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*982 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) How many home units were approved by Sutherland Shire Council:
 - (a) Between 8 September 2012 and 7 September 2013?
 - (b) Between 8 September 2013 and 7 September 2014?
 - (c) Between 8 September 2014 and 23 June 2015?
 - (d) Between 24 June 2015 and 31 May 2016?
- (2) How many villas and town houses were approved by Sutherland Shire Council:
 - (a) Between 8 September 2012 and 7 September 2013?
 - (b) Between 8 September 2013 and 7 September 2014?
 - (c) Between 8 September 2014 and 23 June 2015?
 - (d) Between 24 June 2015 and 31 May 2016?

Answer—

Planning statistics are a matter for the Minister for Planning.

*983 PLANNING—SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) How many home units were approved by Sutherland Shire Council:
 - (a) Between 8 September 2012 and 7 September 2013?
 - (b) Between 8 September 2013 and 7 September 2014?
 - (c) Between 8 September 2014 and 23 June 2015?
 - (d) Between 24 June 2015 and 31 May 2016?
- (2) How many villas and town houses were approved by Sutherland Shire Council:
 - (a) Between 8 September 2012 and 7 September 2013?
 - (b) Between 8 September 2013 and 7 September 2014?
 - (c) Between 8 September 2014 and 23 June 2015?
 - (d) Between 24 June 2015 and 31 May 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that this question would be best directed to Sutherland Shire Council.

*984 PLANNING—PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT COMMISSION IN SUTHERLAND—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) What developments were approved by the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission in the Sutherland Local Government Area between 8 September 2012 and 31 May 2016?
- (2) How many home units have been approved by the Planning and Assessment Commission in the Sutherland Local Government Area
 - (a) Between 8 September 2012 and 29 July 2013?
 - (b) Between 29 July 2013 and 23 June 2015?
 - (c) Between 24 June 2015 and 31 May 2016?

Answer—

I am advised that all determinations made by the independent Planning and Assessment Commission are available at www.pac.nsw.gov.au

*985 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ROOKWOOD GENERAL CEMETERIES RESERVE TRUST—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Why did members of the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust recently resign?
- (2) Were previous Trust Board members paid?
- (3) What is the remuneration package of the recently appointed administrator of the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust?
- (4) What is the total amount paid in salaries to staff employed by the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust?
- (5) Has the Administrator any previous experience in the operations of publicly owned cemeteries?
- (6) Was the position subject to public advertisement or expressions of interest?
- (7) Is there a specified period of appointment for the administrator?
- (8) Was consideration given, in the interest of saving public expense, to appointing an administrator from the Department?
- (9) Was there consideration given to appointing a suitable voluntary member of the public to ensure the ongoing oversight of the Trust without the cost of a paid administrator? If not, why not?
- (10) When was the Department made aware of the resignation of certain Trust members?
- (11) When was the Minister made aware of the resignation of certain Trust members?

Answer—

- (1) to 11. On 1 July 2016 the NSW Government released the independent investigation report into Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust, and announced the NSW Government's response to this report.

Further information is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/land-and-water/cemeteries-crematoria.

*986 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—APIARY INDUSTRY EXTENSION OFFICERS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many apiary industry extension officers (in equivalent full time figures) were employed by the Department of Primary Industries during the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) to e. 3 FTE
 - f. 5 FTE

*987 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN CEMETERIES UNIT—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What was the total cost of running the Crown Cemeteries Unit in the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16 (to date)
- (2) How many staff were employed in the Crown Cemeteries Unit in the following years:

- (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16 (to date)
- (3) How many staff were employed in the Crown Cemeteries Unit with a total remuneration package (including pro-rata) of more than \$120,000 per annum for the following years:
- (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16 (to date)

Answer—

(1) 2. and 3.

(a) to d. Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW (CCNSW) was formed in November 2014. Prior to November 2014, work was undertaken on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries by departmental resources assisted by a Crown Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

e. 2014-15

The CCNSW Annual Report 2014-2015 provides the requested financial information.

f. 2015-16 (to date)

The CCNSW Annual Report 2015-2016 will provide the requested financial information for the full financial year.

*988 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LANDS STAFF—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

(1) How many staff (in equivalent full time figures) were employed in the Crown Lands Division of the Department of Primary Industries during the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11
- (b) 2011-12
- (c) 2012-13
- (d) 2013-14
- (e) 2014-15
- (f) 2015-16

Answer—

(1)

(a) 2010-11 – 364.41

(b) 2011-12 – 367.5

(c) 2012-13 – at March - 298.11

(d) 2013-14 – 348.93

(e) 2014-15 – 344.23

(f) 2015-16 – 518.81 - From 1 July 2015, the Crown Lands Division ceased to exist as a discrete entity/function within the Department of Primary Industries. The functions that previously made up the Crown Lands Division are now encompassed in the Department of Primary Industries - Land and Natural Resources.

*989 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ROOKWOOD GENERAL CEMETERIES RESERVE TRUST—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the total expenditure of the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust in the current financial year?
- (2) What is the total income of the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust in the current financial year?
- (3) What is the total amount of funds in accounts managed and/or controlled by the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust as at 31 May 2016?

Answer—

- (1) Total expenditure for Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust (RGCRT) for the period July 2015 to April 2016 is \$14,100,775.
- (2) Total Income for RGCRT for the period July 2015 to April 2016 is \$21,183,415 comprised of:
 - revenue from operations for RGCRT is \$16,488,436; and
 - income from investments/other income is \$4,694,979.
- (3) Total Funds under management as of 30 April 2016 is \$106,371,753.

*990 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—ROOKWOOD GENERAL CEMETERIES RESERVE TRUST ANNUAL REPORT—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What was the cost of producing and distributing the Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust 2015 annual report?
- (2) Was the layout and potential cost of the most recent annual report discussed with the Department of Primary Industries?
- (3) When did the Department receive a copy of the most recent annual report?
- (4) When did the Minister or his office receive a copy of the most recent annual report?
- (5) When did the Minister table the most recent 2015 annual report?
- (6) Were any questions raised by the Department, the Minister or the Minister's office in relation to the cost of producing, publishing and distributing the most recent annual report?

Answer—

- (1) - 6. An independent investigation into governance and operational concerns at RGCRT was carried out by CCNSW. This investigation considered, in part, concerns about some RGCRT expenditures, including expenses related to the Annual Report. This investigation report, and the NSW Government's response, is available at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/land-and-water/cemeteries-crematoria.

*991 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—OPAL CARDS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the full budget for delivering Opal machines that only have the capacity to dispense single trip Opal Cards?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are no machines that only have the capacity to dispense single trip Opal cards.

*992 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RMS REGISTRIES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many New South Wales motor registries have been shut down since 1 April 2011?
- (2) How many motor registries were open in New South Wales in April 2011?
- (3) How many motor registries were open in New South Wales in April 2016?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

*993 ARTS—PARRAMATTA FEMALE FACTORY MEMORY PROJECT—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What funding is currently allocated to support the emotional, psychological and physical needs of Parragirls involved in the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Memory Project?
- (2) What additional funding will be allocated in future terms to support the emotional, psychological and physical needs of Parragirls involved in the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Memory Project?
- (3) What plans are there to provide a place of recognition at the Parramatta Female Factory precinct for the experience of those who went through the place and the institutional abuse that happened there?

Answer—

In November 2014, the NSW Government announced the creation of a memorial at the site of the former Parramatta Girls' Home in North Parramatta.

Under the NSW Government's Arts and Cultural Development Program administered by Arts NSW, the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Memory Project is eligible to apply for funding. In 2016 Arts NSW provided \$32,000 in project funding for Living Traces: activating and archiving the graffiti traces and memories of the Parramatta Girls Home.

Questions regarding the emotional, psychological and physical needs of the Parragirls involved in the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct Memory Project should be referred to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*994 LANDS AND WATER—CONDAMINE-BALONNE IRRIGATION—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Does the Government have information about the annual amount of water extracted for irrigation from the Condamine-Balonne region before it reaches New South Wales for each of the past ten years?
 - (a) If so, how much water has been extracted for irrigation from the Condamine-Balonne region before it reaches New South Wales for each of the past ten years?
- (2) Does the Government have a record of the total annual flows from the Culgoa River into the Darling River?
 - (a) If so,
 - (i) how far back do these records go?
 - (ii) how much water has flowed from the Culgoa River into the Darling River for each of the past 50 years (or a lesser time period if records do not go back that far)?
- (3) Does the Government have information about the total annual water extractions for irrigation from the Condamine-Balonne region by Cubbie Station?
 - (a) If so, how much water has been extracted for irrigation by Cubbie Station from the Condamine-Balonne region for each of the past ten years?

Answer—

- (1) As water management is a state responsibility, this information is held by the Queensland Government. As such, the question should be directed to the Queensland Government.
- (2) This information is available to the public via the DPI Water website.
- (3) Refer to the answer to Question 1.

1 JUNE 2016

(Paper No. 61)

- *995 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

In the 'Gundagai Independent' on 26 May 2016, Temora Mayor and Local Government Boundaries Commissioner Rick Firman stated that the role of the Commission in relation to the 2016 merger proposals:

'...was to review the delegate's report and provide its comments to the minister. That role has not involved the commission re-examining the advantages and disadvantages of the merger proposal, holding public inquiries or calling for submissions'.

With respect to the 2016 merger proposals, is the role of the Local Government Boundaries Commission restricted to reviewing the delegate's report and providing comments to the Minister?

Answer—

The process for examining and reporting on merger proposals is set out in the Local Government Act 1993.

2 JUNE 2016

(Paper No. 62)

- *996 EMERGENCY SERVICES—HAZARD REDUCTION BURN SOUTH DURRAS—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

RFS Hazard reduction burns on Crown Land 92-94 at South Durras

- (1) What notice was given to local residents in South Durras regarding a hazard reduction burn that took place on 18 May 2016?
- (2) Is there a standard procedure for consultation and/or notification with local communities about planned burns,
 - (a) If so, what is it?
 - (b) If so, was it followed in relation to the hazard reduction burn on 18 May?
- (3) What were the circumstances that led to a planned low intensity fire becoming a high intensity fire?
- (4) What were the circumstances that led to the fire flare up on Monday 23 May only a few hundred metres from residential properties?
 - (a) Was there any monitoring of the fire by the Rural Fire Service post burn? If not why not?
- (5) What consultation took place with local conservation groups prior to the burn in relation to protecting old growth habitat trees?
- (6) As this parcel of Crown land is home to the listed as vulnerable Greater Glider and the Yellow Bellied Glider, what precautions were taken to ensure that important habitat trees were not damaged?
- (7) Is it the case that between five and six old growth (some at least 200 years old) habitat trees were destroyed in the fire, even though they had been tagged as significant habitat trees for Greater Gliders and Yellow Bellied Gliders?
- (8) What if any fire minimisation procedures such as raking around trees and watering down trunks were used during this hazard reduction burn?
- (9) As this parcel of Crown land sits adjacent to Murramarang National Park, what consultation was held with National Parks and Wildlife regarding the hazard reduction burn on 18 May 2016?
- (10) Are you aware of local reports that in some locations there remains a considerable amount of tree debris on the forest floor?
 - (a) What monitoring is in place to assess the tree debris remaining and/or caused after this hazard reduction burn?
- (11) Will tree debris be hand removed to reduce the bushfire risk including tree debris that has been piled up in the adjacent Murramarang National Park?

Answer—

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has advised me:

- (1) In accordance with the Rural Fires Act 1997 and Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code 2006, all adjoining properties and any others within 200 metres of the planned hazard reduction burn were provided with written notification at least 24 hours prior to the burn by way of letterbox drop. The planned burn was listed on the NSW RFS website three days prior to the burn commencing. Once the burn began, its status was updated on the "Fires Near Me" app.
- (2) The standard procedure for notification is as stated in (1) above and this was adhered to. In the early planning stages of this burn, all agencies - ie. National Parks and Wildlife (NPWS), Crown Land, Eurobodalla Shire Council and Forestry Corporation NSW - were consulted through interagency hazard reduction planning meetings.
A meeting with the above agencies, a number of key stakeholders and community members was held on 12 May 2015 to address issues and to discuss the actions to be undertaken by the NSW RFS.
- (3) The prescribed burn was designed to keep the fire at low intensity. Fuel moisture content and forecast weather conditions indicated it was appropriate to undertake this activity. In areas such as this it is always possible that isolated pockets of higher fuel loads may flare up. There is some evidence of increased intensity on the eastern side of the fire where fuel loads were particularly high.
- (4) A routine patrol on 23 May 2016 identified some renewed fire activity within the burnt area. However, at no time did this planned burn breach containment lines or pose any threat to properties.
- (5) Land management agencies including NPWS, Crown Lands, Eurobodalla Shire Council along with Friends of Durras and NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) representatives met in May 2015. During this meeting, a number of trees were identified requiring protection.
- (6) In consultation with Friends of Durras and land management agencies, the NSW RFS was engaged to rake and blow around identified trees. These works were completed prior to the commencement of the burn.
- (7) The NSW RFS is aware of one identified significant habitat tree having fallen during this hazard reduction. Following a post fire examination, it is understood this tree was structurally unsound prior to being impacted by fire.
- (8) In consultation with conservation groups and land management agencies, the NSW RFS was engaged to rake and blow around identified trees. These works were completed before the burn began. Watering down of trunks occurred where it was safe to do so. 2
- (9) NPWS attended interagency hazard reduction planning meetings during the early planning stages. NPWS also attended an onsite meeting on 12 May 2015. The prescribed burn supervisor was in regular communication with NPWS staff throughout the process. The NPWS also received notification of the planned activity 10 days, and again 24 hours, prior to the burn.
- (10) The objective of hazard reduction burning is to reduce available small leaf and fine fuels rather than removing all debris. Much of this unburnt larger debris provides valuable habitat without contributing to finer fuel loads. (a) Accumulated fuel loads will be monitored to ensure these do not exceed levels set out in the Eurobodalla Bush Fire Risk Management Plan.
- (11) See (10) above.

