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\*0532 HUNTER WATER DIVIDEND PAYMENT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Treasurer—

Why is the Government taking an additional \$100 million dollar dividend from Hunter Water?

Answer—

Dividends from all State Owned Corporations contribute to the funding of critical services in the Hunter region and across New South Wales including health, education, law enforcement and public transport and roads.

The Opposition should join the Government in talking up Newcastle, including the new Light Rail, instead of constantly demonising the coal and mining industries which support thousands of workers throughout Newcastle and Hunter.

\*0533 HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19 (to 30 April 2019), what was the average wait time for a priority applicant to be housed:

- (a) In the Maitland electorate;
- (b) Across New South Wales?

(2) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19 (to 30 April 2019), what was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed:

- (a) In the Maitland electorate;
- (b) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

Information as at 30 June 2018 can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

I am advised that information for previous years can be found in the Auditor General Report on the Audit Office of NSW website at: [www.audit.nsw.gov.au](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au).

\*0534 BROKEN HILL PIPELINE COOMBAH TO BROKEN HILL—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) What are the details of the actual costs of providing stock and domestic access to the Broken Hill pipeline?

(2) Will the full business case supporting the construction of this pipeline be released?

(3) Will recommendations be made to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to restrict stock and domestic water pricing to actual connection costs only?

Answer—

(1) Costs are detailed in the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART) final report and determination on WaterNSW's Murray River to Broken Hill Pipeline services. The IPART report can be accessed at: <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/files/sharedassets/website/shared-files/pricing-reviews-water-services-rural-water-prices-for-waternsw-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-services-from-1-july-2019/legislative-requirements-prices-for-waternsw-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-services-from-1-july-2019/final-report-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-waternsw-may-2019.pdf>

(2) The business case is cabinet-in-confidence information and will not be publicly released.

(3) See IPART's final report and determination, available at the web link provided under the answer to question (1)..

\*0535 HOUSING WAIT LIST IN THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

How many people, as of the 30 April 2019, are on the Mount Druitt Allocation Zone wait list?

Answer—

I am advised that information on the housing wait list can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0536 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WALLSEND ELECTORATE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Wallsend electorate?
- (2) How long is the average wait time for people on the list for public housing in the Wallsend electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that Information on waiting times can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*0537 POLICE RESOURCES TO ORANGE—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Considering that early this year the Police Commissioner advised of an increase in the numbers of police at the Orange Police Station as of 1st July 2019, how many additional police will be assigned at Orange and when will they commence duties?
- (2) Considering the rising trends of arson, steal from motor vehicle and steal from dwelling in Orange, as detailed in Reported Crime Reports Local Government Area Trends by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, will consideration be given to expediting the commencement of the increased numbers of police at Orange?

Answer—

I am pleased to advise that the Central West Police District (PD), which includes Orange, will be receiving seven new police officer positions including a Child Protection Register Officer and an Aged Crime Prevention Officer.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

\*0538 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FUND APPLICATIONS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many applications were received by the Before and After School Care Fund in 2018 from the following electorates:
  - (a) Heathcote;
  - (b) Keira;
  - (c) Wollongong;
  - (d) Shellharbour;
  - (e) Kiama?
- (2) Of those how many were successful for:
  - (a) Heathcote;
  - (b) Keira;
  - (c) Wollongong;
  - (d) Shellharbour;
  - (e) Kiama?

Answer—

- (1) Details of grant applications received in 2018 are as follows:
  - (a) Heathcote - 1
  - (b) Keira - 5
  - (c) Wollongong - 1
  - (d) Shellharbour - 2
  - (e) Kiama - Nil
- (2) Details of successful grant applications are as follows:
  - (a) Heathcote - Nil
  - (b) Keira - 4
  - (c) Wollongong - 1
  - (d) Shellharbour - Nil
  - (e) Kiama - Nil

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\*0539 **BROKEN HILL PIPELINE ACCESS CHARGES**—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) What are the details of the environmental outcomes driving the Government's support for reducing the water-holding capacity of the Menindee Lakes, creating the need for a pipeline from the Murray River to Broken Hill?
- (2) Will the full business case supporting the construction of this pipeline be released?
- (3) Will recommendations be made to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to restrict Broken Hill water pricing to a Consumer Price Index only increase over current water charges?

Answer—

(1) The proposed Menindee Lakes Water Savings Project signals significant water savings by reducing evaporation and reducing the required reserve volumes to meet consumptive demand. The Broken Hill pipeline, which was implemented to address water security risk for the town of Broken Hill, has already secured that supply which creates some flexibility in reserve levels in Menindee Lakes.

The Menindee Lakes system is estimated to lose on average 426GL a year to evaporation, and up to 700GL a year when the lakes are full. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority's hydrological modelling of the proposed Menindee Lakes Water Saving Project suggests there will be average, long-term water savings of around 106 gegalitres per year. These savings will make more water available to achieve environmental outcomes without the need to recover additional water from productive uses, avoiding socioeconomic drawbacks.

The project is expected to create additional environmental benefits through infrastructure works, which will allow the Menindee Lakes system to be operated in ways that support environmental outcomes. These include:

- The enlarged size of the Lake Menindee outlet regulator, the new Emu and Yartla Lakes offtake regulators, and the increased capacity of the Anabranch offtake regulator will increase the frequency and duration of small overbank flows to sustain and improve floodplain health and the connectivity between habitats.
- These works will also allow increased average river flows into the Lower Darling, potentially contributing to increased flows in the Murray River and helping to deliver environmental benefits for a range of ecosystems.
- The construction of new fishways will allow upstream and downstream movement for native fish and other biota, giving them access to a wider range of habitat over a larger area and contributing to the distribution and abundance of the species.
- The proposed changes in operation strategies will reinstate the natural drying cycles of the Lake Wetherell floodplain and restore more natural conditions benefitting flora and fauna that inhabit lake shore environments.

The project provides an opportunity to modernise the operations of the lakes, reduce water losses, and reduces the water that needs to be recovered from productive use in the southern Murray-Darling Basin.

It is important to note however that the project is at concept stage only. The Government is committed to developing this project in collaboration with the community, as well as the Commonwealth, other Basin states and technical experts.

New South Wales will ensure that the design of the project takes into account Aboriginal cultural heritage, tourism, recreation and local amenity issues. After this a detailed business case and environmental, social and economic impact assessments will need to be undertaken. We will also work with the Barkandji People who hold native title rights and interests in the area, so that the extent of the significant cultural heritage values of the Menindee Lakes and Lower Darling regions are fully understood and addressed.

(2) The business case is cabinet-in-confidence information and will not be publicly released.

(3) The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined the costs of supplying offtake customers access to the Murray River to Broken Hill pipeline. IPART's final report can be accessed at: <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/files/sharedassets/website/shared-files/pricing-reviews-water-services-rural-water-prices-for-waternsw-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-services-from-1-july-2019/legislative-requirements-prices-for-waternsw-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-services-from-1-july-2019/final-report-murray-river-to-broken-hill-pipeline-waternsw-may-2019.pdf>

\*0541 **ENDEAVOUR ENERGY FINAL METER READ FEE**—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Why does Endeavour Energy charge \$41.25 to do a final meter read in the 2170 postcode area when a resident wants to disconnect electricity when moving to another area, while in other regions the charge is only \$11.96?

Answer—

I am advised:

The fees and charges that a Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) can levy for Ancillary Services and Metering Services are regulated through the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) network revenue determination process.

The AER provides a determination for each DNSP that reflects the costs of delivering these services. Differences in fees and charges reflect the different costs of providing these services between network regions.

The Government has no regulatory role in the determination of these fees and charges.

\*0544 EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY INSURANCE MONITOR REPORTS—Mr Ryan Park asked the Treasurer—

- (1) When did the Treasurer's office receive the two most recent quarterly reports from the Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor that are required under legislation to be published every quarter?
- (2) Why have these two reports not yet been published (as of 18 June 2019)?
- (3) Is the Treasurer aware of the legislative requirements for these reports to be published?
- (4) When will they finally be published?

Answer—

The Government will publish the Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor's quarterly reports in accordance with all legislative requirements.

\*0545 RANDWICK BUS DEPOT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Randwick Bus Depot be excluded from sale?

Answer—

I am advised:

This depot is fully operational and required to deliver transport services. There are no current plans to sell this depot.

\*0546 UPGRADES TO KURRUBA OVAL PLAYGROUND—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

When will the \$25,000 committed during the 2019 NSW State Election for upgrades to Kurruba Oval Playground be delivered?

Answer—

I am advised:

Central Coast Council is delivering the upgrade and will commence the project in July 2019. It is a requirement of the funding agreement between the Government and Council that the project be completed by 24 October 2020.

\*0549 BREACHES OF NATIONAL STANDARD FOR ENGINE BRAKE NOISE—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has New South Wales introduced the necessary legislation to enable prosecution for breaches of the National Standard for engine brake noise?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Was the noise camera on Mount Ousley Road operational during the following following years:
  - (a) 2018;
  - (b) 2017?
- (3) What action has the Government taken as a result of the data produced by the noise camera located on Mount Ousley Road?
- (4) How many breaches of the engine brake noise standards were detected by the noise camera on Mount Ousley Road in the following years:
  - (a) 2019;
  - (b) 2018;

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- (c) 2017?
- (5) How many defect notices were issued related to excessive brake noise for vehicles on Mount Ousley Road in the following years:
- (a) 2019;  
(b) 2018;  
(c) 2017?
- (6) What is the Government doing to reduce the engine brake noise on Mount Ousley Road?

Answer—

I am advised:\

(1) and (6) New South Wales is working with the National Transport Commission and national jurisdictions on refining technology to reliably identify excessive engine brake noise and its specific source, and to align the national in-service standard with the technology, before jurisdictional powers enabling the enforcement of non-compliance is introduced.

Transport for NSW also responds to customer complaints received through the Noise Abatement Program and offers noise treatment options to eligible houses. During periodic registration inspections or as a result of a complaint, Transport for NSW may conduct service checks on heavy vehicles for faulty noise emission control equipment (exhaust/engine) and may issue defect notices where warranted.

(2) No

(3) The noise camera on Mount Ousley was trialled in 2009-10 and as part of the engine brake noise awareness and education program, letters were sent to operators of trucks whose vehicles were recorded exceeding the in-service engine brake noise standard.

(4) an (5) Between 2017 and 2019, the noise camera at Mount Ousley was not operating to detect engine brake noise.

\*0550 REGISTRATION RENEWAL POSTAL NOTIFICATION—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering that the New South Wales Government has collected more than \$240 million in revenue raised from unregistered vehicle fines over the past six years since window displayed registration stickers were phased out, will consideration be given to providing customers of RMS with the option of receiving a postal reminder for the renewal of their vehicle registration, also assisting in changing public perception that the RMS is a service instead of a revenue raising entity?

Answer—

I am advised:

Customers are posted a renewal notice six weeks before the registration due date.

Customers can register for email reminders to remind them to renew their registration before the due date and to alert them if the registration is overdue.

\*0551 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN FORBES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

(1) What steps are being taken by the NSW Police Force in Forbes to reduce incidence of the following crimes that have substantially increased:

- (a) Domestic Violence related assault;  
(b) Intimidation, stalking and harassment?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force has implemented multiple strategies to deal with domestic violence related offences across the Central West Police District (PD), which includes

Forbes, with two Domestic Violence Officers and two Domestic Violence Liaison Officers assigned to the PD.

These strategies include, Domestic Violence Suspect Target Management Plans; Apprehended Violence Order compliance operations supported by the Central West Proactive Investigation Team and Crime Management Unit targeting high risk domestic violence offenders; and identification of 'top ten' domestic violence offenders on a monthly basis to proactively target extreme and high risk offenders.

Intimidation, stalking and harassment offences are often linked to domestic violence and are covered by the strategies above. For incidents of this type that are not linked to domestic violence, police assist victims with Personal Violence Orders, which are also subject to proactive compliance visits.

I am pleased to advise that on 1 July 2019, the Central West Police District received seven new police officer positions. This is part of the Government's commitment to deliver 1,500 new police officers to fight crime and keep our communities safe.

\*0552 POST MORTEM SERVICES IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Will consideration be given to returning post mortem services in regional New South Wales, specifically within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, as since 2016 the only facilities capable of carrying out autopsies in New South Wales are in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong and currently residents in regional areas often have a significant delay in the ability to organise burial and additional emotional trauma due to that delay?

Answer—

There are two types of post-mortem examinations: coronial and non-coronial.

Non-coronial post-mortem examinations are rare and are managed by local hospital teams. These requests typically come from the family.

Complex coronial post-mortems can only be performed by highly qualified forensic pathologists at NSW Health Pathology's dedicated Forensic Medicine facilities in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Forensic Medicine Newcastle operates a Rural Triage Centre to help avoid unnecessary transfers of deceased people from rural and remote areas. NSW Health Pathology has increased the number of staff available to actively support families who need to engage with the coronial system.

NSW Health will also invest in a new Forensic Medicine Management System. This will significantly increase capacity to manage cases across the different Forensic Medicine facilities to reduce potential delays.

The concentration of expertise in three centres makes best use of highly specialised staff and technology, ensures coroners and grieving families have access to the highest quality service and continue to get the answers and support they need in a timely, respectful way. It also allows for essential training and supervision of trainees. Access to advanced technologies in these centres allows for greater numbers of minimally invasive post-mortems to occur.

There is a global shortage of forensic pathologists and they are challenging to recruit. NSW Health Pathology is actively recruiting overseas while also training its largest ever group of forensic pathologist registrar trainees.

A new high-level taskforce with representatives from the NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Justice, NSW Police and NSW Health pathology is examining further improvements to the current coronial system, particularly for regional and rural communities.

\*0553 VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXEMPTION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Will consideration be given to extending the 1998 Motor Traffic Amendment for Rural Fire Brigade Vehicles to be exempt for registration to all emergency service vehicles, such as police and ambulance?

(a) If so, will consideration be given to allowing those emergency services to retain the amount of funding previously used on registration of vehicles for other essential activities and operations of those services?

Answer—

I am advised:

The registration exemptions for rural fire vehicles under the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017 are not applied to other types of emergency vehicles. It is not suitable to have the same exemptions apply to all emergency services vehicles which are used for a mix of both general and emergency-related use and are operated daily across the wider road network.

\*0554 MOAMA POLICE STATION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—



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- (1) Considering Moama's population of around 6,600 and the continued growth occurring in the area, by what date can the community of Moama expect the Government to provide police facilities and staffing in Moama capable of upholding staff and community safety?
- (2) Will a new police station for Moama or a redevelopment of the existing police facilities be considered?
  - (a) If so, by what date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Police Force continually assesses community needs, growth patterns and functionality of police operations in terms of response, prevention and disruption to crime. The Moama police station has the capability to service the community with currently available resources and facilities.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

The Moama police station is assessed as a priority for minor works in this financial year.

\*0555 HIGH SPEED RAIL ILLAWARRA—Mr Ryan Park asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government have plans for additional train services on Wednesday afternoon from Central Station to the Illawarra?
- (2) When is Professor McNaughton's report into high speed rail due to the Government?
- (3) Will the report be made public?
  - (a) If so, when will this happen?
  - (b) If not, what are the reasons for not releasing the report's findings to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

\*0556 SOUTH COOGEE PUBLIC HOUSING—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that public housing properties in South Coogee are not being neglected, with the intention of sale?
- (2) Can the sale of public housing be excluded in South Coogee, including the housing located at:
  - (a) 7-11 Byron Street, Coogee;
  - (b) 21 Gregory Street, South Coogee;
  - (c) 14 Iluka Place, South Coogee;
  - (d) Jenson Place South Coogee?

Answer—

I am advised that this question falls under the responsibility of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

\*0557 SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RANDWICK CARDIAC SURGERY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Does the Government intend to discontinue the service of cardiac surgery at the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick?

Answer—

The Government is investing more than \$1 billion to ensure both The Children's Hospital at Westmead and Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick have the best facilities and services in the world in which to care for sick children.

\*0558 BONDI JUNCTION BUS DEPOT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can the Government exclude the sale of the Bondi Junction Bus Depot?
  - (a) If not, is the intention to use the site of the Bondi Junction Bus Depot for a new school?

Answer—

I am advised:

The depot is fully operational and required to deliver transport services. There are no current plans to sell this depot.

\*0560 ACCESS SYSTEM REDESIGN DISCUSSION PAPER SUBMISSION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What is your response to the submission by Community Legal Centres of New South Wales on the "Their Futures Matter" Access System Redesign discussion paper?

Answer—

I am advised that in early 2019, the Government released a public discussion paper seeking stakeholder views on the vision of Their Futures Matter (TFM), and its direction for reforms, which focus on transforming the New South Wales child and family service system.

TFM received 100 submissions from government agencies, non-government organisation service providers, peak agencies and service users, and will use these to further inform the development of recommendations to its reforms.

\*0561 NSW CORONERS COURT FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGISTS—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How many forensic neuropathologists have performed work related to autopsies in connection with the NSW Coroners Court in the period from 1 January 2018 (as at 18 June 2019)?

Answer—

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital's Department of Neuropathology provides services to NSW Health Pathology's Forensic Medicine service.

\*0562 PRIVACY LEAKS REVIEW—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

(1) Has the Department of Justice commenced or conducted a review into privacy leaks in New South Wales to determine whether the existing scheme is appropriate and whether a mandatory breach reporting scheme should be adopted in New South Wales?

(a) If so, when did it commence?

(b) If so, has it concluded?

(i) If it has concluded when did that occur?

(ii) If it has not concluded, when is it anticipated it will conclude?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Communities and Justice has released a discussion paper to seek community views on whether a mandatory data breach notification scheme should be adopted in New South Wales. The discussion paper is available at [www.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au).

\*0563 NSW HEALTH PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENTAL RESTRUCTURE—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Was Sarah Ghassah offered a position of Human Resource Assistant at the NSW Health Pathology department at Westmead Hospital or any other position in NSW Health?

(a) If so, was her employment to commence on or about 13 June 2019?

(b) If so, was she told by an employee of NSW Health Pathology not to commence work because of a restructure of the department?

(c) If so, why did NSW Health allow Ms Ghassah to resign from her current employment as at 12 June to commence work at NSW Health Pathology only to withdraw the offer of employment because of a departmental restructure?

Answer—

I am advised that Ms Sarah Ghassah did not receive an offer of employment to a position of Human Resource Assistant at the NSW Health Pathology Department at Westmead Hospital, or any other position in NSW Health.

\*0564 AUTOPSY WAIT TIMES—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

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What is the average length of wait for an autopsy to be performed in New South Wales?

Answer—

Timeframes vary depending on the nature and complexity of each case, type of tests required, directions from the coroner and police involvement.

\*0565 CORPORATE HOUSING—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

What steps will you take to address unintended consequences arising from the proposed Short-Term Rental Accommodation regulatory framework upon corporate housing providing temporary residencies for people working away from their home office?

Answer—

A draft of the Short-term Rental Accommodation regulatory framework will be released for public consultation soon.

\*0566 LIVERPOOL STATION XPT—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Why does the XPT not stop at Liverpool station?

(a) Will the Minister ensure that in future the XPT does stop at Liverpool?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Melbourne XPT no longer passes through Liverpool as it operates on the T8 Airport and South Line, with a stop at Campbelltown, as this improves reliability and reduces journey times for longer distance customers travelling into and out of Sydney.

