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\*1562 **PREMIER—WAGGA WAGGA LIBRARY FUNDING**—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Regarding former Premier Mike Baird's commitment at a public forum in October 2016 in Wagga Wagga to provide a response to the Wagga Wagga Community in reply to community concerns about decreased state funding for local libraries, will the Premier honour the former Premier's commitment?
- (2) Has the Government funding to local government libraries decreased as a share of each dollar spent? If so, why?
- (3) Will the Government restore state funding for local government libraries to an adequate level? If so, when?

Answer—

The 2017-18 Budget provides a record \$28.8 million to local public libraries.

\*1563 **PLANNING—DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Since his appointment, how many applications has the Administrator of the Dubbo Regional Council approved under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act that have resulted in a reduction of the value of the applicant's section 94 contribution towards the provision or improvements of local amenities or services?
- (2) For each of the applications in Question 1, could the Minister please provide:
  - (a) The applicant's name
  - (b) The date on which the section 96 application was approved
  - (c) The prior value of section 94 contribution

Answer—

- (1) I am advised that Dubbo Regional Council publishes decisions regarding applications under section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in its business papers. Business papers can be obtained from council offices and from its website. I am further advised that the Administrator of Dubbo Regional Council has approved four applications that have resulted in a reduction of the value of the applicant's section 94 contribution (compared with seven such decisions by the former Dubbo City Council in the two years prior to the merger).
- (2) All of the details requested are published in the council business papers on council's website.

\*1564 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT—DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Since his appointment, how many applications has the Administrator of the Dubbo Regional Council approved under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act that have resulted in a reduction of the value of the applicant's section 94 contribution towards the provision or improvements of local amenities or services?
- (2) For each of the applications in Question 1, could the Minister please provide:
  - (a) The applicant's name
  - (b) The date on which the section 96 application was approved
  - (c) The prior value of section 94 contribution

Answer—

I am advised:

That this information is publicly available in the council's business papers available at <https://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/About-Council/Meetings-and-Documents/council-meetings>

- \*1565 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

On what date and in what year are those councils that were elected in September 2016 required to establish an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee?

Answer—

I am advised:

That councils can appoint an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

- \*1566 LANDS AND FORESTRY—NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARKS TRUST—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What are the annual operating costs of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust since 1 July, 2011?
- (2) What are the total Board costs of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust since 1 July, 2011?
- (3) How many staff are employed to assist the work of the Trust, and what are the total remuneration costs of staff employed?
- (4) How many senior executives are employed to assist the work of the Trust, and what are the total remuneration costs of senior executive staff?
- (5) How many Plans of Management have been finalised since the establishment of the Trust?
- (6) How many leases have been finalised since the establishment of the Trust?

Answer—

(1)	.	30-Jun-13	30-Jun-14	30-Jun-15	30-Jun-16
	Total Operating Cost	\$19,772,007	\$30,102,011	\$46,465,359	\$47,490,137

  

(2)	.	30-Jun-13	30-Jun-14	30-Jun-15	30-Jun-16
	Board Expenses (Including Director Remuneration, Travel and Board Advisory)	-	\$187,289	\$331,220	\$403,371

- (3) 98.7 FTE at \$8,224,903 (2016/17).
- (4) Five senior executives at \$842,181 (2016/17).
- (5) Seven.
- (6) Nil, the Trust directly manages the majority of its assets.

- \*1567 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES STAFF—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the total number of staff (Equivalent Full-Time (EFT) employees) in Fisheries each year since 2011?

- (2) What is the total allocation of staff (EFT) for compliance activities within Fisheries each year since 2011?
- (3) What is the total allocation of staff (EFT) assessing Crown road closure applications within Fisheries each year since 2011?
- (4) What is the total number of staff (EFT) in Inland Fisheries each year since 2011?
- (5) What is the total allocation of staff (EFT) for compliance activities within Inland Fisheries each year since 2011?
- (6) What is the total allocation of staff (EFT) assessing Crown road closure applications within Inland Fisheries each year since 2011?

Answer—

- (1) Numbers of employees fluctuate throughout each month of the year. An average number has been used for the year calculation. The number excludes casuals.

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
-*	360.65	342#	346	360.6	382	394.5* *

-\*unavailable due to system and structure changes

#Departmental restructure

\*\*incomplete year

- (2) DPI Fisheries tries to maintain its compliance staffing levels at 100 compliance officers.

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
-*	101.5*	100	100	100	100	100

-\*unavailable due to system and structure changes

\*Marine Parks Compliance Officers joined Fisheries

- (3) On average there has been two EFT employed to assess road closure applications statewide since 2011.
- (4) Numbers of employees fluctuate throughout each month of the year. An average number has been used for the calculation for inland locations.

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
-*	76.15	77	80	75	85.1	87.8

-\*unavailable due to system and structure changes

- (5) Numbers of employees fluctuate throughout each month of the year. An average number has been used for the calculation for inland locations.

FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
-*	20	20	21	21	21	21

\*unavailable due to system and structure changes

- (6) Refer to answer to (3) above.

\*1568 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—THE REGISTRY OF CO-OPERATIVE AND ASSOCIATIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) How many staff are employed at the Registry of Co-operative and Associations?
- (2) What has been the annual budget allocation for the Registry of Co-operative and Associations since

2011-12?

- (3) How many trading and non-trading co-operatives were registered under the Co-operatives National Law with the Registry of Co-operatives and Associations in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-12?
  - (b) 2012-13?
  - (c) 2013-14?
  - (d) 2014-15?
  - (e) 2015-16?
- (4) How many people were employed by these registered co-operatives in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-12?
  - (b) 2012-13?
  - (c) 2013-14?
  - (d) 2014-15?
  - (e) 2015-16?
- (5) What were the nominated geographical locations for registered co-operatives in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-12?
  - (b) 2012-13?
  - (c) 2013-14?
  - (d) 2014-15?
  - (e) 2015-16?
- (6) What were the proportions of co-operatives operating in each of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) Divisions in the 2015-16 financial year?

Answer—

- (1) Please see the response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5678. Please note the unit is now called 'Registry Services' and is part of NSW Fair Trading's Compliance and Enforcement group.
- (2) Please see the response to Legislative Assembly Question on Notice 5678.
- (3)
- (a) 2011-12 - Approximately 160 & 470
  - (b) 2012-13 - Approximately 160 & 460
  - (c) 2013-14 - Approximately 150 & 460
  - (d) 2014-15 - Approximately 140 & 460
  - (e) 2015-16 - Approximately 140 & 450.
- (4)
- (a) 2011-12 - Approximately 10,000
  - (b) 2012-13 - Approximately 8,000
  - (c) 2013-14 - Approximately 8,000
  - (d) 2014-15 – This information is not available as it is not collected under the CNL
  - (e) 2015-16 - This information is not available as it is not collected under the CNL.
- (5)
- (a) 2011-12 - This information is not available
  - (b) 2012-13 - This information is not available
  - (c) 2013-14 - This information is not available
  - (d) 2014-15 - This information is not available
  - (e) 2015-16 - See attached table – Tab A.
- (6) See attached table at Tab B. Please note the letters after each area is consistent with the classifications used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to classify Local Government Areas (LGAs), with C = City and A = Area.

\*1569 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND ROADS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many Crown roads have been sold each year since 2010-11?
- (2) How many hectares of land comprising Crown Roads have been sold each year since 2010-11?
- (3) What is the value of Crown Roads sold each year since 2010-11?
- (4) Does Industry-Lands provide sales targets and revenue projections to Treasury for the sale of Crown Roads?
- (5) What are the projected sales figures for Crown Roads for the following financial years:
  - (a) 2016-17?
  - (b) 2017-18?
  - (c) 2018-19?
  - (d) 2019-20?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) 1,161 road sales were completed in 2010-11.
  - (b) 1,122 road sales were completed in 2011-12.
  - (c) 1,335 road sales were completed in 2012-13.
  - (d) 1,521 road sales were completed in 2013-14.
  - (e) 1,353 road sales were completed in 2014-15.
  - (f) 1,405 road sales were completed in 2015-16.
- (2) In 2013, a new spatial records system was implemented which records this information from 2013 to present.
  - (a) 8,475 hectares of Crown road were sold in 2013-14.
  - (b) 10,639 hectares of Crown road were sold in 2014-15.
  - (c) 10,562 hectares of Crown road were sold in 2015-16.
- (3)
  - (a) \$12.3 million in road sales were completed in 2010-11.
  - (b) \$11.6 million in road sales were completed in 2011-12.
  - (c) \$14.6 million in road sales were completed in 2012-13.
  - (d) \$17 million in road sales were completed in 2013-14.
  - (e) \$17.2 million in road sales were completed in 2014-15.
  - (f) \$17.2 million in road sales were completed in 2015-16.
- (4) Department of Industry Lands & Forestry provides projections on all its activities to Treasury.
- (5)
  - (a) \$17.2 million
  - (b) \$17.2 million
  - (c) \$17.2 million
  - (d) \$17.2 million

\*1570 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERS SHARE TRADING EXERCISE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) In relation to the share trading exercise for the State's fishers:
  - (a) how many participants had successful matched bids in round one of the share trading?
  - (b) How many fishers did not enter the second round?
  - (c) What was the participation rate?
  - (d) How many matched bids remained at the end of the second round?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Participants in Round 1 had 227 matched bids and offers
  - (b) 1 of the 552 Fishing Businesses did not proceed to Round 2
  - (c) 551 out of 552 Fishing Businesses participated in Round 2
  - (d) Participants in Round 2 had 419 matched bids and offers

\*1571 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LANDS WEED AND PEST FUNDING—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What has been the annual allocation of funding for weed management programs allocated by the Department of Industry-Lands since 2011-12?
- (2) What has been the annual allocation of funding for pest management programs allocated by the Department of Industry-Lands since 2011-12?

Answer—

- (1) Annual weed funding granted on Crown land through the Public Reserve Management Funding Program is as follows:
- 2011/12 - \$125,000
  - 2012/13 - \$250,000
  - 2013/14 - \$124,225
  - 2014/15 - \$262,397
  - 2015/16 - \$152,545
  - 2016/17 - \$201,491
- (2) Annual pest funding granted on Crown land through the Public Reserve Management Funding Program is as follows:
- 2011/12 - \$ 500,000
  - 2012/13 - \$1,000,000
  - 2013/14 - \$1,249,975
  - 2014/15 - \$1,598,346
  - 2015/16 - \$1,256,743
  - 2016/17 - \$1,561,276

\*1572 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FOREST WEED AND PEST FUNDING—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What has been the annual allocation of funding for weed management programs allocated by State Forests since 2011-12?
- (2) What has been the annual allocation of funding for pest management programs allocated by State Forests since 2011-12?

Answer—

(1)

Financial year	Weed control expenditure
2011-12	1,492,705
2012-13	1,259,126
2013-14	864,511
2014-15	855,242

2015-16	1,358,732
2016-17 (to April 2017)	1,162,406
(2) Financial year	Pest control expenditure
2011-12	460,407
2012-13	533,044
2013-14	455,741
2014-15	1,124,869
2015-16	1,604,648
2016-17 (to April 2017)	1,104,288

\*1573 LANDS AND FORESTRY—NSW CROWN HOLIDAY PARK TRUST—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many members are on the Community Advisory Committee to the NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust?
- (2) Please list the members of the Community Advisory Committee?
- (3) How many times has the Community Advisory Committee met each year since its establishment?
- (4) Please list the dates in which the Committee met each year, and the total number of committee members who attended?
- (5) What was the cost of holding each of the meetings of the Community Advisory Committee?
- (6) Do members of the Committee get remunerated, and if so, what is the amount?
- (7) How many times has the Community Advisory Committee met with the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust?

Answer—

- (1) There are currently 13 members.
- (2) Community Advisory Committee membership:
  - John King OAM, Chair
  - Leslie Moulds
  - Moira Ryan
  - Casey Proctor
  - Dr Anne Kerle
  - Tom Phillips
  - Adam Weir
  - Malcolm Poole
  - Wendy Hills
  - Carl Solomon
  - Dean Gorddard
  - Justin Kerley
  - Sam Edwards
- (3) Meeting frequency.
  - 2014: Two times
  - 2015: Three times

- 2016: Three times
- 2017: Once
- (4) Committee meeting dates and attendees
  - 6 August 2014: 10 present, 3 apologies
  - 19 November 2014: 12 present (one representing an absent member), 3 apologies
  - 18 March 2015: 13 present, 0 apologies, 1 unconfirmed
  - 26 August 2015: 9 present, 3 apologies, 2 unconfirmed
  - 18 November 2015: 10 present, 3 apologies, 1 unconfirmed
  - 16 March 2016: 10 present, 3 apologies
  - 17 August 2016: 11 present, 1 apology, 2 unconfirmed
  - 13 December 2016: 11 present, 3 apologies
  - 27 March 2017: 11 present, 2 apologies, 1 unconfirmed
- (5) 6 meetings held in Sydney conference facilities. Average cost of \$649 per meeting. 3 meetings held at Destination NSW (From 17 August 2016 onwards). Average cost of \$138 per meeting.
- (6) The Trust pays the Chair an amount of \$20,000 per annum. Members are not paid.
- (7) The committee has met with NSW Crown Holiday Park Trust nine times.

\*1574 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—HORNSBY STATION COMMUTER CARPARK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the budget for the new Hornsby Station commuter carpark?
- (2) When is the construction of the new Hornsby Station commuter carpark expected to commence and be completed?
- (3) In regards to the agreement with Westfield for 300 spots to be provided to commuters at Westfield Hornsby:
  - (a) How long is this agreement for?
  - (b) How much is the Government paying Westfield?
  - (c) What other options were considered before entering into the agreement with Westfield?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) In February 2016, the NSW Government committed to the delivery of a new multistorey commuter car park at Hornsby. This important project is being delivered as part of the Transport Access Program - an initiative to deliver modern, safe and accessible transport infrastructure.  
On 23 June 2015, the Government announced a significant boost to the Transport Access Program with \$890 million to be invested over the next four years on station upgrades and more commuter car parks.
- (2) and (3) Information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

\*1576 RACING—HOTEL LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to hotel licences please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:

- (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
  - (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
  - (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
  - (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
  - (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
  - (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 23.
- (2) 15 approved and zero refused.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Results of all applications are published on the L&GNSW website for 30 days after the determination has been made. In addition, Statements of Reasons are prepared and published on the L&GNSW website for all hotel licence determinations. It would be an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (5) When submissions are received in relation to a Hotel application they are forwarded to the applicant to allow them the opportunity to address any concerns raised. All submissions and the responses to those submissions are taken into account when determining an application. Each Hotel application must also be accompanied by a community impact statement. An application will only be approved if it is determined that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.
- (6) Conditions are often added or modified upon the grant of an application in order to mitigate any risks identified by objections or concerns raised in the assessment process.
- (7) Nil.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information.

\*1577 RACING—SMALL BAR LICENCES—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to small bar licences please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 38 as at 31 May 2017.
- (2) 20 small bar licence applications approved and zero rejected as at 31 May 2017.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) An unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources would be required to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (5) An unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources would be required to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (6) Nil.
- (7) Nil.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information.

\*1578 RACING—PRIMARY SERVICE AUTHORISATIONS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to Primary Service Authorisations (by type) please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.

- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 80.
- (2) 66 granted and five refused.
- (3) One. The Hop Factory, an on-premises restaurant in Cooks Hill.
- (4) Results of all applications are published on the L&GNSW website for 30 days after the determination has been made. It would be an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (5) In general, when submissions are received in relation to an application they are forwarded to the applicant to allow them the opportunity to address any concerns raised. All submissions and the responses to those submissions are taken into account when determining an application. Each application for a Primary Services Authorisation must also be accompanied by a community impact statement. An application will only be approved if it is determined that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.
- (6) In general, conditions are often added or modified upon the grant of an application in order to mitigate any risks identified by objections or concerns raised in the assessment process.
- (7) One. The applicant sought a merits review in relation to a L&GNSW decision for a primary service authorisation. This review relates to Gallagher's Bar and Grill, Double Bay and the applicant sought to revoke a condition imposed on the licence by a delegate. This matter is under consideration by ILGA.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual

submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information.