*997 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) Given the success of the 'Sustaining Tenancies Following Exits from Correctional Facilities' project in Broken Hill that ended in 2012 in reducing homelessness and recidivism, has the Government since implemented similar projects elsewhere in the State?
 - (a) If so, what are these projects and where are they located?
- (2) What services and supports does the Government provide to people leaving correctional facilities to:
 - (a) find and maintain housing

- (b) obtain employment
- (c) reintegrate into their communities?

Answer—

Learnings from projects similar to Sustaining Tenancies Following Exits from Correctional Facilities were incorporated into service delivery models following reform of the SHS system. Information about these services is on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*998 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) What strategy does the Government have in place to house the expected 27,000 to 40,700 people with disability requiring affordable housing once the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) becomes fully operational in 2018?
- (2) How will Family and Community Services (FACS) and Land and Housing Corporation manage increased demand for modifications of public housing under the NDIS?
- (3) Family and Community Services estimates that 16 assisted boarding houses will close between 2015/16 and 2017/18, which will see the loss of 347 beds. What plan does FACS have to rehouse people who will lose their homes?
- (4) What plan does FACS have in place to manage the expected increase in tenancy management required for public housing tenants once the NDIS is completed?

Answer—

- (1) Information on Future Directions programs to increase social and affordable housing is available on the Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au. All new dwellings will require a minimum of silver level liveable design.

These reforms complement the NDIS as the NDIA is supporting the market to increase housing options for people with disability, including through the specialist disability accommodation subsidy and by encouraging housing providers to develop innovative housing options with and for people who can live more independently with NDIS supports.

- (2) FACS will continue its current arrangements for assessing tenants requesting housing modifications to meet their mobility needs.
- (3) A Relocation Committee co-ordinates a service response from all agencies to meet the needs of residents affected by any closure.
- (4) Under Future Directions, the NSW Government is committed to improving social and affordable housing supply for people in social housing or accessing social housing supports

*999 MENTAL HEALTH—MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) Is there an Aboriginal-specific 24-hour crisis helpline for Aboriginal people seeking mental health assistance, where they can speak directly with Aboriginal crisis counsellors or counsellors with special skills and cultural understanding of Aboriginal mental health issues?
- (2) How much of the mental health budget is earmarked for Aboriginal mental health?
 - (a) What is the breakdown for:
 - (i) crisis intervention,
 - (ii) hospital-based services,
 - (iii) community mental health services, and
 - (iv) mental health promotion and education?

- (3) Has the National Health and Medical Research Council's Centre for Research Excellence in Suicide Prevention's proposed 'Suicide Prevention Framework' been implemented anywhere in New South Wales?
- (a) If so, where?
- (b) Are there specific Aboriginal services which adopt this approach?

Answer—

I am advised by the Minister for Mental Health:

The NSW Mental Health Line is a single state-wide telephone number, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to enable people concerned about a mental health issue to receive expert assistance from mental health professionals. Referrals from the Mental Health Line can be made to culturally safe and accessible mental health services and other mental health treatment and/or support services, for Aboriginal people.

The NSW Government will invest \$1.8 billion for mental health services in 2016-17 an increase of \$106 million from last year's budget. This includes support for Aboriginal people with mental illness.

The NSW Government supports the NSW Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Program. The program includes supports for local health districts and the Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network to employ Aboriginal Mental Health trainees and Aboriginal Clinical Leadership Mental Health positions.

The Government also supports Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to provide community mental health services, including crisis intervention, early intervention and mental health promotion.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services aims to improve access to therapeutic intervention for Aboriginal clients, their families and communities by providing culturally safe and competent services and to raise awareness of the impact of mental illness through the provision of information and education.

The Government also supports the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Centre of NSW for the promotion of state-wide mental health and social and emotional well-being of Aboriginal people in NSW.

The implementation of the Suicide Prevention Framework in Pilot sites is being undertaken by the Black Dog Institute in collaboration with NSW Health.

*1000 MENTAL HEALTH—MENTAL HEALTH UNDER THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What mental health conditions and illnesses will be covered by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and what mental health conditions and illnesses will be covered by NSW Health once the NDIS is fully operational?
- (2) Has New South Wales finalised an agreement with the National Disability Insurance Agency defining roles and responsibilities regarding mental health service provision under the NDIS?

Answer—

I am advised:

Eligibility for a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) package under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 is not diagnosis based and the Act does not identify particular mental health conditions that are covered by the NDIS. Eligibility is determined, in part, by whether a person meets the "disability requirement".

Under the Act a person meets the disability requirements if they:

- Have a disability attributable to an impairment, including a psychiatric condition; and
- The impairment is, or is likely to be permanent; and
- The impairment results in substantially reduced functional capacity; and
- The person's capacity for social or economic participation is impaired; and
- The person is likely to require support under the NDIS for their lifetime.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a set of Principles to Determine the Responsibilities of the NDIS and other Service Systems on 27 November 2015. These Principles outline the division of responsibilities between the NDIS and the mental health system for people with mental illness.

The mental health system will continue to provide acute and non-acute treatment services associated with stabilisation and management of mental illness, such as crisis, symptom and medication management, and establishment of pathways for longer term recovery.

The NDIS will be responsible for ongoing psychosocial recovery supports that focus on a person's functional ability, including those that enable people with mental illness to undertake activities of daily living and participate in the community and in social and economic life.

*1001 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BELONGIL BEACH ROCK WALL—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Can the Minister advise whether an application or request has been made to the Minister or the Department for the use of coastal Crown land for the purpose of the construction of a rock or seawall at Belongil Beach, Byron Bay, as outlined in the Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan that is currently on exhibition?
- (2) If such a request was received:
 - (a) Was approval given?
 - (b) Was advice sought from the Coastal Panel?
- (3) Has the Government given a commitment to make a financial contribution to the proposed works if they are to proceed?

Answer—

- (1) No application has been made to the Department of Primary Industries – Lands on this matter.
- (2)
 - (a) N/A
 - (b) N/A
- (3) No

*1002 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERMANS REACH SHELLFISH HARVEST AREA—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) On how many occasions in the past five financial years has the Fishermans Reach Harvest Area been placed in "Inactive Status"?
- (2) For how long did each 'Inactive Status' period remain in place?
- (3) Is there financial assistance available for oyster growers for any lost income as a result of the harvest area being placed in the "Inactive Status"?
- (4) If financial assistance is available, what form is that assistance?

Answer—

- (1) Once on 17 July 2014.
- (2) 23 months (the inactive status is still current).
- (3) No
- (4) N/A

*1003 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MACLEAY RIVER SHELLFISH COMMITTEE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How often have officers of the NSW Food Authority met with the Macleay River Shellfish Committee (MRSC)? Please provide the dates and venues for these meetings in the past five years.
- (2) Please provide the Government contributions to the (MRSC) since 2006-2007 for each financial year.
- (3) Please provide details of the growers' contributions to the (MRSC) for each financial year since 2006-2007.
- (4) Is the Macleay River Quality Assurance Program compliant? If not, when was the last time the Macleay River Quality Assurance Program was compliant?

- (5) If the Program is not compliant, what is the basis of the non-compliance?
 (6) What is the impact of non-compliance for oyster growers along the Macleay River?

Answer—

(1)	1901/2016	South West Rocks Country Club
	2905/2012	Mr John Elford's Shed

(2)	2006-07	\$9,463
	2007-08	\$9,463
	2008-09	\$10,759
	2009-10	\$10,980
	2010-11	\$10,973
	2011-12	\$11,342
	2012-13	\$12,100
	2013-14	\$12,503
	2014-15	\$8,729
	2015-16	\$8,952

(3)	2006-07	\$10,500
	2007-08	\$6,400
	2008-09	\$3,000
	2009-10	Nil
	2010-11	\$2,400
	2011-12	\$3,900
	2012-13	\$4,400
	2013-14	\$2,700
	2014-15	\$3,600
	2015-16	\$3,600

- (4) Yes
 (5) N/A
 (6) N/A

*1004 LANDS AND WATER—JACK EVANS BOAT HARBOUR—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Has the Minister received an application for a Crown land licence to operate an aquatic fun park at Jack Evans Boat Harbour in Tweed Heads?
 (2) Will the Minister commit to carry out direct consultation and engagement with the local community before approving any such licence application?
 (3) Is the Minister aware of community and visitor concerns regarding the design of the proposed fun park and its 'Gold Coast' style and its detracting from the existing natural, low-key existing character of the site?

Answer—

- (1) In April 2016, the Department of Primary Industries - Lands received a licence application. On 31 May 2016 the application was withdrawn.
 (2) N/A
 (3) N/A

*1005 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COBAKI-TERRANORA BROADWATER FISHERIES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

Is the Minister able to confirm if seafood taken from the Cobaki-Terranora Broadwater is safe from perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and/or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination?

Answer—

NSW EPA has written to Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd requesting a comprehensive investigation be undertaken into the nature, extent and movement of PFC contamination at the airport and on surrounding lands and waterways.

The EPA has asked them to urgently identify and investigate potential exposure pathways. The EPA will work with Queensland Airports Limited and the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection as the investigation develops.

The Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is the environmental regulator for the Gold Coast Airport. The EPA has no regulatory powers but it working with DIRD to progress an appropriate investigation.

Should you have any other questions relating to the investigation of PFOS/PFOA at Gold Coast airport I recommend you direct these to my colleague, the Minister for the Environment.

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(Paper No. 63)

*1006 HEALTH—NSW GOVERNMENT NURSING HOMES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) What are the names and addresses of Government owned residential aged care facilities?
- (2) How many direct care staff are employed at each facility?
- (3) For each facility, how many of the following members of staff are currently employed:
 - (a) registered nurses?
 - (b) enrolled nurses?
 - (c) assistants in nursing?
 - (d) personal care workers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to 3. The Honourable Member is referred to my response to question on notice in the Legislative Council No.962. Additionally, the names and addresses of NSW aged care services, government and non-government, residential and all others are available at: agedcare.health.gov.au/sites/g/files/net1426f/documents/02_2016/service_list_-_nsw.pdf

*1007 HEALTH—NSW GOVERNMENT NURSING HOMES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Which of the Government owned residential aged care facilities are licenced as a 'nursing home' under the Public Health Act 2010?

Answer—

I am advised:

NSW does not license nursing homes and has not done so since 1 January 2006.

Prior to the amendments to the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997 that commenced on 1 July 2014 and removed the distinction between "high care" and "low care", nursing homes in NSW that came under the definition of "nursing home" in the NSW Public Health Act 2010 were required by section 104 of the Public Health Act to have a registered nurse on duty at all times.

The changes to the Commonwealth Aged Care Act rendered the definition of the nursing home in the Public Health Act inoperable. In 2014, a transitional regulation inserted clause 95A into the Public Health

Regulation. This clause, which commenced on 1 August 2014, prescribes a "class of facilities" covered by the registered nurse requirement to include "a facility that was a nursing home for the purposes of the Act immediately before 1 July 2014". It effectively grandfathers facilities subject to the NSW requirements in place prior to 1 July 2014.

The NSW Public Health Act and Regulation apply to both government owned and privately owned residential aged care facilities in NSW.

*1008 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES OFFICE, ORANGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many equivalent full time positions were there at the Orange office of the Department of Primary Industries for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (2) What was the employee related expenses for the Orange office for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (3) How many positions were employed at a SES 1 or SO 1 remuneration level or above at the Orange DPI office for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.

Answer—

- (1) There are a range of Department of Industry staff based in Orange, including from the Department of Primary Industries. As such, the data provided includes all Departmental staff located at Orange (excluding casuals).
 - (a) 2010-11 – 616 FTE.
 - (b) 2011-12 – 608.1 FTE.
 - (c) 2012-13 – 474 Headcount (FTE not available).
 - (d) 2013-14 - 480 Headcount (FTE not available).
 - (e) 2014-15 - 599 Headcount (FTE not available).
 - (f) 2015-16. - 725 Headcount (FTE not available).
- (2) The Department is unable to provide a report of employee expenses by location. Costs are allocated to cost centres and/or projects and do not necessarily reflect the historic location where work was performed.
- (3) There are a range of Department of Industry staff based in Orange, including from the Department of Primary Industries. As such, the data provided includes all senior executive (equivalent) staff of the Department located at Orange.
 - (a) 2010-11 – 25.7 FTE.
 - (b) 2011-12 – 21.6 FTE.