Liverpool customers can catch frequent suburban services to Campbelltown (via Glenfield) to connect with XPT services.

\*0567 TEACHERS REMUNERATION—Mr Paul Lynch asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What steps will the Minister take to resolve the pay disparity between teachers who commenced teaching prior to 2016 and those who were employed after 2016, flowing from the transition to standards-based remuneration?

Answer—

The Crown Employees (Teachers in Schools and Related Employees) Salaries and Conditions Award 2017 expires on 31 December 2019.

Due to the concern that standards based remuneration has caused some teachers who are subject to the transition provisions, the Department of Education will consider this issue as part of the award negotiations for the 2020 award, in accordance with the NSW Public Sector Wages Policy 2011.

\*0568 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIREFIGHTERS) BILL 2018 ADDITIONAL FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

(1) What is the total additional amount of funds expected to be required, per annum, to adequately cover the expected costs of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 introduced and debated in November 2018?

(2) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 expected to be recouped from the following groups:

(a) Local councils;

(b) Insurance premiums?

(3) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 that you expect to contribute from the consolidated funds of the NSW Budget?

Answer—

I am advised that these questions are more appropriately directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

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\*0569 SCHOOL STAFFING VACANCIES BARWON ELECTORATE—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there in New South Wales public primary schools throughout the Barwon electorate (as at 19 June 2019)?
  - (a) Which positions remain vacant?
  - (b) How long have these positions been vacant?
- (2) How many permanent staffing vacancies are there in New South Wales public high schools throughout the Barwon electorate (as at 19 June 2019)?
  - (a) Which positions remain vacant?
  - (b) How long have these positions been vacant?

Answer—

(1) (a) As at 19 June 2019, there are 18 teaching positions and 39 non-teaching positions at primary schools in the Barwon electorate not filled by permanent staff. Where a teaching position remains unfilled by a permanent employee, it will typically be filled by a qualified temporary or casual teacher until a recruitment process can be undertaken. Similarly, non-teaching roles not filled by permanent staff are often filled by temporary employees.

(b) Of the 18 teaching positions, 12 have been vacant for 0 to three months and six have been vacant for three to six months. Of the 39 non-teaching positions, five have been vacant for 0 to three months, three have been vacant for three to six months, four have been vacant for six to 12 months and 27 have been vacant for over 12 months. Many of the vacant non-teaching positions are fractional.

(2) (a) As at 19 June 2019, there are 21 teaching positions and eight non-teaching positions at high schools in the Barwon electorate not filled by permanent staff. Where a teaching position remains unfilled by a permanent employee, it will typically be filled by a qualified temporary or casual teacher until a recruitment process can be undertaken. Similarly, non-teaching roles not filled by permanent staff are often filled by temporary employees.

(b) Of the 21 teaching positions, 16 have been vacant for 0 to 3 months, two have been vacant for 3 to 6 months, one has been vacant for six to 12 months and two have been vacant for over 12 months. Of the eight non-teaching positions, one has been vacant for 0 to 3 months and seven have been vacant for over 12 months. Many of the vacant non-teaching positions are fractional.

\*0570 HEALTH WORKERS FOR THE WESTERN NSW AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT.—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How many of the 5,000 nurses and midwives announced by the Government will be employed in the:
  - (a) Western NSW Local Health District;
  - (b) Far West Local Health District?
- (2) How many of the 1,060 doctors and specialists announced by the Government will be employed in the:
  - (a) Western NSW Local Health District;
  - (b) Far West Local Health District?
- (3) How many of the 880 allied health workers announced by the Government will be employed in the:
  - (a) Western NSW Local Health District;
  - (b) Far West Local Health District?
- (4) Of these positions, will the total salary and on-costs be fully funded through an additional allocation of funding?

Answer—

(1) to (3) Planning is currently being undertaken and subject to any exigencies the expected allocations are as follows.

Western NSW Local Health District: At least 27 doctors, 271 nurses and midwives and 37 allied health staff.

Far West Local Health District: At least two doctors, 36 nurses and midwives and five allied health staff.

(4) The 2019-20 State Budget announced \$2.8 billion in funding to recruit at total of 8,300 frontline health staff over four years.

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\*0571 WEILMORINGLE PUBLIC SCHOOL ADDITIONAL TEACHER FUNDING—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will the Government commit to funding the remaining 0.4 teaching position at Weilmoringle Public School to deliver a staffing level of one teaching Principal and one full time classroom teacher?

Answer—

All public schools, including Weilmoringle Public School, are staffed in accordance with the Agreement between the NSW Department of Education and the NSW Teachers Federation on the Staffing of NSW Public Schools 2016-2020.

\*0572 HOUSING NSW PROPERTIES—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

(1) With regards to LA Q0037 about Housing NSW properties, on what page(s) in the 2018 Department of Family and Community Services Annual Report can the annual property maintenance budget for each of the following postcodes be found:

- (a) 2167;
- (b) 2565;
- (c) 2566;
- (d) 2558;
- (e) 2560?

Answer—

I am advised:

An overview of financial activities including repairs and maintenance is available in the Department of Family and Community Services 2017-18 Annual Report on page 56 at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/publications/housing>. The maintenance budget is not allocated by postcode. However, I am informed that the 2019-20 NSW Budget includes funding of \$3.775 million for capital maintenance for social housing in the Macquarie Fields electorate.

\*0573 MACQUARIE FIELDS STATION ACCESSIBILITY—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering the recent Ministerial intervention to save a ramp at Tempe Station to preserve access to the rail network for those unable to climb steep flights of stairs, and assertions that there is nothing more important that any Government can do than to ensure people with disability have access to transport, why have lifts not been installed at Macquarie Fields Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

Making public transport more accessible has been, and continues to be, a priority of the Government. Thanks to the strong economic management of the Government, over \$2 billion has been committed to transport infrastructure upgrades since we came to government in 2011, making 90 per cent of all public transport journeys in New South Wales accessible.

The Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure where it is needed most. The NSW Budget 2019-20 provides more than \$300 million to improve accessibility for rail customers, part of an \$885 million spend on the Transport Access Program over four years, taking the Government's total investment to over \$2 billion.

Since the program began in 2011, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges, and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services such as hospitals or schools, and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges. Improved accessibility at Macquarie Fields Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

\*0574 HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL RELOCATION—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) In relation to the relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School, why is the Department of Education spending additional money on an unsuitable Western Sydney University block of land, as revealed by emails released by the Department of Education under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (page 427 of GIPA 18-359)?
- (2) How much money has been allocated to purchase the block of land?
- (3) Why did the Department not undertake a formal, independent value management study into the relocation of Hurlstone Agricultural High School?

Answer—

- (1) The Western Sydney University (WSU), Hawkesbury site has a rich history of agricultural enterprise and offers a range of learning opportunities for students. Options within the university site are being analysed with factors considered such as topography, soil quality, accessibility, transport options, serviceability and agricultural curriculum requirements.
- (2) The land will be leased to the Department of Education by Western Sydney University.
- (3) Independent value management studies do not form part of the project development process. The value management process runs through the entire project lifecycle and has been ongoing through regular 'Project Reference Group' meetings.

\*0575 OUTCOME BASED FUNDING IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering that on 28 May 2019 you stated "one of my priorities as Minister will be to ensure that we match education funding to outcomes" and that this was also mentioned in the NSW Budget 2019-20 released on 18 June 2019, will school funding be linked with educational performance?
  - (a) If so, how will performance be measured?
  - (b) If not, what outcomes will funding be matched to?

Answer—

No. There is no suggestion that school funding will be cut. Funding will continue to be driven by student need.

Our focus is on making sure that our investments improve results for students. We are strengthening the ways we track and measure the impact of our efforts to ensure we are investing resources in the approaches that are most likely to support success for all students.

\*0576 FIRST AID TRAINING IN NSW SCHOOLS—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

How many students enrolled in New South Wales public schools completed first aid training as part of their studies during the 2018 school year?

Answer—

First Aid training is offered as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus, Stage 6. Schools may elect to offer First Aid Training as an extra curricula activity to students.

The Local Schools, Local Decisions education reform agenda gives principals, in consultation with their school communities, great authority in making decisions that best meet the needs of students.

\*0577 LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many students had been previously advised in writing that they had secured enrolment at the Lindfield Learning Village for the 2020 school year and have now been refused enrolment?
  - (a) When were these students notified of their accepted enrolment?
  - (b) When were these students notified of their refused enrolment?

Answer—

None. The decision to limit places offered in 2020 was made prior to offers being sent out to students. Families who have submitted enrolment applications remain on the waiting list for 2021. No students were accepted to the school for 2020 and then had their enrolment refused.

\*0578 NESA ACCREDITATION—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How much money was raised by NESA through the \$100 accreditation process for the 2019 year (as

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at 18 June 2019)?

(2) How many registered teachers are yet to pay their \$100 accreditation fee (as at 18 June 2019)?

Answer—

(1) As at 18 June 2019 NESAs have received \$13,143,900 for the 2019 fee invoices issued on 1 December 2018.

(2) As at 18 June 2019, 11,577 teachers had not paid their 2019 accreditation fee invoice issued on 1 December 2018.

As at the 3 July 2019, 7,427 still owed fees. Of those teachers, 5,751 were not attached to any employer.

Teachers taking extended periods of leave or those who have left the teaching profession can apply for Leave of Absence or cancel their teacher accreditation.

\*0579 PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

What was the total amount claimed from the NSW Department of Education for psychological injuries that were caused by employment in each electorate during the 2017-18 financial year?

Answer—

Please see Appendix A.

\*0580 SCHOOL COMPLETION RATES—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) On average, what percentage of students starting Year 11 in 2017 completed their Higher School Certificate in 2018?

(a) Which 25 schools had the lowest levels of students completing the Higher School Certificate after starting Year 11 in 2017?

Answer—

(1) The percentage of students starting Year 11 in 2017 who completed their Higher School Certificate in 2018 was 80 per cent.

A further 1 per cent of the students are still enrolled in Year 12 for 2019.

(a) Making the list of the 25 schools with the lowest completion rates publicly available would potentially contravene Section 18A subsection 4 of the Education Act (1990).

\*0581 TAFE NSW COURSES AS PART OF HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE—Mr Jihad Dib asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

How many students in the current Higher School Certificate cohort in non-government schools are undertaking a course at TAFE NSW as part of their studies?

Answer—

I am advised that as at 26 June 2019, 1,992 non-government school students are currently undertaking an Externally Delivered Vocational Education and Training (EVET) course at TAFE NSW as part of their Stage 6 (Year 11 or 12) HSC studies.

\*0582 ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM EXPANSION—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) Why has no money been allocated to progress the promised classroom expansion at Ashbury Public School?

(2) What options have been canvassed to increase classroom space at the school and what is the final decision as how the aim of additional permanent classrooms will be achieved?

(a) Why has a decision not been reached?

(3) What consultation with the school and Ashbury community has been undertaken?

(4) What is the timeline for the works to expand classroom capacity at Ashbury Public School?

(5) What is the estimated total cost of the project?

Answer—

An upgrade project is underway at Ashbury Public School and is scheduled for completion in early 2020.

The project will provide four new permanent innovative learning spaces to meet increasing enrolment demand in the local area.

The construction tender has been awarded and construction commenced on 15 July 2019.

The Department of Education values the opportunity to work with stakeholders to deliver world-class education infrastructure and innovative learning environments.

The Department requires all new projects to have a nominated project reference group (PRG). A PRG is an advisory group that provides key information to, and seeks guidance from, key stakeholders during the planning, design and construction phases of projects.

The Ashbury Public School upgrade PRG is comprised of a representative from School Infrastructure NSW, the School Principal, a representative from the school community (nominated by the School Principal), and project design consultants.

\*0583 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney—

Why did the former Chief Executive Officer of Infrastructure NSW tell the State Development Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018 inquiry that the Warragamba Dam wall would be raised by 14 metres when design plans leaked to the Sydney Morning Herald on 15 March 2019 show the dam wall will in fact be raised by 17 metres?

Answer—

The proposed Warragamba Dam raising would reduce the very significant existing flood risk to more than 130,000 people who live and work in the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain.

The proposal is to provide additional capacity of 14 metres to temporarily hold back floodwater upstream of Warragamba Dam. Raising the dam to create this 14-metre 'flood mitigation zone' involves:

- increasing the crest levels of the dam's central spillway by approximately 12 metres, and
- increasing the dam abutments (side walls) - including the dam access road - by approximately 17 metres.

Raising the abutments by 17 metres would allow the raised dam to safely pass the most extreme possible flood used for dam design in accordance with new Commonwealth Government guidelines as they apply to Warragamba Dam.

The flood mitigation zone would only be used to hold back floodwaters, from hours to approximately two weeks, when inflows fill the dam beyond the current full water supply storage level. The dam's permanent water storage capacity would not change.

\*0584 WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL PROPOSAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Premier—

Why did you contradict the Minister for Western Sydney during the election campaign, saying that the proposed raising of Warragamba Dam wall would paradoxically be used for both water storage and flood mitigation?

Answer—

The Government's position is very clear on this matter.

\*0585 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

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

- (a) How many police officers were directly involved in the trial at each festival?
- (b) How many infringement notices were issued at each festival?
- (c) What was the total cost of the trial over the weekend?
- (d) What was the total amount of revenue raised through the infringements issued through the duration of the trial?
- (e) What options were made available to those issued with a fine who could not afford to pay the fine?
  - (i) How many people have taken up these options?
- (f) What evaluation has been undertaken in regards to the trial?
- (g) Under what conditions will the trial be made permanent?
- (h) When will a decision be made as to whether the trial will be made permanent?

Answer—



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I am advised:

The following information is from the COPS database as at 28 June 2019:

Festival	(a) Number of Officers	(b) Number of Infringements
Electric Gardens	98	28
Hardcore Til I Die	117	5
Rolling Our Loud	138	10

(c) The NSW Police Force did not incur any additional specific costs as a result of the trial.

(d) This question should be addressed to the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

(e) Information about fines are available at [www.revenue.nsw.gov.au](http://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au)

(f) to (h) It is more appropriate that these questions be addressed by the Attorney General.

\*0586 MICRO-BREWERIES AND SMALL DISTILLERIES LICENCE TRIAL—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—

(1) Will the Government extend the trial of the micro-breweries and small distilleries licence in Sydney's Inner West?

(2) What provisions are in place to ensure continuity and security for establishments operating under the existing trial?

(3) How many Inner West establishments are currently operating under a micro-breweries and small distilleries licence?

(4) How is the trial being monitored?

(5) What benchmarks must be achieved in order for the trial to be made permanent?

Answer—

I am advised that these question falls under the responsibility of The Honourable Victor Dominello, Minister for Customer Service.

\*0587 ASHFIELD TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Considering the decision to make the temporary access ramp to platform 4 at Tempe Station permanent, will there similarly be established a ramp giving direct access to platform 5 at Ashfield Train Station from Brown Street?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no plans to install a ramp from Brown Street to platform 5 at Ashfield Station. Ashfield is an accessible station with existing lift access to all platforms and the concourse.

\*0588 MEDICINAL CANNABIS USE—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Are patients in New South Wales hospitals and mental health facilities forbidden from using medicinal cannabis, as prescribed by a medical professional?

(a) If not, in what circumstances would a patient be denied admission to a hospital or mental health facility on account of medicinal cannabis use?

(b) If not, how are patients with prescriptions for medicinal cannabis accommodated in hospitals and mental health facilities?

(c) If not, on how many occasions have patients been denied admission to hospitals and mental health facilities on account of medicinal cannabis use in each financial year since trials began (as at 19 June 2019)?

(2) When were protocols on the use of medicinal cannabis in NSW health facilities last updated?

Answer—

Patients in NSW Health services are not forbidden from using medicinal cannabis prescribed by a medical professional nor denied admission to a hospital or mental health facility because of medicinal cannabis use.

Patients with prescriptions for cannabis medicines are managed similarly to patients with prescriptions for any other medicine.

An updated information bulletin was published in December 2018 and is available online.

\*0589 PROPERTY VACANCY RATES—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does the Government attempt to measure vacancy rates of properties in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, what is the methodology used?
  - (b) If not, why not ?
- (2) What have been the vacancy rates of residential properties in the Greater Sydney Region in each of the past eight financial years (as at 19 June 2019)?

Answer—

(1) Yes, Property NSW measures vacancy rates of properties in New South Wales, that are managed by Property NSW.

(a) For properties managed by Property NSW, a database is maintained for:

- Government commercial office space located in metro and regional regions across New South Wales
- The Rocks precinct commercial portfolio incorporating significant retail and public space
- Housing portfolio comprising residential properties for teachers and police staff located in regional areas.

The commercial portfolios capture the total occupiable net lettable area (metres squared) as well as all identified occupiable vacant net lettable area (metres squared). Commercial space vacancy rates are measured on the basis of the percentage of vacant occupiable net lettable area (m<sup>2</sup>) as a part of the total net lettable area (metres squared).

Property NSW captures data regarding residential properties for NSW Teacher Housing and Police Housing. Occupancy is measured on the basis of number of days occupied by the number of days available for lease, from which Vacancy rates can be determined.

(b) Property NSW also manages some industrial, warehouse, recreation and unimproved land sites. Vacancy is captured and managed across these sites.

(2) Not applicable - There are no Property NSW managed residential properties in the Greater Sydney Region.

\*0590 GAY CONVERSION THERAPY BAN—Ms Jo Haylen asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Will a national ban on so-called 'gay conversion therapy' be progressed by the Government at the next Council of Australian Government (COAG) meeting or the next meeting of the Health Council of COAG?
  - (a) How will New South Wales show leadership on this issue?

Answer—

New South Wales will take this issue to the next Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Council meeting and seek to achieve a national approach.

\*0591 BALRANALD WATER TREATMENT PLANT—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Considering the Balranald Water Treatment plant has not undergone any significant state funded upgrades in 60 years despite a major population increase, will the Government recognise the need to update the outdated and inadequate infrastructure at the Balranald Water Treatment plant?
  - (a) If so, by what date will the infrastructure be updated to meet the demands of the community?

Answer—

The Government's Safe and Secure Program targets the allocation of limited Government funding to the areas of highest risk for regional communities.

The Balranald drinking water system is not currently targeted for funding, as its current performance means it is not among those higher risk systems.

The Department is currently working with Balranald Shire Council to establish a scope of works and to agree funding for the Council to complete an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan which will assist the council to identify and manage all its water and sewerage risks.

The Government provides technical assistance to support the delivery of town water services. Water treatment and operational specialists within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment are available to Balranald Shire Council to assist as required.

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\*0592 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT VOTING SYSTEM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Why and on what evidence was the change made from merits assessment to a Service NSW administered vote for My Community Project Grants, considering that communities with small populations are inherently disadvantaged in a vote system, and even further disadvantaged if the community has no local Service NSW office in which to vote?
- (2) Will the Government change the selection process back to a merits assessment to better allow small communities to have successful projects?

Answer—

This is the first year that My Community Project has run and is the first grant program in New South Wales to empower the people of New South Wales to propose and vote for local projects to be funded in their communities. In a first for the State, New South Wales residents will determine through a public vote which local projects receive funding in their State Electorate. This model of participatory decision-making provides a new avenue for direct democratic participation and local knowledge to inform the allocation of public funding. Voting can be done at a Service NSW centre and online on the Service NSW website.