\*1579 RACING—PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCES—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to packaged liquor licences (including online) please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 184 as at 31 May 2017.
- (2) 140 approved and 14 refused as at 31 May 2017.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Results of all Packaged Liquor Licence applications are published on the L&GNSW website for 30 days after the determination has been made. In addition, Statements of Reasons are prepared and published on the L&GNSW website for all packaged liquor licence determinations. It would be an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (5) When submissions are received in relation to a Packaged Liquor Licence application they are forwarded to the applicant to allow them the opportunity to address any concerns raised. All Packaged Liquor Licence submissions and the responses to those submissions are taken into account when determining an application. Each Packaged Liquor Licence application must also be accompanied by a community impact statement. An application will only be approved if it is determined that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.
- (6) Conditions are often added or modified upon the grant of an application in order to mitigate any

risks identified by objections or concerns raised in the assessment process.

- (7) Between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017, one applicant sought a review in relation to a decision for a packaged liquor licence. This application was made to NCAT to seek a review of an ILGA decision to refuse the removal of a dormant hotel licence for the Mill Tavern Young and transfer it to ALDI Young to use as a packaged liquor business. This matter is currently under consideration by NCAT.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017, there has been one NCAT proceeding in relation to a decision for a packaged liquor licence. This application sought a review of an ILGA decision to refuse the removal of a dormant hotel licence for the Mill Tavern Young and transfer it to ALDI Young to use as a packaged liquor business. This matter is currently under consideration by NCAT.
- (10) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information.

\*1580 RACING—EXTENDED TRADING AUTHORISATIONS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to extended trading authorisations please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) 59 as at 31 May 2017.

- (2) 36 granted and two refused as at 31 May 2017.
- (3) One. It was for Naruone, an on-premises restaurant in Sydney.
- (4) Results of all applications are published on the L&GNSW website for 30 days after the determination has been made. In addition, Statements of Reasons are prepared and published on the L&GNSW website for all extended trading hours authorisations after midnight. It would be an unreasonable and substantial diversion of resources to undertake the searches necessary to respond to this question.
- (5) When submissions are received in relation to an ETA application they are forwarded to the applicant to allow them the opportunity to address any concerns raised. All submissions and the responses to those submissions are taken into account when determining an application. Each ETA application must also be accompanied by a community impact statement. An application will only be approved if it is determined that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.
- (6) In general, conditions are often added or modified upon the grant of an application in order to mitigate any risks identified by objections or concerns raised in the assessment process.
- (7) Nil.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information

\*1581 RACING—VARIATIONS TO EXISTING EXTENDED TRADING AUTHORISATION CONDITIONS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to variations to existing conditions involving an extension of hours to an existing extended trading authorisation both after midnight and before 10am please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.
- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.

- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) There were 59 applications for a permanent extended trading (ETA) authorisation or variation to an existing ETA lodged between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017.
- (2) There were 36 permanent ETA applications or variations to an existing ETA granted and two refused between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017.
- (3) There no variations to ETAs, granted between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017, which had previously been refused.
- (4) Results of all ETA applications are published on the L&GNSW website for 30 days after the determination has been made. It would be overly onerous and resource intensive to review all licence applications and identify those that resulted in submissions raising objections or concerns.
- (5) In general, when submissions are received in relation to an ETA application they are forwarded to the applicant to allow them the opportunity to address any concerns raised. All submissions and the responses to those submissions are taken into account when determining an application. All ETA application have been accompanied by a community impact statement. An application will only be approved if it is determined that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.
- (6) In general, conditions are often added or modified upon the grant of an application in order to mitigate any risks identified by objections or concerns raised in the assessment process.
- (7) Nil.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) It is optional for submitters to include their residential suburb in the online comment form. In addition, a submitter may also list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this field is also optional. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is only one factor considered in weighing all relevant information. For ETA applications the broader community is not taken to be the whole of New South Wales but instead the relevant Local Government Area.

\*1582 RACING—CLUBS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 January 2016 to present, and in regards to clubs please provide:

- (1) The number of applications received.
- (2) The number of applications approved and the number rejected.
- (3) The number and details of the applications in Question 2, above, that had previously been refused by The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA) prior to February 2016 notwithstanding any subsequent variation in the licencing conditions sought.
- (4) The number of applications that resulted in objections or concerns from:
  - (a) Local residents and community members,
  - (b) Police,
  - (c) Department of Health and Local Health Districts (LHDs),
  - (d) Councils e. Other agencies or parties.

- (5) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were rejected because of those objections or concerns and, separately, the number rejected for any other reason. Please provide the reason for rejection, the name, location and date of such applications and decisions and, whether Liquor & Gaming NSW, the ILGA Board, or a Delegate of ILGA made the decision.
- (6) The number of applications in Question 4, above, that were modified with additional conditions because of those objections or concerns. Please identify the added conditions and provide the name, location and date of such applications/decisions and whether Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA made the decision.
- (7) How many applicants have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gambling NSW or ILGA adverse decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (8) How many objectors and others have sought a review of either a Liquor & Gaming NSW or ILGA decision? Please advise of the outcome of the review.
- (9) How many of these review requests in Questions 6 and 7, above, involved or currently involve an application to NCAT? What were the outcomes of these NCAT proceedings per review request?
- (10) Why does the on-line liquor license objection form require the objector to identify the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premise when published decisions indicate that the relevant broader community is usually taken to be the whole of New South Wales?

Answer—

- (1) Three as at 31 May 2017.
- (2) One application approved and zero rejected between 1 January 2016 and 31 May 2017.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) For the one club application approved, there was no Police objection and no Council objection. One member of the community did lodge an objection.
- (5) Nil.
- (6) For the one club application approved, five conditions were imposed on the licence by the Authority. These conditions were put to the applicant and ultimately consent was obtained. These conditions did not arise out of any specific objection raised by Council, Police or the public.
- (7) Nil.
- (8) Nil.
- (9) Nil.
- (10) While it is an option for submitters to include their residential address in the online comment form, this is not a mandatory field. In addition, a submitter may list the distance between their location and the address of the proposed licensed premises, but this is not mandatory. This is only one of multiple options available to describe the submitter's interest in the application. An individual submitter's proximity to the licensed premises is just one factor to be considered in weighing all relevant information.

\*1583 RACING—MANLY FERRIES REVIEW OF ON-PREMISE LICENCE—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Did Liquor & Gaming NSW or the Independent Liquor Gaming Authority (ILGA) advise Manly Ferries they could seek a review of their on-premise licence approval to NCAT? If so, on what basis did they provide the advice?
- (2) Why was Manly/Northern Beaches Council not identified as an applicable Council on The Liquor & Gaming NSW Notice Board?

Answer—

- (1) The Regulation permitting a merits review to NCAT for this type of decision came into effect on 1 March 2016. As the ILGA Board's initial decision was determined on 22 August 2014, the right did not at that time exist. For the determination made by the ILGA Board in 2016, however, the applicant was advised of their right to seek a review.

- (2) The City of Sydney Council was listed as the relevant LGA on the L&GNSW noticeboard for both applications due to the fact that the vessels were to be moored at an address within the City of Sydney. For the 2016 application, a submission from the Northern Beaches Council was considered by the ILGA Board in arriving at their determination.

\*1584 RACING—INDEPENDENT LIQUOR AND GAMING ASSOCIATION LICENSING APPROVAL PROCESS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

For the period commencing 1 February 2016 to the present:

- (1) The number of occasions and details (including date of decision) where the Independent Liquor and Gaming Association (ILGA) (including delegate) has rejected or modified a recommendation from Liquor & Gaming NSW in relation to a liquor licence, authorisation or other form of licensing application?
- (2) How many licensing applications have been approved by ILGA (including a delegate) and Liquor & Gaming NSW for the same licence type that was previously rejected by ILGA (including a delegate) or Liquor & Gaming NSW from the same venue? (For example Manly Ferries on premise licence, Hops Factory Restaurant PSA etc). Please provide the identity of the venue and copy of the latest approval decision.
- (3) On how many applications have Police raised concerns that the applicant or parties associated with the applicant may not have been consistent with the fit and proper person test of the Liquor Act 2007 (section 45(3)) or under any other relevant provisions and powers? What was the outcome of the application following consideration of the Police's concerns?
- (4) What and how many applications (including details of application) other than licensing approvals have the Police made to Liquor & Gaming NSW and ILGA during the period from 1 February 2016 to present, for example banning orders and disciplinary complaints. What was the outcome of such applications?

Answer—

- (1) ILGA has rejected or modified recommendations from L&GNSW. By way of example, ILGA may make changes to recommended licence conditions to further mitigate any identified risks or concerns. It would be overly onerous and resource intensive to review all ILGA decisions to identify those occasions.
- (2) L&GNSW and ILGA take any prior decisions into account when determining licensing applications. It would be overly onerous and resource intensive to review all licensing applications to identify those applications.
- (3) Pursuant to the legislation, NSW Police are able to raise concerns with the applicant or parties associated with the applicant for a licence. Where this occurs, L&GNSW and / or ILGA consider these concerns when assessing the merits of an application. It would be overly onerous and resource intensive to review all licence applications and identify all instances where the Police have raised concerns.
- (4) Liquor & Gaming NSW has received a total of 331 applications from NSW Police from 1 February 2016 to 31 May 2017 seeking the exercise of a statutory power under the Liquor Act 2007 or the Liquor Regulation 2008. The information is summarised in the following table:

Type	Number	Outcomes
Liquor Act section 54 - Secretary may impose, vary or revoke licence conditions	21	12 matters resulted in conditions being imposed 1 matter was refused 8 matters remain pending
Liquor Act section 79 – Disturbance complaints	2	1 matter resulted in conditions being imposed 1 matter withdrawn

Liquor Act section 102/102A – irresponsible liquor promotions	20	5 notices issued to restrict or prohibit activity 15 matters were dealt with by remedial action
Liquor Act section 54A - Directions relating to "sale on other premises" authorisations	1	Licensee determined not to exercise the authorisation obviating need to issue direction
Liquor Act sections s116AE & s116G - Long Term Banning Orders	273	156 bans imposed 26 refused 31 withdrawn 60 pending
Liquor Act Part 9 – Disciplinary complaints	8	4 matters resulted in disciplinary action being taken 4 matters withdrawn
Liquor Regulation section 39AA – Suspension or revocation of RSA certification	1	1 matter resulted in RSA being revoked
Liquor Act section 84 – Long Term Closure Order	2	1 matter resulted in a long term closure order being issued 1 matter was refused, with conditions imposed on licence
Liquor Act section 84 – Short Term Closure Order	3	2 matters resulted in short term closure orders being issued 1 withdrawn

\*1585 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—POWER OUTAGES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What average duration (in minutes) of power outages has Essential Energy reported in:
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2015?
  - (c) 2014?
- (2) What average duration (in minutes) of power outages has Endeavour Energy reported in:
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2015?
  - (c) 2014?
- (3) What average duration (in minutes) of power outages has Ausgrid reported in:
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2015?
  - (c) 2014?

Answer—

I am advised:

The three-year data does not provide an accurate trend for Essential Energy, it is important to note that network performance is also highly influenced by weather. 2014 was a particularly benign year in terms

of weather impacts on the network, which resulted in their lowest ever (i.e. best) result on record for the System Average Interruption Duration Index.

Over the past five financial years (2011-12 to 2015-16), Essential Energy recorded an improvement in network performance of almost 10 per cent, from approximately 237 minutes in 2011-12 to 214 minutes in 2015-16.

That Essential Energy reports its average duration of power outages for the year 2016 as 227 minutes, 2015 as 217 minutes and in 2014 it was 183 minutes.

Endeavour Energy reports its average duration for the year 2016 as 85.4 minutes, 2015 as 92 minutes and 2014 as 89.1 minutes.

Ausgrid reported its average duration for the year 2016 as 70.8 minutes, in 2015 it was 77.3 minutes and in 2014 the average duration was 64.3 minutes.

Due to the long line lengths and low customer density, rural electricity networks inherently experience more power outages than urban networks. Power outages also take longer to fix due to the long distances when responding to outages.

\*1586 REGIONAL WATER—NEW SOUTH WALES WATER OFFICES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What are the locations of all New South Wales Water offices?
- (2) How many Full Time Equivalent staff are employed at each of those sites?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) The location and full time equivalent staff numbers for WaterNSW as at June 2017 are:

Albury	8.8
Alstonville	1
Armidale	12
Balranald	3
Bega	3
Blowering Dam	2
Brogo Dam	2
Buronga	7
Burrawang	12
Burrendong Dam	6
Burrinjuck Dam	3
Carcoar Dam	4
Cataract Dam	1
Chaffey Dam	1
Condobolin	2
Copeton Dam	6
Cordeaux	0.14
Deniliquin	23.34
Dubbo	64.73
Euston Weir	3
Forbes	8

Glen Innes	1
Glenbawn Dam	7
Glennies Greek Dam	3
Goondiwindi	4
Goulburn	3.8
Grafton	6
Gunnedah	6
Hay	1
Hume Dam	19
Keepit Dam	7
Lake Cargelligo	3
Leeton	14.66
Lostock Dam	1
Maitland	9
Menangle	4
Menindee	7.63
Moree	9.77
Mt Annan	18.91
Murwillumbah	1
Narrabri	10
Nepean Depot	0.56
Newcastle	6.6
Nowra	2
Oberon	1
Orange	12
Parramatta	291.76
Pindari Dam	1
Prospect	3
Queanbeyan	2.6
Split Rock Dam	2
Tamworth	20
Toonumbar Dam	2
Tumut	10
Wagga Wagga	3
Wallerawang	9
Warragamba	33.51
Warren	4
Wentworth Weir	3
Windamere Dam	2
Wollongong	2.9
Wyangala	5

\*1587 HEALTH—WAGGA WAGGA RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Why was a hydrotherapy pool not included as part of the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital redevelopment?

Answer—

The service need for a hydrotherapy service at the Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital was not supported by an assessment of the role of the therapy in contemporary rehabilitation models of care, and levels of utilisation for treatment purposes.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District has a service agreement for consumers to access hydrotherapy services at the new Calvary Riverina Private Hospital pool which was completed in 2016.

\*1588 TREASURER—GLOBAL RENEWABLES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What is the total value of compensation paid to the Government Public Private Partnership (PPP) Waste Recycling business Global Renewables who operate at Eastern Creek, Sydney following 2009 litigation between the parties? In particular, please provide:
  - (a) Legal costs paid to Global Renewables,
  - (b) All other cash settlement or reimbursement monies paid to Global Renewables following completion of the litigation,
  - (c) The increased dollar cost per tonne of waste processed agreed to be paid by the Government on all future waste processed by Global Renewables under their contract following the 2009 litigation,
  - (d) A forecast of what this additional cost will be over the remaining life of the 40 year PPP deal based on current volumes of waste being processed per annum.
- (2) What was the justification for NSW Treasury providing two grants totalling \$5.25 million to Global Renewables in 2013 (\$250,000) and 2014/15 (\$5 million)?
- (3) What information about the grants in (2) is publicly available?

Answer—

I am advised that NSW Treasury does not hold information on these matters.

\*1589 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—GLOBAL RENEWABLES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total value of compensation paid to the Government Public Private Partnership (PPP) Waste Recycling business Global Renewables who operate at Eastern Creek, Sydney following 2009 litigation between the parties? In particular, please provide:
  - (a) Legal costs paid to Global Renewables,
  - (b) All other cash settlement or reimbursement monies paid to Global Renewables following completion of the litigation,
  - (c) The increased dollar cost per tonne of waste processed agreed to be paid by the Government on all future waste processed by Global Renewables under their contract following the 2009 litigation,
  - (d) A forecast of what this additional cost will be over the remaining life of the 40 year PPP deal based on current volumes of waste being processed per annum.
- (2) What was the justification for NSW Treasury providing two grants totalling \$5.25 million to Global Renewables in 2013 (\$250,000) and 2014/15 (\$5 million)?
- (3) What information about the grants in (2) is publicly available?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) to (c) The claim by Global Renewables was settled with WSN Environmental Solutions, and a Deed of Settlement and Release entered into. Under the Deed the parties agreed to keep the terms of the settlement confidential.
- (d) WSN Environmental Solutions was sold to SITA by the NSW Government in December 2010, and as part of the sale process the Global Renewables contract and associated costs were transferred to SITA.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (3) This question should be directed to the Treasurer.

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\*1590 LANDS AND FORESTRY—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In relation to storm damage done to the Eden woodchip mill on 5 June 2016 when significant parts of the jetty and conveyor belt collapsed into Twofold Bay:

- (1) Is debris from these structures still on the seabed at Twofold Bay? If yes,
- (a) has the owner of the chip mill been given any advice, request or directive to remove or manage the debris? If yes,
- (i) what are the details?
- (ii) is there a timeframe for the removal?
- (b) is the debris considered likely to have any impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon or other significant marine species?
- (c) will there be any penalty for delays in removing the debris?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) This is a matter for the Minister for Maritime and Freight.
- (b) It is considered there would be minimal impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon.
- (c) This is a matter for the Minister for Maritime and Freight.