- (c) 2012-13 – 40 Headcount (FTE not available).
- (d) 2013-14 – 38 Headcount (FTE not available).
- (e) 2014-15 – 58 Headcount (FTE not available).
- (f) 2015-16. – 45 Headcount (FTE not available).

*1009 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES STAFF, MLC BUILDING FOR LANDS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many Department of Primary Industries (DPI) equivalent full time positions were there at the MLC building office, Sydney for the following financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (2) What was the DPI employee related expenses for the MLC building office for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (3) How many DPI positions were employed at a SES 1 or SO 1 remuneration level or above at the MLC Building Office for the financial years:
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (4) What is the total annual rent paid by DPI for occupying levels of the MLC building for the following financial years
 - (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) The Department of Primary Industries took up occupancy in the MLC Centre in 2013.
 - (b) See answer to (a) above.
 - (c) 2012-13 – 102 Headcount
 - (d) 2013-14 – 120 Headcount
 - (e) 2014-15 – 44 Headcount
 - (f) 2015-16. – 62 Headcount
- (2) The Department is unable to provide a report of employee expenses by location. Costs are allocated to cost centres and/or projects and do not necessarily reflect the historic location where work was performed.

- (3)
- (a) and b. Refer to answer to 1(a) above.
 - c. 2012-13 – 10 Headcount
 - d. 2013-14 – 10 Headcount
 - e. 2014-15 – 8 Headcount
 - f. 2015-16. – 13 Headcount
- (4) DPI is a division of the Department of Industry (formerly NSW Trade & Investment) and is not charged separately for occupancy costs for space used the MLC Centre.

*1010 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LANDS OFFICES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How many equivalent full time positions were there for the financial years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 at the following Crown Lands offices?
- (a) Nowra
 - (b) Taree
 - (c) Goulburn
 - (d) Albury
 - (e) Wagga Wagga
 - (f) Hay
 - (g) Broken Hill
 - (h) Moree
 - (i) Armidale
 - (j) Newcastle
 - (k) Newington
 - (l) Maitland
 - (m) Coffs Harbour
 - (n) Grafton
 - (o) Tamworth
 - (p) Orange
 - (q) Dubbo
 - (r) Queens Square
 - (s) Parramatta.
- (2) What was the employee related expenses for each office listed in question 1 for the financial years:
- (a) 2010-11
 - (b) 2011-12
 - (c) 2012-13
 - (d) 2013-14
 - (e) 2014-15
 - (f) 2015-16.
- (3) What are the current opening times for each of the offices listed in question 1 when the public can visit to ask questions related to crown land tenures or crown land management issues in general?

Answer—

- (1) The following table provides a breakdown of headcount by year at each of the specified Crown Lands offices.

		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
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a	Nowra (Shoalhaven)	22.0	21.0	17.5	19	18	N/A
b	Taree (Greater Taree)	15.4	14.8	11.8	10	10	N/A
c	Goulburn	9.0	9.4	3.4	5	5	N/A
d	Albury	2.0	1.0	1.0	1	1	N/A
e	Wagga Wagga	11.9	8.9	8.9	11	9	N/A
f	Hay	4.4	4.4	2.6	1	1	N/A
g	Broken Hill	1.9	1.9	1.9	2	2	N/A
h	Moree	6.8	5.0	2.1	2	2	N/A
i	Armidale	6.3	5.6	2.5	4	3	N/A
j	Newcastle	55.8	58.5	67.9	97	113.56	N/A
k	Newington	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
l	Maitland	30.5	28.2	16.6	19	19	N/A
m	Coffs Harbour	4.0	4.9	2.9	3	3	N/A
n	Grafton (Clarence Valley)	24.5	23.1	30.3	57.2	49	N/A
o	Tamworth	9.4	11.9	8.8	10	9	N/A
p	Orange	11.2	10.8	6.7	5.4	5.4	N/A
q	Dubbo	39.9	38.9	33.7	60.4	58.27	N/A
r	Queens Square (Sydney)	38.4	46.0	24.7	3	1	N/A
s	Parramatta	36.9	37.1	27.1	24	22	N/A

NOTES:

2015-16 For 2015-16 Crown Lands did not exist as a discrete entity within DPI. Functions that previously made up Crown Lands blended into restructured Land and Natural Resources branch.

~~The~~ Department is unable to provide a report of employee expenses by location.

~~This~~ information is publicly available.

*1011 PLANNING—IRON GATES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) Can the Minister please advise of the outcome of the investigation that was being undertaken by the Office of Environment and Heritage into the alleged illegal clearing of native vegetation on the Iron Gates site in 2014, which was referred to in answer to question 0266 of Session 55-2 and question 0819 of session 56-1?
- (2) What further action is the Government taking in relation to the alleged illegal clearing of native vegetation on the Iron Gates site following the investigation? If no further action is to be taken, on what basis was this decision made?

Answer—

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Environment, as the Office of Environment and Heritage are responsible for the investigation.

*1012 PLANNING—IRON GATES—Ms Barham asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

- (1) In relation to consideration of the Draft Master Plan for the Iron Gates Residential Release, Evans Head, what consideration is the Government giving to the fact that remediation orders made by the Land and Environment Court in 1997 relating to the Iron Gates site have not been complied with?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning and Environment will consider and assess the draft Master Plan on its merits and according to the rules set out in the planning legislation. Under the planning legislation, proposals must be assessed in their planning merit, not on the basis of the past actions of former landowners.

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*1013 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WINDSOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) When did the Final Business Case gateway review for the Windsor Bridge Project take place?
- (2) Since February 2013 have any value management workshops been held for the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project? If so, when?
- (3) Has the final business case for this project been prepared?
- (4) As the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project has been included in the Budget Papers, on what date did the Minister seek approval from the Treasurer for the inclusion of the Windsor Bridge replacement project in the Capital Works Program?
- (5) How many risk assessments have occurred in relation to this project? When is the next one due to occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and 3. The final Business Case for the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project is being prepared.
2. No. Value management workshops were held in April 2012 and February 2013.
4. The approval of funding to progress the Windsor Bridge Replacement Project in the 2016-17

Budget was made a part of the budget process.

5. Risk assessment for this project is ongoing.

*1014 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (3) What were the steps that were implemented, in the form of various fees and charges, as a result of the anticipated effect on departmental budgets?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (4) Were there any legacy fees or charges, introduced as new in 2012-13 or 2013-14, still in place and still being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill in the 2015-2016 Budget?
- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1015 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

This matter falls within the responsibilities of the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy.

*1016 AGEING, DISABILITY SERVICES, MULTICULTURALISM—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
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- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to Question on Notice 1036.

*1017 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LANDS REFORMS AND LAND ADMINISTRATION MINISTERIAL CORPORATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) What is the scope and purpose of the ICT Systems upgrade that is required to implement new Crown Lands legislation, as referred to in 5-23 of the Infrastructure Statement 2016-17?
- (2) Regarding the disclosure of the Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation in Budget Paper No.3, can the Minister rule out the use of this vehicle for the sale and increased commercialisation of Crown Land in New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) The scope and purpose includes:
 - (a) Modernisation of the interface to the Crown Lands Information Database (CLID) for key business streams and to support the adjustments as a result of the new Crown Lands Legislation;
 - (b) Integration of spatial and textual (CLID) systems for key business streams to reduce the time staff spend interacting with multiple systems and deliver streamlined service delivery and improved customer service and outcomes; and
 - (c) Implementation of contemporary business intelligence software to improve the quality and accessibility of information to assist reporting on transactions and to assist the business in making informed decisions.
- (2) Yes.

*1018 TREASURER—TAX REDUCTION TRUST FUND—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What are the total amount of funds currently held in the Tax Reduction Trust Fund established by the Betting Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2015?
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of the funds currently held in the Tax Reduction Trust Fund according to each of the following racing codes:
 - (a) thoroughbred

- (b) harness
- (c) greyhound.
- (3) Please provide a breakdown of the Tax Reduction Trust Fund according to the financial year in which the funds were deposited, for:
 - (a) 2014/2015
 - (b) 2015/2016
 - (c) 2016/2017 (to date).
- (4) Please detail any payments made from the Tax Reduction Trust Fund since its inception.

Answer—

I am advised that questions (1) - (4) would be more appropriately directed to the Deputy Premier.

*1019 RACING—TAX REDUCTION TRUST FUND—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What are the total amount of funds currently held in the Tax Reduction Trust Fund established by the Betting Tax Legislation Amendment Act 2015?
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of the funds currently held in the Tax Reduction Trust Fund according to each of the following racing codes:
 - (a) thoroughbred
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- (3) Please provide a breakdown of the Tax Reduction Trust Fund according to the financial year in which the funds were deposited, for:
 - (a) 2014/2015
 - (b) 2015/2016
 - (c) 2016/2017 (to date).
- (4) Please detail any payments made from the Tax Reduction Trust Fund since its inception.

Answer—

- (1) \$2,397,312.73
- (2) The funds generated from the tax reductions are paid by TAB Limited directly to Racing NSW and Harness Racing NSW. Only the funds due to Greyhound Racing NSW are held in the Tax Reduction Trust Fund.

(3)	Financial Year	Amount (\$)
	2014/15	NIL
	2015/16	2,211,835.69
	2016/17 (to date)	185,477.04

~~(4)~~ payments have been made from the Tax Reduction Trust Fund since its inception.

*1020 ENVIRONMENT—WILD PLAY CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT CENTENNIAL PARK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) What is the budget for the proposed Wild Play Children's Garden at Centennial Park?
- (2) Has there been a cost increase in the proposed Wild Play Children's Garden at Centennial Park between 2014 and 2015?
 - (a) If yes, what was that increase and what was the reason for the increase?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) The budget for the Children's Wildplay Garden, which has been predominantly funded through donations and sponsorship, is \$3.75 million.
- (2) No.

*1021 HEALTH—HAZARD REDUCTION HEALTH IMPACT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

- (1) Is there any noticeable increase in respiratory conditions presenting at New South Wales hospitals when hazard reduction burning occurs?
- (2) Has there been any health based research undertaken by NSW Health into the effect of hazard reduction burning on the health of New South Wales residents?
 - (a) If yes, what research was undertaken and where is it available?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and 2. NSW Health has commenced a preliminary analysis of likely health impacts to the Sydney metropolitan area from periods of hazard reduction burning and is exploring the possibility of performing a study that considers the likely health impacts based on modeled exposures.

*1022 SPORT, TRADE, TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (3) What were the steps that were implemented, in the form of various fees and charges, as a result of the anticipated effect on departmental budgets?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (4) Were there any legacy fees or charges, introduced as new in 2012-13 or 2013-14, still in place and still being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill in the 2015-2016 Budget?
- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1023 PREMIER, WESTERN SYDNEY—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?

- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1024 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SKILLS, SMALL BUSINESS—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

I refer to the answer provided by the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy under Question on Notice 1036.

*1025 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, TREASURER—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?

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- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

I refer you to New South Wales Budget Papers.

*1026 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
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Answer—

I am advised:

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1027 LANDS AND WATER, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CROWN LANDS AND GOSFORD CITY PARK—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) When did Crown Lands inform the former Gosford City Council that it would need to pay \$3 million for Crown Land known as Gosford City Park, intended to become the site of the proposed Gosford Arts Centre?
- (2) Why did Crown Lands suddenly ask Council to purchase the site?
- (3) Will the Minister intervene to ensure that the Arts Centre can be built on this publicly owned land?
- (4) Will any sale be transacted through the Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation? If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Industry – Lands has not provided advice of this nature.
- (2) The Department has not asked Council to purchase the site.
- (3) The Department is providing appropriate advice to reach an amenable solution.
- (4) No.

*1028 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1029 EMERGENCY SERVICES, VETERANS AFFAIRS—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1030 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

With regard your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1031 ARTS, JUSTICE AND POLICE—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1032 RACING—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1033 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, SOCIAL HOUSING—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1034 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1035 EDUCATION—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1036 INDUSTRY, RESOURCES AND ENERGY—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

Information on NSW budgets can be found at www.budget.nsw.gov.au.

According to NSW Treasury analysis for the 2012-13 financial year, NSW electricity customers, including businesses and households, faced an estimated \$580 million bill through increased electricity prices.

The analysis confirmed that, as a direct result of Labor's carbon tax, NSW would be hit with a bill worth nearly \$1 billion in the 2012-13 financial year.

Treasury's analysis was based on a 62% carbon pass through rate.