The current My Community project (MCP) funding allocation model was designed to give all communities across New South Wales the best opportunity to access equal pots of funding. For the 2019 round of MCP, each State electorate was allocated \$260,000 to fund projects within their electorate.

\*0593 UNFLUED GAS HEATERS AT FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Considering the health risks of increased carbon monoxide (CO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) pollutants from unflued gas heaters, will the Finley High School receive funding to upgrade their heater facilities to flued services?
  - (a) If so, on what date will that funding be received?

Answer—

Yes. Finley High School will receive funding for air conditioning under the Cooler Classrooms Program, which will incorporate 'smart systems' that offer heating and cooling. The Cooler Classrooms delivery team will need to assess the best installation designs including the condition of existing air conditioning equipment, school power supply and heritage issues before finalising timeframes.

The Government is delivering the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of New South Wales. This includes a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools announced as part of the 2018-19 Budget last year.

\*0594 VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE IN CANOWINDRA AND MOLONG—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) Are the police officers stationed in the townships of Molong and Canowindra regularly absent, reportedly having to perform duties elsewhere in their respective Police Districts and are therefore rarely observed performing high visibility policing resulting in the erosion of community confidence in safety and security of their community?
  - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Member's community can have confidence in the NSW Police Force and their operations servicing the townships of Molong and Canowindra.

Molong is in the Central West Police District. Officers work on a cluster roster and are supported by Orange Criminal Investigation for major crimes and the Central West Property Investigation Team for property crime, as well as Traffic and Highway Patrol and Rural Crime Investigators. General duties police from Orange also support the northern cluster as needed. Canowindra is in the Chifley Police District, and falls within the geographic responsibility of Cowra Police Station.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

Eagle phones are installed at each sector station for use by members of the public if the station is

unattended for any reason; these phones divert directly to Orange police station.

As announced on 2 July 2019, the next allocation of officers will include seven additional police for the Central West Police District and five for the Chifley Police District. The Government is committed to delivering 1,500 new police officers to fight crime and keep our communities safe.

\*0595 ALTERATION OF REGULATION FOR EQUITY—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Will consideration be given to altering regulations to allow the continued production and sale of aluminium cans with removable lids, such as those used by several small to medium-sized craft beer businesses which are used to uniquely market their products and enhance the customer's consumption experience, after the container compliance deadline on 1 December 2019?

Answer—

Thank you for raising this issue with me and organising for me to meet with affected stakeholders in the Orange electorate on 25 July 2019. Following this meeting I will consider the matter further.

\*0596 GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES PROGRAM RESERVATION FUNDS FOR ORANGE SPORTING PRECINCT—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Considering the Government's pre-2019 election commitment to deliver a \$25 million purpose-built sporting precinct at Orange, which has been identified within the Government's NSW Budget 2019-20 election commitments document and in the Budget Paper Infrastructure Statement as a project for which funding appears to be reserved within the Growing Local Economies Program, why has this funding been omitted from the NSW Budget 2019-20 Electorate Report for Orange?
- (2) Can confirmation be given that the full funding will be delivered for this project?
  - (a) If so, when it will be delivered?

Answer—

A total of \$25.0 million has been reserved in the Restart NSW Fund (Restart NSW) for the Orange Sports Complex project under the Growing Local Economies program. Once the project begins, funding will flow and will be included in the Electorate Report for Orange.

\*0597 WAIT TIMES AT FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is there a benchmark which hospitals should meet in regard to treating patients waiting in emergency departments in New South Wales?
- (2) What is the average wait time for a patient in the emergency department at Fairfield Hospital waiting to be treated (as at 19 June 2019)?
- (3) What is the average wait time for a critically ill patient in the emergency department at Fairfield Hospital to be treated (as at 19 June 2019)?

Answer—

Fairfield Hospital triages patients presenting to the Emergency Department in line with the Australian Triage Scale. Information about waiting times at the Fairfield Hospital Emergency Department is available online.

\*0598 SCHOOL UPGRADES CABRAMATTA—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many schools in the Cabramatta electorate will receive upgrades to their existing facilities in the NSW Budget 2019-20?
  - (a) Which schools will receive upgrades?

Answer—

There are no major works projects in the 2019-20 NSW Budget for schools in the Cabramatta electorate, however all schools in the Cabramatta electorate will undergo maintenance works, which includes improvements to existing facilities.

\*0599 FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL UPGRADES—Mr Nick Lalich asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Will Fairfield Hospital be receiving any upgrades in the NSW Budget 2019-20?
  - (a) If so, when will these works commence?
  - (b) If so, how much has been allocated for these works?

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Answer—

I refer you to Budget Paper No. 2 – Infrastructure Statement. The Government is investing a record \$10.1 Billion in Health Infrastructure over the next four years.

I am advised that any requests for further details would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazard MP.

\*0600 CENTRAL COAST HIGHWAY NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering that in the NSW Budget 2019-20 publication 'Election Commitments' there is an entry at page 016 which refers to "\$387 million to upgrade the Central Coast Highway between Bateau Bay and Wamberal", has any money been advanced towards this commitment in the 2019-20 year?

(a) Where does this item appear in the Budget Papers?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed to spend \$387 million to duplicate the Central Coast Highway between Bateau Bay and Wamberal to deliver safer, faster and more reliable trips. Considering the scale of the upgrade, significant planning and development is required. To this end, the Government has committed \$19.5 million for planning and development works, with funds released in the 2019-20 Budget year to commence planning.

\*0601 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

(1) Considering that Budget Paper No. 2 at page 2-15, regarding the Transport Access Program, advises there is funding for further works at stations including Lisarow, Narara, Niagara Park, Ourimbah and Tuggerah, how much money will be spent at each of these stations over the 2019-20 financial year?

(a) When will upgrades at any of the stations be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

\*0602 WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*0603 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES CENTRAL COAST—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) How many homeless people have presented at Family and Community Services (FACS) offices located in the Central Coast region from 2011 to 2019 (to 19 June 2019)?

(a) How many of these people were housed as a result of presenting to FACS?

(2) What funding has been provided for outreach services to support those sleeping rough and homeless in the Central Coast region?

Answer—

The 2018-19 NSW Budget commits more than \$1 Billion for homelessness services over the next four years to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with \$61 million in new funding over four years to implement the NSW Homelessness Strategy.

In 2018-19 this includes \$202.8 million for specialist homelessness services across New South Wales, including in the Family and Community Services Central Coast District.

Information on specialist homelessness services is available on the Department of Family and

Community Services website at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

Information on the number of households assisted with temporary accommodation, and the number of newly housed applicants in social housing who were previously homeless or at risk of homelessness, can be found on: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/>

\*0604 LOCAL INITIATIVES NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

In Budget Paper No. 2 at page 5-19 there is an item "own sourced local initiatives - \$120m pa", what does this item represent?

Answer—

Own sourced local initiatives, otherwise known as Locally Funded Initiatives, are Health Service funded capital projects.

\*0605 GOSFORD HOSPITAL CARPARK—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What are the parking fees levied for the use of the Gosford Hospital carpark?
- (2) What is the cost of maintaining the carpark?
- (3) What fees are provided to third party providers to maintain or operate the carpark for the benefit of the Central Coast Local Health District?
- (4) Has the Local Health District received any complaints from the community in relation to the operation of the carpark?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) How many complaints were received?
    - (ii) What have the complaints been about?

Answer—

Gosford Hospital car park operations are under agreement with Secure Parking. Information about car parking (as applicable at Gosford Hospital) is available online, and Gosford Hospital car park maintenance needs will be met through in-house services.

\*0606 LONG JETTY HEALTHCARE CENTRE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

What is the status of the commitment in the NSW Budget 2019-20 publication 'Election Commitments' page 041 of "\$110,000 to upgrade air conditioning units at the Long Jetty Healthcare Centre"?

Answer—

The works at Long Jetty Healthcare Centre have been completed.

\*0607 COMMUTER CAR PARKING PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the status of the commitment in the NSW Budget 2019-20 publication 'Election Commitments' at page 017 to "\$300 million over four years to provide additional car spaces through the Commuter Car Parking Program" at Tuggerah?
  - (a) Where is it referred to in the Budget Papers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Early planning is underway for an accessibility upgrade and additional commuter car parking at Tuggerah Station.
  - (a) Section 6-3 of the 2019-20 Budget Paper No. 2 confirms that \$25 million will be allocated for the Commuter Car Park Program for the upcoming financial year.

\*0608 COOGEE BEACH STORMWATER POLLUTION—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering that the Sydney Water Corporation has had an increase in capital expenditure in the NSW Budget 2019-20, has any of this funding been allocated to the Government's promise of \$2.5 million towards tackling stormwater pollution at Coogee Beach?

Answer—

I am advised:

Sydney Water Corporation is providing technical support to Randwick Council in reducing stormwater pollution at Coogee Beach. Randwick Council are the owners of the stormwater infrastructure in this area. The Office of Environment and Heritage has made the first instalment of \$0.5 million available to Council.

Sydney Water Corporation has no contribution in its budget toward the \$2.5 million for reducing stormwater pollution at Coogee Beach.

\*0609 RANDWICK TAFE CARPARK UPGRADE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

Upon the completion of the Randwick TAFE carpark upgrade, will the carpark be sold or remain an asset of Randwick TAFE?

Answer—

I am advised that under the Randwick Partnership Development, TAFE NSW is divesting part of the Randwick campus used as a car park to the Health Administration Corporation for the construction of a super ambulance station.

Under the development, TAFE NSW will undertake capital works to modify car parking and access arrangements on site to facilitate the divestment. These arrangements will not impact TAFE NSW education and training delivery at the site.

\*0610 RANDWICK TAFE RANDWICK PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT—Dr Marjorie O'Neill asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

(1) Can clarification and further information be provided from the NSW Budget 2019-20 as to what a "Randwick Partnership Development" for Randwick TAFE means?

(a) What does this entail?

Answer—

I am advised that under the Randwick Partnership Development, TAFE NSW is divesting part of the Randwick campus used as a car park to the Health Administration Corporation for the construction of a super ambulance station.

Under the development, TAFE NSW will undertake capital works to modify car parking and access arrangements on site to facilitate the divestment. These arrangements will not impact TAFE NSW education and training delivery at the site.

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\*0611 HOUSING WAIT TIMES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

(1) What was the average wait time for a priority applicant to be housed in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19 (as at 30 April 2019):

(a) In the Maitland electorate;

(b) Across New South Wales?

(2) What was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed in each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19 (as at 30 April 2019):

(a) In the Maitland electorate;

(b) Across New South Wales?

Answer—

Information as at 30 June 2018 can be found on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

I am advised that information for previous years can be found in the Auditor General Report on the Audit Office of NSW website at: [www.audit.nsw.gov.au](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au).

\*0612 PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT CLUSTER STAFF AT MAITLAND—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the Planning, Industry and Environment (PIE) Cluster's plan announced in the NSW Budget 2019-20 to consolidate regional offices, which included staff from Orange, include any staff from the Maitland PIE office?
- (2) How long does the Government have remaining on the lease of 516 High Street Maitland?
- (3) How many Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster employees were located at the Maitland office in each financial year from 2007-08 to 2018-19?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are no plans to relocate staff from the Maitland office to the new Orange office.
- (2) The existing lease for 516 High Street, Maitland expires on 31 December 2019.
- (3) Of the departments and agencies that merged to form the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster, the former Department of Industry (DOI) and former Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) had employees located at the Maitland Office.

Financial Year	DOI (1)	DPE (2)
2008	196 (3)	Not applicable
2009	191	Not applicable
2010	202	Not applicable
2011	195	Not applicable
2012	199	Not applicable
2013	260	Not applicable
2014	302	Not applicable
2015	307	Not applicable
2016	333	Not applicable
2017	56	257*
2018	46	255*
2019	45	257*

(1) Between 2011 and 2017, Resources and Energy was a division of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services and the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development. In April 2017, the Department of Industry was established and the Resources and Energy division was transferred to the Department of Planning and Environment

(2) Prior to 2017 the Department of Planning and Environment did not have employees located in the Maitland Office.

(3) Data for financial years 2008 2013 provided by PSC

\*These figures have been amended since original publication on 23 July 2019 upon clarification received from the relevant agency.

\*0613 BUREAU OF HEALTH INFORMATION AMBULANCE DATA—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Why has the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) ceased to produce data on Hunter Zone 2 in its quarterly reporting of Ambulance NSW activity?
- (2) When the BHI moved to geographical area reporting as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics:
  - (a) Why was Stroud Ambulance Station removed from the previous Hunter Zone 2 reporting area to the Great Lakes geographical area?
  - (b) Why was Gloucester Ambulance Station removed from the previous Hunter Zone 2 reporting area to the Taree-Gloucester geographical area?
- (3) What was the percentage change in the number of incidents, responses and transports for the January to March 2019 quarter for the combined Hunter Valley area including Maitland, Lower Hunter, Upper Hunter and Port Stephens geographic areas compared to the January to March 2018 quarter for Hunter Zone 2, per each area?
- (4) Does Hunter Zone 2 continue to exist following the introduction of geographical reporting zones?
- (5) Will future ambulance resourcing and dispatch be influenced by the new reporting zones?

Answer—



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The Bureau of Health Information (BHI) now provides ambulance activity and performance measures for geographic areas rather than administrative zones. BHI's new way of reporting does not affect NSW Ambulance administrative boundaries.

Detailed ambulance activity and performance results for geographic areas within New South Wales are publicly available online.

\*0614 STAYING HOME LEAVING VIOLENCE SERVICES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What was the total number and names of all Staying Home Leaving Violence services as at 19 June 2019 that were:
  - (a) Government funded;
  - (b) Non Government organisation funded?
- (2) How many clients were seen at each of the Staying Home Leaving Violence services in (1)?
- (3) How many Staying Home Leaving Violence services were funded in the following financial years:
  - (a) 2018-19;
  - (b) 2019-20?

Answer—

In 2018-19, the Staying Home Leaving Violence program operated in 33 locations across New South Wales. The program will continue to be available in these locations in 2019-20.

The Government funds the Staying Home Leaving Violence program. Further information about the program, including service names and locations, number of clients supported, and how the Department of Family and Community Services cluster is supporting children, adults, families and communities is available at: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

\*0615 COOLER CLASSROOMS FUND ROLLOUT—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will the rollout of air conditioning for first round applications with the Cooler Classrooms Fund lodged in Term 3, 2018 commence for the following schools:
  - (a) Ashtonfield;
  - (b) Bolwarra;
  - (c) East Maitland;
  - (d) Gillieston Heights;
  - (e) Hunter River Community;
  - (f) Largs;
  - (g) Lochinvar;
  - (h) Maitland;
  - (i) Metford;
  - (j) Morpeth;
  - (k) Nillo;
  - (l) Rutherford;
  - (m) Telarah;
  - (n) Tenambit;
  - (o) Francis Greenway High;
  - (p) Maitland High;
  - (q) Maitland Grossmann High;
  - (r) Rutherford Technology High?
- (2) When will the rollout of air conditioning for Maitland public schools which lodged second round applications with the Cooler Classrooms Fund in Term 1, 2019 commence for:
  - (a) Millers Forest;
  - (b) Thornton;
  - (c) Woodberry?
- (3) When will each of the Maitland public schools in (1) and (2) which lodged applications with the Cooler Classrooms Funds in rounds one and two expect the rollout to be completed?
- (4) Has the Government called for tenders for the purchase and installation of air conditioning units under the Cooler Classrooms program?
  - (a) If not:
    - (i) What is the timetable for the call for tender;

- (ii) What is the timetable for the announcement of successful tenderers;
- (iii) What is the timetable for the rollout of the air-conditioning;
- (iv) What is the timetable for the completion of the program?

Answer—

The Government is delivering the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of New South Wales. This includes a record \$500 million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools announced as part of the 2018-19 Budget last year.

- (1) Work has been completed at Francis Greenway High School. Installation is underway at Maitland Public School. Work at the remainder of the schools will commence progressively after July 2020.
- (2) Applications for Millers Forest Public School, Thornton Public School and Francis Greenway High School have been received. Applications are currently being assessed. No application has been received from Woodberry Public School.
- (3) Schools in Round One of the Cooler Classrooms Fund can expect rollout to be completed between 3-12 months after commencement of works. Delivery time at each school is dependent on factors including, but not limited to, the scope of works and if an upgrade to the school's electrical capacity is needed.
- (4) Yes.

\*0616 COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many complaints have been raised against staff, including principals, at New South Wales public schools, by school, during the following years:
  - (a) 2015;
  - (b) 2016;
  - (c) 2017;
  - (d) 2018 (to 20 June 2019)?
- (2) What was the total amount claimed from the NSW Department of Education for psychological injuries caused by employment at New South Wales public schools, by school, in the following years:
  - (a) 2015;
  - (b) 2016;
  - (c) 2017;
  - (d) 2018 (to 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not have a mechanism to centrally capture and report on every complaint raised against staff. The Department of Education has an obligation to maintain privacy and confidentiality of all its employees. Releasing this school-based data may enable the identification of staff, which could be harmful to them and the reputation of schools.

\*0617 SWIM INSTRUCTION ACCREDITATION—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

- (1) What certification does the Government require for groups, individuals or organisations that offer swimming lessons with regards to:
  - (a) Accreditation of facilities;
  - (b) Accreditation of instructors?

Answer—

The AUSTSWIM accreditation is the industry standard for Swimming and Water Safety Teachers in New South Wales, and is also delivered and recognised in every other each state and territory of Australia.

\*0618 FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT CENTRES—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How much funding will be provided in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for the following domestic violence support centres:
  - (a) Sydney Women's Counselling Centre;
  - (b) Penrith Women's Health Centre;

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- (c) Cumberland Women's Health Centre?
- (2) What guarantees can the Minister provide that these organisations won't have to go through the same uncertainty next Budget?
- (3) What other domestic violence services across Government were funded in the 2018-19 financial year but not in the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is investing more than \$431 million over the next four years in critical services that support women and children who are experiencing, or are at risk of, domestic and family violence.

Funding for the Sydney Women's Counselling Centre, Penrith Women's Health Centre and Cumberland Women's Health Centre has been renewed for 2019-20. The services will be subject to evaluation to inform funding beyond 2020.

\*0619 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS JANUARY TO MARCH 2019—Ms Jenny Aitchison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) With regard to the number of presentations at hospital emergency departments during the first quarter of 2019:
- (a) What health concerns caused people to seek treatment at Maitland Hospital, disaggregated by clinical specialty?
- (b) What health concerns caused people to seek treatment at hospitals across New South Wales, disaggregated by clinical specialty?
- (2) Of the patients who presented to Maitland's emergency department between January and March 2019:
- (a) How many sought treatment for chronic conditions?
- (b) How many sought treatment for acute trauma or illness?
- (3) Of the patients who presented to emergency departments across New South Wales between January and March 2019:
- (a) How many sought treatment for chronic conditions?
- (b) How many sought treatment for acute trauma or illness?

Answer—

Total presentations for the Maitland Hospital Emergency Department and the state of New South Wales are available on the Bureau of Health Information website. Data is provided according to level of urgency, intensity of care and by hospital, local health district and statewide activity.