\*1591 ENVIRONMENT—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to storm damage done to the Eden woodchip mill on 5 June 2016 when significant parts of the jetty and conveyor belt collapsed into Twofold Bay:

- (1) Is debris from these structures still on the seabed at Twofold Bay? If yes,
- (a) has the owner of the chip mill been given any advice, request or directive to remove or manage the debris? If yes,
- (i) what are the details?
- (ii) is there a timeframe for the removal?
- (b) is the debris considered likely to have any impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon or other significant marine species?
- (c) will there be any penalty for delays in removing the debris?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Niall Blair.

\*1592 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MURRAH FLORA RESERVE—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) In relation to the \$2.5 million allocated from the NSW Environmental Trust to Forestry Corporation of NSW for a haulage subsidy to source alternative logs following the declaration of the Murrah Flora Reserves:
  - (a) how much haulage subsidy was allocated in 2015-16?
  - (b) how much haulage subsidy was allocated in 2016-17?
- (2) Does the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 apply in State Forest flora reserves such as the Murrah Flora Reserves?

Answer—

- (1) Forestry Corporation has received revenue of \$425,603 in 2015-16 and \$413,085 in 2016-17 (July to December) from the Environment Trust under the "Protection of Koalas in Murrah Mumbulla Tanja Bermagui" project.
- (2) Yes

\*1593 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CYCLISTS AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the timeframe that a cyclist has to report an incident involving a motor vehicle for the complaint to be processed by the police?
  - (a) can motor vehicle drivers be held accountable for an accident if a report to the police is made 48 hours or more after the incident?
  - (b) can motor vehicle drivers be held accountable for incidents with cyclists if injuries to cyclists are not life threatening and/or if the driver of the vehicle is not inebriated?
  - (c) what is the process for holding motor vehicle drivers accountable for accidents involving cyclists after a complaint is brought to the police?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Police.

\*1594 POLICE—CYCLISTS AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the timeframe that a cyclist has to report an incident involving a motor vehicle for the complaint to be processed by the police?
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  - (c) what is the process for holding motor vehicle drivers accountable for accidents involving cyclists after a complaint is brought to the police?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Section 179 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 provides for time limits for commencement of summary proceedings. Proceedings for an alleged summary offence, such as a cyclist reporting a traffic related matter, must be commenced not later than 6 months from when the offence was alleged to have been committed. In certain circumstances an exception may apply.

If a crash is reported to police 48 hours or more after the incident, police assess the incident to determine whether it is a minor or major traffic crash. Further information can be found on the police website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au).

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\*1595 POLICE—POLICE CAR PURSUITS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many police car pursuits were undertaken in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
- (2) How many fatalities have been incurred as a result of police car pursuits in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
  - (d) In each of these years, how many fatalities were:
    - (i) police?
    - (ii) drivers of vehicles being pursued?
    - (iii) passengers of vehicles being pursued?
    - (iv) bystanders including third party motorists?
- (3) How many injuries have occurred as a result of police car pursuits in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
- (4) What were the offences of persons pursued in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
- (5) What was the total cost of police pursuits in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
- (6) What was the total of compensation paid to victims or others as a result of police car pursuit in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?
- (7) What is the dollar amount of damage caused to police property as a result of police car pursuit in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2014/15?
  - (b) 2015/16?
  - (c) 2016/17 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1)
- (a) 1,809.
  - (b) 2,209.
  - (c) 2,246 (as at 8 June 2017).
- (2) 2014-15: Zero fatalities\*. 2015-16: Three pursued passenger fatalities. 2016-17: Two pursued driver fatalities (as at 8 June 2017).
- \* NB: Previous police advice given in 2015 in response to QLC 0025 that there was one pursuit-related fatality in 2014-15 was incorrect.
- (3) 2014-15: 48 injuries.  
2015-16: 53 injuries.  
2016-17: 43 injuries (as at 8 June 2017).

- (4) See table of offence categories below (2016-17 figures as at 8 June 2017):

YEAR	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	STOLEN VEHICLE	NOT STOP AT RBT	OTHER
2014-15	1,084	175	273	377	3
2015-16	1,264	233	307	520	1
2016-17	1,261	220	335	540	1

- (5) This information is not available from police systems.
- (6) The total compensation paid on public liability claims made against the NSWPF and/or the State of NSW was \$5,380.85 in 2014-15. No such compensation has been paid to date in the following financial years.
- (7) NSWPF vehicles and property are insured. This information is not available from police systems.

\*1596 TREASURER—NSW TREASURY AND AMERICAN EXPRESS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Does NSW Treasury use any financial services provided by American Express, including corporate credit cards?

Answer—

NSW Treasury does not engage in any financial services provided by American Express, including corporate credit cards.

There is an indirect relationship through our government travel provider FCM. American Express, as financial institution for FCM, directly debits NSW Treasury for travel services when provided.

\*1597 DISABILITY SERVICES—PRACTICE LEADER POSITIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Are the Practice Leader positions in nursing, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and psychology funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme or the Government?
- (a) If it is the Government's responsibility what funds are the Government committing to it?

Answer—

The NSW Government currently funds a number of practice leader positions located in the Ageing, Disability and Home Care division of the NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

From 1 July 2018, the funding for these positions will be transitioned to NDIS in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales: Transition to a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

\*1598 DISABILITY SERVICES—INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY MENTAL HEALTH AT UNIVERSITY NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

- (1) Is the Chair in Intellectual Disability Mental Health at University New South Wales held by Associate Professor Julian Trollor since 2004, funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme or the Government?
  - (a) If it is the Government's responsibility what funds are the Government committing to it?

Answer—

The Department of Family and Community Services has provided funding to support the continuation of the Chair until 2019. I am advised the Ministry of Health has also contributed funding to support the continuation of the Chair. Future workforce capacity building and research arrangements are the subject of ongoing discussions with the National Disability Insurance Agency.

\*1599 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—1080 BAITING—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

On 2 May 2017 during Question Time, I asked the Minister for Primary Industries whether his Department has considered humane or non-lethal alternatives to 1080 baiting and he responded with the words "I know my Department, along with other agencies, looks at alternatives to poisoning for some of these pest animals".

- (1) Please list all departmental and other agency research concerning humane or non-lethal alternatives to which the Minister was referring in his answer?
- (2) Has the Department of Primary Industries considered the research undertaken by Dr Clive Marks into the development of humane analgesics combined with an anxiolytic (sedation) which is placed in the outer coating of 1080 bait and which is active and effective before the lethal action of the poison?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries' Vertebrate Pest Research Unit with the support of national and state agencies, industry and community, including the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions, is focused on long term solutions and improved management of pest animals. This includes major contributions to projects investigating:
  - national best practice and animal welfare guidelines for pest animal management,
  - defining the ecological principles underpinning effective management of fox, pest bird, rabbit, feral goat, wild dog and wild pig populations,
  - the use of exclusion fencing,
  - the use of livestock guarding animals,
  - next generation invasive carnivore detection tools, techniques and strategies including Wild Dog Alert.

- (1) Yes.

\*1600 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—ELEPHANT IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

Concerns have been raised with my office that elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn obtained from recently killed animals have been imported into Australia in breach of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and are being offered for sale in New South Wales.

- (1) It is noted that illegal importation of elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn is a federal Government responsibility. However does the Government have any obligations to monitor and report on domestic sales within New South Wales, of illegally imported elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn products to the federal Government.
- (2) What advice, if any, have your Departments received about elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn being sold at auction houses in New South Wales?

- (3) What regulatory oversight do your Departments have over auction houses in regards to the sale of illegally imported goods?
- (4) What mechanism is available for your Departments to report evidence to the federal Government of the domestic sale of products that have been imported in breach of CITES?
- (5) In a situation where your Departments have been advised of allegations that illegally imported elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn products were being offered for sale at an auction house, what actions, if any, are you as Minister required to undertake?
- (6) Will the Government raise the issue of the domestic sale of illegal imported elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn at a Council of Australian Governments meeting with the relevant federal counterpart?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be directed to the NSW Minister for Environment.
- (2) This question should be directed to the NSW Minister for Environment. Additionally, the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy also works with Auction Houses to ensure that only legally imported ivory and rhino horn is offered for sale. The Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy can be contacted on (02) 6274 1900 or [wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au](mailto:wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au).
- (3) Fair Trading NSW is the NSW regulator of the Australian Consumer Law (ACL). The consumer guarantees in the ACL do not cover goods sold in auctions where the auctioneer acts as an agent of the trader. If an auction house has made false or misleading representations about the legality or provenance of a product, a consumer or NSW Fair Trading may be able to take action against the auction house.
- (4) Anyone can contact Commonwealth Department of Environment to report illegal wildlife trade, at [wildlifetrade.compliance@environment.gov.au](mailto:wildlifetrade.compliance@environment.gov.au) or (02) 6274 1801. However if there were allegations reported to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation they would refer these allegations to the Commonwealth Department of Environment.
- (5) Any alleged breaches of the law referred to my Office would be referred to the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation for assessment and referral to the appropriate agency, which in this case is the Commonwealth Department of Environment. I have no specific obligations as the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (6) This question should be directed to the NSW Minister for Environment.

\*1601 ENVIRONMENT—WILD HORSE TRAPPING—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many private contractors are currently authorised to trap wild horses in Kosciusco National Park (KNP)?
  - (a) Please list the names of these contractors?
- (2) Does the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have a policy or operating procedure for contractors trapping wild horses in KNP?
  - (a) If so, please provide a copy of this policy and/or operating procedure.
- (3) Have there been any reported cases of animal cruelty against any contractors currently or previously trapping wild horses?
- (4) Has the Minister received advice of any contractors trapping wild horses for the purpose of selling them to the Man from Snowy River Festival event?
- (5) Have there ever been any reports to the OEH of illegal trespassers by contractors trapping wild horses in KNP?
  - (a) If so, was an investigation carried out by the OEH or NSW Police?
  - (b) If no investigation was carried out, then why not?
  - (c) Were funding issues the reason for a failure to investigate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) None.
- (2) Trapping of wild horses in Kosciuszko National Park is undertaken in accordance with the Kosciuszko National Park Horse Management Plan, available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pestsweeds/KnpHorseMgmtplan.htm>
- (3) No.
- (4) No.
- (5) No.

\*1602 ENVIRONMENT—PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR WILD HORSES—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to meeting delegations and information supplied to the previous Minister in relation to fertility control and the response provided to my office on 20 March 2017:

- (1) What is the methodology that is being used to determine the suitability and efficacy of fertility control against lethal shooting programs?
- (2) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage consulted with world leading experts on the use of fertility control of horses including those conducting work on wild horses in the United States of America?
  - (a) If so, will the outcomes of these consultations be made available?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) When will the Draft Plan of Management for Wild Horses be approved?
- (4) Will there be a formal Government response to the summary of submissions to the draft plan be available?
- (5) What is the timeline for implementation of the final plan once approved?
- (6) Until the plan is finalised, will all current trapping programs exhaust all rehoming options before sending horses to slaughter?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Model for assessing the relative humaneness of pest animal control methods (Sharp and Saunders 2011).
- (2) Yes
  - (a) Yes
- (3) Following review.

\*1603 ENVIRONMENT—FLYING FOX CULLING—Mr Pearson asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In what circumstances is a permit or licence granted for the lawful killing of flying-foxes?
- (2) What criteria does the Office of Environment and Heritage use to satisfy itself that a permit should be granted in particular circumstances?
- (3) What types of lethal measures are used to kill the flying foxes?
- (4) What non-lethal control methods are required to have been attempted prior to granting a permit for the lawful killing of flying foxes.
- (5) If killing is permitted, who is responsible for physically supervising and/or observing the killing of the flying foxes?
- (6) Are these permitted flying fox deaths counted and recorded?
  - (a) if so, how and where?

- (7) Is information regarding the killing of flying foxes publicly available?  
 (a) if so, how and where?
- (8) How many flying foxes have been lawfully killed in each of the past five years?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) to (3) This information is available at:  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/wildlifelicences/SpecialCircumstances.pdf>
- (4) This information is available at:  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/wildlifelicences/150423-flying-foxprotecting-crops.pdf>

\*1604 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PROJECT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the budget and timeline of the Transport for NSW project Making IT Work For You Next Generation Infrastructure Services (NGIS)?
- (2) When did the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project start?
- (3) Has the budget for the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project changed since it was first announced?  
 (a) If so, by how much?
- (4) Has the timeline for the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project changed since it started?  
 (a) If so, by how much?
- (5) How many people have served the role of project manager for the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project since it started?
- (6) Have scope changes been made to the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project since it started?  
 (a) If yes, what are these changes?  
 (b) Was the scope of the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project reduced? If so, how?
- (7) Has Transport for NSW sought and received external advice on the management of risks associated with the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project?  
 (a) If yes, what are the risks that have been identified and what is the advice to manage these risks?
- (8) Has there been any independent financial and/or performance review into the Making IT Work For You (NGIS) project?  
 (a) If yes, who conducted it and when?  
 (i) What were the findings?  
 (b) If no, why not?

Answer—

I am advised :

The 'Making IT Work for You' program will transform the IT infrastructure of the Transport cluster by centralising IT services and support hundreds of Transport locations across NSW. The program will consolidate existing IT networks on to a single IT Network. The program will also increase the capacity and resilience by migrating all Transport data and applications to two new government data centres.

In addition, the program will provide the Transport cluster with the IT tools and services to support the modern workforce. This includes operating systems and office applications, teleconferencing, Wifi and the ability to work from any location.

- (1) The budget for the Making IT Work for You (MITWFY) Program is \$425m.
- (2) The MITWFY Program commenced in July 2014.
- (3) No.

- (4) Yes. The project is due for completion late 2018.
- (5) There are a large amount of project managers in the program at any one time.
- (6) Yes. Scope has been adjusted to meet business demands and the changing technology landscape.
- (7) and (8) The MITWFY Program is managed in accordance with the Whole of Government ICT Assurance Framework and internal governance processes.

\*1605 RESOURCES—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) In relation to Springvale mine that is allowed under its development consent to discharge 30ML/day of mine water by Licensed Discharge Point 9 into Sydney's Drinking Water Catchment and seeking approval under SSD7592 to transfer a further 36ML/day of mine water transfer from Newnes Plateau, can the Minister advise how a total of 66ML/day of mine water will be treated at the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Plant?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how a 10ML/day of mine water from Licensed Discharge Point 1 for the Springvale Mine and another 2ML/day of mine water from Licensed Discharge Point 1 for the Angus Place Mine will be treated in the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Plant?
- (3) Can the Minister explain how up to 78ML/day of mine water from the Springvale and Angus Place mines will be transferred by a proposed carrier pipeline of 42ML/day to the proposed treatment plant at the Western Coal Services site beside Mt Piper power plant?
- (4) If up to 36ML/day of mine water, equal to the additional mine proposed to be water transferred off Newnes Plateau by a new pipeline, cannot be transferred to the proposed Water Treatment Plant, how will this mine water be adequately treated so that it does not contaminate the Coxs River that flows through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and into Sydney's main drinking water storage of Warragamba Dam?
- (5) Will all mine water generated by the Angus Place and Springvale Mines be adequately treated and removed from the Coxs River catchment by its reuse in the Mt Piper Power Plant?
- (6) Do you have accurate and verifiable data on the amount of mine water discharged from the Angus Place and Springvale Mines at various licenced discharge points? If so can you please provide it.
- (7) If you do not have accurate mine water data will you initiate thorough inquiry and audit of various mine water discharge flows from the Springvale and Angus Place mines?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Springvale Water Treatment Project would not be required to treat 66 ML/day of water. This figure is incorrect.  
The Springvale Water Treatment Project has been designed with enough capacity (42ML) to handle all of the predicted mine water from the Springvale Coal Mine and the Angus Place Coal Mine that is currently discharged into the Coxs River catchment at the Licenced Discharge Point (LDP) 009.  
The discharge limit of LDP009 is 30 ML/day and the actual discharges are generally well below this limit.
- (2) Apart from LDP009, both Springvale Mine and Angus Place Mine are licensed to discharge smaller amounts of water from two other LDPs. These two LDPs (Springvale LDP001 and Angus Place LDP001) are both remote bores and are not included in the Springvale Water Treatment Project. The discharge limit of Springvale LDP001 is 10 ML/day, however the actual discharge is below 2 ML/day. The discharge limit at Angus Place LDP001 is 2ML/day, and the actual discharge is also below 2ML/day. There may be capacity for the Springvale Water Treatment Project to take the additional 4 ML/day from these two LDPs at a later date.
- (3) The Springvale and Angus Place Coal Mines will not be producing 78 ML/day of water. The predicted worst case amount of water that would require to be managed by the Springvale Water Treatment Project is 36 ML/day if both mines are operated simultaneously. This scenario is unlikely to occur, as the mining company proposes to operate the mines sequentially. However, the Springvale Water Treatment Project has been designed to handle up to 42 ML/day, to account for any short-term fluctuations in mine water make.
- (4) As stated above, the maximum amount of water that would require to be handled is predicted to be

36 ML/day.

- (5) Under the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Project, all mine water that is currently discharged at LDP009 would instead be removed from the catchment and treated at the Mount Piper Power Station.
- (6) The mining company regularly reports its mine water discharge levels in accordance with the reporting requirements in its Environmental Protection Licences. I am advised by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) that this reporting is sufficiently accurate.