*1037 HEALTH—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Health—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1038 ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

I am advised as follows:

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1039 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—COMMERCIAL FISHERIES BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Can the Minister guarantee all active fishers will be able to secure shares to bring them back to their present historical catch level?
- (2) How much are the shares going to cost? Is there a process for determining share value?
- (3) What will be the mechanism through which fishers are able to purchase any available shares?
- (4) How does the Minister envisage fishers can accurately complete loan applications that require them to provide future expected incomes given they have already had their catch history taken from them which affects their existing economic viability.
- (5) What was the process and calculations used to determine the mud crab quota and the eel quota?
- (6) Did active and non-active fishers receive equitable quota across all regions?
- (7) How will the Minister address and accommodate the complexities of each river and each fishery and the historic records of these fisheries in the implementation of the adjustment package?
- (8) What is the timeframe for the preparation and consultation regarding the regulations pertaining to these proposed changes?
- (9) Will there be scheduled reviews during implementation of the adjustment package?
- (10) Is the Minister aware that some commercial fishers are stating they are unable to get answers from the Department on availability of shares, amount of subsidy and other basic questions?
- (11) Will the Minister provide additional resources to the Department to enable them to answer questions from commercial fishers regarding the adjustment package?
- (12) Will active fishers with existing financial obligations based on the historic fisheries activities be able to return to their existing levels as at July 2017?
- (13) Will the 2019 review and Total Allowable Catch committee process result in fishers retaining surplus shares? Can you advise what value the review in 2019 will deliver? Will fishers be required to buy even more shares in 2019?

- (14) Can the Minister guarantee fishers the existing level of catch? If not, why not?
- (15) Will existing fishers be required to incur more debt to maintain their existing level of catch?
- (16) If fishers have their access and effort reduced in this process and have to invest to buy back that investment can the Minister clarify how this process makes the fishers more viable, puts more fish on the tables and secures the fishers access. What component in this process strengthens the linkages?
- (17) Does the linkage process mean that fishers need shares today to work?
- (18) What are the mechanisms to determine
 - (a) Whether some fishers have day restrictions?
 - (b) Whether some fishers have effort restrictions?
 - (c) Whether some fishers have gear and net restrictions?
 - (d) Whether these restrictions are sustainable?
- (19) Was a survey conducted with all fishers within each fishery over the linkage process and the restrictions that it may impose on industry? Will the results of the survey be made public?
- (20) Please list in tabular form the groups and individuals the Minister met with when the restructure package was being prepared. Did the Minister circulate a draft package to all fishers prior to announcing the restructure?
- (21) Can the Minister guarantee that the restructure process will ensure more locally caught fish available for local consumption in New South Wales? If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Prior to the 2011 election, the NSW Liberals & Nationals released two detailed fisheries policies 'Securing Sustainable, Viable and Healthy Fisheries' which covered the commercial fishing sector and 'Restoring the Balance' covering the recreational fishing sector.

The commercial fisheries policy committed to an independent review of NSW fisheries policy, management and administration. That review, the Stevens Report, and the two subsequent reports by the Independent Structural Advisory Committee (SARC) provide necessary background and rationale for these reforms.

In relation to fishers securing shares, this depends on what shareholders choose to do over the coming year. Some active fishers will want to remain as is, others may want to grow their businesses and others may want to exit. Likewise, as with any fully functioning market, inactive fishers will make their own choices on whether to divest themselves of the shares they hold.

- (2) As is currently the case, the price of shares is determined by the market. Share values, like the value of any commodity, vary through time and are influenced by market drivers such as, supply and demand.

If fishers participate in the subsidised share trading market and are successful, they will receive a uniform price for their shares (for each share class). As with any market, this price will not be determined until the market is run, and buyers submit their bids and sellers submit their offers.

NSW DPI hosts an online share trading noticeboard which provides an indication of current asking prices.

- (3) The market for commercial fishing shares is ongoing, with shares actively traded since they were first issued in 2007.

From September 2016 however, all shareholders can register to participate in a limited Government-initiated subsidised share trading market, which will involve allocation of \$16 million in adjustment funding.

- (4) The Rural Assistance Authority will work with fishers to determine the loan amount required. This will be based on the fishers' history of activity and the planned purchase of shares to facilitate the continuation of the level of catch/activity desired into the future.

Prospective applicants can also access the free services of the Rural Financial Counsellors to assist with applications and up to a \$1,000 grant to assist in obtaining independent financial advice from a trusted accountant or financial advisor.

- (5) The Interim Total Commercial Access Levels (ITCALs) have been set based on the data reported in the mandatory catch and effort records submitted by commercial fishers. The ITCALs for mud crab

quota (kilograms) were determined using the maximum annual reported Estuary General catch between 2002/03 and 2014/15 plus 10 per cent.

In the case of eels, the ITCAL was set based on the highest total catch reported from the fishery since 2002/03.

The allocation of new mud crab and eel species shares will be based on the existing meshing and eel trap shareholdings respectively. Once the new species shares are issued (which the catch quota will be allocated against) they will be transferable throughout the State. In other words, the availability of quota won't be limited to within the existing regions.

- (6) The catch quotas have been allocated to the regions where it was reported that the kilograms were caught.
- (7) The independent Structural Adjustment Review Committee (SARC) gave careful consideration to the complexities of the issues associated with each of the 103 share managed fisheries in undertaking its assessment and in making its final recommendations. A one-size-fits-all approach was not applied and linkages have already been tailored to specific share classes, and wherever possible variations between regions were considered in these decisions.
- (8) Regulations will be developed in due course. Share linkage options have been extensively consulted on via share linkage working groups and through public and industry consultation during 2014-15. Decisions in the Ministerial announcement on 31 May 2016 require no further consultation (e.g. the form of share linkage and streamlining measures such as the removal of the need to licence boats in some fisheries and net registration requirements).

The Government will consult on other proposals that have been put forward during discussions over the last few years, but that have not yet been decided upon.

- (9) Yes.
- (10) These matters will be determined by the market once the subsidised share trading begins. As with any fully functioning market, the Department is unable to definitively answer questions specific to the availability of shares and subsidies to individual active fishers, because the answers to these questions are subject to the outcomes from the subsidised share trading market from September. Other basic questions, such as what the linkage decisions are, are being answered by the Department.
- (11) A 1300 hotline number has been set up and I am advised it is adequately resourced.
- (12) For minimum shareholding arrangements, yes, if they are able to meet the new minimum shareholding (and obtain an endorsement) required to fish in the fishery by July 2017. Where catch and/or effort quotas are being introduced fishers will need to hold the quota required to meet their desired level of activity by the time these linkages commence.

A range of financial assistance measures are available to assist active fishers secure the access they may need or want.

- (13) Interim Total Commercial Access Levels (ITCALs) are being implemented as interim access levels in many share classes; these will be retained until 2024. These will be replaced by Total Allowable Catch and Total Allowable Effort levels, which will be determined by the independent Total Allowable Fishing (TAF) Committee. The TAF committee will also review endorsements numbers where minimum shareholdings are being implemented.

Generally, unless there are compelling biological or economic grounds there would be no reason for the TAF Committee to move far, if at all (higher or lower), from the ITCALs. The TAF Committee will be required to take economic and social factors into consideration.

The existing TAC Committee has a good track record of building sustainability & viability in the NSW abalone and lobster fisheries. There is also benefit for industry in having total catch/effort set by an independent committee that is not subject to Ministerial control.

- (14) There are a range of factors affecting the level of catch available including stock abundances, environmental conditions, individual's decisions about how to structure their businesses and the gear they use, etc.
- (15) No. Not all fishers will accrue additional debt to secure their portion of resource access. Some fishers may choose to take advantage of the low interest rate loans being offered by the Government.

- (16) The Business Adjustment Process will provide greater long term security for commercial fishers because it builds greater meaning and value in commercial fishing shares and gives shareholders a more definitive allocation of their access to the resource. It enables the removal of some of the historical inefficiencies and red tape built up as a result of over 100 years of 'input controlled' regulations and provides shareholders with an opportunity to grow their business and tailor their levels of resource access. The program facilitates a strong trading market for shares which can autonomously adjust and reduce the need for future government intervention.
- (17) In the five fisheries subject to the Business Adjustment Program, since 2007 fishers have had to hold an endorsement to fish. Those endorsements only become available if the shareholding of the fishing business that the fisher is nominated to operate exceeds the minimum level specified in the relevant share management plan.
- (18)
- (a) The relevant share management plan.
 - (b) The relevant share management plan.
 - (c) The Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010 and relevant share management plans.
 - (d) The previous environmental assessments undertaken, annual performance assessments carried out against the measures set out in the relevant Fisheries Management Strategies and annual scientific resource assessments for the key species taken.
- (19) Information on consultation regarding share linkages is publicly available. Industry-based share linkage working groups were established to assist the Government in developing options for share linkage. Options were developed and then consulted on publicly during April/May 2014. A summary of submissions report from that process is publicly available.
- The independent Structural Adjustment Review Committee (SARC) then carried out a phase of industry wide consultation in July/August 2015 on its draft recommendations, involving key stakeholder meetings and an invitation for all fishers to lodge written or verbal submissions. The results of this process are discussed through the SARC's final report which is publicly available.
- (20) My diary is a publicly available document. All shareholders were sent information specific to the share classes held within their fishing businesses when the Structural Adjustment Review Committee (SARC) released its draft share linkage recommendations. In considering the feedback received on these draft linkages and before making its final recommendations, the SARC also met with share linkage working groups and with other industry groups, including the Professional Fishermen's Association and the Wild Caught Fishers Coalition to hear additional feedback.
- As well as considering the SARC's final recommendations, I also visited shareholders and fishing cooperatives along the NSW coast to hear the views of a range of fishers.
- (21) The assistance measures being implemented by the Government will assist in generating support for the local industry and demand for the fish it catches. This includes the source of origin labelling scheme for cooked seafood announced by the Deputy Premier on 27 May 2016 and \$400,000 that has been committed over two years for improved community awareness programs such as the OceanWatch Master Fishermen's project, 'meet your local fisher' community seafood BBQs, and others.

*1040 PLANNING—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Planning—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

I am advised:

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1041 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
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Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to QoN 1036.

*1042 ATTORNEY GENERAL—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Attorney General—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (3) What were the steps that were implemented, in the form of various fees and charges, as a result of the anticipated effect on departmental budgets?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?

- (4) Were there any legacy fees or charges, introduced as new in 2012-13 or 2013-14, still in place and still being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill in the 2015-2016 Budget?
- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide the information relating to the Clean Energy Bill. Therefore, I refer you to the Minister's response to Question on Notice 1036.

*1043 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—CLEAN ENERGY BILL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education—

With regard to your portfolios:

- (1) What was the proposed net effect of the introduction of the Commonwealth Clean Energy Bill 2011 on the New South Wales Budget at the introduction of the New South Wales 2012-2013 Budget?
- (2) What steps did your departments take to source revenue to counter the effect of the Clean Energy Bill?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (3) What were the steps that were implemented, in the form of various fees and charges, as a result of the anticipated effect on departmental budgets?
 - (a) When were these changes removed or rescinded as a result of the repeal of the Clean Energy Bill in July 2014?
- (4) Were there any legacy fees or charges, introduced as new in 2012-13 or 2013-14, still in place and still being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill in the 2015-2016 Budget?
- (5) Were there any expanded and increased older fees and charges already in place prior to July 2012 still in place and being paid by customers or constituents of New South Wales as a response to the Clean Energy Bill, in the 2015-16 Budget?

Answer—

It is appropriate for the Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy to provide information relating to the Clean Energy Bill 2011. I, therefore, refer you to the Minister's response to Question on Notice 1036.

*1044 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—SWIMMING POOLS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) In May 2013 was the Building Code of Australia amended to provide that, in New South Wales only, the external walls of swimming pools/out-of-ground pool walls could no longer be used as part of the swimming pool barrier, even if they were a minimum of 1200mm in height and fully compliant with all relevant Australian Standards?
 - (a) Which agency initiated this proposed change?
 - (b) Was a Regulatory Impact Statement undertaken? If so, by which Agency?
- (2) How many swimming pools are there in New South Wales with out-of-ground pool walls as part of the pool barrier?
 - (a) Were such pools ever legal in New South Wales, if their construction had been approved by a local government authority?
 - (b) Are they legal now?
 - (c) If not, what action is being taken to alert the owners of such pools that their pools are illegal?

Answer—

External walls of out of ground pool walls would not ordinarily satisfy the requirements of section 7 of the Swimming Pools Act 1992. This has been the law of NSW since the inception of the Act. Provisions introduced into the Building Code of Australia by AS1926.1-2012 preserve the law of NSW.

Under Section 22 of the Act a local authority may grant exemptions from barrier requirements that are impractical or unreasonable in particular cases. Recording such exemptions is a matter for the relevant local authority.