\*0620 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

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

Answer—

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

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

\*0621 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - HEALTH—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Wollongong local government area classified as a regional or metropolitan area under funding programs administered by your Department and its agencies?
- (2) Is the classification in (1) determined by you as the lead Minister of the cluster portfolio?
- (3) Is there a regular review of classifications of local government areas for funding program eligibility

administered by your Department and its agencies?

- (a) If so, what are the findings and recommendations of these reviews?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

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\*0622 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - PREMIER—Mr Paul Scully asked the Premier—

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

Answer—

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\*0623 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Local Government as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0624 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - TRANSPORT—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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\*0625 UNANDERRA STATION UPGRADE—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has design and concept work associated with the upgrade of Unanderra Station, including building

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- its lifts, as promised during the March 2019 election, commenced within Transport for NSW?
- (2) Will this work complement the existing design and concept work undertaken by Transport for NSW and completed in July 2011 as outlined in LA5460?
  - (3) When will the Review of Environment Factors (REF) relating to the upgrade of Unanderra Station be released?
  - (4) What is the community consultation process proposed?
  - (5) Will the Government provide a clear timetable for the delivery of its election commitment on this project, including commencement and completion?
    - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) and (2) The upgrade for Unanderra Station is in the early planning phase, with the previous design and concept work informing early plans.

(3) and (4) Community feedback will be sought during the public display of the Review of Environmental Factors in early 2020. The community will also be invited to a pop-up information stall at Unanderra Station to meet with the project team and learn more about the project.

(5) Construction will take between 12 and 18 months, following completion of community consultation, planning approval and detailed design. Further updates will be made available via the Transport for NSW website.

\*0626 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL—Mr Paul Scully asked the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

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

Answer—

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\*0627 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - EDUCATION—Mr Paul Scully asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

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

Answer—

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\*0628 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - TREASURY—Mr Paul Scully asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Is the Wollongong local government area classified as a regional or metropolitan area under funding

programs administered by your Department and its agencies?

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

Answer—

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\*0629 PASSENGER SERVICE LEVY—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How much money has the Passenger Service Levy (PSL) which funds the Government's industry adjustment assistance package to help taxi and hire car licence holders collected as at 31 May 2019?
- (2) How much money has already been paid out to affected taxi plate or hire-car owners/drivers?
- (3) What is the total amount of PSL collected, on average, each month, since collections began?
- (4) Is the total amount to be collected, and required, still estimated to be \$250M?
- (5) At what point is the expected total fund required, currently projected at \$250M, expected to be realised?
- (6) How many affected taxi and hire-car plate owners have currently successfully applied for compensation through this fund and what has been the average payment made to each of these successful applicants?
- (7) How many affected taxi and hire-car plate owners have currently unsuccessfully applied for compensation through this fund?
  - (a) What have been the five most common reasons for refusal?
- (8) In the event that more money was collected through the PSL than was required for payments to affected owners, what would happen to any surplus funds?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This information is publicly available.
- (2) \$144.1 million.
- (3) This information is publicly available.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) This information is publicly available.
- (6) The industry adjustment assistance package was not compensation for industry participants, but assistance to those licence holders and industry participants affected by the point to point transport reforms and eligible to apply for one or more of the assistance schemes. Payments totalling \$144.1 million were made in relation to 4,676 individual applications.
- (7) The industry adjustment assistance package was not compensation for industry participants, but assistance to licence holders and industry participants affected by the point to point transport reforms and eligible for one or more of the assistance schemes.
  - (a) Applications were unsuccessful because applicants provided insufficient information or were ineligible for payment. The Passenger Service Levy will be in place for five years or until \$250 million is collected, whichever is sooner.
- (8) The Passenger Service Levy will be in place for five years or until \$250 million is collected, whichever is sooner.

\*0630 LONG-SERVICE LEAVE REDUCTION FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) What exactly did you mean when you said in the Budget Speech given in the Legislative Assembly on 18 June 2019 that one of your reduction in spending intentions was to "bring long-service leave benefits into line with community standards"?
- (2) How will that be done and what is the timeline for this?

Answer—

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The proposal was to be given effect by legislative amendments contained in the State Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. Amendments to the Bill removed these relevant schedules and were agreed to by the Legislative Assembly.

\*0631 FUTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COST ESTIMATES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) With regard to your Budget speech in the Legislative Assembly on 18 June 2019 and the future projects listed for construction, does the Government have any cost estimates for:
- (a) The new football stadium;
  - (b) The Walsh Bay Arts Precinct;
  - (c) The Australian Museum;
  - (d) The redevelopment of Barangaroo;
  - (e) Princes Highway construction works;
  - (f) Pacific Highway construction works;
  - (g) The Sydney Gateway;
  - (h) The M4-M5 Link Tunnels;
  - (i) The Precincts in Ultimo and Redfern;
  - (j) The Rozelle Interchange;
  - (k) The Powerhouse Museum in Western Sydney;
  - (l) The Parramatta Light Rail;
  - (m) The F6 project;
  - (n) The Sydney Modern Art Gallery;
  - (o) The Sydney Metro City & South West;
  - (p) A renovated Central Station;
  - (q) The Western Harbour Tunnel;
  - (r) The Great Western Highway;
  - (s) The M12 Motorway;
  - (t) Sydney Metro West;
  - (u) North South Metro Link;
  - (v) The Western Sydney Aerotropolis?

Answer—

I refer you to the NSW Budget 2019-20 Budget Paper 2.

\*0632 PUBLIC SERVICE LONG-SERVICE LEAVE ALTERATIONS—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) Has the reduction in long-service leave entitlements of public service workers, as outlined in your Budget speech on 18 June 2019 and in Box 5.2 in Budget Paper - Budget Statement 2019-2020, been discussed with the workforce?
- (2) Has this reduction in entitlements been discussed with the Union group that primarily represents this group of workers, the Public Service Association (PSA)?
- (3) In what year were the current long-service leave arrangements of five months' worth of accruals after 10 years of service agreed to?
- (4) What other conditions were forgone by the public service at the time/year in which the five month worth of accruals were agreed as acceptable terms?
- (5) Does the Treasurer have an overarching belief that an agreement or contract can be substantially altered after settlement?

Answer—

The proposal was to be given effect by legislative amendments contained in the State Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. Amendments to the Bill removed these relevant schedules and were agreed to by the Legislative Assembly.

\*0633 REVENUE GROWTH AND EXPENSES GROWTH—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) With regard to Budget Paper No. 1 - Budget Statement 2019-2020 and the conditions of revenue growth and annual expenses growth:
  - (a) Over what timeframe, or how many years, is the long term revenue growth calculated?
  - (b) Over what timeframe, or how many years, is the long term expenses growth calculated?
  - (c) What expected conditions have prompted the charting of expenses growth to decline sharply in the 2020-2023?
  - (d) Is the 2018-19 financial year the third consecutive year in which expenses growth grew faster

than revenue growth?

- (e) What expected change in conditions ahead have led to an anticipated revenue growth of 3.9% in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, given that the growth in revenue in the 2017-18 financial year was just 3.0% and in the 2018-19 financial year was just 0.6% and also given that Table 4.3 of Budget Paper 1 identifies significant reductions in projected revenue from Transfer Duty, Land Tax, GST, National Agreement Payments, Other Grant Revenue, and also Fines, Regulatory Fees and Other Revenues during this same two year period ahead?

Answer—

The Fiscal Responsibility Act 2012 was introduced to ensure that New South Wales maintains a Triple-A credit rating, which reflects sound fiscal management and a strong economy.

NSW Labor has opposed every reform that the Government has undertaken to strengthen the fiscal position of New South Wales which has enabled the Government to make record investments in schools, hospitals, roads and rail.

\*0634 SPATIAL SERVICES FACILITY BATHURST EMPLOYEES—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many full time employees were employed at the Spatial Services facility in Bathurst as at:
- (a) 1 July 2011;
  - (b) 1 July 2012;
  - (c) 1 July 2013;
  - (d) 1 July 2014;
  - (e) 1 July 2015;
  - (f) 1 July 2016;
  - (g) 1 July 2017;
  - (h) 1 July 2018?

Answer—

- (1) (a) 1 July 2011 – 286 headcount (281.13 Empl FTE)
- (b) 1 July 2012 – 270 headcount (263.10 Empl FTE)
- (c) 1 July 2013 – 272 headcount (264.71 Empl FTE)
- (d) 1 July 2014 – 258 headcount (251.96 Empl FTE)
- (e) 1 July 2015 – 249 headcount (245.98 Empl FTE)
- (f) 1 July 2016 – 231 headcount (223.37 Empl FTE)
- (g) 1 July 2017 – 220 headcount (215.36 Empl FTE)
- (h) 1 July 2018 – 234 headcount (225.35 Empl FTE)

\*0635 DETAILS OF BUDGET ALLOCATION TO HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORT—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) How much of the \$1.8 billion over the budget and forward estimates allocated to hospitals, schools, transport and services as per page 5-5 of Budget Paper 1 - Budget Statement 2019-2020 will be spent on:
- (a) Additional Nurses;
  - (b) Additional Doctors;
  - (c) Additional other frontline health workers;
  - (d) Additional teachers;
  - (e) Additional education support services;
  - (f) New and upgraded schools;
  - (g) Additional accessible, safe and reliable transport;
  - (h) Building skills across the workforce;
  - (i) Free courses for job-seekers taking on traineeships;
  - (j) Free TAFE places for mature-aged workers;
  - (k) Easing cost of living pressures on families and individuals;
  - (l) Protecting and supporting vulnerable members of the community;
  - (m) Preserving environmental heritage;
  - (n) Additional Police?

Answer—



All information can be found in the Budget Papers.

The Government is making record investments in new schools, hospitals, road and rail. The Government is investing \$10.1 billion in health infrastructure, \$8 billion in school and education infrastructure and building the roads and rail network that our state deserves.

The Government is also making record investments in front line staff, with an extra 4,600 teachers, 5,000 nurses and 1,500 police.

It is only because of the strong fiscal management of the Liberals and Nationals, that these investments can be made. Under Labor, there would be higher taxes which would make New South Wales a poorer place.

\*0636 TAXATION REVENUES IN THE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) With regard to Table 4.4 in Budget Paper No. 1 - Budget Statement 2019-2020, dealing with Taxation Revenue:
- (a) What conditions will drive the expected growth in gambling and betting taxes racing such that taxation revenue would jump from \$128 million in the 2018-19 financial year to \$167 million in the 2019-20 financial year?
  - (b) What conditions drove the growth in gambling and betting taxes hotel gaming devices such that taxation revenue jumped from \$793 million in the 2017-18 financial year to \$863 million in the 2018-19 financial year, a growth of \$70 million?
    - (i) Why is growth in the 2019-20 financial year expected to be significantly less at just \$35 million?
  - (c) What conditions drove the growth in gambling and betting taxes lotteries and lotto such that taxation revenue jumped from \$356 million in the 2017-18 financial year to \$458 million in the 2018-19 financial year?
    - (i) Why is growth in the 2019-20 financial year expected to be a more modest \$12 million?
  - (d) What conditions drove the growth in gambling and betting taxes casino such that taxation revenue jumped from \$294 million in the 2017-18 financial year to \$371 million in the 2018-19 financial year?
    - (i) Why is revenue now expected to decline back to \$281 million in the 2019-20 financial year?
  - (e) What conditions are expected to drive the growth in other taxes and levies government guarantee fee at an average growth rate of 10.3% over the forward estimates?
  - (f) What conditions are driving the other taxes and levies other taxes such that the volatility sees revenue at \$877 million in the 2017-18 financial year drop to \$765 million in the 2018-19 financial year, remain low at \$743 million in the 2019-20 financial year but then increase to \$842 million and \$883 million in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years respectively?

Answer—

Further information can be found on Page 4-10 of Budget Paper No. 1 – Budget Statement 2019-20.

\*0637 WAGE PRICE INDEX IN THE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Clayton Barr asked the Treasurer—

- (1) With regard to Table 2.1 and the indicative forecasts for Wage Price Index growth in Budget Paper 1 - Budget Statement 2019-2020:
- (a) On what grounds is a 3% growth in the fourth year of forecasts predicted?
  - (b) Why is the 3% figure the chosen forecast for the third and/or fourth year of future forecast in every NSW Budget over the past 6 years?
  - (c) Why has this 3% figure failed to materialise in actual wages growth despite being identified as the outcome since the 2013-14 financial year?
  - (d) What steps have been taken to secure a better informed and more accurate outlook on the wages growth over the forecasts?
  - (e) How is the NSW Budget affected each time that the 3% wages growth does not eventuate?
  - (f) Given that page 2-10 of this same Budget Paper 1 states that wages growth requires the presence of "fewer wage freezes", will the 2.5% wage cap on public servants in New South Wales be removed, to remain consistent with the Budget statement and to provide the necessary conditions for the sought after Budget position on wages?
  - (g) Given that page 2-10 of this same Budget Paper 1 also recognises a global outlook that is at its lowest since the global financial crisis and notes the implications for this state's key commodity

and service exports, is it expected that this global uncertainty will impact the otherwise optimistic view of wages growth in the forward forecasts?

Answer—

The anticipated lift in wages growth over the four years to 2022-23 is predicated using several factors.

Most of these drivers are captured in econometric models that help to inform the forecast.

These models are augmented by leading indicators, data trends, analysis from other forecasters and insights obtained via liaison with officials and industry experts.

\*0638 OPAL TOWER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*0639 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Why has the Government reduced capital expenditure funding to the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) by more than 30 per cent in the NSW Budget 2019-20, in light of the record numbers of Indigenous families waiting for housing?
- (2) Why has the Government underspent the AHO budget by \$16.3 million in 2018-19 (as at 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

I am advised that this question is the responsibility of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing.

\*0640 HOMELESSNESS FUNDING NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What new money has been allocated in the 2019-20 financial year towards reducing the rate of homelessness in order to achieve the Government's target of halving the rate of homelessness by 2025?

Answer—

The 2019-20 Budget includes a funding total of \$1 billion to continue the Government's commitment to tackle housing and homelessness through assertive outreach and early intervention, as well as social and affordable housing programs for families and individuals in need.

Further information on funding for social housing and homelessness is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

\*0641 DUNC GRAY VELODROME UPGRADE NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—

What funding has been allocated in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for the upgrade and maintenance of the Dunc Grey Velodrome at Bass Hill?

Answer—

Information about funded projects delivered in the 2019-20 NSW Budget can be found in the NSW Budget papers.

\*0642 CHESTER HILL TRAIN STATION ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADE—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

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Why was no funding allocated in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for accessibility upgrades, including an easy access lift, to Chester Hill Station, in light of the 2013 analysis by Transport for NSW finding that Chester Hill Station was considered the fourth most in need of such an upgrade?

Answer—

I am advised:

Making public transport more accessible has been, and continues to be, a priority of the Government. Thanks to the strong economic management of the Government, over \$2 billion has been committed to transport infrastructure upgrades since we 2011, making 90 per cent of all public transport journeys in New South Wales accessible.

The Government is committed to providing accessible, modern and integrated infrastructure where it is needed most. The 2019-20 NSW Budget provides more than \$300

million to improve accessibility for rail customers, part of an \$885 million spend on the Transport Access Program over four years, taking the Government's total investment to over \$2 billion.

Since the program began in 2011, more than 450 projects have been completed or are underway. This includes accessibility upgrades such as lifts and ramps, improved interchanges, and commuter car parks.

The Transport Access Program assessment process uses evidence-based criteria, including current and future patronage. It takes into account the needs and demographics of customers who use the station. It also considers the location of important services such as hospitals or schools, and the accessibility of nearby transport interchanges. Improved accessibility at Chester Hill Station will be considered as part of this assessment process.

\*0643 EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES JUSTICE AND FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES DETAILS—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

What are the particulars of which Employee Related Expenses will be reduced from those allocated to the departments of Family and Community Services and Justice in the NSW Budget 2019-20?

Answer—

In line with the Premier's announcements, there will be no impact to frontline services and no regional job cuts.

The Department of Family and Community Services is currently developing plans to respond to government announcements on savings.

\*0644 PLANNING SYSTEM KALDAS REVIEW NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

(1) Has any funding from the NSW Budget 2019-20 been allocated to implementing the recommendations of the 2018 Kaldas review into the planning system?

(a) If so, will these funds support:

(i) the audit of all infrastructure contributions made by developers and the spending of those contributions?

(ii) mandatory probity checks for independent hearing and assessment panel members and representatives?

(b) What is the date of commencement of the funding?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Yes

(a) (i) Capital funds have been allocated to upgrade the e-planning system to include the management of state contributions

(ii) The Department has completed probity checks for all panel members including the original community representatives nominated by the Councils

(b) See answer (a) (i) above.

\*0645 ASSERTIVE OUTREACH HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) What funding has been provided for in the NSW Budget 2019-20 to expand the assertive outreach homelessness program?  
 (2) What areas of New South Wales will the program be extended to?

Answer—

I am advised that under the NSW Homelessness Strategy, \$10.7 million will be invested to expand assertive outreach into Tweed Heads and Newcastle, in order to support people sleeping rough into safe, stable housing with wraparound supports.

Further information on the NSW Homelessness Strategy is available at <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au>.

- \*0646 EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES JUSTICE AND FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Why has the Government reduced staffing costs when accounting for an increase in line with inflation in the child protection and justice sectors in the NSW Budget 2019-20, in light of child protection figures for 2018 showing 72 per cent of children deemed at risk of significant harm (ROSH) do not receive face-to-face assessment, and Bureau of Crime Statistics figures for 2014 to 2018 showing increases in caseloads and delays for Local and District Courts?

Answer—

There has been no change to Frontline staff as a result of the budget. Machinery of Government changes mean that staff expenditure for the Land and Housing Corporation and Aboriginal Housing Offices have been transferred to the Department of Planning and Industry.

- \*0647 FORBES HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

(1) Considering that the emergency department at Forbes Hospital has seen a big increase in patient numbers, up by 23.5 per cent during January to March, why has there been no increase in the number of staff?

- (a) Why is there regularly an absence of any onsite emergency doctor, causing a reliance upon the Rural Medical Call Service?

Answer—

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

- \*0648 CORRECTIONAL CENTRES—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Counter Terrorism and Corrections—

(1) Will you make a commitment that no Correctional Centres in New South Wales will be shut down during the 2019-20 financial year?

- (a) If not, which correctional centres will be shut down during the 2019-20 financial year?  
 (b) How many jobs from each centre will be transferred to another facility?  
 (c) How many jobs will be deleted as a result of the centres being shut down?

Answer—

I am advised:

Now that fit for purpose infrastructure is being brought on-line, Corrective Services NSW is in a position to consider decommissioning obsolete and high risk beds, which were added as a temporary short term measure to address significant and rapid increases in the New South Wales prison population from 2013.

Any decision to decommission beds or facilities will take place in consultation with staff and unions and will be dependent on stability of prisoner numbers.

- \*0649 AMATEUR FISHING LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales as the Minister is responsible for this information.

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\*0650 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many Creative Kids vouchers were redeemed in the Fairfield Electorate during the 2018-19 financial year (as at 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

As at 20 June 2019, 1,713 Creative Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Fairfield electorate since the Creative Kids program launched on 1 January 2019.

