—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—
- 2079 MOAMA POLICE STATION CAPITAL WORKS FEMALE TOILET—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2080 BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FARM ENTRY—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2081 RECYCLED WATER—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2082 ISOLATED AND REMOTE CHILDREN COMPUTERS—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2083 PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION REMOTE AND ISOLATED HOMES—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2084 FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ISOLATED AND REMOTE EDUCATION—Ms Jodie Harrison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2085 FUNDING FOR RETAINING WALL FOR NEW LAMBTON HEIGHTS INFANTS SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2086 FUNDING FOR DRAINAGE ASSOCIATED WITH SURFACE RENEWAL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2087 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS TO FUND UPGRADES TO STORMWATER NETWORK—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2088 IMPOUNDING OF UNREGISTERED DIRTBIKES—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2089 FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A SHOWER AND CHANGE ROOM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2090 FUNDING FOR WALLSEND PUBLIC SCHOOL—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2091 FUNDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN UNSAFE KITCHEN—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2092 CENTRAL COAST ADDITIONAL SOCIAL HOUSING—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2093 CENTRAL COAST SOCIAL HOUSING TOTAL STOCK—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- 2094 WATER SUPPLY STANDING AND USAGE CHARGES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2095 CENTRAL COAST FIREFIGHTING RESOURCES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2096 THE ENTRANCE POLICE STATION UPGRADE—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2097 CENTRAL COAST SOCIAL HOUSING REMOVAL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2098 AUSLAN INTERPRETERS DURING TELEVISED EMERGENCY BRIEFINGS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2099 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 1 COMPULSORY ACQUISITIONS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2100 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- 2101 BANKSTOWN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 2102 STACEY STREET AND THE HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE COMPULSORY ACQUISITION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2103 STACEY STREET AND HUME HIGHWAY, BANKSTOWN UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2104 STACEY STREET AND FAIRFORD ROAD UPGRADES STAGE 2—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2105 METRO CITY AND SOUTHWEST SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN SECTION—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2106 BANKSTOWN ELECTORATE CLASS 2 BUILDING COMPLAINTS—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- 2107 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 01—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2108 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 02—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2109 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 03—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2110 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 04—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2111 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 06—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2112 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 07—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2113 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT OSMBSC 08—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2114 BUS SERVICES CONTACT NISC001—Mr Chris Minns to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2115 COOGEE ELECTORATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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- 2116 RANDWICK HOSPITAL CAMPUS CYCLING ACCESS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2117 GREATER SYDNEY AREA WATER INITIATIVES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2118 YASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL SENIOR MANAGEMENT—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2119 YASS VALLERY HEALTH REVIEW—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2120 MOBILE SPEED CAMERA OPERATORS PERMANENT CONTRACTS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2121 LISMORE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE TRAIN AND COACH TIMETABLES—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- 2122 EMERGENCY DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDY—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2123 CANE DRAIN OUTLETS APPROVALS AND MAINTENANCE—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—
- 2124 PROPERTIES FOR DIVESTMENT BY PROPERTY NSW—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- 2125 NSW 2040 ECONOMIC BLUEPRINT—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- 2126 SECURITY STAFF AT WOLLONGONG AND PORT KEMBLA HOSPITALS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2127 PAEDIATRIC SERVICES REVIEW WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2128 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT NOMINATIONS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Treasurer—
- 2129 HYDROGEN STRATEGY—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2130 FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2131 PORT KEMBLA COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—
- 2132 TRAIN CLEANING SERVICES EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2133 NEW INTERCITY FLEET TESTING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2134 KANGY ANGY RAIL MAINTENANCE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2135 NEW BEDS AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2136 CHILDREN IN STATE GOVERNMENT CARE ABSENT UNKNOWN LOCATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- 2137 GIFTS AND BENEFIT REGISTERS—Ms Liesl Tesch 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—
- 2138 GOSFORD HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RESOURCING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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- 2139 CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BUDGET—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- 2140 MISSING PERSONS REGISTRATION TIME—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2141 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR MARINE RESCUE VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2142 CLOSURE OF CARRAMAR TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2143 CLOSURE OF YENNORA TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2144 PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2145 FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS THAT PROMOTE AND SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 2146 FUNDING FOR COUNSELLING SERVICES—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- 2147 RESIDENCE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- 2148 RESTORATION WORKS OF THE LENNOX BRIDGE, LANSDOWNE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- 2149 CLOSURE OF VILLAWOOD TRAIN STATION—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- 2150 HERITAGE COUNCIL NSW PUBLISHED MINUTES—Mrs Helen Dalton 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—
- 2151 WESTERN SYDNEY AEROTROPOLIS WOLLONGONG LINKS—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Questions to Chairs of Committees

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QCC 0001 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE AND ETHICS—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics, Mr Peter Sidgreaves MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
- (3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?
- (4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

QCC 0002 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT, INDUSTRY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development, Mr Justin Clancy MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
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QCC 0003 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services, Ms Wendy Lindsay MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?
 - What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
- (3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?
- (4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

QCC 0004 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, Ms Robyn Preston MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Transport and Infrastructure (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
- Where were each of those meetings held?

- (b) What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
- (c) What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
- (3) Besides the meetings identified in part (1), what other activities have you engaged in as part of your role as Chair of the Committee?
- (4) On average, approximately how many hours per week do you spend completing work directly relating to your role as Chair of the Committee (not including work performed by your staff or Committee secretariat staff)?

QCC 0005 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SAFETY—Mr Greg Warren to ask the Chair of the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Order, Ms Wendy Tuckerman MP—

- (1) On what date(s) has the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety (the Committee) met since your appointment as Chair?
 - (a) Where were each of those meetings held?
 - (b) What was the duration of each meeting (as recorded in the minutes)?
 - (c) What policy issues/other matters were discussed at each meeting?
- (2) On what date(s) are any future meetings of the Committee scheduled to be held?
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