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*1045 JUSTICE AND POLICE—RIVALEA ABATTOIR—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that in December 2015 a formal complaint was lodged with the NSW Police in relation to the practice of the gassing of pigs at Rivalea Abattoir at Corowa, with the complaint considering these practices a breach of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (POCTAA) and requesting the NSW Police investigate the issue?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the NSW Police referred this matter to the Department of Primary Industries who in turn referred it to the RSPCANSW, who then in a response from CEO Mr Steve Coleman, dated 8 of June 2016, advised that "in relation to this matter the NSW Police were in fact the lead agency"?
- (3) Did the NSW Police, as authorised enforcement officers as prescribed in the POCTAA, investigate this matter?
- (4) If the matter was investigated, was the entire stunning process until the death of the pigs monitored and reviewed?
 - (a) If so, was the concentration of the gas mixture measured and recorded?
 - (b) If so, for what length of time and for which depths of the gas stunning chamber?
- (5) Did the investigating officer/s review the reaction of the pigs as they were lowered into the gas mixture?
 - (a) If so, how was this monitored or witnessed and were pig welfare experts engaged?

Answer—

I am advised:

A letter in response to the Member's question was sent in 2016 by the then Parliamentary Secretary and forwarded to the Minister for Primary Industries.

*1046 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL CENSURE MOTIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) On how many occasions has Councillor Joe Molluso been formally censured by Fairfield City Council, arising from inappropriate comments regarding a female councillor and council officers?
- (2) On what dates were the Office of Local Government and the Minister informed of this behaviour and these censure motions, and requested to take appropriate action?
- (3) What action has the Office of Local Government and the Minister taken in relation to this matter?
- (4) What action does the Office of Local Government and the Minister propose to take in relation to this matter?

Answer—

The Office of Local Government is currently undertaking an independent assessment of this matter. As such it would be inappropriate for me to comment on this matter.

*1047 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 BUILDING INSURERS GUARANTEE CORP—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, pages 4-20 to 4-22, titled Building Insurers Guarantee Corporation:

- (1) Why was the Budgeted amount for "Other Revenue" set at \$1 million?
- (2) Why did the actual or revised amount of Other Revenue jump from the predicted \$1 million up to the revised \$8 million?
- (3) Why is there no projected income at all for Other Revenue in 2016/17?
- (4) What caused the unexpected jump in Assets-Current Assets-Cash Assets from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$3.7 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of \$72 million?
- (5) What caused the unexpected change in Assets-Current Assets-Receivables to fall from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$12.96 million to the revised 2015/16 amount of just \$380,000?
- (6) What caused the unexpected elimination of Assets-Non Current Assets-Receivables to go from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$16.4 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of zero dollars?
- (7) What caused the unexpected elimination of Cash Flow Receipts-Sale of Goods and Services from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$19.548 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of zero dollars?

Answer—

- (1) Why was the Budgeted amount for "Other Revenue" set at \$1 million?
The 'other revenue' of \$1 million in 2015/16 was an estimate of distributions from HIHFAI liquidator for the 2015/16 financial year.
- (2) Why did the actual or revised amount of Other Revenue jump from the predicted \$1 million up to the revised \$8 million?
The revised amount of 'other revenue' increased from the estimated budget distributions of \$1 million as a result of the actual dividends advised from the HIHFAI liquidators for the 2015/16 financial year.
- (3) Why is there no projected income at all for Other Revenue in 2016/17?
Distributions from HIHFAI liquidators are uncertain in timing and quantum. As the liquidation process nears completion, budgeted distributions are expected to reduce and, for the 2016/17 financial year, are projected to be nil.
- (4) What caused the unexpected jump in Assets-Current Assets-Cash Assets from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$3.7 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of \$72 million?
Receipt of actual liquidator payments exceeded the amount budgeted for the year and cash has been retained in BIGCorp to distribute when required.
- (5) What caused the unexpected change in Assets-Current Assets-Receivables to fall from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$12.96 million to the revised 2015/16 amount of just \$380,000?
Receipt of actual liquidator payments exceeded the amount budgeted for the year and cash has been retained in BIGCorp to distribute when required.
- (6) What caused the unexpected elimination of Assets-Non Current Assets-Receivables to go from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$16.4 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of zero dollars?
The fund had sufficient assets and did not require the budgeted injection from Policy Protection Fund.
- (7) What caused the unexpected elimination of Cash Flow Receipts-Sale of Goods and Services from the projected 2015/16 amount of \$19.548 million to the revised 2015/16 actual amount of zero dollars?
The budget represented the movement in receivables from Policy Protection Fund. As the fund had sufficient assets, it did not require the budgeted injection from Fund.

*1048 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY NSW AND SELF INSURANCE CORP—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, Financial Statements on pages 4-23, titled Government Property NSW, and 4-35 titled NSW Self Insurance Corporation:

- (1) What was the one off Grant and Subsidy of \$208 million from Government Property NSW, listed as an Expense, and who was it awarded to and what did it fund?
- (2) What was the one off Grant and Subsidy of \$185 million from NSW Self Insurance Corporation, listed as an Expense, and who was it awarded to and what did it fund?
- (3) For NSW Self Insurance Corporation, why was Investment Revenue down to just \$320.6 million from the projected 2015/16 estimate of \$540 million?
- (4) For NSW Self Insurance Corporation, why were Grants and Contributions up from the projected 2015/16 estimate of \$10 million to the Revised actual figure of \$105 million and where did these Grants and Contributions come from and what did they fund?

Answer—

- (1) The Grants and Subsidies expense of \$206 million (not \$208 million as stated in the question) in the 2015-16 revised budget comprises grant payments made by Property NSW to the Restart NSW Fund during 2015-16 and represents net sale proceeds from GPNSW owned properties.

Restart NSW is NSW Government's dedicated infrastructure fund and funds are used for major projects that will improve the productivity and competitiveness across all sectors of the State. They also support investment in local infrastructure in regional areas.

- (2) The \$185 million expense is the repatriation from NSW Self Insurance to NSW Treasury of assets exceeding funding requirements.
- (3) Investment revenue has been adversely affected by investment market volatility during the financial year.
- (4) The \$105 million revenue is an injection from NSW Treasury to fund run-off schemes managed by NSW Self Insurance Corporation.

*1049 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 GOVERNMENT SERVICES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-6, titled Government Services:

- (1) Of the 548 actual full time equivalents (FTEs) in 2014/15, by comparison to the projected 192 FTEs for 2016/17, how many of these FTEs have been respectively re-tasked to:
 - (a) Service First;
 - (b) State Fleet;
 - (c) ICT Data Centre;
 - (d) ICT Digital and Innovation Group?
- (2) Why do the Grants and Subsidies reflect a projected target of \$3.256 million in 2015/16 but only realise \$403,000?
- (3) Why do the Grants and Subsidies in 2016/17 only reflect a target of \$19000 and what services will change as a result of the reduced Grants and Subsidies from the 2015/16 revised budget of \$403,000?
- (4) What projects did the \$242 million Capital Expenditure account for, why was it under spent by \$17 million, having only spent \$225 million, and what will the projected \$1.7 million in 2016/17 fund?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) Nil
 - (c) ICT Data Centre was transferred to the ICT, Digital and Innovation service group. The staff numbers transferred are included in the response to d.
 - (d) 49 FTEs were transferred as a result of the re-alignment of Government Technology Platforms (formerly ICT Strategic Delivery) which was transferred from Government Services to ICT, Digital and Innovation in 2015/16

- (2) The difference generally relates to inter-agency transfers of Grants and Subsidies including \$2,704,000 to the ICT, Digital and Innovation Service Group.
- (3) \$384,000 of the \$403,000 in grants and subsidies relates to pass through grants for Family and Community Services for their Human Services Network. Funds will instead be allocated directly from Treasury to FACS rather than through DFSI which will amend a historical issue. There will be no change to services as a result of the reduction in Grants and Subsidies budget from \$403,000 to \$19,000.
- (4) The main budgeted expense in the 2015/16 Capital Budget is the purchase of motor vehicles by StateFleet (\$235 million). New vehicle purchases for StateFleet will not be required in 2016/17 due to the new implemented fleet leasing model. The remaining budget of \$1.7m will fund replacement ICT equipment and projects for Government Services.

*1050 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-11, titled Land and Property Information:

- (1) Given that full time equivalent (FTE) positions were predicted to rise from 916 in 2014/15 to the projected 943 in 2015/16, how do you explain the failure to meet that target, having recognised in the Budget a Revised figure of 885 FTEs for 2015/16?
- (2) Given that the 2016/17 Budget now recognises a Revised FTE figure of 885 in 2015/16 and a target of 987 FTEs in 2016/17, in which of the various LPI Business Units will these new positions be based, and respectively, in what quantum?

Answer—

- (1) The 2015/16 FTE did not increase as forecast due to staff vacancies, mainly due to retirement of existing LPI staff and some positions being held vacant.
- (2) From 1 July 2016 Government approved the separation of LPI into a number of business units; some roles have been retained within LPI, and the remainder of roles have been integrated into the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation.

*1051 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 PERSONNEL SERVICES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-12, titled Personnel Services:

- (1) Why have the full time equivalent (FTE) positions within the Telecommunications Authority increased by more than 100 per cent from 26 FTEs in 2013/14 to the Revised figure of 54 FTEs in 2015/16?
- (2) Why are FTE positions within the Telecommunications Authority projected to increase by another 20 per cent from 54 FTE's in 2015/16 to the projected figure of 93 FTEs in 2016/17?
- (3) Why is the Government taking on an increasing role in Telecommunications services given that it has traditionally been a Federal responsibility?
- (4) Of the 110 FTE positions allocated to the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for the State Insurance Regulatory Authority?
- (5) Of the 1,228 FTE positions allocated to the WorkCover Authority of NSW at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for the State Insurance Regulatory Authority?
- (6) Of the 1,228 FTE positions allocated to the WorkCover Authority of NSW at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for Insurance and Care NSW?
- (7) Of the 43 FTE positions allocated to the Workers Compensation Dust Diseases Authority of NSW at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for Insurance and Care NSW?

- (8) Of the 125 FTE positions allocated to the Lifetime Care and Support Authority at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for Insurance and Care NSW?
- (9) Why were the FTE positions of the Workers Compensation Commission projected to rise from the 2014/15 level of 66, to a projected 72 and why did the number of FTE's in fact fall from 66 to a Revised figure of 61?
- (10) Why were the FTE positions of the WorkCover Independent Review Officer projected to rise by 50 per cent from the 2014/15 level of 30, to a projected 45 in 2015/16 and why did the number of FTEs in fact only reach a revised figure of 33?
- (11) Does the Building Insurers Guarantee Corporation still exist within Insurance and Care NSW and how many FTEs does it include?
- (12) Of the 527 FTE positions established in the new State Insurance Regulatory Authority body, how many FTE roles transferred from the Motor Accidents Authority and how many transferred from the WorkCover Authority and why is the number of FTEs expected to fall from 527 in 2015/16 to a projected 435 FTEs in 2016/17?
- (13) Of the 37 FTEs for the Mine Subsidence Board, were these roles newly established along with this body, or was the body and the relative roles transferred from another Government Department or Agency, and if they were transferred, how many FTEs did the old agency have?
- (14) What caused the increase in FTEs within Government Property NSW from 134 in 2014/15 to 167 in 2015/16 and why is there a projection for further growth of FTEs to 186 in 2016/17?
- (15) Why have the FTEs within the Teacher Housing Authority been cut by almost 20 per cent, falling to 19 FTEs in 2015/16 from the 23 of the 2014/15?
- (16) Why is there a projected jump of almost 20 per cent in FTE's, rising from 129 to 151, for State Records Authority in the 2016/17 year?
- (17) Of the 47 FTE positions allocated to the NSW Self Insurance Corporation of NSW at the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year, how many of these FTE employees are now working for Insurance and Care NSW?
- (18) Why is there a projected cut of 42 per cent in FTEs within the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, falling from 196 FTEs in 2015/16 to just 111 in 2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) The FTE figure of 54 in 2015-16 includes contractors who are covering unfilled permanent roles. FTE figures in 2013/14 did not include these contractors. There is no financial impact from this change in reporting.
- (2) The 2016-17 FTE forecast is 63 rather than 93 as stated in the question. The increase of 9 FTE, from 54 to 63 FTEs, is mostly due to additional employees required for the Critical Communication Enhancement Program, which will improve operational capacity and capabilities for frontline staff.
- (3) The Telco Authority manages the radio communications and operational communications assets and infrastructure used by frontline staff in public safety and law enforcement agencies and across NSW Government. This includes ownership and operation of the NSW Government Radio Network. These responsibilities are outside those under Commonwealth legislation. Other jurisdictions also have state and territory-based agencies with responsibilities similar to the Telco Authority. The Telco Authority also manages spectrum allocated to NSW Government agencies to ensure that Commonwealth legislative requirements are met.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (5) The total FTE positions previously held by the WorkCover Authority of NSW were split between icare, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority and SafeWork NSW in a manner that would enable each agency to carry out its functions and responsibilities in line with its requirements under the relevant governing legislation.
- (6) The total FTE positions previously held by the WorkCover Authority of NSW were split between icare, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority and SafeWork NSW in a manner that would enable each agency to carry out its functions and responsibilities in line with its requirements under the relevant governing legislation.
- (7) Under the legislative change the functions of the Workers' Compensation Dust Diseases Authority

were transferred to icare and all the relevant positions were transferred.