\*0651 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many Active Kids vouchers were redeemed in the Fairfield Electorate during the 2018-19 financial year (as at 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

As at 20 June 2019, 5,130 Active Kids vouchers have been redeemed in the Fairfield electorate

\*0652 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0653 FIREARM LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many individual firearms licences are presently held within the Fairfield electorate?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0654 BOAT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0655 CARAVAN AND MOTOR HOME VEHICLES REGISTRATION FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0656 FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE—Mr Guy Zangari asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

Will you provide funding to facilitate upgrades to the numerous primary schools in the Fairfield electorate whose aging infrastructure is in major need of repair?

Answer—

Yes. Maintenance works of almost \$8.5 million are planned for schools in the Fairfield electorate in the 2019-20 financial year. In 2018-19, more than \$1.6 million was spent on minor capital works projects at schools in the Fairfield electorate.

\*0657 HUNTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AND IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL WORKS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) When will capital works, promised during the 2019 election campaign, commence at Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School?
- (2) What capital works projects will be undertaken at Hunter River High School and Irrawang High School?

Answer—

(1) An upgrade to Hunter River High School is in the early planning stages. The project will involve upgrading existing classrooms and core facilities to accommodate up to 1,100 students.

An upgrade to Irrawang High School is in the early planning stages. The project will involve upgrading existing classrooms and core facilities to accommodate up to 1,200 students.

(2) A scope of works is currently being developed for each project. More information, including construction commencement dates, will be shared with the public as planning for each project progresses.

\*0658 NEW KARUAH POLICE STATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) When will construction start on the new Karuah Police Station?
- (2) What is the anticipated completion date for the new Karuah Police Station?
- (3) How many officers will be based at the new Karuah Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) Tenders for the main contract have closed and are currently being evaluated. Construction will commence after the contract is awarded.

(2) The dates of completion will be finalised once a contract is awarded.

(3) Karuah police station is part of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District, which had an overall police strength of 228 as at 25 June 2019. Over the next twelve months the Police District will receive five additional police officer positions.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

\*0659 DUPLICATION OF NELSON BAY ROAD—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

When will the duplication of Nelson Bay Road between Williamtown and Bobs Farm be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is currently undertaking initial works for the duplication of Nelson Bay Road between Williamtown to Bobs Farm.

\*0660 CONSTRUCTION OF FINGAL BAY LINK ROAD—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Will the Government proceed with the construction of Fingal Bay Link Road?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) When will construction of the road commence?
    - (ii) When will the project be completed?

Answer—

I am advised:

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Transport for NSW will prepare the appropriate reports and modelling necessary to determine a preferred route. Determination of the route and the development of a business case are required before any timing can be provided on the project.

\*0661 TOMAREE LODGE - AGENCY RESPONSIBLE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

- (1) Which agency is currently responsible for Tomaree Lodge?
- (2) Are there any plans to transfer responsibility for Tomaree Lodge?
  - (a) If so, to which agency will responsibility for Tomaree Lodge be transferred?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services is currently responsible for Tomaree Lodge. Services currently operating from Tomaree Lodge are part of the Hunter Residences redevelopment program. Clients, staff and services will transfer to non-government providers as homes come on line.

\*0662 PORT STEPHENS SPEED ZONE REVIEWS—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Have speed zone reviews for Seaham Road, Hinton Road, Clarence Town Road, Butterwick Roads in Port Stephens been conducted?
  - (a) If so, when will the results be released?
  - (b) If not, when will these speed reviews occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Transport for NSW is finalising speed zone reviews for Seaham Road, Clarence Town Road, and Butterwick Road and expects results later this year.

Transport for NSW will carry out a speed zone review for Hinton Road in the coming months.

\*0663 NEW LEMON TREE PASSAGE POLICE STATION—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) When will construction start on the new Lemon Tree Passage Police Station?
- (2) What is the anticipated completion date for the new Lemon Tree Passage Police Station?
- (3) How many officers will be based at the new Lemon Tree Passage Police Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Construction will commence after a suitable site has been identified.

(2) The dates of completion will be finalised once a contract is awarded.

(3) Lemon Tree police station is part of the Port Stephens-Hunter Police District, which had an overall police strength of 228 as at 25 June 2019. Over the next twelve months the Police District will receive five additional police officer positions.

All police positions attached to Police Districts or Police Area Commands are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. These local resources are also supplemented by specialist police who are managed centrally but can be deployed across boundaries to respond to changing community needs, crime patterns and emerging issues.

\*0664 AIR CONDITIONING IN CLASSROOMS IN PORT STEPHENS ELECTORATE—Ms Kate Washington asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Which schools in the Port Stephens electorate will receive air-conditioning in classrooms as part of the Government's election commitment?
- (2) When will this air conditioning be installed?

Answer—

The Government is delivering the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of New South Wales. This includes a record \$500

million for the sustainable Cooler Classrooms program to provide air conditioning to schools announced as part of the 2018-19 Budget last year.

- (1) Hinton Public School, Hunter River High School, Iona Public School, Shoal Bay Public School, Tomaree Public School and Tomaree High School.
- (2) Work is underway at Hunter River High School, and work at Tomaree High School is set to start in Term 4, 2019. Work at the other four schools will commence progressively after July 2020.

\*0666 RUSHCUTTERS CREEK RIPARIAN CORRIDORS—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) What planning guidelines apply to development of riparian corridors?
- (2) How does the Department of Planning and Environment liaise with the Department of Primary Industries about its 'Guidelines for Riparian Corridors on Waterfront Land' and ensure that the required 10-metre corridors are applied to development proposals?
- (3) How does the Department of Planning and Environment liaise with Sydney Water about application of its 'Requirements for Building over or adjacent to Sydney Water Stormwater Assets' and ensure that Sydney Water easements are protected?
- (4) What requirements apply to development along Rushcutters Creek?
  - (a) How does the Government ensure that riparian corridors and Sydney Water easements are protected during development?
- (5) How will the Government ensure that riparian corridors are maintained in development of the former White City site in Paddington?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The management of development within or near a riparian corridor depends on the location of the proposed development. Rushcutters Creek is affected by the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 which, among other matters, establishes principles and matters for consideration for development that may affect a riparian area within the Sydney Harbour catchment.
- (2) It is the role of the relevant consent authority to identify all applicable matters for consideration for each development proposal, and to determine the proposal against those matters. The relevant consent authority is also required consult with state agencies and other authorities in accordance with the relevant statutory instruments and as otherwise deemed appropriate by the consent authority.
- (3) Any proposed development that potentially impacts a Sydney Water asset, such as the stormwater channel at Rushcutters Creek, would require approval from Sydney Water. My colleague, the Minister for Water, Melinda Pavey MP, has recently provided advice on Sydney Water's requirements in relation to development adjacent to its stormwater assets, including Rushcutters Creek. Refer to Legislative Council Question on Notice 51.
- (4) Refer to Answer (1) above.
- (5) Refer to Answer (2) above.

\*0667 MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION REDUCTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What action will the Government take to prevent microplastic pollution in our oceans and waterways from personal care, cosmetic and cleaning products, considering the voluntary industry phase-out did not reach its goal to eliminate this pollution by July 2018?
- (2) What new targets have been set to eliminate microplastic pollution from personal care, cosmetic and cleaning products?
- (3) What action will the Government advocate for at the federal level at the next meeting of Environment Ministers on microplastic pollution?

Answer—

The Government has taken a leadership role in phasing out microbeads in personal care, cosmetic and cleaning products. Together with the Commonwealth Government, we have worked with the industry group Accord Australasia to achieve a voluntary phase out. At the Seventh Meeting of Environment Ministers in April 2018, Ministers announced that 94 per cent of cosmetic and personal care products are now microbead-free.

New South Wales continues to work with the Commonwealth and industry to ensure the ongoing success of the phase out. Accord has agreed to a monitoring and assurance protocol which includes arrangements to monitor and ensure the continued effectiveness of the phase out to June 2022.



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The Government is working closely with the Commonwealth and other Australian jurisdictions to develop a National Action Plan to address Australia's waste priorities. Plastic pollution is a key priority of this action plan. The plan is scheduled to be tabled at the next Meeting of Environment Ministers.

The Government is also considering which additional policies are required to address plastic pollution.

\*0668 REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What plastic pollution reductions targets does the Government have and how is it strengthening these targets?
- (2) What new funding has been allocated to reduce plastic pollution for the next financial year?
- (3) What new projects are being established by the Government to reduce plastic pollution?
- (4) What financial disincentives for excessive plastic packaging are being considered for implementation in New South Wales or for presentation at the Council of Australian Governments?
- (5) What action is being taken to reduce and phase out single-use takeaway plastics?
- (6) To what extent are Government procurement policies being amended to support the use of local plastic recycling?
- (7) To what extent will the Government establish a comprehensive plastic pollution reduction strategy?
- (8) How will the Government consult on such a strategy?

Answer—

(1) The Premier has set a target to reduce the volume of litter in New South Wales by 40 per cent by 2020. There has been a 57 per cent drop in Return and Earn eligible drink containers in the litter stream since November 2017 – the month before the scheme was introduced on 1 December.

(2) The Government has a range of initiatives to address plastic pollution.

The nine-year \$50 million Litter Prevention Program is embedding a new anti-littering social norm in New South Wales.

In 2019-20, approximately \$675,000 has been set aside for a marine litter campaign and \$300,000 will be used for cigarette butt litter prevention, though budgets are still being finalised.

The Government is also investing \$45.7 million in a Marine Estate Management Strategy, which aims to protect our oceans and marine wildlife. The strategy provides an overarching, strategic approach to the coordination and management of the marine estate, by focusing on the biggest threats to the ocean.

The Government is also working on collaborative approaches with other jurisdictions to address plastic pollution. In 2018, all Australian environment ministers agreed to develop a National Action Plan that addresses Australia's waste priorities, including plastic pollution. We are committed to working with all jurisdictions during 2019 to develop this plan and ensure there is nationally coordinated action on plastic pollution.

(3) See answer to question (2).

(4) The Government is working with other Australian Governments and the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation, which represents over 1,400 leading companies, to improve the environmental sustainability of packaging. This work includes assessing potential actions to improve environmental outcomes for packaging.

(5) The Government is taking strong action on plastic waste by developing a comprehensive approach to single-use plastics, which will consider a suite of options.

In addition, Australian environment ministers have endorsed a target of 100 per cent of Australian packaging being recyclable, compostable or reusable by 2025 or earlier. Governments are working with the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation to deliver this target.

New South Wales is also collaborating to develop a National Action Plan that addresses Australia's waste priorities, including plastic pollution.

(6) NSW Procurement has recently amended its Small to Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy to specify a minimum 15 per cent non-price evaluation criteria. This considers environmental, ethical, economic and social considerations. The use of recovered and recycled material may be one such consideration.

(7) The Government will continue to investigate further opportunities to realise better environmental outcomes through procurement action.

The Government is taking strong action on plastic waste by developing a comprehensive approach to single-use plastics which will consider a suite of options. In developing this approach, the Government will engage with industry and the community.

The Government is committed to working with all jurisdictions during 2019 to develop a National Action Plan and ensure there is nationally coordinated action on plastic pollution.

Once the plan is finalised, the Government will welcome feedback from all stakeholders to improve implementation outcomes.

(8) See answer to question 7.

\*0669 DRUG POSSESSION FINES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—

- (1) How many on-the-spot fines have been issued for illicit drug possession in New South Wales since they were introduced on 25 January?
  - (a) How many were at music festivals?
  - (b) How many were in licensed venues?
  - (c) How many were at railway stations or bus interchanges?
  - (d) How many were on trains or buses?
  - (e) How many were in the public domain?
- (2) How many fines were issued against illicit substance type?
- (3) What guidelines have been issued to police about when to issue a fine for illicit drug possession instead of making charges?
  - (a) Are these guidelines public?
- (4) How many charges have been made for illicit drug possession in New South Wales since on-the-spot fines were introduced on 25 January?
  - (a) How many were at music festivals?
  - (b) How many were in licensed venues?
  - (c) How many were at railway stations or bus interchanges?
  - (d) How many were on trains or buses?
  - (e) How many were in the public domain?
- (5) How many charges were made against illicit substance type?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) Police records indicate that 299 criminal infringement notices (CINs) for drug possession had been issued in NSW since the legislation was introduced. All were issued at music festivals.

(2) It is important to note that more than one drug type may exist for any CIN incident.

Cannabis: 7

Cocaine: 21

GHB/related: 1

LSD: 7

MDMA (ecstasy): 256

Methyl/Amphetamine: 7

Synthetic cannabis: 1

Pharmaceutical drug: 1

(3) NSW Police Force Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs).

(4) The CINs trial applies only at music festivals. The figures below include all charges made for illicit drug possession in NSW since 25 January 2019, as at 25 June 2019:

(a) 406.

(b) 767.

(c) 493.

(d) 42.

(e) 8,393. (Public domain includes all premises types except residential and those listed above.)

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(5) It is important to note that more than one drug type may exist for a single charge. As at 25 June 2019, charges were recorded as follows against the illicit drug types listed:

Cannabis: 3,703  
Cannabis plant: 85  
Cocaine: 758  
GHB/related: 157  
Heroin: 267  
LSD: 62  
MDMA (ecstasy): 914  
Methadone: 22  
Methyl/ Amphetamine: 2,634  
Synthetic Cannabis: 18  
Synthetic other: 5  
Opium: 6  
Other drug: 208  
Pharmaceutical drug: 535  
Precursor: 1  
Steroid: 55  
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\*0670 BUS SERVICES 300 SERIES—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What assessment has the Government carried out into 300 series bus services?
- (2) What plans does the Government have to increase service levels, particularly in peak travel times?
- (3) What plans does the Government have to change routes on these services?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to improve connections with other public transport services?
- (5) What further action will the Government take to improve 300 series bus services to better meet community need?

Answer—

I am advised:

Adjustments to services and timetables in the eastern suburbs are made periodically to reflect changes in customer demand or to accommodate changes in road conditions.

On 30 June 2019, additional services were introduced on routes 313 (Coogee to Bondi Junction via Randwick) and 343 (Kingsford to Chatswood via City) to increase service frequency and reflect customer demand.

\*0671 CIRCULAR ECONOMY—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Will the Government consider creating a market development agency for New South Wales like Sustainability Victoria and Green Industries South Australia?
- (2) Will the Government increase the amount of the NSW Landfill Levy that is invested in resource recovery and landfill diversion through for example the Waste Less Recycle More initiative from its current 10 per cent to 15 per cent?
- (3) What consideration will the Government give to reinvesting 100 per cent of the NSW Landfill Levy to support diversion from landfill, grow manufacturing facilities and create markets?
- (4) How will the Government ensure that new facilities identified in the Environment Protection Authority Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Strategy go ahead?
- (5) What plans does the Government have to support new facilities for:
  - (a) organics waste;
  - (b) packaging material recovery; and
  - (c) textile recycling?
- (6) What assessment has been made of the effect the ban on mixed waste organic material in agricultural land, and soon on forestry and mining land, will have on the amount of waste sent to landfill in New South Wales?

- (7) What action is the Government considering to ensure mixed waste organic material does not end up in landfill?
- (8) What work is being done to reduce the reliance in New South Wales on sending waste and recycling overseas, considering restrictions in China and India and expected restrictions in other Asian countries?
- (9) How will the Government increase competition in the major waste and recycling service delivery sector?
- (10) What action will the Government take to develop and support the recycling industry and implement a circular economy?
- (11) Will the Government exclude establishing any new landfill sites?

Answer—

(1) There are no current plans for a standalone entity.

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

DPIE will work closely with stakeholders to ensure the strategy has a robust evidence base and addresses the key priorities for waste and resource recovery across New South Wales.

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

(4) DPIE is leading development of a 20-Year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy which will identify and plan for long-term infrastructure needs.

(5) The Waste Less Recycle More Organics Infrastructure Fund provides \$105.5 million for organics recovery in New South Wales. To date, 49 projects have been awarded more than \$45 million. Round 7 of the Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) grants is currently open and closes on 29 August 2019.

New packaging material recovery facilities and textile recycling facilities are eligible to apply for two Waste Less Recycle More Infrastructure grant programs:

- Major Resource Recovery Infrastructure grants:
  - grants of \$1-5 million for private industry and not-for-profit organisations
  - grants of \$1-10 million for local government
  - approximately \$20 million of funding is available.
- Product Improvement Program grants:
  - grants of \$20,000 - \$1 million for not-for-profit organisations, local council and private industry including manufacturers
  - approximately \$6 million of funding is available.

(6) As at 30 April 2019, 91,268 tonnes of mixed waste organic material had been sent to landfill. It has been a requirement for mixed waste organic material to go to landfill since 26 October 2018, when the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) stopped its use after a comprehensive, independent research program concluded that there are limited agricultural or soil benefits from applying it, but there are physical contaminants and potential environmental risks.

The EPA is working with industry and councils towards a sustainable solution.

(7) See (6).

(8) The Government has undertaken significant work in response to China's National Sword Policy and subsequent changes to importation restriction in other Asian countries.

This included a one off \$47 million package to support local government and industry, and an intergovernmental taskforce that was established to urgently progress a longer-term strategic response.

The taskforce's work focused on increasing the use of recycled products in government goods and infrastructure procurement, developing a circular economy policy, investigating opportunities to streamline the approval and operation of new and expanded recycling facilities, and supporting better contractual outcomes for local government waste services.

These issues will be considered in the 20-year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

(9) Local councils and waste service providers are encouraged to find new and innovative solutions to recycling challenges. They are supported with funding for regional waste coordinators, and a range of grants are also available for local communities and proponents for new and upgraded infrastructure.

DPIE is partnering with NSW Treasury to undertake a high-level review of the waste and resource sector. This review will investigate risk management and allocation, value for money and market contestability.

(10) Through the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, the NSW government has committed more than \$802 million in funding for business recycling, organics collections, market development, managing problem wastes, new waste infrastructure, local councils and programs to tackle illegal dumping and litter.

The NSW Circular Economy Policy Statement provides a path for the NSW Government to principles circular economy principles to embed circular economy principles in Government decision making, policies, strategies and programs.

(11) The 20-Year Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy will set out the long-term policy and infrastructure framework for the sector.

\*0672 OXFORD STREET DARLINGHURST AND PADDINGTON—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Does the Government classify Oxford Street Darlinghurst as a High Pedestrian Activity Area?
  - (a) If so, on what basis is this classification determined?
- (2) What assessment has the Government carried out into reducing the speed limit in Oxford Street Darlinghurst?
- (3) What assessment has the Government carried out into reducing the speed limit in Oxford Street Paddington?
- (4) What plans does the Government have to trial 40 kilometre per hour speed limits in Oxford Street Darlinghurst and Paddington?
- (5) What assessment has the Government carried out into removing the clearways and increasing on-street parking in Oxford Street Darlinghurst and Paddington?
- (6) What plans does the Government have to trial removal of the clearways in Oxford Street Darlinghurst and Paddington?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to improve safety and amenity in Oxford Street Darlinghurst and Paddington?

Answer—

Oxford Street is not classified as a High Pedestrian Activity Area.

Transport for NSW has undertaken a strategic assessment of Oxford Street in the form of a Road Network Plan. The City of Sydney and Woollahra Municipal Council were consulted in the preparation of the Plan and have been provided with a copy.

The Road Network Plan will inform the development of a Road Action Plan for Oxford Street. The Road Action Plan examines targeted improvements to the network over the short, medium and long term. Transport for NSW will continue to engage with key stakeholders and local councils as the plan progresses.