\*1606 ENVIRONMENT—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In relation to Springvale mine that is allowed under its development consent to discharge 30ML/day of mine water by Licensed Discharge Point 9 into Sydney's Drinking Water Catchment and seeking approval under SSD7592 to transfer a further 36ML/day of mine water transfer from Newnes Plateau, can the Minister advise how a total of 66ML/day of mine water will be treated at the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Plant?
- (2) Can the Minister advise how a 10ML/day of mine water from Licensed Discharge Point 1 for the Springvale Mine and another 2ML/day of mine water from Licensed Discharge Point 1 for the Angus Place Mine will be treated in the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Plant?
- (3) Can the Minister explain how up to 78ML/day of mine water from the Springvale and Angus Place mines will be transferred by a proposed carrier pipeline of 42ML/day to the proposed treatment plant at the Western Coal Services site beside Mt Piper power plant?
- (4) If up to 36ML/day of mine water, equal to the additional mine proposed to be water transferred off Newnes Plateau by a new pipeline, cannot be transferred to the proposed Water Treatment Plant, how will this mine water be adequately treated so that it does not contaminate the Coxs River that flows through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and into Sydney's main drinking water storage of Warragamba Dam?
- (5) Will all mine water generated by the Angus Place and Springvale Mines be adequately treated and removed from the Coxs River catchment by its reuse in the Mt Piper Power Plant?
- (6) Do you have accurate and verifiable data on the amount of mine water discharged from the Angus Place and Springvale Mines at various licenced discharge points? If so can you please provide it.
- (7) If you do not have accurate mine water data will you initiate thorough inquiry and audit of various mine water discharge flows from the Springvale and Angus Place mines?

Answer—

Please refer to the answer provided by my colleague, the Hon. Don Harwin, to QON LC1605.

\*1607 REGIONAL WATER—SPRINGVALE COAL MINE—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) In relation to Springvale mine that is allowed under its development consent to discharge 30ML/day of mine water by Licensed Discharge Point 9 into Sydney's Drinking Water Catchment and seeking approval under SSD7592 to transfer a further 36ML/day of mine water transfer from Newnes Plateau, can the Minister advise how a total of 66ML/day of mine water will be treated at the proposed Springvale Water Treatment Plant?
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through the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and into Sydney's main drinking water storage of Warragamba Dam?

- (5) Will all mine water generated by the Angus Place and Springvale Mines be adequately treated and removed from the Cocks River catchment by its reuse in the Mt Piper Power Plant?
- (6) Do you have accurate and verifiable data on the amount of mine water discharged from the Angus Place and Springvale Mines at various licenced discharge points? If so can you please provide it.
- (7) If you do not have accurate mine water data will you initiate thorough inquiry and audit of various mine water discharge flows from the Springvale and Angus Place mines?

Answer—

- (1) (3), (4) and (5) relating to the assessment of the Springvale Water Treatment Project should be directed to the Minister for Planning.
- (2), (6) and (7) relating to the management of mine water discharge should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

\*1608 ENVIRONMENT—MURRAH FLORA RESERVES—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

Does the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 apply in State Forest flora reserves such as the Murrah Flora Reserves?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes

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\*1609 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—Q FEVER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) Is "Q" Fever a Workplace Health and Safety issue in New South Wales?
  - (a) If so, what are employers' obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 to prevent employees contracting "Q" Fever?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

\*1610 HEALTH—Q FEVER VACCINATIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

Can you please advise in which industries is it compulsory to vaccinate employees against "Q" fever?

Answer—

NSW Health does not regulate occupational vaccination.

\*1611 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MURRAY COD—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Are you aware of the social media group calling themselves; "Cod Squad"?
- (2) Has the Department of Primary Industries Fisheries, received complaints of this group catching and keeping oversized Murray Cod

(3) What action is the Department taking in relation to this matter?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Two men have been interviewed by DPI Fisheries officers and fined a total of \$1000 (\$500 each) for possession of a prohibited sized Murray Cod.

\*1612 POLICE—MURRAY COD—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Are you aware of the social media group calling themselves; "Cod Squad"?
- (2) Has NSW Police received complaints of this group catching and keeping oversized Murray Cod?
- (3) What action is NSW Police taking in relation to this matter?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) Rural Crime Investigators attached to the Orana and Darling River Local Area Commands are aware of the group.
- (2) NSW Fisheries is the lead agency in an ongoing investigation relating to the group. The Darling River Rural Crime Investigator is assisting with the investigation and police will continue to support the lead agency in this matter.
- (3) See (2).

\*1613 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—COSTS OF RUNNING BUSES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) In recent media comments, Minister Constance has mentioned that the cost of running State Transit Authority buses is \$8.94 per kilometre.
  - (a) How is this cost calculated?
  - (b) What is included in this cost?
- (2) In the same media comments, Minister Constance mentioned that the cost of running buses on private contracts is \$5.43 per kilometre.
  - (a) How is this cost calculated?
  - (b) What is included in this cost?

Answer—

I am advised :

This information is available in the NSW Auditor General's report, Sydney Metropolitan Bus Contracts, issued on 9 September 2016.

These calculations are based on the aggregate gross contracted costs for the first year of Sydney Metropolitan Bus Service Contracts, divided by the annual kilometres of service provided under these contracts.

Cost items include salaries and wages, bus maintenance and repairs, fuel and oil, lease costs for buses and depot related and operating expenses.

\*1614 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LEICHHARDT BUS DEPOT UPGRADES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the budget for changes and upgrades to Leichhardt Bus Depot in the following financial years:

- (a) 2011 12?
  - (b) 2012 13?
  - (c) 2013 14?
  - (d) 2014 15?
  - (e) 2015 16?
- (2) How much did the Government spend on changes and/or upgrades to Leichhardt Bus Depot in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011 12?
  - (b) 2012 13?
  - (c) 2013 14?
  - (d) 2014 15?
  - (e) 2015 16?
- (3) Was there ever a decision to move the staff of Sydney Transit Authority to Leichhardt Bus Depot?
- (a) If yes, when was this decision taken?
  - (b) What upgrades were made to Leichhardt Bus Depot following this decision?
  - (c) Have there been any changes to this decision since announcement of privatisation of bus services in Region 6 of Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) Budget and cost information regarding changes and upgrades to State Transit Bus depots including Leichhardt Depot is publicly available from NSW Budget papers and from State Transit Annual Reports.
- (3) Yes, a decision was made by State Transit in late 2016 to move some its staff to Leichhardt Bus Depot. With the announcement of franchising of bus services in Region 6 the relocation of staff to Leichhardt will no longer proceed.

\*1615 POLICE—POLICE DRUG DETECTION DOGS AND PROSECUTION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many people were searched by police officers as a result of a police sniffer dog indicating the presence of an illegal drug in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (2) Of the people searched by police officers in Question (1), how many were not found to be in possession of any illegal drug in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (3) Of the people searched by the police officers in Question (1), how many were found to be in possession of any illegal drug in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (4) Of the people in Question (2), how many people were then charged with offences relating to their interaction with police officers during the search including for: resist arrest, offensive language and assault police in each of the following calendar years:
- (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (5) Of the people in Question (3), how many were successfully prosecuted for only a summary offence under Part 2, Division 1 of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in each of the following calendar years:

- (a) 2016?  
(b) 2017 to date?
- (6) Of the people in Question (3), how many were unsuccessfully prosecuted for a summary offence under Part 2, Division 1 of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in each of the following calendar years:  
(a) 2016?  
(b) 2017 to date?
- (7) Of the people in Question (3), how many were successfully prosecuted for an indictable offence under Part 2, Division 2 of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in each of the following calendar years:  
(a) 2016?  
(b) 2017 to date?
- (8) Of the people in Question (3), how many were unsuccessfully prosecuted for an indictable offence under Part 2, Division 2 of the Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 in each of the following calendar years:  
(a) 2016?  
(b) 2017 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 2016: 9,497. 2017: 4,278 (as at 13 June).  
(2) 2016: 5,318. 2017: 2,546 (as at 13 June).  
(3) 2016: 4,179. 2017: 1,732 (as at 13 June).  
(4) 2016: 3. 2017: 5 (as at 13 June).  
(5) These questions should be directed to the Attorney General  
(6) See (5)  
(7) See (5)  
(8) See (5).

\*1616 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CASE WORKER NUMBERS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the projected number of vacant child protection caseworker positions at the end of June 2017?  
(2) What is the projected number of vacant child protection caseworker positions at the end of December 2017?  
(3) What is the current status of implementation of Recommendation 19 of the GPSC2 inquiry into child protection in New South Wales?  
(4) What interim steps, if any, have been taken to address the issues raised in recommendation 19?  
(5) What is the current status of implementation of Recommendation 20 of the GPSC2 inquiry into child protection in New South Wales?  
(6) What interim steps, if any, have been taken to address the issues raised in recommendation 20?

Answer—

The Government is currently considering the Committee's recommendations and will respond in due course.

I am advised that information on caseworker numbers is published quarterly and available on the Caseworker Dashboard on the Family and Community Services (FACS) website at <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/about-us/community-services-caseworker-dashboard>.

I am advised that further information about increased caseworker numbers is available at [https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about\\_us/media\\_releases/nsw-budget-increase-in-childprotection-caseworkers](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/about_us/media_releases/nsw-budget-increase-in-childprotection-caseworkers).

\*1617 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES FOLLOWING INDICATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the number of searches undertaken in New South Wales following a positive drug detection dog indication during general drug detection operations in the following years:
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (2) What was the number of searches undertaken in New South Wales following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found during general drug detection operations in the following years:
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?

Answer—

I refer the Member to my response to his question no. 1615 on this subject.

\*1618 POLICE—DRUG DOG STRIP SEARCHES FOLLOWING INDICATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) During general drug detection operations, how many strip searches were conducted following dog indication in each of the following years?
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?
- (2) How many strip searches conducted following a dog indication during general drug detection operations in each of the following years resulted in finding an illicit substance?
  - (a) 2016?
  - (b) 2017 to date?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) 2016: 590. 2017: 382 (as at 13 June 2017).
- (2) 2016: 245. 2017: 156 (as at 13 June 2017).

\*1619 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES BY LOCAL AREA COMMAND—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) For each New South Wales Local Area Command, during general drug detection operations in 2016 what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication?
- (2) For each New South Wales Local Area Command, during general drug detection operations in 2016 what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found?
- (3) For each New South Wales Local Area Command, during general drug detection operations in 2017 to date what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication?
- (4) For each New South Wales Local Area Command, during general drug detection operations in 2017 to date what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that:

During general drug detection operations in 2016, 9,497 searches were undertaken following a drug detection dog indication. On 4,179 occasions individuals were found to be in possession of an illegal drug.

During general drug detection operations in 2017, 4,278 (as at 13 June) searches were undertaken following a drug detection dog indication. On 1,732 (as at 13 June) occasions individuals were found to be in possession of an illegal drug.

\*1620 POLICE—DRUG DOG SEARCHES BY TRAIN STATION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) For each New South Wales train station, during general drug detection operations in 2016 what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication?
- (2) For each New South Wales train station, during general drug detection operations in 2016 what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found?
- (3) For each New South Wales train station, during general drug detection operations in 2017 to date what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication?
- (4) For each New South Wales train station, during general drug detection operations in 2017 to date what was the number of searches undertaken following a drug detection dog indication where illicit drugs were found?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me that:

During general drug detection operations in 2016, 9,497 searches were undertaken following a drug detection dog indication. On 4,179 occasions individuals were found to be in possession of an illegal drug.

During general drug detection operations in 2017, 4,278 (as at 13 June) searches were undertaken following a drug detection dog indication. On 1,732 (as at 13 June) occasions individuals were found to be in possession of an illegal drug.

\*1621 HEALTH—PELVIC MESH SURGERY—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Is it the case that a New South Wales gynaecologist/obstetrician, Dr Richard Reid, assisted with pelvic mesh surgery at a Victorian public hospital on May 10, 2013 and June 7, 2013, while he was being monitored by the NSW Medical Council and was under conditions imposed by the council in September, 2011 following complaints by women about pelvic mesh surgery?
  - (a) If so, was the NSW Medical Council advised of that surgery by Dr Reid, as required under the conditions?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Victorian public hospital has stated it was not aware that Dr Reid assisted Victorian gynaecologist/obstetrician Dr Max Haverfield with surgery on four women using the Tissue Fixation System (TFS) mesh device in 2013, until a search of clinical records in 2016 following a complaint to the hospital by a third party about a TFS research paper published in 2015, stating the hospital's ethics committee had approved a TFS trial?
- (3) Is it the case that the Victorian public hospital requires doctors who perform or assist surgery to be "credentialed and to hold an appointment", and that Dr Reid - a doctor being monitored and under conditions in New South Wales - operated in a Victorian public hospital without the necessary credentials and appointment?
  - (a) If so, what actions will NSW Health take in relation to this?
- (4) Is it the case that a complaint about Dr Reid to the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission in early 2014 is yet to be heard by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and a directions hearing on June 2 is expected to set a hearing date that could be as distant as 2018?
  - (a) If so, what actions will the Minister take in relation to this?

- (5) Is it the case that the inventor of the TFS pelvic mesh device, the recently retired NSW Dr Peter Petros, also assisted Dr Haverfield with TFS surgery at the Victorian public hospital on two occasions in 2010 - January 15, 2010 and March 19, 2010 - while a director of TFS?
- (a) If so, what actions will NSW Health take in relation to this?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that the Victorian public hospital has stated it was not aware that Dr Petros assisted Dr Haverfield until a comprehensive search of its records following the complaint about Dr Haverfield's research paper?
- (7) Is it the case that a complaint about Dr Petros was lodged with the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC) more than two years ago and the HCCC has yet to determine if it is to pursue disciplinary action?
- (a) If so, what actions will the Minister take in relation to this?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that the Victorian public hospital has stated it has no record of approving a TFS surgery trial on women between December 2009 and July 2010 by Dr Haverfield, assisted twice by TFS inventor/company director Dr Petros, despite Dr Haverfield stating the hospital's ethics committee approved such a trial?

Answer—

I am not able to comment on what has occurred within a Victorian public hospital.

The Health Care Complaints Commission has set hearing dates regarding Dr Reid for December 2017.

The Health Care Complaints Commission advises that a determination has not yet been made in respect of a complaint regarding Dr Petros.

The Health Care Complaints Commission advises that both investigations have been highly complex. The independence of the Health Care Complaints Commission in conducting its investigations must be respected.

\*1622 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—F6 EXTENSION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the estimated per kilometre cost of the F6 Extension?
- (2) What are the expected number and value of residential, commercial and publicly owned properties that will be required to be acquired or utilised for the F6 Extension?
- (3) Has any consideration been given to a rail or bus options and alternatives in the final business case for the F6 Extension?
- (a) If yes, what were these options or alternatives?
- (b) If yes, what is the cost estimate of each alternative?
- (4) Were any non-toll road options considered in the preliminary or final business cases for the F6 Extension?
- (a) If yes, what were they?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The F6 Extension project is in the development phase and investigations are ongoing.

\*1623 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the estimated per kilometre cost of the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (2) What are the expected number and value of residential, commercial and publicly owned properties that will be required to be acquired or utilised for the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (3) Has any consideration been given to a rail or bus options and alternatives in the final business case for the Western Harbour Tunnel?

- (a) If yes, what were these options or alternatives?
  - (b) If yes, what is the cost estimate of each alternative?
- (4) Were any non-toll road options considered in the preliminary or final business cases for the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (a) If yes, what were they?
  - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link is currently at the concept design stage and project development is progressing.

Further information is available on the Roads and Maritime website.