- (8) Under the legislative change the functions of the Lifetime Care and Support Authority were transferred to icare and all the relevant positions were transferred.
- (9) This question should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (10) This question should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (11) Insurance and Care NSW (icare) provides services to the Building Insurers Guarantee Corporation, however legislative responsibility remains with the State Insurance Regulatory Authority.
- (12) This question should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (13) The body and relative roles of the Mine Subsidence Board were transferred from the Department of Industry to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation in July 2015. All the FTE positions were transferred from the Department of Industry.
- (14) In September 2014 a new establishment was approved by the government for Property NSW which was driven by asset recycling and PAUT II policy comprising of 186 FTE. The gradual increase in Property NSW's FTE since 2014-15 has resulted from the ongoing recruitment to this establishment - with 186 FTE projected to be achieved by 2016-17.
- (15) The decrease in FTEs within Teacher Housing Authority (THA) from 23 to 19.4 is not due to a reduction in staff numbers. The main reason for the decrease is the reallocation of finance staff from THA payroll to the centralised Corporate Services division of DFSI. However, there is no financial impact and costs are calculated consistently on a yearly basis.
- (16) The increase of 22 FTE for State Records Authority is 15 FTE to better enable the State Records Authority's statutory functions and 7 FTE to undertake the State Archives Valuation project over the next two years.
- (17) Under the legislative changes, the functions of the NSW Self Insurance Corporation were transferred to icare and all relevant positions were transferred.
- (18) The reduction in FTEs is due to expected efficiencies derived from the consolidation of SHFA's functions within Property NSW; the transfer of certain functions and assets to other State Government agencies and local governments; and the introduction of a new operating model that utilises private sector service providers where it is economically feasible to do so.

*1052 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 PUBLIC WORKS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-10, titled Public Works:

- (1) What has caused the doubling of lost time injuries per million hours worked, rising from 1.9 to 4.0?
- (2) What is being done to address the doubling of lost time injuries per million hours worked, which has risen from 1.9 in 2014/15 to 4.0 in 2015/16?
- (3) Has the Government accepted the doubling of lost time injuries per million hours worked, which has risen from 1.9 in 2014/15 to 4.0 in 2015/16 and is now expected to remain at 4.0 in 2016/17?
- (4) Given that full time equivalent (FTE) positions in Public Works decreased from 889 in 2014/15 to the revised figure of 660 for 2015/16, where have the 229 FTE positions gone?
- (5) If any of the 229 FTE positions referred to in Part 4 above have been transferred to other Government Departments or agencies, which Departments have they gone to and respectively, for each of those Departments, in what quantum have positions been transferred?
- (6) Given that FTE positions in Public Works are predicted to decrease further, from the Revised figure of 660 for 2015/16, to a projected figure of 539 in 2016/17, where is it expected that the 121 FTE positions will go?
- (7) If any of the 121 FTE positions referred to in Part 6 (above) are to be transferred to another, or other, Government Departments or agencies, which Departments will they go to and respectively, for each of those Departments, in what quantum will the positions be transferred?
- (8) Why was the Capital Expenditure under spent by \$12.5 million and what projects were not funded as a result of this under-spend, and what projects were funded by the \$3.076 million spend?
- (9) What projects are expected to be funded by the \$16.755 million allocated to Capital Works in

2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) NSW Public Works set a Lost Time Frequency Ratio (LTFR) target of 4.0 on an annual basis. The aim is to be well below the target and historical run rate confirms we have achieved this since 2013-14. This compares to the industry equivalent of 10 in 2013-14 (last available industry data).
The LTFR for NSW Public Works at the end May 2016 was 0.9 lost time injuries per million hours worked. The LTFR is determined on an annual basis and the result for the end of the 2015-16 financial year is not yet available.
- (2) See answer to 1.
- (3) See answer to 1.
- (4) The FTE reductions in FY2015/16 are a result of: (a) removal of roles that were originally vacant or vacated through resignation and retirement in the normal course of business; (b) the removal of roles from Public Works, and the transfer of FTEs to other public sector Departments, as part of the Public Works Transformation.
- (5) Transfers to other Government Departments/agencies include NSW Health, Department of Planning, Records Management, Transport and Education.
- (6) The reduction in FTE forecast for FY16-17 will include;
 - (a) the transfer of roles to other Public Sector agencies including Property NSW.
 - (b) the removal and transfer of roles as a result of the Public Works Transformation.
 - (c) the removal of vacant roles including those vacated through resignation and retirement.
- (7) As per question 6. Additional opportunities to transfer employees will also be sought but have not yet been confirmed.
- (8) Capital Expenditure was underspent for 2015-16 mainly due to a major IT project being deferred. Unspent funding has been carried forward into 2016-17.
- (9) Projects include the ICT program, continuation of the records management program to catalogue and retain important Government records and to support the necessary changes required to reconfigure the business as part of the Public Works Transformation.

*1053 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 SERVICES NSW—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-16, titled Service NSW:

- (1) How is customer satisfaction measured and is this detail and data publicly available?
- (2) Is anything being done to address the falling Employee Engagement scores that have fallen from 84 per cent in 2013/14 to 72 per cent in 2015/16. If so, what type of work is being done to improve Employee Engagement?
- (3) Why is there an Employee Engagement target for 2016/17 when note (b) on this page acknowledges that the Survey is only taken every two years and as such is not due until 2017/18?
- (4) With regard to note (c) on this page, that recognises that the full time equivalents (FTEs) for Service NSW does not include Roads and Maritime Services registry employees assigned to Service NSW, of the 1695 FTEs at year end 2015/16 from what other Government agencies did these employees transfer and in what quantum from each of those agencies?
- (5) How many FTE Roads and Maritime Services registry employees are currently assigned and working within Service NSW and do these employees have a responsibility to you as there Minister or are they still the responsibility of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight?
- (6) Why did the Capital Expenditure exceed the Budgeted \$97.5 million by more than \$25.5 million and what projects were completed under the \$123 million Capital Expenditure of 2015/16?

Answer—

- (1) There are face-to-face feedback kiosks at all Service Centres. These offer all customers visiting the Service Centre an opportunity to provide feedback, leave a comment about the service, and/or request

a call back by the manager to discuss their experience. Customers are asked to rate five questions. These questions represent key points in their service journey.

The specific questions used are "How satisfied are you with:

- the person who greeted you today?
- the amount of time you waited?
- the person who served you today?
- the ease of completing your transaction?
- your overall experience today?

Customer satisfaction is measured in Contact Centres by the staff member dealing with the customer. At the end of the call, the staff member asks the customer to rate their satisfaction with the service.

- (2) The Employee Engagement score of 84% in 2013-14 was determined by the Public Service Commission's People Matters Survey conducted in 2013-14. At this point in time Service NSW had 400 employees. The People Matters Survey was again conducted in 2015-16, with the results not yet available at this time. The revised target for 2015-16 is based on the results of internal employee engagement surveys conducted by Service NSW in 2015-16 across current employees which are now approximately 2,400. These results indicate a slight decline from the previous high level of engagement when Service NSW was much smaller. The forecast for 2016-17 will be measured against the results of these internal engagement surveys.

Service NSW is shaped by its customers and it is recognised that its employees are a key asset to continue to achieve the high levels of customer satisfaction it receives. Service NSW has created an engagement strategy that is linked to the Service NSW corporate plan with key areas to empower leaders at all levels to grow their talent. These focus areas are underpinned by transparent, timely and relevant communications and ongoing measurement and monitoring across the organisation.

Additionally, Service NSW recently launched My Career, an online system that allows employees to manage their career and to develop capabilities for future growth at Service NSW.

- (3) Service NSW conducts an internal engagement "pulse" survey every six months, with two pulse surveys to be conducted in 2016-17. The Employee Engagement Forecast for 2016-17 will be assessed based on the internal surveys conducted by Service NSW in 2016-17. This internal survey process is in addition to the People Matters Survey conducted every two years across the overall NSW public service by the Public Service Commission, with the next survey in this regard scheduled for 2017-18.
- (4) Within Service NSW new employees are not transferred into roles, they are subject to a merit selection process, and only those candidates that are successful are offered roles within Service NSW. For the 2015-16 year, Service NSW had a total of 717 new employees commence. All of these new starters were successful based on the merit selection process. Of these, 18% were Roads and Maritime employees who were previously temporarily assigned to Service NSW, and after successfully completing a priority recruitment process, officially became permanent employees of Service NSW.
- (5) As at 31 May 2016, 535 (401.88 FTE) Roads and Maritime Staff are temporarily assigned to Service NSW under section 66 of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 (NSW). The employees' existing terms and conditions immediately prior to the assignment remain the same for the duration of the assignment, therefore these employees remain the responsibility of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight. However, under the temporary assignment arrangement, the day to day management/reporting relationships are managed within the Service Delivery Division of Service NSW.
- (6) Capital expenditure has been greater than the original budget by \$25.5m due to approved additional expenditure on programs that will be continuing in 2016-17:
- the Digital Licencing Program
 - funding to accelerate the transition of agencies and transactions to Service NSW; and
 - additional investment to complete key program technology platforms.

*1054 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 STATE REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-7, titled State Revenue:

- (1) Why has the cost to administer a \$100 fine, having realised \$8.51 in the revised 2015/16 budget actuals, not been projected to sustain this same cost/collect ratio and instead been re-projected to \$10.00 per \$100 collected?
- (2) In which month did the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme, under the Jobs Action Plan, become allocated to the Grants and Subsidies of State Revenue?
- (3) In any months during the 2015/16 financial year, prior to the Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme under the Jobs Action Plan being allocated to the Grants and Subsidies of State Revenue, was it allocated in another Government Department or business unit, and if so which, for how long and in what quantum amount?
- (4) What was the total value of Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme, under the Jobs Action Plan, allocated to State Revenue during 2015/16 and what was the total amount subscribed to, or applied, for during this same period?
- (5) What is the total value of Payroll Tax Rebate Scheme, under the Jobs Action Plan, allocated to State Revenue during 2016/17 period?
- (6) Why was the Capital expenditure overspent by approximately \$8 million, where did the funds come from and what projects were funded?

Answer—

- (1) The volume of fines referred to the Office of State Revenue from commercial clients for processing during 2015-16 was higher than anticipated. The unexpected and unpredictable increase was managed within existing resources due to its inherent volatility. The 2016-17 forecast reflects a return to normal activity levels and is below the previous 5 year average of \$10.25.
- (2) From July 2015 for the full financial year.
- (3) No.
- (4) \$257.6 million was allocated to the Office of State in 2015-16. Payments made during the year totaled \$257.4 million.
- (5) \$335 million.
- (6) During 2015-16 additional investments were made to upgrade tax and debt collection systems and were internally funded by the Department of Finance Services and Innovation.

*1055 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 WORKCOVER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, Financial Statements on page 4-47, titled WorkCover Authority:

- (1) Of the projected Revenue and Expenses, of the \$320 million not realised in 2015/16 because of the disbanding of WorkCover, and the subsequent creation of SIRA and iCare, what portion of the unrealised \$320 million was allocated to SIRA and what portion of the \$320 million was allocated to iCare?

Answer—

- (1) Of the projected Revenue and Expenses, of the \$320 million not realised in 2015/16 because of the disbanding of WorkCover, and the subsequent creation of SIRA and iCare, what portion of the unrealised \$320 million was allocated to SIRA and what portion of the \$320 million was allocated to iCare?

Funding was allocated on the basis of enabling icare, SIRA, and SafeWork NSW to undertake each of their functions and responsibilities as outlined under the legislation.

*1056 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—BUDGET 16/17 BETTER REGULATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-9, titled Better Regulation:

- (1) Why has the rate of serious compensated claims increased since 2013/14 from 10.00/1000 to 11.92/1000 and what is the Government doing to realise the projected 2021-22 national target given that those targets are for a reduction in incidence, not an increase?
- (2) In which months, during 2015/16, did the full time equivalent (FTE) staffing of 486 arrive within the Better Regulation Service Group?
- (3) Were any of the 486 FTE staff that arrived at the Better Regulation Service Group transfer across from any other Government Department and if so which Departments and respectively at what quantum?
- (4) With FTE set to rise from 486 in 2015/16 to 855 in 2016/17, will any future staff that arrive at the Better Regulation Service Group be transferred across from any other Government Departments and if so which Departments and respectively at what quantum?
- (5) How many of the projected 855 FTEs will be accounted for as part of the Commerce Regulator project?
- (6) Where, and on what projects, was the \$2.255 million Capital Expenditure spent during 2015/16?
- (7) Where, and on what projects, will the projected \$9.638 million Capital Expenditure be spent during 2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) The incidence rate of serious compensated claims was projected with a target of 30% reduction over ten years from the base period. Base period claim rate was 13.54/1000. To achieve the 10 year target in 2020/21, the progressive target for 2015/16 and 2016/17 was 11.92/1000 and 11.51/1000 respectively as shown in Budget Paper 3. In 2013/14, actual claim rate was 10.00/1000 against a projected target of 12.73/1000. Future year projections in Budget Paper 3 are in line with the 10-year target trend as per the table below:

(Please see the Legislative Council Table Office for copies of the answer including Tables)

* 2014/15 data is currently being worked upon and is expected to be published in October 2016.