Transport for NSW will consider different options available to balance movement and place along this corridor. This includes an assessment and analysis of road safety as well as travel times and facilities for all user groups.

A speed zoning review will also be undertaken.

\*0673 FORMER PADDINGTON BOWLING CLUB SITE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Has the Government received requests for owners consent for any development applications since LA Q9868?
- (2) Is it true that the site remains inaccessible to the community and is not being used for recreation purposes?
- (3) What further action has been taken to ensure the current lease conditions are being met since LA Q9868?
- (4) How will the government ensure that the former Paddington Bowling Club site remains accessible to the community and used for recreation purposes?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) No
- (2) The site has not been operational since June 2015.
- (3) A minor maintenance matter was brought to the attention of the department by a member of the public in May 2019. The matter was referred to the leaseholder as per the requirements of the lease.
- (4) The leaseholder is required to comply with lease conditions and the reserve purpose. Compliance is reviewed through site inspections, audits and the review of information provided by the public.

\*0674 GLYPHOSATE—Mr Alex Greenwich asked the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

- (1) Noting that an increasing number of jurisdictions have banned or are considering banning glyphosate, what assessment has the Government made about whether this herbicide should remain available?
- (2) What action has the Government taken in response to the World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classification of glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans"?
- (3) What action has the Government taken in response to the increasing number of court cases linking glyphosate to cancer in humans?
- (4) What precautionary measures has the Government taken in response to new information about glyphosate impacts and risks?
- (5) What action has the Government taken with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority about registration of glyphosate?
- (6) What changes has the Government made in advice to pesticide users?
- (7) What further action will the Government take to protect the environment, ensure safe food supplies and prevent human health impacts from glyphosate?

Answer—

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) registers and regulates Pesticides in Australia. In 2017, the APVMA conducted a re-assessment of the risks associated with glyphosate. It concluded that glyphosate is safe to use when users follow label instructions. On Thursday 13 June 2019, the APVMA confirmed that position.

The Environment Protection Authority regulates pesticide use in New South Wales. The Pesticides Act 1999 requires all pesticide users, with the exception of home gardeners, to be trained in the safe use of pesticides.

Pesticide users are trained to read and interpret pesticide labels correctly. All pesticide users are urged to read and follow label instructions when using any agricultural chemical including glyphosate.

Some New South Wales councils have decided to stop or phase out the use of glyphosate by council staff and contractors for treatment of council owned and managed land and public amenity areas. This is a management decision by the council and is not regulated by the Pesticides Act.

\*0675 SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How will the provision of \$128 million of additional funding from the Federal Government for Shellharbour Hospital's redevelopment alter the project?
- (2) What additional services, equipment or facilities will now be included in the project?
- (3) If no additional services, equipment or facilities will now be included within this project, was the Shellharbour Hospital redevelopment only partly funded prior to this Federal funding commitment?
  - (a) If so, what was the cause of this funding gap?

Answer—

The provision of \$128 million of Commonwealth funding will enable additional health services and facilities to be delivered on the Shellharbour Hospital site consistent with the service plans and priorities.

The district will work with Health Infrastructure to look at a range of building options. The district will continue to undertake consultation to identify additional health service priorities for inclusion in the scope of the project.

\*0676 NSW AMBULANCE DAPTO STATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) What is the total number of paramedics currently stationed at NSW Ambulance Dapto Station, as at

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- (2) What is the total number of ambulance vehicles currently retained at NSW Ambulance Dapto Station as at 20 June 2019?
- (3) Are the three new ambulance vehicles recently procured for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Zone and scheduled to be operational in June 2019, now in operation?

Answer—

NSW Ambulance has sufficient resources in the Illawarra Shoalhaven zone.

The three new ambulance vehicles procured for the Illawarra Shoalhaven zone have commenced operations.

\*0677 ELOURA HIGH CARE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT PSYCHIATRISTS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How many psychiatrists are currently employed within the Eloura High Care mental health unit at Shellharbour Hospital (as at 20 June 2019)?
- (2) How many of these psychiatrists are employed on short-term contracts?
- (3) Are there currently any permanent psychiatrists employed in the Eloura High Care mental health unit (as at 20 June 2019)?
  - (a) If not, when was the last permanent psychiatrist employed at the unit?
- (4) On average, how many different psychiatrists is a long-term patient at the Unit under the care of over a 10-week period?
- (5) Was there recently a case where a long-term patient at the Unit was under the care of six different psychiatrists in a 10-week period?
  - (a) If so:
    - (i) What was the cause of this constant turnover of staff?
    - (ii) What is the Minister doing to ensure this pattern does not continue?

Answer—

(1) There are 3.0 full time equivalent (FTE) Medical Officers currently working on the Eloura High Care Area, consisting of:

- 1.0 FTE Consultant Psychiatrist
- 1.0 FTE Psychiatry Registrar
- 1.0 FTE Resident Medical Officer.

The Mental Health Service has also recently appointed a new Clinical Director (commencing September 2019).

(2) One

(3) and (3) (a) Yes. All permanent psychiatrists employed to work within the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Mental Health Service are contracted to work across a range of inpatient and community settings including the Eloura High Care Area.

(4) It is not possible to calculate an average over a 10 week period as the average length of stay for a consumer in the Eloura High Care Area is 9.3 days.

(5) and (5) (a)

The Mental Health Service uses Locum Consultant Psychiatrists to cover vacancies. One consumer was under the care of five Consultant Psychiatrists during a 10 week period.

\*0678 SERVICE CENTRE CUSTOMER NUMBERS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How many people have attended the following three Service NSW centres over the last 12 months (to 20 June 2019):
  - (a) Warrawong;
  - (b) Wollongong;
  - (c) Kiama?
- (2) How many of these attendees at each of the service centres in (1) were residents of the following postcodes:
  - (a) 2526;
  - (b) 2527;

- (c) 2528;
  - (d) 2529;
  - (e) 2530?
- (3) When is the next review of the Service NSW network expected to be conducted?
- (4) What level of customer demand would need to be demonstrated for a Service NSW Centre to be installed in the Shellharbour electorate?

Answer—

- (1) In the 12 months from 20 June 2018 to 20 June 2019, more than 114,000 customers were served at Warrawang Service NSW Centre, more than 51,000 customers were served at the Wollongong Service NSW Centre, and more than 31,000 customers were served at the Kiama Service NSW Centre.
- (2) Service NSW does not hold data on visitor numbers to Service NSW Centres by postcode.
- (3) Service NSW continually monitors its network to identify potential locations for new Service NSW Centres.
- (4) Potential locations for new Service NSW Centres are identified based on factors such as estimated population growth by region and associated distance to the nearest Service NSW Centre.

\*0679 KILLALEA STATE PARK LAND CLASSIFICATION—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) Is the land at Killalea State Park currently classified as dedicated land or reserved land?
- (2) What are the current zoning arrangements within Killalea State Park?

Answer—

- (1) The land was dedicated for public recreation on 1 June 1997.
- (2) The zoning of the land is a deferred matter under the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013.

The zoning of the land under the Shellharbour LEP 2000 is primarily 7(f2) - Environmental Protection (Foreshore) with parts zoned as 7(a) Environmental Protection (Wetlands).

\*0680 TRAIN STATION LEVEL CROSSINGS—Ms Anna Watson asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What train stations on the T4 Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line currently have level crossings passengers must navigate to change platforms (as at 20 June 2019)?
- (2) How many train stations on the whole of the Sydney rail network map currently have level crossings passengers must navigate to change platforms (as at 20 June 2019)?
  - (a) Please provide a full list of these stations.

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*0681 GLENDALE TAFE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education—

- (1) How many students were enrolled in Glendale TAFE as at 18 June 2019?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent teaching staff were employed at Glendale TAFE as at 18 June 2019?
- (3) How many courses are offered at Glendale TAFE?

Answer—

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

\*0682 STOCKTON BEACH RECREATION VEHICLE AREA MOTORBIKE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Customer Service—

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

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.



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\*0683 INCREASED ENROLMENTS NEWCASTLE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Noting projected population growth in the western suburbs of Newcastle, particularly around Maryland, Fletcher and Minmi, what plans does the Government have to cope with increased enrolments in the future?

Answer—

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

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

The Department uses numerous strategies to manage fluctuating enrolment demands in the short to medium term including enforcing the Department's school enrolment policy to restrict out of area enrolments, reviewing school catchment boundaries to improve utilisation across schools in a local area, and providing additional demountable facilities, including classrooms and specialist spaces as required.

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

\*0684 DIRT BIKES REGISTRATION—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Customer Service—

How many dirt bikes are registered in New South Wales?

Answer—

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Transport and Roads as the Minister is responsible for this information.

\*0685 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How much revenue is generated from parking at John Hunter Hospital?

Answer—

All revenue from car parking is used to provide frontline health services.

\*0686 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How many beds at the Calvary Mater Hospital are for mental health cases?  
(2) How many beds are:  
(a) Acute;  
(b) Sub-acute;  
(c) Youth-oriented?

Answer—

1) The Mater Mental Health Centre has 100 beds for acute mental health clients.

(2) (a) 100.

(b) If a patient is assessed as sub-acute, they are transferred to the Intermediate Stay Mental Health Unit at the James Fletcher campus in Newcastle, or a suitable unit at Morisset Hospital, until they are fit for discharge.

(c) There are 12 acute beds located at the Nexus unit at John Hunter Hospital for children aged 5 to 17 years.

\*0687 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL OPAL CARD USERS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How many Opal card users tap off at John Hunter Hospital on average per day?  
(2) How many Opal card users tap on at John Hunter Hospital on average per day?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 269.
- (2) 290.

\*0688 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH BEDS—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

- (1) How many beds at the John Hunter Hospital are for mental health cases?
- (2) How many beds are:
  - (a) Acute;
  - (b) Sub-acute;
  - (c) Youth-oriented?

Answer—

There are 12 beds at the Nexus Unit at John Hunter Hospital for children aged 5 to 17 years.

Adult inpatient mental health beds are located at the Mater Mental Health Centre.

\*0689 CALVARY MATER HOSPITAL PARKING REVENUE—Ms Sonia Hornery asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

How much revenue is generated from car parking at the Calvary Mater Hospital?

Answer—

All revenue from car parking is used to provide frontline health services.

\*0690 NEWCASTLE FUNDING DEFINITION—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Premier—

- (1) Does the Premier now consider Newcastle to be regional or metropolitan for funding purposes?
- (2) Is the Premier aware that some Government departments do not consider Newcastle to be either regional or metropolitan?
- (3) Will the Premier provide a clear definition of regional and metropolitan areas to provide certainty around funding opportunity?

Answer—

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

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

\*0691 NEWCASTLE EDUCATION PRECINCT—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Why was no money allocated in the NSW Budget 2019-20 to the Newcastle Education Precinct?
- (2) When will work begin on the Newcastle Education Precinct?

Answer—

(1) The 2018-19 NSW Budget included planning funding for the Newcastle Education Precinct. Planning is continuing in 2019-20.

(2) In accordance with NSW Treasury requirements, work will commence on the project once the business case is approved.

\*0692 NOBBYS LIGHTHOUSE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering Nobbys Lighthouse has been closed for many months, what action has been taken to re-open this site?
- (2) Are there any plans to reopen Nobbys Lighthouse to the public?
- (3) Will the Port Authority of New South Wales be calling for expressions of interest to find an operator to re-open the Lighthouse to the public?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Port Authority of New South Wales will release an Expression of Interest for the long-term public use of Nobbys Headland later this year.

\*0693 VACANT SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTIES IN NEWCASTLE—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

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- (1) How many vacant social housing properties are there in the NN07 housing district?  
(2) How many people are on the waitlist in the NN07 housing district?

Answer—

I am advised that the number of vacant public housing properties changes frequently as properties are vacated by tenants and prepared for reletting.

The number of people on the waitlist for the Newcastle area can be found on: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/facs.statistics#!/>

\*0694 NEWCASTLE URBAN TRANSFORMATION AND TRANSPORT PROGRAM—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the final cost of the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program?  
(2) What was the final cost of the Newcastle Light Rail?  
(3) How much has been spent on the expansion of the Newcastle Light Rail business case?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) The Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program is ongoing and is on budget.  
(3) The Greater Newcastle Future Transport Plan identifies the four shortlisted priority corridors to John Hunter Hospital, to Wallsend, to Mayfield and to Charlestown. Transport for NSW is finalising a draft Strategic Business Case investigating an extension to Newcastle Light Rail from Newcastle Interchange.

\*0695 FORMER HEAVY RAIL CORRIDOR LAND SALES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How much of the former Newcastle heavy rail corridor has been sold?  
(2) How much money has the Government received from the sale of the former heavy rail corridor?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) The total area of the former rail corridor is 6.5 hectares, comprising:
- 89 per cent for community benefit including public spaces, education, affordable housing, light rail, roads and transport; and
  - 11 per cent for mixed use outcomes to provide more jobs and new homes.
- (2) Information on land sales can be publicly accessed by searching sales records via: [http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au/land\\_values/access\\_property\\_sales](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au/land_values/access_property_sales)

\*0696 SINGLE USE PLASTICS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What damage do single use plastics cause to our environment?  
(2) Does the Minister support banning single use plastic bags in New South Wales?  
(a) If not, why not?  
(3) Does the Minister support the phasing out of single use plastics in New South Wales?

Answer—

Major supermarket chains, the largest suppliers of plastic bags, voluntarily have phased out single-use plastic shopping bags. These supermarkets also publicly committed to phasing out plastic packaging on fresh food and providing soft plastic recycling bins in all stores. These actions will significantly reduce plastic litter.

The Government is taking strong action on plastic waste by developing a comprehensive approach to plastics.

The Government is working with all Australian jurisdictions to develop a National Action Plan to address Australia's waste priorities, including plastic pollution. We endorsed a national target of 100 per cent of Australian packaging being recyclable, compostable or reusable by 2025 or earlier.

These national actions will inform the development of a 20-year Waste Strategy for New South Wales. This strategy will set a long-term vision for waste management in the state and provide a framework for improved plastic management.

\*0697 TABULAM BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Can you confirm that construction of a new bridge crossing of the Clarence River at Tabulam will not be delayed or halted by any onsite issues with the project's contractors?
- (2) Will the new Tabulam Bridge meet its scheduled completion date and be open to traffic by mid-2020?

Answer—

I am advised:

Please refer to the previous response, LA Q0278.

\*0698 RETURN OF REGIONAL ROADS TO STATE JURISDICTION—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Is there still a commitment to take back up to 15,000 kilometres of regional roads from councils as promised during the election campaign?
  - (a) If so, when will the Independent Assessment Panel be convened to determine which regional roads are to be returned to the State jurisdiction?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government has committed to transferring up to 15,000 kilometres of regional roads to state control. This will be overseen by an Independent Panel. The members of this panel will be announced soon.

\*0699 TABULAM BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DELAYS—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—

- (1) Has construction work on the new Tabulam Bridge crossing the Clarence River slowed or ceased?
  - (a) If so, why?
- (2) Did a wrong mix of concrete fail to set in one of the new pylons?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Roads and Maritime Services has engaged a new contractor (Georgiou Group) to complete the project. The previous contractor is working with Roads and Maritime Services and the new contractor to ensure a smooth handover with the project on track for completion mid-2020, weather permitting.
- (2) No issue has been identified with the mix of concrete used in the pylons.

\*0700 DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WATER SECTION STAFFING—Ms Janelle Saffin asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

Considering industry has made representations and is concerned about processes and approval times meeting abnormally short project timeframes related to the emergency provision of supplemental town water supplies in drought-affected areas of New South Wales, has there been an acknowledgement and subsequent additional staffing capacity added or planned to be added to the Department of Industry Water section and especially the Natural Resources Access Regulator to address the spread of the current water security crisis and the risk of escalation?

Answer—

The Department acknowledges the severity of the ongoing drought. Staffing has increased to a level commensurate with the resourcing requirements needed to address the current drought work program across the New South Wales Government.

\*0701 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CHARLESTOWN OFFICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—

Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in Family and Community Services Charlestown office, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

I am advised that there are no plans to make changes in the Charlestown Community Services Centre in the 2019-20 financial year.

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\*0702 HEALTH JOBS IN LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in Eastlakes Community Health service, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in Wansey Dialysis Unit, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. I am advised there are no planned job losses at either service.

\*0703 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL JOBS IN LAKE MACQUARIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in the Gateshead West Department of Education office, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional Council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in the following schools, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional Council, will be cut during this budget:
  - (a) Cardiff High School;
  - (b) Charlestown East Public School;
  - (c) Charlestown Public School;
  - (d) Charlestown South Public School;
  - (e) Dudley Public School;
  - (f) Eleebana Public School;
  - (g) Garden Suburb Public School;
  - (h) Hillsborough Public School;
  - (i) Hunter Sports High School;
  - (j) Kahibah Public School;
  - (k) Lakeside Public School;
  - (l) Mount Hutton Public School;
  - (m) Newcastle Junior School;
  - (n) Redhead Public School;
  - (o) Warners Bay High School;
  - (p) Warners Bay Public School;
  - (q) Whitebridge High School;
  - (r) Windale Public School;
  - (s) Wiripaang Public School?

Answer—

The reform, savings and offset measures outlined in the 2019-20 State Budget will not impact the delivery of school education services.

\*0704 TRAIN GUARDS—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Are there any plans to remove train guards from services on the Central Coast and Newcastle line?
- (2) Will the Minister guarantee that train guards will be present on every intercity train fleet service?
- (3) Does the Minister have any plans to replace train guards with customer service staff?
- (4) Does the Minister consider that train guards fulfill a vital safety function on the intercity train fleet?

Answer—

I am advised:

The safety of customers and staff is my highest priority. NSW TrainLink proposes to operate the New Intercity Fleet with a driver and guard on all intercity customer services. This includes the Central Coast and Newcastle Line.

NSW TrainLink continues to consult with the union and staff on the proposed operating model, roles and responsibilities, and key train design aspects.

\*0705 JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES—Mr Tim Crakanthorp asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that a patient waiting for an orthopaedic outpatient appointment at the John Hunter Hospital was referred to Tamworth Hospital due to the extremely long wait times at the John Hunter Hospital?
- (2) Is it considered reasonable that patients have to travel almost 300 kilometres to access an orthopaedic outpatient appointment in a timely manner?
- (3) How are escalating elective surgery waiting lists at the John Hunter Hospital being addressed?
- (4) Will orthopaedic services at the John Hunter Hospital be increased?
  - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Wait times are allocated according to a patient's clinical urgency, with the most urgent patients seen first. There is high demand for John Hunter Hospital outpatient services generally, and particularly in orthopaedics. The District is actively working on streamlining surgical services and resources.

\*0706 LAKE MACQUARIE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in Lake Macquarie Mental Health service, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional Council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

Local health districts and hospitals vary staffing profiles and numbers to appropriately meet operational need at any point in time. There are plans to increase staffing for the Lake Macquarie Community Mental Health Service over the next twelve months.

\*0707 SERVICE NSW - WARNERS BAY JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Customer Service—

Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in Service NSW Warners Bay, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional Council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

There are no plans to change current staffing levels for Service NSW in Warners Bay in the 2019-20 financial year.