\*1624 ENVIRONMENT—LEASING IN THREDBO AREA—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is Kosciuszko Thredbo Ltd required to lease out properties to the general public for a certain period during the snow season as part of its agreement with the Government as the head lessee for the land known as Thredbo, Thredbo Village and/or Thredbo Resort?
- (a) If yes, what is that agreement?
  - (b) What measures does the Government have in place regarding leasing properties to the general public under this agreement?
  - (c) Are there any provisions in existing sub-leases that may contradict the agreement?
  - (d) Are there any measures to ensure accommodation costs are kept reasonable for the general public?
  - (e) Are there any measures to ensure that accommodation is actually being advertised when available?
  - (f) Are there conditions of the agreement that ensure the sublessees can only occupy the premises for a specified period of the snow season?
- (2) The department policy specifies that the premises must be available to the general public for at least ten weeks in the snow season. What proportion of the season does this encompass?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) The lease between Kosciuszko Thredbo Ltd and the Minister requires that self-contained accommodation subleased by Kosciuszko Thredbo Ltd to a person or to a body corporate with up to 29 members be made available to the general public for a total of at least six months of each calendar year.
  - (b) See above.
  - (c) The Office of Environment and Heritage is not aware of subleases that contradict the lease.
  - (d) The lease requires the rental to be on reasonable terms and conditions.
  - (e) Advertising is a matter for the lessee.
  - (f) The lease prohibits occupation by sublessees for more than a total of six months in a calendar year. The times of year are not restricted.
- (2) Approximately 62.5 percent based on a 16-week snow season.

\*1625 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—NORTHERN BEACHES LINK—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) What is the estimated per kilometre cost of the Northern Beaches Link?
- (2) What are the expected number and value of residential, commercial and publicly owned properties

that will be required to be acquired or utilised for the Northern Beaches Link?

- (3) Has any consideration been given to a rail or bus options and alternatives in the final business case for the Northern Beaches Link?
- (a) If yes, what were these options or alternatives?
- (b) If yes, what is the cost estimate of each alternative?
- (4) Were any non-toll road options considered in the preliminary or final business cases for the Northern Beaches Link?
- (a) If yes, what were they?
- (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer you to my response to LC 1623.

\*1626 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WOMEN ONLY REFUGES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many new refuges for women and/or women and children experiencing domestic violence has the Government funded construction of in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011/2012?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (b) 2012/2013?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (c) 2013/2014?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (d) 2014/2015?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (e) 2015/2016?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (2) How many new refuges for women and/or women and children experiencing domestic violence has the Government purchased in the following financial years:
- (a) 2011/2012?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (b) 2012/2013?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (c) 2013/2014?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (d) 2014/2015?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?
- (e) 2015/2016?
- (i) How much did the Government spend on this?

Answer—

I am advised that details of the number of LAHC owned properties and FACS funded services is available in FACS annual reports.

Further information is available at:

[http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/file/0007/418381/NSW\\_FACS\\_HelpforHomelessWomen-and-Children\\_v15\\_26June.pdf](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/file/0007/418381/NSW_FACS_HelpforHomelessWomen-and-Children_v15_26June.pdf)

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\*1627 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TAXI TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME REVIEW—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) If the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme is opened up to providers other than Taxi NSW, what steps are Transport for NSW taking or planning to take to make sure that:
  - (a) People with disabilities are not discriminated against?
  - (b) People with disabilities have equal access to taxi or ride-share services?
- (2) What steps are Transport for NSW taking or planning to take to make sure ride share services, such as Uber, are Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant, accessible, non-discriminatory and have good coverage?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government is reviewing subsidies and incentives for point to point transport services for people with a disability, including the Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme. The review will assess the feasibility of moving to a service provider neutral subsidy scheme, allowing customers with disability more choice through booked service providers other than taxis.

The review will consider a range of issues, including how the scheme can deliver the best outcomes for customers with disability.

\*1628 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MATURE AND OLD GROWTH FORESTS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In relation to Forestry Corporation's obligation to report on the Montreal Protocol indicators on changes in growth stages of native forests:

- (1) In the Upper North East Integrated Forestry Operations region:
  - (a) How many hectares of forest were mapped as mature forest in 1998?
  - (b) How many hectares of mature forest remains in 2016?
  - (c) How many hectares were mapped as disturbed mature forest in 1998?
  - (d) How many hectares of disturbed mature forest remains in 2016?
  - (e) How many hectares were mapped as disturbed old growth forest in 1998?
  - (f) How many hectares of disturbed old growth forest remains in 2016?
- (2) In the Lower North East Integrated Forestry Operations region:
  - (a) How many hectares of forest were mapped as mature forest in 1998?
  - (b) How many hectares of mature forest remains in 2016?
  - (c) How many hectares were mapped as disturbed mature forest in 1998?
  - (d) How many hectares of disturbed mature forest remains in 2016?
  - (e) How many hectares were mapped as disturbed old growth forest in 1998?
  - (f) How many hectares of disturbed old growth forest remains in 2016?

Answer—

Information relating to the accepted definitions of forest classification for the Montreal Process in 1998 can be found in the State of the Forests 1998 report, and subsequent five-yearly reports, the most recent of which was published by the Australian Government in 2013.

This report, Montreal Process Implementation Group for Australia and National Forest Inventory Steering Committee, 2013, Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013, gives a comprehensive and updated assessment regarding the related indicators including the regional forest areas in NSW.

Information regarding the 2016 forest estate will be included in the next State of the Forests report, which is currently being compiled and will be published in 2018.

\*1629 POLICE—DISCRIMINATION AND GIPA PROCEEDINGS AGAINST NSW POLICE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What justification was there for reopening the complaints of Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald in 2017?
- (2) What was the justification for the determination on 23 May 2016 not to investigate the complaints in (1)?
- (3) Why did the NSW Police Force on 23 May 2016 invite Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald to make an application for documents under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009?
- (4) What was the rationale for later challenging the application made following the advice in (3) in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal?
- (5) What has been the cost of external legal services provided to the NSW Police Force in respect of defending discrimination and Government Information Public Access proceedings in respect of Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald?
- (6) What steps have been taken to address the conflict of interest in the Professional Standards Command investigating complaints made by Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald when in 2015 it also signed off on a targeted investigation of them?
- (7) What steps has the Minister taken to investigate or clarify the information he is receiving from the Commissioner's office in relation to Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald?
- (8) When will the Minister respond to Steven Rapisarda, Shane Housego, Christopher Sheehy and Christian McDonald's lawyers in relation to this matter?
- (9) Why has there been a delay in the response from the Minister in regards to (8)?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force (NSWPF) has advised me:

- (1) The complaints have not been re-opened. A new complaint has been initiated following information gained during the process at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and the Anti-Discrimination Board NSW. The NSWPF is currently investigating.
- (2) The decision was made based on information provided by the complainants' legal representatives at the time. The assessment of the complaints and decision not to investigate were subject to oversight by the NSW Ombudsman.
- (3) On 23 May 2016, the NSWPF noted that legal representatives of the complainants had instructions to pursue other avenues to access copies of investigation files, such as making an application under the Government Information Public Access Act (GIPAA). At that time there was no invitation to make a GIPAA application.
- (4) This is currently the subject of confidential litigated proceedings before the Tribunal.
- (5) As these matters are ongoing, the NSWPF is unable to provide this information.
- (6) The NSWPF examined the allegation of conflict of interest raised by legal representatives of the complainants. No conflict of interest was found in the management of the complaints or the investigation process.
- (7) I regularly receive briefings from the Commissioner on a variety of matters.
- (8) Correspondence was received by my office on 17 March 2017 and on 3 May 2017 in relation to this matter and responses have been sent.
- (9) See (8).

\*1630 PREMIER—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) What is the total remuneration package, including salary, being paid to Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor Professor Allan Fels for his work as the monitor?

- (2) What is the length of his term?
  - (a) When did it begin?
  - (b) When does it end?
- (3) What is the size of his support staff/team?
  - (a) How many are in his team?
  - (b) What is the total budget for his support staff/team and overall office?
  - (c) What is the total cost of his entire unit and support team?
- (4) How much has the Government spent on the implementation of the levy scheme changes from its initial announcement and the decision on May 30 to defer the levy?
- (5) How much has been spent on the Government's on-line, social media, print, radio and television advertising campaign for the changes to the fire and emergency services levy?
  - (a) In particular:
    - (i) on-line?
    - (ii) social media?
    - (iii) print?
    - (iv) radio?
    - (v) television advertising campaigns?

Answer—

I note that this question has also been directed to the Treasurer (as LC 1631), and I refer to the answer provided by the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP.

\*1631 TREASURER—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) What is the total remuneration package, including salary, being paid to Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor Professor Allan Fels for his work as the monitor?
- (2) What is the length of his term?
  - (a) When did it begin?
  - (b) When does it end?
- (3) What is the size of his support staff/team?
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  - (a) In particular:
    - (i) on-line?
    - (ii) social media?
    - (iii) print?
    - (iv) radio?
    - (v) television advertising campaigns?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to protecting consumers. The Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor was initially appointed on 8 June 2016 to 31 December 2018 to protect consumers and hold insurers accountable during the transition to the Fire and Emergency Services Levy, and he was given appropriate resources to undertake this task.

As part of this role he has issued a number of notices requiring insurers to disclose information to

policyholders and held a public inquiry. He will retain these powers.

In addition the Insurance Monitor will retain the power to fine insurers \$10 million if they are found to have engaged in price exploitation or false or misleading conduct in relation to the restoration of the Emergency Services Levy.

Furthermore, the Government took all reasonable measure to inform residents, businesses and other property owners of then-forthcoming changes to their insurance premium and council rates notices.

\*1632 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

- (1) What is the total remuneration package, including salary, being paid to Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor Professor Allan Fels for his work as the monitor?
- (2) What is the length of his term?
  - (a) When did it begin?
  - (b) When does it end?
- (3) What is the size of his support staff/team?
  - (a) How many are in his team?
  - (b) What is the total budget for his support staff/team and overall office?
  - (c) What is the total cost of his entire unit and support team?
- (4) How much has the Government spent on the implementation of the levy scheme changes from its initial announcement and the decision on May 30 to defer the levy?
- (5) How much has been spent on the Government's on-line, social media, print, radio and television advertising campaign for the changes to the fire and emergency services levy?
  - (a) In particular:
    - (i) on-line?
    - (ii) social media?
    - (iii) print?
    - (iv) radio?
    - (v) television advertising campaigns?

Answer—

- (1) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.
- (2) See (1)
- (3) See (1)
- (4) These questions should be directed to the Treasurer.
- (5) See (4)

\*1633 POLICE—FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What is the total remuneration package, including salary, being paid to Emergency Services Levy Insurance Monitor Professor Allan Fels for his work as the monitor?
- (2) What is the length of his term?
  - (a) When did it begin?
  - (b) When does it end?
- (3) What is the size of his support staff/team?
  - (a) How many are in his team?
  - (b) What is the total budget for his support staff/team and overall office?
  - (c) What is the total cost of his entire unit and support team?
- (4) How much has the Government spent on the implementation of the levy scheme changes from its

initial announcement and the decision on May 30 to defer the levy?

- (5) How much has been spent on the Government's on-line, social media, print, radio and television advertising campaign for the changes to the fire and emergency services levy?
- (a) In particular:
- (i) on-line?
  - (ii) social media?
  - (iii) print?
  - (iv) radio?
  - (v) television advertising campaigns?

Answer—

As this question has also been addressed to the Treasurer, I refer the Member to the Treasurer's answer.

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(Paper No. 113)

\*1634 POLICE—PENALTY NOTICES ISSUED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many penalty notices have been issued for the offence of driving unregistered light vehicles in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-2012?
  - (b) 2012-2013?
  - (c) 2013-2014?
  - (d) 2014-2015?
  - (e) 2015-2016?

Answer—

I am advised this information is publicly available on the Office of State Revenue website at <http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/info/statistics>.

\*1635 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MONEY COLLECTED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many penalty notices have been issued for the offence of driving unregistered light vehicles in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-2012?
  - (b) 2012-2013?
  - (c) 2013-2014?
  - (d) 2014-2015?
  - (e) 2015-2016?

Answer—

I am advised: This is a matter for the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*1636 TREASURER—MONEY COLLECTED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) How much money has the Government collected in fines for the offence of driving unregistered light vehicles in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2011-2012?

- (b) 2012-2013?
- (c) 2013-2014?
- (d) 2014-2015?
- (e) 2015-2016?

Answer—

- (1) This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

\*1637 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Were the risks associated with relying on dated and unreliable information on the location of utility services on George Street considered when costings for the CBD and South East Light Rail were conducted?
- (2) What are the estimated financial consequences of the disruption to businesses on George Street during the construction of the Sydney Light Rail?
  - (a) Was the value of the disruption to businesses on George Street incorporated in the financial and or economic components of the business case for the CBD and South East Light Rail?
- (3) What is the estimated travel time for a commuter catching a bus from Kingsford to Circular Quay between 8:30 am and 9:00 am currently compared with the same commute using the Light Rail to conduct the same journey?
- (4) What is the current estimated cost of the CBD and South East Light Rail?
  - (a) Has the benefit cost ratio been updated to reflect this latest cost?
  - (b) What is the latest estimated benefit cost ratio of the CBD and South East Light Rail?
- (5) With respect to the business case for the Sydney Light Rail was any consideration given in the options analysis for a bus based solution, including double decker buses?

Answer—

- (1) It is not possible to confirm what utilities are present until excavation begins, however Transport for NSW has reviewed and adapted its approach to account for these finds. Major civil construction is now progressively being completed with the system's work, including installing the third rail, installation of signals and station equipment and wiring the catenaries. By combining the two stages of work, Transport for NSW is able to complete as much of the project as possible in the one sequence. Where possible, worksites will be reduced while electrical and signalling systems are installed and sections will begin to be handed back as civil construction is completed.
- (2) Business impacts from light rail construction was considered in the Economic Impact Assessment, undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Statement in 2013, which looked at the impacts to businesses in both the construction and operational phases of the CBD and South East Light Rail project. Transport for NSW has worked hard to maintain foot traffic and vibrancy around the construction areas and to send a strong message that Sydney is open for business along the light rail route during the construction period. A strong business activation program is being rolled out in key locations along the light rail corridor with business signage installed to help customers continue to access the shops and services they know and love.
- (3) Bus travel times can be found on the Transport for NSW trip planner website. Indicative light rail journeys can be found in the CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement available on the Sydney Light Rail website. Both journey times are comparable, however bus journeys traditionally have great variability in running times due to unplanned issues on the road including adverse weather conditions, emergency road works and road accidents.
- (4) The CBD and South East Light Rail budget is \$2.1 billion, which is reflected in the benefit cost ratio of 1:4.
- (5) As outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement, a strategic assessment of potential solutions was undertaken to compare the continued development of the existing bus system with infrastructure

solutions including heavy rail, bus and light rail. Light rail was identified as the preferred solution for the CBD and Inner South East corridor.

\*1638 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—B-LINE BUS PROJECT—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Does the Government have any future plans to privatise the B-line bus project after its completion?
- (2) Will the Government rule out privatising the B-line bus project during the next term of Parliament if re-elected at the 2019 State Election?

Answer—

The Northern Beaches B-Line will be operated by the State Transit Authority when services commencing later this year.

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(Paper No. 114)

\*1639 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—CUMBERLAND COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) On 12 May 2016 was Mr Viv May appointed as the Administrator of the merged Cumberland Council?
- (2) Prior to this appointment, was Mr May an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd?
- (3) Does Mr May's 'Linked In' Account list him as having been an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for 2 years and 6 months, from January 2015 to the present?
  - (a) If so, on what date did Mr May cease to be an Associate at LKS Quaero Pty Ltd?
- (4) At the Extraordinary Meeting of Cumberland Council on 24 May 2017, does the Contracts Budget Review Statement for the quarter ended 31 March 2017 show inter alia that the following two contracts had been entered into:
  - (a) LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for \$50,875 (start date 28/02/17)?
  - (b) LKS Quaero Pty Ltd for \$50,875 (Q 2017 003)?

Answer—

I am advised:

Any questions about Cumberland Council's financial reporting or governance should be directed to the council.

\*1640 ARTS—MORUNDAH COMMUNITY THEATRE—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What action will the Minister take to assist the community of Morundah to complete their new community theatre, which will replace their old pig shed opera house?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the community has already raised \$500,000 but requires an additional \$70,000 to complete the project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Create NSW provided funding of \$60,000 through the Arts and Cultural Development Program, Regional Capital Fund category to the Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee to complete the new community theatre.
- The Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee has advised that the main build for the new community theatre is almost complete with some fitout issues to resolve.