- (2) The Government is currently developing a Work Health and Safety Roadmap (to be released in August 2016) articulates strategies, initiatives and plans to ensure the continued trajectory of 30% reduction as per national targets. SafeWork NSW will be directly engaging with peak bodies, associations, community leaders, employers and workers to develop sector plans for these high risk sectors and high impact harms.
- (3) September 2015
- (4) There were no employee transfers from other Government Departments. All employees were internal transfers within DFSI cluster.
- (5) The increase in staff numbers from 486 to 855 outlined in the Budget papers are internal to the DFSI cluster.
- (6) As part of Government's Commerce Regulation Program, DFSI staff have been transferred into the Better Regulation Service Group shared call centre, licensing, policy and program delivery functions that support the delivery of services by Fair Trading, SafeWork and SIRA.
- (7) 2015-16 Capital Budget Breakdown is as follows:
(Please see the Legislative Council Table Office for copies of the answer including Tables)
- (8) 2016-17 Capital Budget of \$9.638 million is currently proposed to fund the projects listed below:
(Please see the Legislative Council Table Office for copies of the answer including Tables)

*1057 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—BUDGET 16/17 FAIR TRADING—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-8, titled Fair Trading:

- (1) How many full time equivalents transferred from Fair Trading to Better Regulation Service Group during 2015/16 and how many are expected to transfer during 2016/17?
- (2) In which months did the transferred staff from Fair Trading go across to Better Regulation and in what quantum each month?
- (3) What was the Capital expenditure of \$10.961 million expected to fund; what did the revised \$4.811 million actually fund and what is the projected \$7.921 expected to fund?

Answer—

- (1) For 2016-17 223 employees who were previously with Fair Trading have been transferred into the Better Regulation Division.
- (2) Staff commenced reporting through Better Regulation Division in March-April 2016. The 2015-16 forecast of \$10.96 million is made up of ICT projects (\$7.23 million) and office refurbishment projects (\$3.73 million). A breakdown of the revised capital expenditure of \$4.81 million is as follows;

Project	Amount (\$ millions)
Office Refurbishment	1.50
Rental Bonds Online - Stage 2	1.44
Intelligence Analytical Suite 2.0(IAPS2)	0.63
Fair Trading Web Site Redevelopment	0.34
Online Fuel Price Board	0.32
Property Licence Online Applications	0.29
Grants Programs Management System (GPMS)	0.13
Registry Services - Cooperative Online	0.09
Licensing Digital Work Flow	0.07
Information and Intelligence Services - Request Management	0.01
TOTAL	4.81

In 2016-17 the projected capital of \$7.921 million is expected to fund a performance management system, office refurbishments/fitouts and IT projects.

*1058 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—BUDGET 16/17 SERVICE GROUP STATEMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, page 4-5, titled Service Group Statements ICT, Digital and Innovation;

- (1) Given that Government Licences services grew by more than 10 per cent in 2015/16, why does the Budget reflect growth projections of just 4 per cent in 2016/17?
- (2) Given that explanation (a) on page 4-5 accounted for changes in full time equivalent (FTE) employee numbers for 2014/15, from 58 in 2013/14 to 97 in 2014/15, and that explanation (a) accounted for changes in FTE for 2016/17 from 146 "Revised 2015/16" to 197 2016/17, what is your explanation for the growth in staff in the financial year 15/16 from 97 to 146?
- (3) Given that the "total expenses excluding losses" on page 4-5 for financial year 2015/15 jumped from a projected \$21.489 million to a revised \$61.015 million, an increase of approximately \$40 million, why does the coinciding and directly related explanation of costs on page 4-6, along with explanation (a) on 4-6, address only \$51 million and where did the difference of \$11 million disappear to?
- (4) What is the source of "Grants and Subsidies" listed on page 4-5 and why did they vary from a projected \$127 000 to a revised \$2.796 million in 2015/16 and why is it projected that they will only

be \$2.295 million in 2016/17 and why does this \$2.669 increase in Grants for 2015/16 not concur with the \$2.853 million reduction in Grants listed on page 4-6 for Government Services?

(5) What will be the source of the \$2.295 million in Grants and Subsidies for 2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) The growth of licence volumes in 2015-16 exceeded expectations. This was due to higher than expected volumes in fishing licences, and greater activity in the construction sector, which increased licencing compliance. This is not forecast to continue into 2016-17 as the increase in activity in the construction sector and licencing compliance is expected to plateau. Volumes are expected to return to closer to CPI level increases.

Types of licence where volumes increased in 2015/16 are: Recreational Fishing, Construction Induction Card, Competency Cards - Responsible Service of Alcohol/Responsible Conduct of Gaming, Boat Drivers, High Risk Work, Vessel registration, Contractors (Home Building), Health IPTAAS Registrations, Voluntary Out of Home Care – Carers and Placements, Trade Promotion Lotteries, and Real Estate Property.

* The term "Licence" includes any accreditation, approval, certificate, enrolment, exemption, permit, registration or other such similar authority.

- (2) The growth in staff from 97 to 146 is due to the transfer into ICT, Digital and Innovation of a business unit from Government Services, ICT Strategic Delivery. This transfer occurred during 2015-16 and was not included in the 2014-15 Actual FTE number of 97.
- (3) The expenditure variance between ICT, Digital and Innovation and Government Services in 2015-16 is not a 1 to 1 transfer between service groups.

In 2015-16 Government Services expenditure was revised to be \$54.5million lower than the 2015-16 Budgeted amount as follows:

2015-16 Budget	\$000's
Government Services	390.9
Transfer ICT Strategic Delivery from Government Services	-40
Carry Forwards to 2016-17 approved by Treasury	-14.5
2015-16 Revised Budget	336.4

In 2015-16 ICT, Digital and Innovation expenditure was revised as follows:

2015-16 Budget	\$000's
ICT, Digital and Innovation	21
Transfer ICT Strategic Delivery from Government Services	40
2015-16 Revised Budget	61

The explanation of costs on page 4-6 refers to 2016-17 numbers. The question relates to 2015-16 ones, so the explanation (a) on page 4-6 is not relevant.

- (4) The source of Grants and Subsidies listed on page 4-5 is government funding and is a pass through grant to Service NSW for the joint Digital Alignment project. The increase in 2015-16 is mainly due to ICT Strategic Delivery, the business transferred from Government Services to ICT, Digital and Innovation (\$2.704 million).

The amount of \$2.295 million budgeted for 2016-17 is the amount approved by Treasury to be paid to Service NSW by ICT Strategic Delivery in 2016-17 for the Digital Alignment project. This was a two-year project and \$2.704 million was paid in 2015-16.

The corresponding movement of Grants and subsidies in Government Services is as per the table below:

Government Services 2015-16 Budget – Grants and subsidies	\$000's
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2015-16 Budget	3,256
Transfer ICT Strategic Delivery from Government Services	-2,704
SafeWork NSW Grant no longer required to be paid (see Question on Notice No. 1049)	-149
Government Services 2015-16 Revised Budget – Grants and subsidies	403

- (5) The source of the funds in Grants and Subsidies expenses of \$2.295 million is Government Funding. The recipient is Service NSW and is for the joint Accelerating Digital Alignment project.

*1059 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—BUDGET 16/17 STATE INSURANCE REGULATORY AUTHORITY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No. 3, Budget Estimates, Financial Statements on page 4-41, titled State Insurance Regulatory Authority:

- (1) What is the breakdown of the \$331.622 million funding transferred across from the Motor Accidents Authority, WorkCover and any other source?
- (2) Why is Other Revenue expected to fall in 2016/17 to \$31.3 million from the current \$57.1 million for the part-year of 2015/16?

Answer—

- (1) The breakdown of \$331.62 million transferred into the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) from 1 September 2015 is as follows:

Motor Accidents Authority	\$182.32 million
WorkCover Authority	\$149.29 million
Total	\$331.62 million

- (2) Other revenue is expected to fall to \$31.3 million 2016-17 primarily due to SIRA providing shared services and invoicing SafeWork NSW \$14.1 million for the support services in 2015-16. In 2016-17 part of the support services business has transferred to other areas of Better Regulation Service Group so "other revenue" is budgeted to fall within SIRA.

Included in other revenue for 2015-16, SIRA received two claims totalling \$11.5 million from the Motor Accidents Nominal Defendant Fund, which is funded by HIH liquidation proceeds and Treasury funding proceeds. There are no known outstanding claims and therefore no revenue is expected in 2016-17.

*1060 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—BUDGET 16/17 WORKERS COMPENSATION (DUST DISEASES) AUTHORITY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

With regard to 2016/17 Budget Paper No.3, Budget Estimates, Financial Statements on page 4-50, titled Workers Compensation (Dust Diseases) Authority:

- (1) How do you derive an employee expense as a cash positive of \$1.899 million?
- (2) Why did the expense of Finance Costs only come to \$35 million instead of the projected \$50 million?
- (3) Why did the Investment Revenue only realise \$42 million instead of the projected \$67 million?
- (4) Why is the Revenue of Retained taxes, fees and fines actually realised as an expense of \$3.063 million, instead of a cash-positive revenue?
- (5) Why is the Revenue of Retained taxes, fees and fines, actually realised as an expense rather than a revenue, expected to double to more than \$6 million in 2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) How do you derive an employee expense as a cash positive of \$1.899 million?

The negative value of \$1.899 million is 'other operating expenses', not employee expenses.

- (2) Why did the expense of Finance Costs only come to \$35 million instead of the projected \$50 million?

Finance costs were \$35 million instead of \$50 million as a result of changes in interest rates, which are used by the fund actuary to value the outstanding liabilities of the Authority.

- (3) Why did the Investment Revenue only realise \$42 million instead of the projected \$67 million?

Investment revenue has decreased as a result of volatile investment market conditions in 2015/16.

- (4) Why is the Revenue of Retained taxes, fees and fines actually realised as an expense of \$3.063 million, instead of a cash-positive revenue?

The movement in retained taxes, fees and fines is the result of the increased contribution required due to the reduction in investment income.

- (5) Why is the Revenue of Retained taxes, fees and fines, actually realised as an expense rather than a revenue, expected to double to more than \$6 million in 2016/17?

The movement in retained taxes, fees and fines is the result of the increased contribution required due to increased claims expenses.

*1061 PREMIER—QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

- (1) Correspondence from the Administrator of the newly formed Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council indicates that the local member, the Member for Monaro, was involved in the final selection of who would be on the Local Representation Committee. Given this correspondence,

- Which other local members whose seats cover merged councils were involved in the selection process for determining the representatives on the newly formed councils' "Local Representation Committee" (however named)?
- How was it determined which local members would be part of the selection process?
- What was the selection criteria used by local members to determine the final representatives of the Local Representation Committees (however named)?

- (2) Correspondence from the Administrator of the newly formed Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council indicates that the Department of Premier and Cabinet was involved in the determination of who would be on their Local Representation Committee. Given this correspondence,

- How was it determined that the Department of Premier and Cabinet would be involved in the selection process for finalising the representatives on the newly formed councils' "Local Representation Committee" (however named)?
- Which newly formed councils had the Department of Premier and Cabinet involved in the determination of representatives for the councils' "Local Representation Committee" (however named)? Which did not?
- What was the selection criteria used by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to determine the final representatives of the Local Representation Committees (however named)?

Answer—

As this matter relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Local Government, I have referred the question to the Hon Paul Toole MP.

*1062 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Local Government—

- (1) Correspondence from the Administrator of the newly formed Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council indicates that the local member, the Member for Monaro, was involved in the final selection of who would be on the Local Representation Committee. Given this correspondence,

- (a) Which other local members whose seats cover merged councils were involved in the selection process for determining the representatives on the newly formed councils' "Local Representation Committee" (however named)?
- (b) How was it determined which local members would be part of the selection process?
- (c) What was the selection criteria used by local members to determine the final representatives of the Local Representation Committees (however named)?

Answer—

The establishment of Local Representation Committees in newly created councils is a matter for the relevant Administrator. In bringing together the new council, Administrators have been encouraged to engage with members and representatives of the community across new council areas.

*1063 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—HOUSING WAITING LIST—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing—

- (1) How many applicants are on the Housing NSW waiting list for the Newcastle allocation zone?
- (2) What is the average wait time for housing in the Newcastle allocation zone?
- (3) How many applicants are waiting for housing in NSW?
- (4) What is the average waiting time for housing in NSW?