\*0708 NSW HEALTH SHARE SERVICE CENTRE CHARLESTOWN OFFICE JOBS—Ms Jodie Harrison asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

Can the Minister confirm that no jobs located in NSW Health Share Service Centre Charlestown office, situated in the local government area of Lake Macquarie, a regional Council, will be cut during the 2019-20 financial year?

Answer—

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

\*0709 BULL BAR EXEMPTIONS RURAL AND REMOTE DRIVERS—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

Will the Government commit to making the Ministerial Declaration (Bull Bar Exemption) a permanent exemption for rural and remote registered drivers, nominated by postcode, to allow drivers to maintain their larger five-post safety bars?

Answer—

I am advised:

The settings made under the Ministerial Declaration (Bull Bar Exemption) Order 2017 have wide acceptance by industry, drivers and NSW Police.

\*0710 WATER SHARING PLANS EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAME—Mr Roy Butler asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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- (1) What are the details of the requests submitted by the Government to the Commonwealth relating to extensions in submission and approval timeframes for Basin Plan accreditation to be contained in a bilateral agreement?
- Has the Commonwealth agreed to the Government's request?
  - What are the details of any requests from the Commonwealth in regard to the same matter?
  - Are floodplain licences included in the extension?

Answer—

In October 2018, the Hon Niall Blair MLC, then Minister for Regional Water, wrote to the Hon David Littleproud MP, then Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, seeking agreement to commence negotiations, in good faith, under the Commonwealth Water Act 2007 for more time for New South Wales water resource plans (WRPs).

In November 2018, the Hon David Littleproud MP replied, saying he was prepared to enter into good faith negotiations with New South Wales, and outlined his expectation that a regulation would soon be approved to allow him to consider extensions beyond 30 June 2019. The regulation was made in December 2018.

On 28 February 2019, the Hon Niall Blair MLC, then Minister for Regional Water, wrote to the Commonwealth Minister requesting an extension for the submission of all 20 New South Wales WRPs until 31 December 2019.

On the same day, 28 February 2019, the MDBA and the former NSW Department of Industry (now Department of Industry, Planning & Environment) signed a bilateral agreement relating to specified measures being put in place by 1 July 2019 in anticipation of WRPs coming into effect. This bilateral agreement is available on the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) website.

Reporting against these measures was required on 16 April 2019 (progress report) and 16 June 2019 (final report). New South Wales submitted the progress report on 17 April 2019, and the final report on 17 June 2019.

(a) The Commonwealth Minister advised New South Wales on 2 July 2019 that the extension for all New South Wales WRPs until 31 December 2019 had been approved.

(b) The new Commonwealth regulation requires Basin states to request any extensions to the submission dates of WRPs by 28 February 2019. The Commonwealth Minister advised that any agreement to an extension would be contingent upon the following being in place by 1 July 2019:

- Introduction of sustainable diversion limits (SDLs), including mechanisms for SOL accounting and compliance reporting ;
- Development of rules and provisions to improve the management and protection of environmental water in the Barwon-Darling, Gwydir and Macquarie-Bogan catchments; and
- Measures to ensure efficient delivery of environmental water in the southern Basin (Prerequisite Policy Measures).

The MDBA and the former NSW Department of Industry (now Department of Industry, Planning & Environment) signed a bilateral agreement to give effect to the conditions of extension. This bilateral agreement is available on the MDBA website.

New South Wales has submitted both the progress report and the final report as required under the agreement.

(c) Floodplain licences are not included in the extension per se. However, the arrangements for management of floodplain harvesting take are within the scope of the bilateral agreement, particularly with respect to mechanisms for SOL accounting and compliance reporting.

\*0711 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*0712 COST OF PROVIDING CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Liesl Tesch asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

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

Answer—

I am advised:

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

\*0713 EDMONDSON PARK RAILWAY STATION COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering the commitment given earlier this year by the Member for Holsworthy that construction of the new commuter carpark at Edmondson Park railway station would commence this year, why has the Government allocated only planning money in the NSW Budget 2019-20 for the upgrade of the commuter carpark at Edmondson Park railway station?
- (2) When do you expect construction to commence on the promised carpark?
- (3) When do you expect construction of the promised carpark to be completed?
- (4) What is your advice to commuters, who continue to find it impossible to find a carpark at Edmondson Park railway station?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Government is committed to doing all that it can to encourage the community to leave their cars at home and, where possible, use public transport to ease congestion across Greater Sydney. We recognise the provision of extra car spaces at key commuter hubs and interchanges, including Edmondson Park, is critical to delivering this mode shift.

The Government is equally committed to making life easier for public transport customers. This includes providing commuters with more parking near stations and transport interchanges. Since 2011, nearly 10,000 parking spaces have been delivered across the network, with more than 4,000 extra spaces on the way.

As you are aware, earlier this year the Premier and Member for Holsworthy committed to invest \$40 million to deliver up to 700 additional commuter car spaces at Edmondson Park train station by mid-2020. These 700 car spaces are on top of the 400 parking spots already available. This means that, once complete, there will be 1,100 spaces available at the station for customers. The State Budget, delivered on 18 June 2019, included an initial \$212,000 investment so that Transport for NSW can scope and plan the delivery of this commitment.

Only once a project has been fully planned can construction money be allocated to the project.

Delivering infrastructure projects such as the Edmondson Park Commuter Car Park is a team effort. It requires government agencies, local councils, landowners and the community to work together collaboratively so that the community can get the best outcome. You can stay up-to-date on how planning and delivery is progressing by visiting



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www.transport.nsw.gov.au.

\*0714 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES ACT REFORM—Mr Jamie Parker asked the Premier—

Considering it has been over a year since your Government committed to reform the Public Interest Disclosures Act, when will your Government reform the State's protection for whistleblowers?

Answer—

I refer you to my answer to your Question without Notice during Legislative Assembly Question Time on Wednesday 19 June 2019.

\*0715 DAMS SAFETY COMMITTEE SURVEILLANCE SUB-COMMITTEE—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

On what dates in 2019 has the Dams Safety Committee surveillance sub-committee met (as at 20 June 2019)?

Answer—

During 2019 up to 20 June 2019, the NSW Dams Safety Committee (DSC) and Dams Surveillance sub-committee (SSC) convened on the following dates:

- DSC - 13 February, 27 March, 15 May and 26 June
- SSC - 5 February, 19 March, 7 May and 18 June

\*0716 LIGHT RAIL BENEFIT COST RATIO—Ms Lynda Voltz asked the Minister for Transport and Roads—

What is the benefit-cost ratio (BCR) for the Central Business District (CBD) light rail?

Answer—

I am advised:

The benefit-cost ratio (BCR) is publicly available. An updated benefit realisation analysis will be completed on project delivery.

\*0717 MURRUMBIDGEE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SUPERVISION—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

(1) How many classes at Murrumbidgee Regional High School required supervision due to an absent teacher during term 1, 2019?

(a) Of these classes:

- (i) How many were at the Griffith High campus?
- (ii) How many were at the Wade High campus?

Answer—

I am advised, in Term 1, 2019 supervision was provided to all classes at Murrumbidgee Regional High School when teachers were absent.

\*0718 RURAL ADVERSITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—

Will the Government consider expanding the services of the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program to additional locations in western New South Wales, specifically within the Murrumbidgee Local Health District and the Far West Local Health District, in order to meet the needs of constituents in the electorate of Murray, who are currently without services in their local areas?

Answer—

The Government enhanced the support for Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) through the Emergency Drought Relief Mental Health Support Package. This package increased the number of RAMPH Coordinators to a total of 19 full time equivalent positions across rural and regional areas of New South Wales in 2019-20. The Murrumbidgee Local Health District will also receive additional supports in 2019-20 under the Emergency Drought Relief Mental Health Supports Package to employ three farm gate counsellors.

\*0719 BARMAH-MILLEWA FOREST—Mrs Helen Dalton asked the Minister for Energy and Environment—

Can you advise when the communities along the Murray River can expect the Government to act to prevent the ongoing environmental and economic destruction caused by the continual inundation of the Barmah-Millewa Forest as a result of environmental water flows?

Answer—

New South Wales works with the Commonwealth Government and other environmental water holders to deliver environmental water to priority sites along the Murray River. This benefits many plants, animals and ecosystem functions that depend on water.

Delivery of water in the River Murray System is managed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority with relevant state water authorities under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment works closely with the Authority and state agencies to deliver environmental water to the Barmah-Millewa Forests.

Prior to river regulation, low lying areas of river red gum forest and wetland habitats (such as Moira grass plains) that characterise the Barmah-Millewa Forests, would have received water annually. The naturally occurring late winter-spring to early summer flooding regime is now being reinstated using environmental water.

The multi-jurisdictional Southern Connected Basin Environmental Water Committee has planned and agreed to water the Barmah-Millewa Forest in spring-early summer 2019 to provide environmental outcomes. The event is included in the Department of Planning Industry and Environment's Water for the Environment Annual Priorities Statement 2019-20 for the Murray Lower Darling catchment.

Feedback on the planned event has been sought from NSW Murray Lower Darling Environmental Water Advisory Group. A communication plan for the event has been developed. The Commonwealth Government's Environmental Water Office will lead information sessions for the community in the lead up to delivering the water.

\*0720 ORANGE ELECTORATE PUBLIC SERVICE JOB CUTS—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

(1) Considering the public service job cuts in your NSW Budget Speech 2019-20 in the paragraph titled 'Savings', can you advise how many public service jobs will be lost from departments located within the Orange electorate?

(a) When will these job losses occur?

Answer—

Information relating to savings can be found in Budget Paper No. 1 - 2019-20.

\*0721 POLICE OFFICERS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr Philip Donato asked the Treasurer—

Considering the current longstanding extended leave entitlements for police can assist in management of significant risk of psychological injury, is the Treasurer aware of potential for harm of the budget measures referred to in the 2019-20 budget speech in the paragraph titled 'Savings' and more comprehensively outlined in Schedule 4 of the State Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, which intends to significantly reduce the period of long-service or extended leave accrued over a ten year period by police officers employed on or after 1 July 2019?

Answer—

The proposal was to be given effect by legislative amendments contained in the State Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. Amendments to the Bill removed

these relevant schedules and were agreed to by the Legislative Assembly.

The 2019-20 Budget continues to protect the psychological health of police officers by investing \$16.6 million over four years to continue the preventative health and wellbeing initiatives of the Workforce Improvement Program.

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0722 CONSTRUCTION NOISE REGULATION—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—

(1) Is it true that maximum noise levels set in the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline is not

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- mandatory, noise controls are only guidelines and can be breached without penalty?
- (2) Is it true that noise complaints can be made to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Environment Line 24 hours a day seven days a week but investigation and enforcement is not immediate and may be some days later?
  - (3) Is it true that the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline was to be reviewed after three years as set out in the 'Interim Construction Noise Guideline information sheet' published in July 2009?
  - (4) With respect to LA Q5196, what action has been taken to review the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline since May 2017 (to 29 May 2019)?
  - (5) What community consultation has been carried out for this review?
  - (6) How does the Government ensure that new technologies are used in projects and activities covered by the 2009 Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
  - (7) When does the Government expect changes to the Interim Construction Noise Guideline?
  - (8) What further action does the Government plan to provide strong protection for citizens affected by construction noise?
- 0723 WORKERS COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIREFIGHTERS) BILL 2018 ADDITIONAL FUNDS—Mr Clayton Barr to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- (1) What is the total additional amount of funds expected to be required, per annum, to adequately cover the expected costs of the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 introduced and debated in November 2018?
  - (2) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 expected to be recouped from the following groups:
    - (a) Local councils;
    - (b) Insurance premiums?
  - (3) What is the total value of additional funds required to cover the Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Bill 2018 that you expect to contribute from the consolidated funds of the NSW Budget?
- 0724 CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- Considering the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what figures were used to determine the projected increase in costs to the Emergency Services Levy as a result of anticipated new workers compensation claims resulting from one of the twelve specific work related cancers for volunteer and career firefighters?
- 0725 CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- With regards to the recent changes to the increased contribution target associated with the Emergency Services Levy, what consultation occurred with key stakeholders prior to the increase in costs associated with the Emergency Services Levy which will commence on 1 July 2019?
- 0726 IMPROVING STREAMS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) In each year from 1969 to 2019 (to 29 May 2019), how much did it cost to fully ameliorate the coast of flooding in each of the following streams:
    - (a) Tweed;
    - (b) Richmond;
    - (c) Clarence;
    - (d) Hastings;
    - (e) Manning?
- 0727 FUNDING FOR LOVE BITES PROGRAM—Ms Jenny Aitchison to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Will the Minister provide funding to the Love Bites Program for all State secondary schools in the 2019-20 Budget?
    - (a) If not, why not?
- 0728 DREDGING OF THE ENTRANCE CHANNEL—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How much money has been allocated to dredging of The Entrance channel over the last four years?  
(a) Has all the monies been expended?  
(b) Has the funded dredging program been completed?
- 0729 LAKE ILLAWARRA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Has the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program been finalised with the Government?  
(a) If not, why not and when is it expected to be finalised?  
(b) If so:  
(i) Has the Program been made publicly available?  
(i) If so, how can it be accessed?
- 0730 SOCIAL HOUSING IN THE KEIRA ELECTORATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, what was the average waiting time for a priority NSW Housing applicant to be housed in the Keira electorate?  
(2) In each financial year from 2009-10 to 2018-19, how many NSW Housing applicants on a 'General' housing wait list were allocated properties?
- 0731 REBATES AND SUBSIDIES FOR RECHARGEABLE ELECTRIC POWERED VEHICLES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- Will consideration be given to introducing a rebate or subsidy to the residents of New South Wales who purchase a new rechargeable electric powered motor vehicle to encourage and facilitate the lowering of emissions from fossil fuel powered vehicles?
- 0732 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER FIRE SAFETY ORDERS CITY OF SYDNEY—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) Have only seven fire safety orders been issued to building owners in the City of Sydney, despite there being over 340 buildings on the combustible cladding register (as at 6 June 2019)?  
(2) Will the Government stand by its commitment to require all buildings on the register to carry out fire risk assessments?
- 0733 COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING REGISTER CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN AREA—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) How many buildings in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area are on the combustible cladding register?  
(a) How many of those buildings have been issued with a fire safety order?
- 0734 FRANK BAXTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) What is the number of staff in the following categories that work at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre:  
(a) Teachers/educators?  
(b) Wardens?  
(c) Administration and support?  
(d) Health and medical?  
(2) How many people are employed in Aboriginal cultural education and support programs at the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre?
- 0735 GOVERNMENT OWNED LAND—Ms Julia Finn to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- What land does the Government own in the Granville electorate as at 29 May 2019?
- 0736 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Treasurer representing the Minister for Finance and Small Business—
- In regards to the trial of on-the-spot fines for drug possession held over the 2019 Australia Day weekend at Electric Gardens at Centennial Park, Hardcore Til I Die and Rolling Out Loud at Sydney

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- Showgrounds, what was the total amount of revenue raised through the infringements issued through the duration of the trial?
- 0737 RELOCATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS FROM SYDNEY TO WOLLONGONG—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- How many public sector jobs have been relocated from Sydney CBD to Wollongong since the Government announced its "Decade of Decentralisation" policy (to 30 May 2019)?
- 0738 DEMENTIA STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL COUNCILS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veterans—
- Considering the Committee for Sydney found in its recent report, 'Dignity and Choice: an inclusive future for our ageing population' that 300,000 New South Wales residents are expected to be living with dementia by 2050 and that councils are yet to develop adequate dementia strategies, how will the Minister address this issue?
- 0739 TRANSFER OF PEOPLE INTO THE MOUNT DRUITT ALLOCATION ZONE—Mr Edmond Atalla to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- How many people have been transferred into the Mount Druitt allocation zone, as a result of a Family and Community Services initiated transfer, from other allocation zones as at 4 June 2019?
- 0740 DRUG POSSESSION ON-THE-SPOT FINES TRIAL AT FESTIVALS—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) In regards to the trial of on-the-spot fines for drug possession held over the 2019 Australia Day weekend at Electric Gardens at Centennial Park, Hardcore Til I Die and Rolling Out Loud at Sydney Showgrounds:
- (a) What evaluation has been undertaken in regards to the trial?  
(b) Under what conditions will the trial be made permanent?  
(c) When will a decision be made as to whether the trial will be made permanent?
- 0741 COST OF PROVIDING CRISIS ACCOMMODATION—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How much did providing temporary/crisis housing in the Gosford electorate cost in the following financial years:
- (a) 2013-14;  
(b) 2014-15;  
(c) 2015-16;  
(d) 2016-17;  
(e) 2017-18?
- (2) How much did providing temporary/crisis housing across the Central Coast cost in the following financial years:
- (a) 2013-14;  
(b) 2014-15;  
(c) 2015-16;  
(d) 2016-17;  
(e) 2017-18?
- 0742 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How many rough sleepers were homed following the intervention by City of Sydney and the Government in 2017?
- (2) How many homeless people were homed on the Central Coast in the following financial years:
- (a) 2013-14;  
(b) 2014-15;  
(c) 2015-16;  
(d) 2016-17;  
(e) 2017-18?
- 0743 AMATEUR FISHING LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales—

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

- 0744 ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE BUDGET—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Why has the Government reduced capital expenditure funding to the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) by more than 30 per cent in the NSW Budget 2019-20, in light of the record numbers of Indigenous families waiting for housing?
  - (2) Why has the Government underspent the AHO budget by \$16.3 million in 2018-19 (as at 20 June 2019)?
- 0745 WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Mr David Mehan to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Considering that in the NSW Budget 2019-20 publication referred to as 'Election Commitments' there is an entry at page 029 for "Water quality investigations at Terrigal Beach and Tuggerah Lakes", have any moneys been advanced towards this commitment in the 2019-20 financial year?
    - (a) What arrangements have been put in place to meet the commitment?
- 0746 HOUSING IN GRIFFITH—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- Considering that there are up to 2,175 homeless people living in Griffith in any given year, and another 2,796 people live in marginal housing and struggling as they have to pay as much as 50 per cent of their weekly income on rent, how is the Government addressing housing in Griffith?
- 0747 DEER CONTROL PROGRAM FOR NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) When will the commitment of \$9 million for a deer control program in New South Wales, announced by the Deputy Premier in February 2018, be delivered?
  - (2) Will the program include a pilot research project to be delivered by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services into deer control techniques?
  - (3) How much of the \$9 million commitment will be spent in the Illawarra?
    - (a) How will these funds be spent?
  - (4) When will the program commence and conclude in the Illawarra?
  - (5) Will the Government consult with Wollongong Council in the design and implementation of this program?
- 0748 PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE WOLLONGONG ELECTORATE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) How many people are on the waiting list for public housing in the Wollongong electorate as at 30 May 2019?
  - (2) How long is the average wait for people on the public housing waiting list to secure housing in the Wollongong electorate?
- 0749 COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) What month in 2016 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:
    - (a) Heathcote;
    - (b) Keira;
    - (c) Wollongong;
    - (d) Kiama;
    - (e) Shellharbour;
    - (f) South Coast?
  - (2) What month in 2017 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:
    - (a) Heathcote;
    - (b) Keira;
    - (c) Wollongong;
    - (d) Kiama;
    - (e) Shellharbour;
    - (f) South Coast?