- The Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee is eligible to apply for funding from the new Regional Cultural Fund being managed by the Cultural Infrastructure Program Management Office. Expressions of interest for the Regional Cultural Fund program opened on 17 July 2017.
- The Morundah Bush Entertainment Committee is also eligible to apply for funding under Round 2 of Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Projects, which opens on 30 October 2017 and closes 11 December 2017.

\*1641 PREMIER—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were brought to the attention of the NSW Electoral Commission for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (2) Were investigated for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (3) Had legal action commenced against them for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

Answer—

The NSW Electoral Commission has advised that, following the 2016 local government elections, the NSW Electoral Commission received complaints concerning candidates' declarations.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is continuing to examine allegations.

\*1642 ATTORNEY GENERAL—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were investigated under the Oaths Act for allegedly making a false statement on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (2) Had legal action commenced against them under the Oaths Act for allegedly making a false statement on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Electoral Commission has advised that, following the 2016 local government elections, the NSW Electoral Commission received complaints concerning candidates' declarations.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is continuing to examine allegations.

\*1643 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PROPERTY DEVELOPER STATUS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

In relation to the 2016 local government election, how many persons:

- (1) Were brought to the attention of the NSW Electoral Commission for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

- (2) Were investigated for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?
- (3) Had legal action commenced against them for allegedly making a false statement under s. 359 of the Local Government (General) Regulation on their candidate information sheets regarding their status as a property developer or as a close associate of a corporation that is a property developer?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Electoral Commission has advised that, following the 2016 local government elections, the NSW Electoral Commission received complaints concerning candidates' declarations.

The NSW Electoral Commissioner is continuing to examine allegations.

\*1644 HEALTH—AUSTRALIAN SENTINEL EVENTS LIST—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

The term 'sentinel events' which refers to a subset of eight adverse events that result in death or serious harm to a patient, was endorsed by the Council of Australian Health Ministers in 2002:

- (1) How many total sentinel incidents have occurred in New South Wales for the period:
  - (a) 2011-12?
  - (b) 2012-13?
  - (c) 2013-14?
  - (d) 2014-15?
  - (e) 2015-2016?
  - (f) 2016 calendar year?
  - (g) From 1 January 2017 to 19 June 2017?
- (2) For the same periods of time as above, what were the total number of incidents for each of the following categories:
  - (a) Procedures involving the wrong patient or body part resulting in death or major permanent loss of function?
  - (b) Suicide of a patient in an inpatient unit?
  - (c) Retained instruments or other material after surgery requiring re-operation or further surgical procedures?
  - (d) Intravascular gas embolism resulting in death or neurological damage?
  - (e) Haemolytic blood transfusion reaction resulting from ABO incompatibility?
  - (f) Medication error leading to the death of a patient reasonably believed to be due to incorrect administration of drugs?
  - (g) Maternal death associated with pregnancy, birth and the puerperium?
  - (h) Infant discharged to the wrong family?

Answer—

This information is published annually and is available in the Report on Government Services at:

[www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2017/health/public-hospitals/](http://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2017/health/public-hospitals/).

\*1645 LANDS AND FORESTRY—EDEN WHARF—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What funds have been spent to date on the extension of the Eden Wharf?
- (2) What is the contribution of the federal Government to the project?
- (3) What is the contribution of Bega Valley Council to the project?
- (4) How far behind schedule is the project?

- (5) What is the nature of the delays to the project?
- (6) Did the Member for Bega raise his concerns over the delay to the Eden Wharf project with the Minister for Lands and Forestry?
- (7) Does the Minister know which Sydney public servants the Member for Bega referred to as giving "a rocket"?
- (8) Did the Minister consent or give permission to the Member for Bega speaking directly with the responsible public servants? If not, why not?
- (9) Can the Minister ascertain that there was no breach of Work Health and Safety legislation when the Minister gave public servants "a rocket"?

Answer—

- (1) \$5,237,000 – made up of \$3.6m Capital with the balance of \$1.6m in operating expenditure pre Capitalisation.
- (2) \$10,000,000
- (3) \$2,000,000
- (4) The Eden wharf extension project is on track to be completed in early 2019 as planned.
- (5) There are no delays currently being reported.
- (6) to (9) Refer to the answer provided to Question 5.

\*1646 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BEE KEEPING ON STATE FOREST LAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many tenancies exist on State Forest land for the purposes of bee keeping?
- (2) What is the total revenue of tenancies for bee keeping purposes on State Forest land?
- (3) Please provide a list of all tenancies (excluding personal information) on State Forest land for bee keeping purposes and the associated rents paid?

Answer—

- (1) There were 3,853 apiary ranges under permit on State forests as at 12 July 2017.
- (2) Apiary permit fees are not reported separately for State forests and Crown lands. Total permit fees received for apiary sites on Crown lands and State forests combined was \$317,467 in 2015-16. Some permit fees listed below are indicative annual averages of a multi-year (3-5) upfront fee, the revenue for which was reported in the year it was paid rather than on an annual basis e.g. \$45.00 p.a.
- (3) Please see the Legislative Council Procedure Office for a copy of the table.

\*1647 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BEE KEEPING ON CROWN LAND—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many tenancies exist on Crown Land managed by the Department of Industry-Lands for the purposes of bee keeping?
- (2) What is the total revenue of tenancies for bee keeping purposes on Crown Land managed by the Department of Industry-Lands?
- (3) Please provide a list of all tenancies on Crown Land (excluding personal information) managed by the Department of Industry-Lands for bee keeping purposes and the associated rents paid?

Answer—

- (1) Department of Industry – Lands & Forestry manages three licences held for the dual purpose of grazing and bee keeping. There are other apiary sites on Crown land managed by Forestry Corporation of NSW.
- (2) For the three licences held for dual purposes managed by Department of Industry – Lands & Forestry the approximate revenue generated is \$2,100 per annum.
- (3)

Crown land licence number	Purpose	Locality	Annual rental
400697	Bee Keeping, Cultivation, Grazing	Tamworth	\$1105
431585	Bee Keeping, Grazing	Armidale	\$484
499487	Bee Keeping, Grazing	Goulburn	\$517

- \*1648 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND SHOWGROUNDS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In relation to the answer to Question on Notice 1493, please provide a list of Crown Land showgrounds which are dedicated and Crown Land showgrounds which are reserved?

Answer—

Please contact the Legislative Council Procedure Office for a copy of the table.

- \*1649 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MAIN ROAD 217 LAKE MACQUARIE ACCIDENTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many accidents have occurred on Main Road 217 between Dora Creek Bridge Dora Creek, and Fishery Point Drive Morisset in the last five years?
- (2) Of these how many were speed related?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) 15.
- (2) Three.

- \*1650 TREASURER—COSTS FOR THE CHALLENGE TO THE AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What was the total cost of the legal challenge by Networks NSW to the Australian Energy Regulator's determination for network pricing?

Answer—

- (1) Networks NSW was dissolved on 31 December 2015.

- \*1651 TREASURER—LAND AND PROPERTY INFORMATION TRANSACTION COSTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

For the Land and Property Information transaction, what were the total transaction costs, including strategic and financial advice, legal advice, public relations and probity services?

Answer—

The NSW Government publishes all procurement activities in accordance with the NSW Procurement Policy Framework for NSW Government Agencies July 2015 Version 4.

Please refer to the published figures for transaction costs.

\*1652 TREASURER—ELECTRICITY TRANSACTION COSTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

For each of the three electricity transactions (Transgrid, Ausgrid and Endeavour) what were the total transaction costs, including strategic and financial advice, legal advice, public relations and probity services?

Answer—

The NSW Government publishes all procurement activities in accordance with the NSW Procurement Policy Framework for NSW Government Agencies July 2015 Version 4.

Please refer to the published figures for transaction costs.

\*1653 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONCRETE SPALLING ON THE SYDNEY METRO—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) With regard to the four instances of concrete spalling on the Sydney Metro, were there any risks to live roadways incurred in the incidents or in the response to the incidents?

(2) What were the causes of the spalling in each incident?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) No spalling incidents occurred over live roads.

(2) Construction related issues can occur on major projects and are rectified by the contractor as part of their work.

\*1654 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CONCRETE SPALLING ON THE SYDNEY METRO—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What rectification works were undertaken for each of the concrete spalling incidents that have taken place on the Sydney Metro?

(2) How many of the 120 spans on the Skytrain have been replaced?

Answer—

I am advised :

(1) Replacement of Spans or Span Segments.

(2) Three spans were replaced in full. One span had segments replaced.

\*1655 POLICE—MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FROM CYCLISTS ENFORCEMENT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

(1) How many drivers have been fined for violating the rule of minimum passing distance from cyclists which came into effect in March 2016?

(a) How many of these drivers have been issued penalty notices?

(b) How many of these drivers have been issued court fines?

(2) How many incidents involving a violation of the Minimum Passing Distance Legislation have been reported to the police since the rule came into effect in March 2016?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

- (1) There have been 37 infringement notices and four court attendance notices issued under relevant legislation, as at 13 June 2017. Questions in relation to court outcomes are a matter for the Attorney General.
- (2) The number of complaints or reports received relevant to the specified offence is not readily extracted from police systems and its extraction would involve an unreasonable diversion of policing resources.

\*1656 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RICHMOND TRAIN LINE—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) When will the train timetable be finalised for this year?
  - (a) When will it be publicly announced?
- (2) What factors does the Department of Transport for NSW (TfNSW) take into consideration when taking decisions on train timetables?
- (3) Is TfNSW making any changes to the timetable for the Richmond train line?
- (4) Is TfNSW planning on cancelling the Richmond to City service?
  - (a) If yes, why?
- (5) Is TfNSW planning to change the route of the Richmond to City service, so that there will no longer be a direct connection from Richmond to the City?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) A new timetable to implement the extra services will be introduced late this year.
- (2) Transport for NSW has more information about its customers' travel patterns and areas of concern than for any timetable before. Public transport timetables are based on or determined by customer demand and travel patterns. Timetables are assessed regularly to ensure services are developed and run when and where required. Customers are regularly surveyed about their travel experiences and Opal data provides a clear understanding of where and when customers travel. Transport for NSW is working hard to deliver the best outcome for its customers.
- (3) to (5) The NSW Government has already announced many elements of the new timetable which will provide a significant uplift in services and enhance the customer experience. Further announcements, including on the TI Western Line, will be made in due course.

\*1657 HERITAGE—ABORIGINAL HERITAGE IMPACT PERMIT APPLICATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were received in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2013/14?
  - (b) 2014/15?
  - (c) 2015/16?
  - (d) 2016 to date?
- (2) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were approved in each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2013/14?
  - (b) 2014/15?
  - (c) 2015/16?
  - (d) 2016 to date?
- (3) What was the total number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit applications that were refused in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2013/14?
- (b) 2014/15?
- (c) 2015/16?
- (d) 2016 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit decisions is available on the public register at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/ahipregister.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/ahipregister.htm).

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\*1658 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—POLICY FOR PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS – SALE AND ACQUISITIONS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

The 'Policy for Property Transactions Sale and Acquisitions' of the merged Central Coast Councils states that: 'Land acquired by Council must be designated as "community" or "operational" at the time of acquisition. All future land purchases by Council will be designated as operational land irrespective of the intended or existing use.'

- (1) Given section 31 (3) of the Local Government Act, under what authority is the Council designating all land purchases as operational land irrespective of the intended or existing use of the land being purchased?

Answer—

I am advised:

These policies are under review as part of the merger implementation process.

\*1660 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$20,000 for each of the following financial years:
  - (a) 2010-11?
  - (b) 2011-12?
  - (c) 2012-13?
  - (d) 2013-14?
  - (e) 2014-15?
  - (f) 2015-16?
  - (g) 2016-17?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) \$18.4m
  - (b) \$18.2m
  - (c) \$19.6m
  - (d) \$20.6m
  - (e) \$20.2m
  - (f) \$23.3m
  - (g) \$21.5m.

\*1661 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$30,000 for each of the the following financial years:
- (a) 2010-11?
  - (b) 2011-12?
  - (c) 2012-13?
  - (d) 2013-14?
  - (e) 2014-15?
  - (f) 2015-16?
  - (g) 2016-17?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) \$15.4m
  - (b) \$15.5m
  - (c) \$16.3m
  - (d) \$17.5m
  - (e) \$17.8m
  - (f) \$19.0m
  - (g) \$18.7m.

\*1662 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$40,000 for each of the the following financial years:
- (a) 2010-11?
  - (b) 2011-12?
  - (c) 2012-13?
  - (d) 2013-14?
  - (e) 2014-15?
  - (f) 2015-16?
  - (g) 2016-17?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) \$13.3m
  - (b) \$13.2m
  - (c) \$14.1m
  - (d) \$15.1m
  - (e) \$15.7m
  - (f) \$16.5m
  - (g) \$16.4m.

\*1663 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$50,000 for each of the the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11?
- (b) 2011-12?
- (c) 2012-13?
- (d) 2013-14?
- (e) 2014-15?
- (f) 2015-16?
- (g) 2016-17?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) \$11.6m
- (b) \$11.4m
- (c) \$12.0m
- (d) \$13.1m
- (e) \$13.7m
- (f) \$14.2m
- (g) \$14.4m.

\*1664 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$75,000 for each of the the following financial years:

- (a) 2010-11?
- (b) 2011-12?
- (c) 2012-13?
- (d) 2013-14?
- (e) 2014-15?
- (f) 2015-16?
- (g) 2016-17?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) \$9.0m
- (b) \$8.7m
- (c) \$9.2m
- (d) \$10.6m
- (e) \$10.7m
- (f) \$10.4m
- (g) \$10.7m

\*1665 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES REVENUE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) What is the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures with a rent of more than \$100,000 for each of the the following financial years:

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

(f) 2015-16?

(g) 2016-17?

Answer—

(1)

(a) \$7.2m

(b) \$6.8m

(c) \$6.7m

(d) \$7.9m

(e) \$8.3m

(f) \$8.3m

(g) \$8.3m.

\*1666 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND TENURES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) How many Crown Land tenures are in place?

(2) How many leases?

(3) How many licences?

(4) Why has the gross revenue collected from Crown Land tenures reduced from \$62 million in 2015-16 to \$61 million in 2017-18, as recorded on page 6-7 on Budget Paper No. 3 of the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

(1) As at 30 June 2017 there were approximately 54,000 tenures, including enclosure permits for Crown roads.

(2) As at 30 June 2017 there were approximately 10,000 are leases.

(3) As at 30 June 2017 there were approximately 18,000 are licences.

(4) The 2017/18 figure of \$61 million is a forecast based on information available at the time of printing. This is a reduction of \$1 million compared to 2015/16 actual or less than 2%. Tenure revenue from the Crown Estate is variable year in year out due to a number of different factors including the following:

- The size of the Crown Estate managed by Department of Industry
- External determinations such as IPART on Telecommunication Licences and Domestic Water Fronts
- Financial Lease accounting requirements
- The size and number of Tenures on hand

\*1667 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND GOLF CLUBS LEASE PAYMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Please provide a list of the lease payments received by Crown Lands for all Golf Clubs occupying Crown Land for each of the following financial years:

(a) 2010-11?

(b) 2011-12?

(c) 2012-13?

(d) 2013-14?

(e) 2014-15?

(f) 2015-16?

(g) 2016-17?

Answer—

(1)

- (a) \$0.65m
- (b) \$0.68m
- (c) \$0.72m
- (d) \$0.76m
- (e) \$0.79m
- (f) \$0.81m
- (g) \$0.82m.

\*1668 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CROWN LAND GOLF CLUBS LEASE PAYMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Please provide a breakdown of the \$3.659 million in estimated expenditure on the Singleton Bypass to 30 June 2017 as referred to on page 5-50 of Budget Paper No. 2 in the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on this project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*1669 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CROWN LAND GOLF CLUBS LEASE PAYMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Please provide a breakdown of the \$3.69 million in estimated expenditure on the Muswellbrook Bypass to 30 June 2017 as referred to on page 5-50 of Budget Paper No. 2 in the 2017-18 Budget?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information on this project is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*1670 ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE EXPENDITURE—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What was the actual budget expenditure for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2016-17? If the actual figure is not available, please advise of the figure for revised expenditure.
- (2) What is the forecast budget expenditure for the National Parks and Wildlife Service for 2017-18?
- (3) What was the actual number of Full Time Employees (FTE) for the National Parks and Wildlife Service for 2016-17? If the actual figure is not available, please advise of the figure for revised number of FTEs.
- (4) What was the actual capital expenditure for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2016-17? If the actual figure is not available, please advise of the figure for revised capital expenditure.
- (5) What is the forecast capital expenditure for the National Parks and Wildlife Service for 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) The revised budget expenditure for 2016-17 was \$448.1 million.
- (2) Forecast budget expenditure for 2017-18 is \$445 million, noting that a number of programs concluded in 2016-17.
- (3) Including casual and part-time employees, the average number of full time equivalent employees was 1631 per month.
- (4) The revised capital expenditure budget for 2016-17 was \$32.3 million.
- (5) The forecast capital expenditure for the National Parks and Wildlife Service for 2017-18 is \$47.7 million.