Answer—

Details about the NSW Housing Register are available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at: www.facs.nsw.gov.au

*1064 TREASURER—PORT OF NEWCASTLE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What are the terms and conditions for the Government undertaking to pay compensation to NSW Ports?
- (2) What is the date that the Government undertook to pay compensation to NSW Ports?
- (3) What is the amount of compensation the Government undertook to pay NSW Ports?
- (4) What is the Government's source of funds for paying compensation to NSW Ports?
- (5) Does the Government's cap on numbers at the Port of Newcastle mean the number of containers for which the Government does not apply a charge? If not, what does the cap on numbers mean?
- (6) Did the Government undertake to pay compensation to NSW Ports for loss of business when container ships use the Port of Newcastle instead of Port Botany?
- (7) What is the date nominated by the Government that Newcastle Port Corporation ceased carrying on a business for the purpose of the Commonwealth Competition and Consumer Act 2010?
- (8) Did Newcastle Port Corporation amend the terms of its tender conducted in 2010 for a multi-purpose terminal at the Port of Newcastle? If so, how was the tender amended and on what dates?
- (9) Did Newcastle Port Corporation amend the terms of this tender to include a charge on containers? If so, on what date was this amendment made?
- (10) Did Newcastle Port Corporation advise Anglo Ports Pty Ltd of any amendments to the terms of the tender it conducted in 2010 for a multi-purpose terminal at the Port of Newcastle and for which this company was the selected tenderer? If so, on what date or dates?

Answer—

- (1) to 6. I am advised this information is contained within previous answers, available on the NSW Parliament website.

7. I am advised there has been no nomination.

8 to 10. I am advised this information is commercial in confidence.

- *1065 TREASURER—NEWCASTLE FIRST HOME BUYERS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

How much financial assistance has been provided to first home buyers in the Newcastle electorate in the twelve months from 23 June 2015 to 23 June 2016?

Answer—

- (1) I understand that across the State, over the 2015-16 financial year, a total of 9,457 First Home Owner Grants were paid, compared with 8,500 over the previous financial year. This is an increase of 957 or 11.3 per cent.

The Government is committed to increasing housing supply as a means of addressing housing affordability. I note there were 70,484 dwelling approvals in the twelve months to May 2016. Annual NSW residential building approvals are 75 percent above the decade average, and around all-time highs.

- *1066 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LEVY ON TAXI AND RIDESHARING FARES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Will Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme customers be forced to pay the one dollar levy that will be added to every taxi and rideshare trip in New South Wales?

- (2) What processes will point to point companies have to comply with as part of collecting this levy?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The levy is a temporary measure and will be the equivalent to \$1 per trip to be charged to all point to point transport providers for up to five years. Whether providers pass this cost on to their customers will be a commercial decision for each business.
- (2) The Taxation Administration Act 1996 and Schedule 4 of the Point to Point Transport (Taxis and Hire Vehicles) Act 2016 provide for the assessment and collection of the levy.

- *1067 TREASURER—RELOCATION OF EAST HILLS ELECTORATE OFFICE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Is East Hills Electorate Office moving from its current location in Revesby?

- (a) If so, what is the cost of that move?

- (b) What is the additional rent cost per annum to move the office to this location from its current rented premises?

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that Treasury does not hold this information. The responsibility for funding of electorate offices resides with the Presiding officer of the Legislative Assembly.

- *1068 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—BIRDWOOD PARK IN NEWCASTLE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—

Does the Government have plans to reclaim parts of Birdwood Park in Newcastle to be used as part of the road network?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services currently has no plans in place to reclaim parts of Birdwood Park in Newcastle to be used as part of the road network.

*1069 LANDS AND WATER—MURRAY RIVER PIPELINE—Mr Green asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) How will the new 270 km water supply pipeline from the Murray River to Broken Hill alleviate any of the dryness of the Menindee Lakes and Darling River at Broken Hill?
- (2) Does the Minister have any alternative plans to alleviate the dryness of the Menindee Lakes and Darling River at Broken Hill?

Answer—

- (1) The pipeline removes Broken Hill's reliance on the Menindee Lakes for water. This means the Menindee Lakes can be managed more efficiently to balance the needs of primary producers, the local community and the environment.
- (2) The NSW Government is committed to improving the Menindee Lakes through the Menindee Lakes Water Savings Project. This involves a range of infrastructure options and operating rule changes resulting in significant water savings that allow NSW to make an important contribution to its water savings targets under the Murray Darling Basin Plan. This reduces the need for further buyback of productive water to meet the Murray Darling Basin Plan targets in NSW and makes more water available for primary producers, the local community and the environment.

*1070 ENVIRONMENT—PAPER ROADS AT SPRING GULLY BUNDEENA—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

Regarding the unformed paper roads located at Spring Gully, Bundeena:

- (1) Has ownership of these paper roads been established?
 - (a) If not, what action is the National Parks and Wildlife Service taking to ascertain the ownership of the roads?
 - (b) If so, what action has the National Parks and Wildlife Service taken to have the roads incorporated into the Royal National Park?
- (2) Does the Minister support the future incorporation of these roads into the Royal National Park?

Answer—

I am advised as follows:

- (1) No.
 - (a) National Parks and Wildlife Service is working with Sutherland Shire Council to confirm ownership.
 - (b) N/A
- (2) Incorporation into the Royal National Park of all paper roads within the boundaries of the park is supported. The paper roads adjacent to the park boundary are subject to the outcomes of ownership determination and the legal rights of the neighbouring landowner.

*1071 EDUCATION—BULLYING—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) With respect to formally reported incidents of bullying in 2015, including cyberbullying, in New South Wales high schools, what were the first, second and third most frequent reasons given by complainants for the bullying reports at:
 - (a) Airds High School?
 - (b) Ajuga School?
 - (c) Albion Park High School?
 - (d) Albury High School?
 - (e) Alexandria Park Community School?
 - (f) Alstonville High School?
 - (g) Ambarvale High School?
 - (h) Anson Street School?

- (i) Ardlethan Central School?
- (j) Arian Park Central School?
- (k) Armidale High School?
- (l) Arranounbai School?
- (m) Arthur Phillip High School?
- (n) Ashcroft High School?
- (o) Ashfield Boys High School?
- (p) Ashford Central School?
- (q) Asquith Boys High School?
- (r) Asquith Girls High School?
- (s) Auburn Girls High School?
- (t) Balgowlah Boys Campus Northern Beaches Secondary College?
- (u) Ballina High School?
- (v) Balranald Central School?
- (w) Bankstown Girls High School?
- (x) Bankstown Hospital School?
- (y) Bankstown Senior College?
- (z) Banora Point High School?
- (aa) Baradine Central School?
- (ab) Barellan Central School?
- (ac) Barham High School?
- (ad) Barraba Central School?
- (ae) Barrenjoey High School?
- (af) Bass High School?
- (ag) Batemans Bay High School?
- (ah) Bates Drive School?
- (ai) Bathurst High School?
- (aj) Batlow Technology School?
- (ak) Baulkham Hills High School?
- (al) Bega High School?
- (am) Bellingen High School?
- (an) Belmont High School?
- (ao) Belmore Boys High School?
- (ap) Beverly Hills Girls High School?
- (aq) Billabong High School?
- (ar) Bingara Central School?
- (as) Binnaway Central School?
- (at) Birrong Boys High School?
- (au) Birrong Girls High School?
- (av) Blacktown Boys High School?
- (aw) Blacktown Girls High School?
- (ax) Blakehurst High School?
- (ay) Blaxland High School?
- (az) Blayney High School?
- (aa) Boggabilla Central School?
- (bb) Bomaderry High School?
- (bc) Bombala High School?
- (bd) Bonnyrigg High School?
- (be) Bossley Park High School?
- (bf) Bourke High School?
- (bg) Bowral High School?
- (bh) Bowraville Central School?
- (bi) Braidwood Central School?
- (bj) Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus?
- (bk) Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus?
- (bl) Broken Hill High School?
- (bm) Bulli High School?
- (bn) Burwood Girls High School?

Answer—

The NSW Department of Education does not collect data at a systemic level on incidents of alleged bullying in schools.

*1072 EDUCATION—SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION PROGRAM—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) As at 20 June 2016 which NSW public primary schools were participating in the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program?
- (2) As at 20 June 2016 which NSW public high schools were participating in the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program?

Answer—

- (1) and 2. As at 20 June 2016, 31 public schools were accessing Safe Schools Coalition Australian resources. All 31 principals have advised that their school is compliant with the Australian Government requirements.

*1073 EDUCATION—REVIEW OF APPROPRIATENESS AND EFFICACY OF THE SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION AUSTRALIA PROGRAM—Mr Donnelly asked the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) As at 20 June 2016 are there any New South Wales public primary schools who were participating in the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program that have not fully implemented all of the Recommendations contained in the Review of Appropriateness and Efficacy of the Safe Schools Coalition Australia Program Resources report prepared by Professor William Loudon for the Federal Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham? If so, nominate the school(s)?
- (2) As at 20 June 2016 are there any New South Wales public high schools who were participating in the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program that have not fully implemented all of the Recommendations contained in the Review of Appropriateness and Efficacy of the Safe Schools Coalition Australia Program Resources report prepared by Professor William Loudon for the Federal Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham? If so, nominate the school(s)?

Answer—

- (1) and 2. No. All registered principals of NSW public schools using the Safe Schools Coalition Australia resources have advised that their school is compliant with the Australian Government requirements.

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1074 PREMIER—LARGEST CRUISE MARKET—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney—

Can you provide a reference for the evidence, statistic or report you relied on to make your statement that Sydney has just become the largest cruise market in the world?

1075 ENVIRONMENT—ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRIAL NOISE POLICY—Ms Sharpe to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Is additional modelling currently taking place, or has additional modelling taken place since the release of the Draft Industrial Noise Guideline, to further inform proposed changes to the management of industrial noise in New South Wales? If so:
 - (a) What additional modelling is being or was undertaken and who undertook it?
 - (b) What are the reasons for undertaking additional modelling?

- (2) What information and criteria were used to develop the Third Octave assessment method for Low Frequency Noise, as proposed in the Draft Industrial Noise Guideline?
 - (3) What scientific data researched in and sourced from remote and rural areas of New South Wales has been used during the review of the Industrial Noise Policy and drafting of the Draft Industrial Noise Guideline? Please provide details.
 - (4) Why is the Government proposing a further five decibel increase in allowable industrial noise, including mining, in remote and rural communities during the daytime?
 - (5) What consideration has been given to the health and well-being impacts of increases in industrial noise from mining in remote and rural areas in New South Wales? Please provide details of any relevant research, consultation or modelling.
- 1076 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—L AND P PLATES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Which company is contracted to provide L, P1 and P2 plates to Roads and Maritime Services?
 - (2) Approximately, how many L, P1 and P2 plates are distributed by Roads and Maritime Services to provisional and learner drivers each year?
 - (3) What is the approximate cost per unit of L, P1 and P2 plates?
 - (4) How many drivers were penalised for not correctly displaying their L, P1 or P2 plates in the following years:
 - (a) 2011
 - (b) 2012
 - (c) 2013
 - (d) 2014
 - (e) 2015
 - (5) How many drivers, for each of the years in (4.) (a)-(e), were penalised for not correctly displaying their L, P1 or P2 plates in the following regions:
 - (a) Central Metropolitan Region
 - (b) North West Metropolitan Region
 - (c) Northern Region
 - (d) South West Metropolitan Region
 - (e) Southern Region
 - (f) Western Region
- 1077 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MACQUARIE PERCH—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—
- (1) Is any section of the Wollangambe River considered indicative or historical habitat of the Macquarie Perch?
 - (a) If yes, which sections?
 - (b) How close is this habitat from the site of Centennial Coal's Clarence Colliery?
 - (2) What is the estimated population of Macquarie Perch in the Wollongambe River?
 - (3) Did the Department of Primary Industries investigate any potential threats to the Macquarie Perch and its habitat in the Wollangambe River following any spills from Centennial Coal's Clarence Colliery in 2015 or 2016?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, what was the result of this investigation?
- 1078 ENVIRONMENT—MACQUARIE PERCH—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning—

- (1) Does Environmental Protection Licence 726 issued to Clarence Colliery include a threatened species impact statement to account for the existence or possible existence of Macquarie Perch in the Wollangambe River?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, what are the conditions related to the Macquarie Perch?

1079 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—URUNGA LAGOON—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water—

- (1) Has Urunga Lagoon in the Mid North Coast (located adjacent to the Urunga Antimony Contaminated Site) been tested for the presence of heavy metals, including arsenic?
 - (a) If yes, which areas of the lagoon have been tested?
 - (b) If yes, what were the results of the of the testing?
- (2) Has any contamination from the Urunga Antimony Contaminated Site leached into local waterways?
- (3) How safe is the water for swimming at the Urunga Lagoon, given that works have been carried out in a nearby area contaminated with heavy metals?
- (4) Has the Government been approached by local council with any concerns about the presence of heavy metals, including arsenic, in the Urunga Lagoon?
- (5) Has the Government been approached by any residents with any concerns about the presence of heavy metals, including arsenic, in the Urunga Lagoon?

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