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- (3) What month in 2018 were the annual compliance assessments completed for the following electorates:
- Heathcote;
  - Keira;
  - Wollongong;
  - Kiama;
  - Shellharbour;
  - South Coast?
- (4) Have any of the annual compliance assessments been completed in 2019 for the following electorates (as at 30 July 2019)?
- Heathcote;
  - Keira;
  - Wollongong;
  - Kiama;
  - Shellharbour;
  - South Coast?
- (5) If compliance assessments completed were completed for any of the electorates in (4), in which month were they completed?
- 0750 ON DEMAND BUS SERVICES SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK—Ms Lynda Voltz to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- What has been the patronage of the on-demand bus services between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe?
  - Are there any plans to cancel the on-demand bus services between Sydney Olympic Park and Lidcombe?
    - If so, will the 401 service be restored to its former route, including Sydney Olympic Park, and services between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm?
- 0751 BULLI HOSPITAL FACILITY COMPLETION DATE—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- Considering the response to LA Q0005 on Bulli Hospital, you replied that the Bulli Hospital facility was on schedule for completion this year, yet in the NSW Budget 2019-20 Papers the completion date is June 2020, which date is correct?
- 0752 PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- In the Budget Estimates 2017-18, \$9 million was allocated for an additional 30 palliative care nurses, could you please advise the local health districts they were allocated?
  - What are the locations of the 100 new palliative care nurses (as stated in NSW Budget Papers 2019-20)?
  - How many of the 100 new palliative care nurses will be employed in this financial year 2019-20?
  - How many will be Aboriginal Health workers?
  - How many of the Aboriginal Health workers will be employed in this financial year 2019-20?
  - Which wards have been targeted for refurbishment?
  - Which wards will be refurbished in this financial year 2019-20?
- 0753 AUSLAN INTERPRETERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- Does the Department of Health directly employ any Auslan interpreters?
    - If so, how many?
    - If not, which providers does the Department of Health use?
  - How many Auslan Interpreters were used in 2018 in each Local Health District?
  - What is the wait time for an Auslan Interpreter in each Local Health District?
  - Does the Department of Health have any plans to hire more Auslan interpreters?
- 0754 CATARACT SURGERIES—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- What are the health district locations for the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries (as stated in the NSW Budget Papers 2019-20) to take place?
  - How many of the additional 10,000 cataract surgeries will take place in this financial year 2019-20?
  - What are the health district locations for the additional cataract surgeries this financial year?

- 0755 COOGEE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) How many students are enrolled at each of the schools in the electorate of Coogee, broken down by school (as at 30 July 2019)?
  - (2) At what capacity (utilisation) are each of these schools?
- 0756 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE COOGEE ELECTORATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- What is the school maintenance backlog, as at 30 July 2019, for every school in the electorate of Coogee, broken down by school?
- 0757 SPOT REZONINGS COOGEE ELECTORATE—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- How many spot rezonings have been used in the electorate of Coogee, in each year, since the legislation that allowed the practice was introduced in 2012 (as at 30 July 2019)?
- 0758 BOARDING HOUSES UNDER AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—
- Since 2009, how many boarding houses under the new Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy have been approved in the electorate of Coogee, by calendar year (as at 30 July 2019)?
- 0759 EASTERN SUBURBS BUS SERVICES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) Considering the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSESLR) is opening at capacity, will the Government exclude the cancelation of existing bus services that operate in the Eastern Suburbs, in particular the
    - (a) 372;
    - (b) 373;
    - (c) X73;
    - (d) 374;
    - (e) 376;
    - (f) M50?
- 0760 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE LYMPHOEDEMA MANAGEMENT HOURS—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- What staffing full-time equivalent, or hours per week, is dedicated specifically to lymphoedema management at Orange Health Service?
- 0761 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE UNPAID LYMPHOEDEMA SERVICES—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- Has a lymphoedema physiotherapist at Orange Health Service been providing unpaid lymphoedema management for the past 12 months (to 30 July 2019)?
- 0762 ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE LYMPHOEDEMA SERVICES ANNUAL BUDGET—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- What is the annual budget for lymphoedema services at Orange Health Service?
- 0763 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN THE WESTERN NSW AND FAR WEST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research representing the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women—
- (1) How many mental health beds are available in the Western NSW Local Health District?
    - (a) Of these beds, how many are:
      - (i) Acute mental health beds;
      - (ii) Sub-acute mental health beds;
      - (iii) Youth mental health beds;
      - (iv) Children's mental health beds?
  - (2) How many mental health beds are available in the Far West Local Health District?
    - (a) Of these beds, how many are:



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- (i) Acute mental health beds;
- (ii) Sub-acute mental health beds;
- (iii) Youth mental health beds;
- (iv) Children's mental health beds?

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

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

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

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

0766 INCENTIVES FOR REGIONAL BUSINESSES—Mrs Helen Dalton to ask the Treasurer—

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

0767 COMMENCEMENT OF THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT—Mr Paul Lynch 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—

When do you propose the Modern Slavery Act will commence?

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

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

0769 STATE HERITAGE REGISTER SITE SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS—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—

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

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

- (1) Considering your answer to LA Q0185, can you provide an itemised breakdown of how many students residing in Edmondson Park are enrolled at each of the following schools (as at 30 July 2019):
  - (a) Prestons Public School;
  - (b) Dalmeny Public School;
  - (c) Bardia Public School;
  - (d) Casula Public School;
  - (e) John Edmondson High School?

0771 TRANSPORT ACCESS PROGRAM CRITERIA—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) Considering advice received in correspondence on 10 July 2019 from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads that criteria for project upgrades under the Transport Access Program "also

examines Opal data, demographics, expected future growth, and proximity to key facilities such as education and health, opportunities for development and on the ground site investigations", what are the specific abovementioned criteria for each of the following stations:

- (a) Macquarie Fields Station;
- (b) Clarendon Station;
- (c) Como Station?

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

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

0773 PRECINCT PLANS—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

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

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

- (1) Was Her Honour Children's Magistrate D. Maher appointed as a Children's Magistrate by the Chief Magistrate?
  - (a) If so, on what date was she appointed?

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

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

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

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

0778 HOSPITALS SECURITY AUDITS—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) Could the Minister advise if the security audits into the following emergency departments, recommended by the interim report into improvements to security in hospitals by Peter Anderson in February 2019, have been completed:
  - (a) Bankstown Lidcombe Hospital;
  - (b) Blacktown Hospital;
  - (c) Blue Mountains Hospital;
  - (d) Byron District Hospital;
  - (e) Calvary Mater;
  - (f) Cooma Hospital;
  - (g) Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital;
  - (h) John Hunter Hospital;
  - (i) Nepean Hospital;
  - (j) Orange, noting co-location with Bloomfield;
  - (k) Prince of Wales;
  - (l) Royal Prince Alfred;
  - (m) Royal North Shore;
  - (n) Shoalhaven;
  - (o) St Vincent's Hospital Sydney
  - (p) Tweed Heads Hospital
  - (q) Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital;
  - (r) Wellington Hospital;
  - (s) Wollongong Hospital;

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- (t) Wyong Hospital?
- (2) If so, what were the dates?
- (3) If not, when will the audits be completed?
- 0779 SOUTH COOGEE PUBLIC HOUSING PROPERTIES—Dr Marjorie O'Neill to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that public housing properties in South Coogee are not being neglected, with the intention of sale?
- (2) Can the sale of public housing be excluded in South Coogee, including the housing located at:
- (a) 7-11 Byron Street, Coogee;
- (b) 21 Gregory Street, South Coogee;
- (c) 14 Iluka Place, South Coogee;
- (d) Jenson Place South Coogee?
- 0780 OPAL TOWER REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS NSW BUDGET 2019-20—Ms Tania Mihailuk to ask the Minister for Better Regulation and Innovation—
- (1) Has any funding from the NSW Budget 2019-20 been allocated to implement the recommendations of the Opal Tower report?
- (a) What is the date of commencement of the funding?
- (b) Will these funds support the development of a registration scheme for engineers within New South Wales?
- (c) Will these funds support the appointment of a building commissioner?
- 0781 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many personal watercrafts (such as jet skis) are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by type?
- 0782 STOCKTON BEACH RECREATION VEHICLE AREA MOTORBIKE REGISTRATIONS—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- How many motorbikes are registered to use the Stockton Beach Recreation Vehicle Area?
- 0783 CARAVAN AND MOTOR HOME VEHICLES REGISTRATION FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many caravan and camper motor home vehicles are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by type?
- 0784 BOAT REGISTRATIONS FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many boats under seven metres are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by classification of vessels?
- (2) How many boats over seven metres are presently registered in the Fairfield electorate?
- (a) What is the breakdown by classification of vessels?
- 0785 FIREARM LICENCES FAIRFIELD ELECTORATE—Mr Guy Zangari to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—
- How many individual firearms licences are presently held within the Fairfield electorate?
- 0786 DIRT BIKES REGISTRATION—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- How many dirt bikes are registered in New South Wales?
- 0787 WOLLONGONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CLASSIFICATION - CUSTOMER SERVICE—Mr Paul Scully to ask the Minister for Local Government—
- (1) Is the Wollongong local government area classified as a regional or metropolitan area under funding programs administered by your Department and its agencies?
- (2) Is the classification in (1) determined by you as the lead Minister of the cluster portfolio?
- (3) Is there a regular review of classifications of local government areas for funding program eligibility?

- administered by your Department and its agencies?
- (a) If so, what are the findings and recommendations of these reviews?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- 0788 MICRO-BREWERIES AND SMALL DISTILLERIES LICENCE TRIAL—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Customer Service—
- (1) Will the Government extend the trial of the micro-breweries and small distilleries licence in Sydney's Inner West?
  - (2) What provisions are in place to ensure continuity and security for establishments operating under the existing trial?
  - (3) How many Inner West establishments are currently operating under a micro-breweries and small distilleries licence?
  - (4) How is the trial being monitored?
  - (5) What benchmarks must be achieved in order for the trial to be made permanent?
- 0789 PUBLIC SERVICE CONSOLIDATION—Mr Ryan Park to ask the Treasurer—
- (1) How much will be spent by the New South Wales taxpayer on the following:
    - (a) Consolidating the public service into eight super-departments?
    - (b) Abolishing the Office of Environment and Heritage, Office of Local Government, Barangaroo Delivery Authority and UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation?
    - (c) Rebadging the departments with new names?
    - (d) Moving offices?
    - (e) New stationery for all departments and staff?
    - (f) New websites?
- 0790 NEW INQUEST INTO DEATHS OF CINDY SMITH AND MONA SMITH—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- Will you authorise or apply for a new inquest into the death of Cindy Smith and Mona Smith?
- 0791 LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) How many people applied to Legal Aid NSW for assistance in criminal matters in 2018-19?
    - (a) Of those referred to above, how many applicants were represented by Legal Aid?
- 0792 RECOGNITION PAYMENTS VICTIMS OF CRIME—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- What was the average time taken from lodgement to determination for recognition payments applications by victims of crime in each financial year from 2016-17 to 2019-20 (as at 30 July 2019)?
- 0793 JUST REINVEST NSW—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) How much money has been provided by the Government to Just Reinvest NSW since 1 July 2017 (as at 30 June 2019)?
  - (2) How much money has been provided by the Government to Cowra Justice Reinvestment since 1 July 2017 (as at 30 June 2019)?
- 0794 DEATHS ON BOURKE-ENNGONIA ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) What process is occurring between the NSW Police Force and the families of Jacinta Rose Smith and Mona Lisa Smith, who were killed on the Bourke-Enngonia Road in December 1987?
    - (a) When did that process commence?
    - (b) When is it proposed that it will cease?
- 0795 INQUESTS AND DEATHS REPORTED IN 2018—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—
- (1) How many inquests were completed in New South Wales in 2018?
  - (2) How many deaths in New South Wales were reported to the Coroner in 2018?

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- 0796 WATER LEAK WOODLANDS ROAD—Mr Paul Lynch to ask the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—  
What action do you propose to take in relation to the substantial water leak from premises in Woodlands Road, Liverpool, which was the subject of representations to you dated 22 July 2019?
- 0797 BARDIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- (1) Considering your answer to Question LA Q207, what are the traffic warrants for the intersection of Arthur Allen Drive and New MacDonald Road that need to be achieved before a pedestrian crossing can be installed outside Bardia Public School?
  - (2) How many pedestrians cross New MacDonald Road in the one hour duration immediately before and after school hours?
  - (3) How many cars travel on New MacDonald Road in the one hour duration immediately before and after school hours?
  - (4) Considering your answer to Question LA Q207 and the fact the new intersection of Campbelltown Road and New MacDonald Road has now opened, when will work start on converting the former MacDonald Road into a long kiss 'n' ride zone and 40 vertical parking spaces for Bardia Public School?
- 0798 UPGRADING MACQUARIE FIELDS RAILWAY STATION AMOUNT—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—  
Considering your answer to LA Q186, can you confirm that no money has been spent on upgrading Macquarie Fields railway station from 1 July 2018 (as at 30 July 2019)?
- 0799 Q FEVER VACCINATIONS—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—  
Will the Government commit to funding Q fever vaccinations and the associated pre-vaccination screening costs for people aged 15 years and over whose work puts them in contact with high-risk animals or animal products?
- 0800 EDMONDSON PARK RAILWAY STATION ADDITIONAL COMMUTER CARPARK—Mr Anoulack Chanthivong to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- (1) When is construction of the proposed additional commuter carpark at Edmondson Park railway station expected to commence?
  - (2) When is construction expected to be completed?
  - (3) What can commuters who struggle to find a carpark do in the interim?
- 0801 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES—Mr Roy Butler to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services—  
Will the Government commit to funding replacement vehicles for the State Emergency Services in White Cliffs and Broken Hill that are reliable and fit for purpose, to travel the geographical distances required in an efficient manner and carry the range of equipment necessary for emergency rescue operations in remote landscapes?
- 0802 KARIONG CORRECTIONAL CENTRE HEALTH AND MEDICAL STAFFING—Ms Liesl Tesch to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—  
What is the number of health and medical staff that work at the Kariong Correctional Centre?
- 0803 PRIORITY AND GENERAL HOUSING APPLICANT WAITING PERIODS—Ms Anna Watson to ask the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services—
- (1) What was the average wait time for a priority housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
  - (2) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?
  - (3) What was the average wait time for a general housing applicant to be housed in the Shellharbour electorate in each financial year from 2011-12 to 2018-19 (to 30 May 2019)?
  - (4) How do the above figures compare to the average wait time across New South Wales for the same year?

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- 0804 ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATIONS IN THE ORANGE ELECTORATE—Mr Philip Donato to ask the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads—
- (1) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are currently in operation in the Orange electorate as at 5 June 2019?
    - (a) Where are electric vehicle recharge stations located?
  - (2) How many electric vehicle recharge stations are planned or proposed for the Orange electorate?
    - (a) Where will these be located?
- 0805 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ATTITUDES—Ms Jo Haylen to ask the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education representing the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—
- Considering the findings of the National Community Attitudes Towards Violence Against Women Survey regarding the attitudes of a significant amount of young people to sexual assault and domestic violence, how is the Government working to change attitudes amongst young men in public schools?
- 0806 ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS—Mr Alex Greenwich to ask the Minister for Energy and Environment—
- (1) Considering the NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework 2015, what assessment has been made on how stronger environmental procurement requirements could boost recycling and green industries in New South Wales?
  - (2) What other environmental benefits were identified if stronger environmental procurement requirements were introduced?
  - (3) Which industries were identified to benefit?
- 0807 WICKED CAMPER VANS ON NEW SOUTH WALES ROADS—Ms Janelle Saffin to ask the Minister for Transport and Roads—
- What action has been taken or under consideration regarding a national cross-jurisdictional approach to rid our roads of Wicked Camper vans as their slogans can be misogynistic and racist?
- 0808 PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH TOURETTE'S SYNDROME—Ms Sonia Hornery to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Research—
- Considering how misunderstood Tourette's Syndrome is, are there any specific programs to help address challenges faced by people living with Tourette's Syndrome in New South Wales?

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<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Amount paid on claims that occurred during the 2017-18 financial year</b>
Albury	\$283,862.79
Auburn	\$74,895.77
Ballina	\$240,702.67
Balmain	\$229,593.01
Bankstown	\$146,339.84
Barwon	\$537,579.81
Bathurst	\$342,583.93
Baulkham Hills	\$148,269.51
Bega	\$185,911.34
Blacktown	\$472,708.34
Blue Mountains	\$310,630.20
Cabramatta	\$47,644.72
Camden	\$369,875.87
Campbelltown	\$145,284.30
Canterbury	\$176,672.54
Castle Hill	\$170,982.94
Cessnock	\$266,562.41
Charlestown	\$98,394.60
Clarence	\$783,759.75
Coffs Harbour	\$223,141.01
Coogee	\$27,586.06
Cootamundra	\$275,764.20
Cronulla	\$31,352.23
Davidson	\$101,097.92
Drummoyne	\$97,419.58
Dubbo	\$306,187.98
East Hills	\$42,279.88
Epping	\$372,077.27
Fairfield	\$190,846.03
Gosford	\$415,572.82
Goulburn	\$356,864.02
Granville	\$209,244.26
Hawkesbury	\$167,233.39
Heathcote	\$199,235.63
Heffron	\$379,065.21
Holsworthy	\$209,768.99
Hornsby	\$6,467.04
Keira	\$204,146.97
Kiama	\$216,764.47
Kogarah	\$238,147.76
Lake Macquarie	\$300,211.17
Lakemba	\$116,862.51
Lane Cove	\$28,924.71
Lismore	\$474,162.39
Liverpool	\$427,297.70
Londonderry	\$14,141.56
Macquarie Fields	\$144,314.52
Maitland	\$946,560.90
Manly	\$53,499.57
Maroubra	\$15,589.71
Miranda	\$134,304.60

<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Amount paid on claims that occurred during the 2017-18 financial year</b>
Monaro	\$657,771.22
Mount Druitt	\$614,270.06
Mulgoa	\$61,688.11
Murray	\$404,457.14
Myall Lakes	\$252,207.63
Newcastle	\$254,484.07
Newtown	\$48,445.20
North Shore	\$58,780.66
Northern Tablelands	\$347,539.47
Not in New South Wales	\$66,764.58
Oatley	\$159,777.53
Orange	\$282,760.77
Oxley	\$751,271.42
Parramatta	\$120,499.98
Penrith	\$192,719.12
Port Macquarie	\$482,754.33
Port Stephens	\$125,371.24
Prospect	\$250,875.81
Riverstone	\$78,897.81
Ryde	\$84,359.22
Seven Hills	\$116,929.92
Shellharbour	\$52,264.81
South Coast	\$302,463.81
Strathfield	\$1,727.78
Summer Hill	\$4,539.98
Swansea	\$222,369.79
Sydney	\$5,060.90
Tamworth	\$222,124.27
Terrigal	\$176,544.34
The Entrance	\$160,326.29
Tweed	\$101,241.21
Vaucluse	\$129,982.66
Wagga Wagga	\$392,045.06
Wakehurst	\$132,496.79
Wallsend	\$390,766.19
Willoughby	\$128,164.16
Wollondilly	\$374,615.64
Wollongong	\$336,686.15
Wyong	\$125,753.77

The data provided is as at 31 May 2019 and does not separate compensation paid to employees from the overall cost of managing claims.