\*1671 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES ASSETS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What was the revised figure regarding the proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment for Local Land Services for the financial year 2016-17?
- (2) What is the budgeted figure of the proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment for Local Land Services, for the financial year 2017-18?
- (3) Please provide a list in tabular format the addresses and local government areas of all property disposed of by Local Land Services for the year 2016-17?
- (4) Please provide a list in tabular format the addresses and local government areas of all property proposed to be disposed of by Local Land Services for the year 2017-18?

Answer—

- (1) As at 27 June 2017, Local Land Services is recording \$2.4 million in disposal proceeds for the 2016-17 financial year.
- (2) Local Land Services does not set budgets for the disposal of property, plant and equipment.

(3)

Address	LGA
61 John Street, Camden	Camden City Council
Motor vehicles	Local Land Services

- (4) Refer to response for (2).

\*1672 ENVIRONMENT—FORECAST EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND SAVING FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE AGENCIES—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the forecast efficiency dividend saving for each agency within the Environment and Heritage portfolio for 2017-18, including:
  - (a) Office of Environment and Heritage?
  - (b) Royal Botanic Gardens Trust?
  - (c) Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust?
  - (d) Historic Houses Trust?
  - (e) Environment Protection Authority?
  - (f) Environmental Trust?
  - (g) Western Sydney Parklands Trust?
  - (h) Parramatta Park Trust?
  - (i) Zoological Parks Board?
  - (j) any other portfolio agencies?
- (2) Of the forecast efficiency dividend saving for the Office of Environment and Heritage for 2017-18, what is the contribution to be drawn from the National Parks and Wildlife Service?

Answer—

I am advised that:

Total budgeted expenditure for the Office of Environment and Heritage (including capital and recurrent) has increased from \$1231M (FY17) to \$1313M (FY18).

Total budgeted expenditure for the Environment Protection Authority (including capital and recurrent) has increased from \$175M (FY17) to \$184M (FY18).

Total budgeted expenditure for the Royal Botanic Gardens has increased from \$57.6M (FY17) to \$58.1M (FY18).

Efficiency dividends for each of these agencies are as follows:

Agency	\$million
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Office of Environment and Heritage	6.8M (including \$3.4M for NPWS)
Royal Botanic Gardens Trust	0.6M
Environment Protection Authority	0.6M

There are no other agencies with forecast efficiency dividend savings in the portfolio for 2017–18. Questions relating to the Historic Houses Trust should be referred to the Minister for the Arts

\*1673 RACING—CATEGORY 3 CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS—Mr Field asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) For each of the financial years, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017, please provide the details of Category 3 Club Grant Applications received by Liquor and Gaming NSW including:
- Date of application?
  - Name of applicant?
  - The project details?
  - Amount of application?
  - Status of application (eg: Approved, under consideration, rejected)?
  - Amount of approval?
  - Any conditions of approval?

Answer—

In 2015/16 and 2016/17 Liquor and Gaming NSW received 1,295 applications to the Clubgrants Category 3 grants program, of these 64 projects were funded.

The date of submission for applications to ClubGrants Category 3 is registered as the closing date of each funding round. In 2015/16 and 2016/17 the following rounds were conducted:

- 8 October 2015: Sport & Recreation 2015/16
- 15 February 2016: Emergency Preparedness 2015/16
- 18 March 2016: Arts & Culture 2015/16
- 23 September 2016: Sport & Recreation 2016/17
- 7 October 2016: Emergency Preparedness 2016/17
- 10 March 2017: Arts & Culture 2016/17

We are unable to supply unsuccessful applicant details without their consent, however the names, project and amounts funded for successful ClubGrants Category 3 applicants are published on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website. All approved funding is conditional on the execution of a funding agreement including milestone reporting throughout the project period.

\*1674 ENVIRONMENT—ETHANOL AND PETROL TANKS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- Is the NSW Environment Protection Authority aware of any evidence that ethanol can degrade or delaminate fibreglass petrol storage tanks at petrol stations?
- Is the NSW Environment Protection Authority aware of any instances where E10 fuel has degraded or delaminated a fibreglass petrol storage tank at a petrol station?
- Is the NSW Environment Protection Authority currently researching the effect of ethanol and E10 fuels on fibreglass petrol storage tanks?

Answer—

I am advised:

The EPA has not received notice of any fuel releases related to degraded or delaminated fibreglass petrol storage tanks. The EPA is preparing technical guidance for industry to address management of small and infrequently used fuel storage systems.

\*1675 ENVIRONMENT—LORD HOWE ISLAND RODENT ERADICATION PROJECT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current expected date for the deployment of baits under the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?
- (2) What is the current status of the Independent Human Health Risk Assessment for the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Program?
  - (a) If the risk assessment has not been finalised, when is it expected to be finalised?
- (3) Has the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) expressed any concerns about the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?
  - (a) If yes, what are those concerns?
- (4) How many Lord Howe Pied Currawongs are expected to be taken into captivity for the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?
  - (a) What proportion of the total population of the Lord Howe Pied Currawongs is this expected to be?
  - (b) What is the expected mortality rate for the Lord Howe Pied Currawongs that remain on Lord Howe Island during the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?
- (5) How many Lord Howe Woodhens are expected to be taken into captivity for the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?
  - (a) What proportion of the total population of the Lord Howe Woodhens is this expected to be?
  - (b) What is the expected mortality rate for the Lord Howe Woodhens that remain on Lord Howe Island during the Lord Howe Island Rodent Eradication Project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Between June 2018 and August 2018, subject to having obtained the necessary regulatory approvals.
- (2) The Independent Human Health Risk Assessment has been finalised under the oversight of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer.
- (3) No concerns have been expressed by the APVMA.
- (4) Between 120-140 Lord Howe Pied Currawongs will be taken into captivity.
  - (a) 50 - 60%
  - (b) Cannot be predicted.
- (5) Approximately 255 Lord Howe Woodhens will be taken into captivity.
  - (a) 85%
  - (b) Cannot be predicted.

\*1676 ENVIRONMENT—REGIONAL NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PARK OPERATIONS BRANCHES—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Please provide a list of all offices in the National Parks and Wildlife Service Park (NPWS) Operations Branch Hunter Central Coast region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (2) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch Blue Mountains region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (3) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch Metropolitan region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (4) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch North Coast region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?

- (5) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch Northern Inland region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (6) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch South Coast region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (7) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch Southern Ranges region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?
- (8) Please provide a list of all offices in the NPWS Park Operations Branch West region and how many full time and how many part time rangers are currently employed at each office?

Answer—

As at 26 June 2017, the number of rangers were:

BRANCH	TOTAL
Blue Mountains	24
Greater Sydney	29
Hunter Central Coast	33
North Coast	36
Northern Inland	24
Southern Ranges	24
South Coast	34
West	18

\*1677 ENVIRONMENT—LOCOMOTIVE EMISSIONS PROJECT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) What is the current status of the Locomotive emissions project?
  - (a) When will this be completed?
- (2) What progress has been made, if any, in reducing particulate emissions and other emissions from diesel trains in New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The projects are complete.
- (2) The EPA is undertaking further analysis and stakeholder consultation.

\*1678 TREASURER—COST TO TAXPAYERS FOR CATHOLIC CHURCH TAX EXEMPTIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

What is the estimate cost to the New South Wales taxpayer as a result of tax exemptions for the Catholic Church in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government does not maintain data on tax expenditures and concessions at the level of individual organisations.

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\*1679 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WATERFRONT RENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Please provide the localities/suburbs located in the following precincts used to determine waterfront rents, and the total rents paid by those precincts in the years 2010-11 to 2016-17:
- (a) RMS precinct 1?
  - (b) RMS precinct 2?
  - (c) RMS precinct 3?
  - (d) RMS precinct 4?
  - (e) RMS precinct 5?
  - (f) RMS precinct 6?
  - (g) RMS precinct 7?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about waterfront rents including IPART's annual update is available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

\*1680 LANDS AND FORESTRY—WATERFRONT RENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Please provide the localities/suburbs located in the following precincts used to determine waterfront rents, and the total rents paid by those precincts in the years 2010-11 to 2016-17:
- (a) Georges River 1?
  - (b) Georges River 2?
  - (c) Georges River 3?
  - (d) Georges River 4?
  - (e) Georges River 5?
  - (f) Port Hacking 1?
  - (g) Port Hacking 2?
  - (h) Port Hacking 3?
  - (i) Pittwater 1?
  - (j) Pittwater 2?
  - (k) Pittwater 3?
  - (l) Pittwater 4?

Answer—

1. (a & b) Since 2012, these areas have been known as Georges River East and were formerly known as Georges River 1, Georges River 2 and Georges River 3. The area extends from San Souci on the northern side and Taren Point on the southern side to the Como Bridge. Suburbs include Blakehurst, Kareela, Carss Park, Kangaroo Point, Sylvania, Connells Point, Kogarah Bay, Sans Souci, Sylvania Waters, Hurstville Grove, Kyle Bay, Oyster Bay, Taren Point, Oatley (part), Como (part).

The rent invoiced was:

2010/11 \$1.09m  
 2011/12 \$1.09m  
 2012/13 \$0.93m  
 2013/14 \$ 0.97m  
 2014/15 \$1.01m  
 2015/16 \$0.96m  
 2016/17 \$0.97m.

1. (c, d & e) Since 2012 these areas have been known as Georges River West and were formerly known as Georges River 3, Georges River 4 WAO and Georges River 5. The area runs west along Georges River from the Como Bridge including Mill Creek and south along Woronora River. Suburbs include Oatley (part), Como (part), Bankstown Aerodrome, Padstow, Lugarno, Peakhurst Heights, Illawong, Bangor, Padstow Heights, Punchbowl, Mortdale, Bonnet Bay, Woronora, East Hills, Hammondville, Moorebank, Voyager Point, Georges Hall, Panania, Lansvale, Chipping Norton, Pleasure Point, Warwick Farm, Picnic Point, Riverwood, Peakhurst, Jannali, Milperra, Sandy Point.

The rent invoiced was:

2010/11 \$0.25m  
2011/12 \$0.25m  
2012/13 \$0.27m  
2013/14 \$0.29m  
2014/15 \$0.30m  
2015/16 \$0.30m  
2016/17 \$0.31m.

1. (f & g) Since 2012, these areas have been known as Port Hacking East and were formerly known as Port Hacking 1 and Port Hacking 2. The area extends from Cronulla Peninsula to Yowie Bay. Suburbs include Cronulla, Dolans Bay, Lilli Pilli, Miranda, Caringbah South, Burraneer, Port Hacking, Yowie Bay (Part).

The rent invoiced was:

2010/11 \$1.20m  
2011/12 \$1.19m  
2012/13 \$1.01m  
2013/14 \$1.02m  
2014/15 \$1.03m  
2015/16 \$0.97m  
2016/17 \$1.00m.

1. (h) Since 2012, this area has been known as Port Hacking West/South and was formerly known as Port Hacking 3. The area extends from Yowie Bay around Port Hacking waterway to Bundeena Bay. Suburbs include Gymea, Gymea Bay, Bundeena, Grays Point, Royal National Park, Yowie Bay (part).

The rent invoiced was:

2010/11 \$0.15m  
2011/12 \$0.15m  
2012/13 \$0.17m  
2013/14 \$0.17m  
2014/15 \$0.18m  
2015/16 \$0.17m  
2016/17 \$0.17m.

1. (i, j, k, l) Since 2012, these areas have been known as Pittwater and were formerly known as Narrabeen Lagoon, Pittwater 1, Pittwater 2, Pittwater 3, Pittwater 4 and Pittwater WAO. The area includes the entire Pittwater foreshore from the reserve opposite Palm Beach around to Coasters Retreat, including Scotland Island and Narrabeen Lagoon. Suburbs include Palm Beach, Bayview, Pittwater, Mona Vale, Ku-Ring-Gai Chase, Church Point, Newport, Narrabeen, Avalon Beach, North Narrabeen, Clareville.

The rent invoiced was

2010/11 \$1.69m  
2011/12 \$1.66m  
2012/13 \$0.80m  
2013/14 \$0.86m

2014/15 \$0.85m

2015/16 \$0.70m

2016/17 \$0.67m.

\*1681 EDUCATION—SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Why have the completion dates for the following schools been moved from 2018 to 2019 in the 2017-18 budget:
  - (a) Artarmon Public School upgrade?
  - (b) Bardia Public School Upgrade?
  - (c) Bella Vista Public School (new school)?
  - (d) Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School upgrade?
  - (e) Homebush West Public School upgrade?
  - (f) Narellan School (New School)?
  - (g) Queanbeyan Regional Distance Education Hub (new school)?
  - (h) Rainbow Street Public School Upgrade?
  - (i) Randwick Public School Upgrade?
- (2) Why have the completion dates for the following schools been moved to 2020 in the 2017-18 budget:
  - (a) Ultimo Public School (new school)?
  - (b) Manly Vale Public School Upgrade?
- (3) When will School Infrastructure NSW be established?
- (4) What is the 2017-18 budget for School Infrastructure NSW?
- (5) What is the 2018-19 budget School Infrastructure NSW?
- (6) What is the office location for School Infrastructure NSW?
- (7) How many people are employed in School Infrastructure NSW?
- (8) What is the name and title of the head of School Infrastructure NSW?

Answer—

- (1) and (2) I'm advised that, of more than 200 school projects across NSW, about 5 per cent are behind schedule. This is due to a range of issues such as a change in project scope to accommodate resident or school community feedback received during consultation.
- (3) to (8) The School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) division within the Department of Education has been established with the commencement of the new Chief Executive, Anthony Manning, next month. Information on the budget for SINSW and staffing numbers are yet to be finalised. SINSW will be located at the Department of Education's Bridge Street office.

\*1682 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROAD EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Will the sale of 51 percent of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be in the form of an equity injection, or will the Government receive funds?
- (2) Why has the WestConnex Stage 3- Preliminary works line item from budget paper 2016-17 been incorporated into the line items WestConnex Stage 1 and WestConnex Stage 2?
- (3) What is the total expenditure committed by the Community Road Safety Fund in 2016-17 and 2017-18?
- (4) Of the \$68.1 million spent on the Bridges for the Bush program in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Victorian Government?
- (5) Of the \$48.9 million spent on Hunter Roads Major Projects in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?

- (6) Of the \$57.9 million spent on the Newell Highway in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?
- (7) Of the \$78.9 million spent on the New England Highway in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?
- (8) Of the \$3.6 billion spent on Road Upgrades to support Western Sydney airport at Badgerys Creek over the next ten years, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?
- (9) How many new and replacement buses were delivered in 2016-17?
- (10) Of the \$136.8 million spent on the Princes Highway-Major Projects in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?
- (11) Of the \$188.2 million spent on Central Coast Roads Major Projects in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?
- (12) Of the \$68.1 million spent on the Bridges for the Bush program in 2017-18, what is the contribution of the Commonwealth Government?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) and (2) (4 to 8) and (10 to 12) These questions should be referred to the Treasurer.
- (3) This question should be referred to the Minister for Finance, Services and Property.
- (9) In 2016-17, 127 replacement buses and 52 growth buses were delivered and in service.

\*1683 POLICE—BOMB ROBOT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is there currently a working Bomb Robot in the NSW Police Force?

Answer—

The NSW Police Force has advised me:

Yes.

\*1684 SOCIAL HOUSING—SOCIAL HOUSING EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What was the total expenditure on capital works for social housing in 2016-17?
- (2) What was the total expenditure on Social Housing New Supply in 2016-17?

Answer—

I am advised that financial information regarding social housing expenditure is available in Department of Family and Community Services Annual Reports which are available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au).

\*1685 CORRECTIONS—PRISON EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) What is the estimated total cost of the Grafton Correctional Centre?
- (2) What was the total expenditure of the prison bed capacity strategy program phase 3 in 2016-17? Note that the name of this line item has changed in the 2017-18 budget.
- (3) What was the total expenditure of the Prison Bed Immediate Future Needs program in 2016-17? Note that these are works in progress despite the name change in the 2017-18 budget.
- (4) What was the total expenditure of the Prison Bed Medium Term program in 2016-17? Note that these are works in progress despite the name change in the 2017-18 budget.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The total cost of the new Grafton Correctional Centre is commercially sensitive information and cannot be disclosed.
- (2) Projects originally approved under the Prison Bed Capacity Strategy Phase 3 are now reported under the Prison Bed Medium Term program from 2017-18 onwards. Please refer to Budget Paper 2 201-18 Infrastructure Statement.
- (3) \$28.8 million (forecast as at 30 April 2017).
- (4) \$350 million (forecast as at 30 April 2017).

\*1686 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LIGHT RAIL EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What is the allocated expenditure expected for Parramatta Light Rail over the forward estimates?
- (2) What is the funding source of the \$100 million offered by the Government to Acciona for the settlement of contract penalty payment for the CBD and South East Light Rail?
- (3) Is the \$100 million offered by the Government to Acciona for the settlement of contract penalty payment for the CBD and South East Light Rail in the 2017-18 budget? If so, under what line item?

Answer—

I am advised :

- (1) Funding allocation is available in the Budget papers.
- (2) and (3) Your question proceeds on a false premise.

\*1687 HEALTH—AMBULANCE AVAILABILITY FOR PRISONS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) Given the announcement of the establishment of a new 1,700 bed prison facility in Grafton, how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Grafton Ambulance Station?
- (2) Given the announcement of 400 new prison beds to be made available at Wellington, how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Wellington Ambulance Station?
- (3) Given the announcement of 400 new prison beds to be made available at Cessnock how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Cessnock Ambulance Station?

Answer—

Each of the correctional facilities provides an existing suite of health services to support the health and wellbeing of inmates and reduce any impact on mainstream public health services. NSW Ambulance has determined that the current ambulance resources in Grafton, Wellington and Cessnock will be adequate to meet the predicted increase in demand.

\*1688 CORRECTIONS—NEW SOUTH WALES PRISONS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) Given the announcement of the establishment of a new 1,700 bed prison facility in Grafton, how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Grafton Ambulance Station?
- (2) Given the announcement of 400 new prison beds to be made available at Wellington, how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Wellington Ambulance Station?
- (3) Given the announcement of 400 new prison beds to be made available at Cessnock how many extra ambulance officers and ambulance vehicles will be made available at Cessnock Ambulance Station?

- (4) What is the total number of prisoners in New South Wales at present?
- (5) What is the total number of beds in New South Wales prisons at present?
- (6) How many staff (in equivalent full-time figures) were employed in New South Wales correctional centres during the following financial years:
- 2010-11?
  - 2011-12?
  - 2012-13?
  - 2013-14?
  - 2014-15?
  - 2015-16?
  - 2016-2017?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1), (2) & (3) These questions should be directed to the Minister for Health.
- (4) The total inmate population for the week ending 25 June 2017 was 13,191.
- (5) The total operational capacity of the NSW prisons for July 2017 is 13,402.
- (6)

Period	FTE staff in correctional centres
2010/11	4149.83
2011/12	3676.16
2012/13	3524.02
2013/14	3736.29
2014/15	3874.45
2015/16	3585.38
2016/17	Not yet available

\*1689 WESTERN SYDNEY—SPORTING GROUNDS COSTS—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) With regard to the Government's Rebuilding the Major Stadia Network program:
- What is the estimated total cost of the new Western Sydney Stadium at Parramatta?
  - What is the estimated completion date for the Western Sydney Stadium?
  - What is the estimated total cost of refurbishing Allianz Stadium?
  - What is the estimated completion date for the refurbishment of Allianz Stadium?
  - What is the estimated total cost of redevelopment of Stadium Australia?
  - Since 2015, how much money has been spent on the redevelopment of Stadium Australia?
  - What is the estimated completion date for the redevelopment of Stadium Australia?
  - What is the estimated total cost of the Sydney Cricket Ground upgrade?
  - What is the estimated completion date of the Sydney Cricket Ground upgrade?

Answer—

The NSW Government has budgeted \$360 million for the new Western Sydney Stadium at Parramatta, which is expected to be completed in early 2019.

\$10 million has also been committed to the continued planning for the redevelopment of the Sydney stadia network as part of the Government's commitment to building world-class sports and entertainment facilities.

\*1690 WOMEN—COSTS OF RELOCATING WOMEN NSW—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

- (1) How much has it cost in total to relocate Women NSW:
  - (a) From Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) to Family and Community Services (FACS) in March 2011?
  - (b) From FACS in Sydney CBD to Ashfield in August 2013?
  - (c) From FACS Ashfield to NSW Health in North Sydney in 2015?
  - (d) From NSW Health to FACS in April 2017?

Answer—

- (1)
  - (a) to (d) The costs associated with machinery of government changes are covered by existing departmental budgets. It is impossible to separate the total costs.

\*1691 TREASURER—RESTART NSW EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Please list all regional projects with funds committed by Restart NSW and the cost of each project.
- (2) How much was spent on regional NSW projects from Restart NSW in 2016-17?
- (3) What is the expected expenditure on regional NSW projects from Restart NSW in 2017-18?
- (4) What was the total expenditure from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund in 2016-17?
- (5) What was the total expenditure from the Illawarra Investment Fund in 2016-17?
- (6) Please list the projects to be funded by the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund.
- (7) Is the \$50 million for the Resources for the Regions program under the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund on top of previous commitments and reservations for the Resources for the Regions Program?
- (8) Please list all regional expenditure from the Restart NSW fund since its inception.
- (9) Of the \$1.1 billion reserved from Restart NSW for the Western Harbour Tunnel and the F6, how much is the share going towards the F6?
- (10) Of the \$1.1 billion reserved from Restart NSW for the Western Harbour Tunnel and the F6, how much is the share going towards the Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (11) Page 1-4 of the 2016-17 Budget Infrastructure Statement states that \$11.9 billion of Rebuilding NSW projects are included in the budget, does this mean that those \$11.9 billion of Rebuilding NSW commitments will be spent over the forward estimates to 2020-21?
- (12) What is the forecast value of the Restart NSW fund over the forward estimates and in ten years' time?
- (13) What is the target return on capital in the Restart NSW fund?
- (14) What is the value of funds in the NSW Infrastructure Future Fund?
- (15) What is the target return on capital in the NSW Infrastructure Future Fund?
- (16) What is the expected return on funds in the Infrastructure Future Fund each year from 2017-18 to 2027-28?
- (17) Why are the 2017-18 Budget papers printed in a smaller book than the 2016-17 budget papers?
- (18) Will the sale of 51 percent of the Sydney Motorway Corporation be in the form of an equity injection, or will the Government receive funds?

Answer—

The Restart NSW fund will enable the NSW Government to fund and deliver vital infrastructure projects in NSW. At June 2017, funds deposited into Restart NSW totalled \$29.8 billion. This balance of the Restart NSW fund will fluctuate over time. Restart NSW commitments can be found at [www.treasurv.nsw.gov.au](http://www.treasurv.nsw.gov.au).

In 2017, the NSW Government reserved \$1 billion for the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund, which will fund programs including 'Growing Local Economies', 'Regional Sports Infrastructure' and 'Connecting Country Communities'. On 19 May 2017, the NSW Government also announced an additional \$50 million for the Resources for Regions program.

Restart NSW is not a commercial investment fund. The purpose of Restart NSW is to enable high priority infrastructure projects that improve the productivity and competitiveness of NSW across all sectors.

Funds from the National Infrastructure Investment Fund are being invested across a diverse range of cash and growth assets, with the aim of preserving capital and enhancing investment returns for the state within acceptable risk parameters that match the infrastructure delivery timetable.

Further information is also available at [www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.infrastructure.nsw.gov.au) and [www.budget.nsw.gov.au](http://www.budget.nsw.gov.au).

- \*1693 HEALTH—COST OF TAMWORTH HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

What was the final total cost of the Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment stage 2?

Answer—

As with any capital project, the final total cost will not be known until all liabilities are reconciled. This may take up to 12 months post completion of the project due to the invoicing processes of contractors.

- \*1694 REGIONAL WATER—WERRIS CREEK WATER TREATMENT FACILITY EXPENDITURE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

(1) What is the total estimated cost of the Werris Creek Water Treatment facility?

(2) How much monies has the Werris Creek Water Treatment facility been allocated for 2017-18?

Answer—

(1) Liverpool Plains Shire Council has advised that the total estimated cost of their Regional Water Supply Project, of which the Werris Creek Water Treatment Plant is a key component, is \$28.3M.

(2) The Werris Creek Water Treatment Plant has been shortlisted to receive funding under the Safe and Secure Water Program announced in the 2017-18 NSW Budget. The funding assessment is underway.

- \*1695 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—MEADOWBANK TAFE SITE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

Will the site for Meadowbank TAFE be used for a future school in the electorate of Ryde?

Answer—

TAFE NSW is not vacating the Meadowbank Campus.

Questions related to schools should be directed to the Minister for Education.

- \*1696 SKILLS—MEADOWBANK TAFE SITE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business—

Will the site for Meadowbank TAFE be used for a future school in the electorate of Ryde?

Answer—

TAFE NSW is not vacating the Meadowbank Campus.

Questions related to schools should be directed to the Minister for Education.

\*1697 EDUCATION—NEW SCHOOL IN RYDE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Will the new school in Ryde will be K-6, 7-12, or K-12?
- (2) What is the location of the new school for the electorate of Ryde?
- (3) Will the new school in Ryde be located at the site of the Meadowbank TAFE?

Answer—

Funding has been approved in the 2017/18 Budget for a new school in the Ryde electorate. I can confirm that the new school will accommodate Kindergarten to Year 12 students.

\*1698 EDUCATION—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Education?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Education?

Answer—

1 & 2. Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1699 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Aboriginal Affairs?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

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DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1700 HEALTH—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Ministry of Health?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Health?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

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DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1701 MENTAL HEALTH—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1702 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Industry?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Primary Industries, Regional Water and Trade and Industry?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1703 LANDS AND FORESTRY—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Lands and Forestry and Minister for Racing?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1704 TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Tourism and Major Events and Assistant Minister for Skills

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1705 PLANNING—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

(1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Planning and Environment?

(2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1706 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for the Environment, Local Government and Heritage?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

- \*1707 RESOURCES—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister Resources, Energy and Utilities, Minister for the Arts?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office

Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1708 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Transport?

(2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1709 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight?

Answer—

I am advised:

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1710 WESTCONNEX—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Westconnex?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1711 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—E10 FULE USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used in vehicles owned or leased by the Department of Family and Community Services?
- (2) What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault?

Answer—

I am advised that that the provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1712 MULTICULTURALISM—E10 FUEL USAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services—

What is the percentage of E10 fuel used by vehicles provided for the use of the Minister for Multiculturalism, and Disability Services?

Answer—

Provision of Vehicles and Drivers for Public Office Holders is detailed in the Ministers' Office Handbook.

The Ministers' Office Handbook provides policy and practice material for Ministers and their staff about employment and office management arrangements following implementation of Ministers' powers to employ staff under the Members of Parliament Staff Act 2013 (MOPS Act).

DPC 'Memo M2012-08 Use of Biofuels' details requirements in relation to biofuels as part of the long term transport fuel mix in NSW.

\*1713 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY ROADMAP FOR NSW 2022—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to the Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022:

- (1) Is it the case that the document was printed and released in 2016?
- (2) What is the rationale for using data and statistics from 2012, which is approximately 4 years before the Road map was produced and released?
- (3) Is it the case that as a consequence of the decision to include data from 2012 onwards, that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 20 percent reduction in fatalities, assuming the metric is based on the fatality incident rates per 100 000, had already been met by the time the document was released?
  - (a) Is it the case that the target, and the parts of the document dedicated to this topic, is effectively meaningless?
- (4) Is it the case that because of the decision to include data from 2012 onwards, that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 30 percent decline in serious injuries and illness had already been met by the time the document was released?
  - (a) Is it the case that the target, and the parts of the document dedicated to this topic, is effectively meaningless?

- (5) Is it the case that because of the decision to include data from 2012 onwards, that the 10 year 2012-2022 target of 30 percent reduction in serious musculoskeletal injuries and illnesses had already been met by the time the document was released?
  - (a) Is it the case that the target, and the parts of the document dedicated to this topic, is effectively meaningless?
- (6) Has consideration been given to a Roadmap that has future targets that do not include retrospective data?
  - (a) If so, when would that Roadmap, with the changed metrics and aspirational targets for the future be developed?
- (7) Is it the case that for the purpose of reaching the data targets offered in the Roadmap document, that SafeWork NSW has no further progress to make, and needs to work toward not experiencing any decline in data?
- (8) If so, is it the case that are you satisfied that this is an aspirational document?

Answer—

- (1) The Work Health and Safety Roadmap for NSW 2022 (the Roadmap) was launched in August 2016 and distributed in printed and digital form.
- (2) The Roadmap set out how NSW is achieving the national actions areas and national targets under the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022. Under the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022, Commonwealth, state and territory jurisdictions signed up to 10-year national targets to be achieved by 2022. The targets were endorsed by Safe Work Australia members, social partners and ministers.
- (3) NSW achieved a 23% reduction in the number of worker fatalities between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving zero fatalities in high risk areas. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded.
- (4) NSW achieved a 23% reduction in the number of serious injuries and illnesses between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving zero serious injuries and illnesses in high risk areas. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded.
- (5) NSW achieved a 25% reduction in the number of serious musculoskeletal disorders between 2012 and 2015. The Roadmap sets out ambitious aspirational targets of achieving a 30% reduction in serious musculoskeletal disorders. The Government considers it important to build a greater focus in these areas to ensure the national targets are well and truly exceeded.
- (6) The Roadmap will be reviewed every two years, otherwise I refer to my answer to question 2.
- (7) No, the Roadmap points out we still have further to go to be the safest jurisdiction in Australia and to be a world leader in safety. An ongoing and consistent effort is required to ensure that this positive trend continues for the remainder of the 10-year period.
- (8) The Roadmap spans 2016 2022 and will be updated every two years to ensure it stays relevant and that targets are sufficiently challenging and aspirational.

\*1714 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—PROSECUTIONS ENACTED BY SAFE WORK NSW—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

With regard to prosecutions enacted by Safe Work NSW (formerly known as WorkCover):

- (1) How many prosecutions were commenced during 2012/13?
  - (a) How many were finalised?
  - (b) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (2) How many prosecutions were commenced during 2013/14?
  - (a) How many were finalised?
  - (b) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (3) How many prosecutions were commenced during 2014/15?

- (a) How many were finalised?
- (b) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (4) How many prosecutions were commenced during 2015/16?
  - (a) How many were finalised?
  - (b) What was the total value of fines collected as a result?
- (5) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of Safe Work during 2012/13?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (6) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of Safe Work during 2013/14?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (7) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of Safe Work during 2014/15?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?
- (8) How many prosecutions, as a Category 1 or 2 offence, were requested by individuals outside of Safe Work during 2015/16?
  - (a) What percentage of these were successfully prosecuted?

Answer—

- (1) In 2012/2013, 130 charges were commenced against 111 defendants in 56 matters.
  - (a) In 2012/2013, 100 charges proceeded to completion against 85 defendants in 55 matters. Of those, 98 charges were successfully prosecuted involving 83 defendants in 54 matters. 38 charges were withdrawn.
  - (b) Total fines awarded by the courts in 2012/2013 were over \$5,259,000.
- (2) In 2013/2014, 96 charges were commenced against 82 defendants in 44 matters.
  - (a) In 2013/2014, 59 charges proceeded to completion against 46 defendants in 33 matters. Of those, 52 charges were successfully prosecuted involving 41 defendants in 30 matters. One enforceable undertaking was agreed to. 52 charges were withdrawn.
  - (b) Total fines awarded by the courts in 2013/2014 were over \$2,480,000
- (3) In 2014/2015, 80 charges were commenced against 64 defendants in 33 matters
  - (a) In 2014/2015, there were 101 charges proceeded to completion against 91 defendants in 70 matters. Of those, 97 charges were successfully prosecuted involving 88 defendants in 67 matters. Five enforceable undertakings were agreed to. 56 charges were withdrawn.
  - (b) Total fines awarded by the courts in 2014/2015 were \$7,012,657
- (4) In 2015/2016, 82 charges were commenced against 72 defendants in 50 matters.
  - (a) In 2015/2016, there were 61 charges proceeded to completion against 48 defendants in 35 matters. Of those, 55 charges were successfully prosecuted involving 45 defendants in 33 matters. Twelve enforceable undertakings were agreed to. 57 charges were withdrawn.
  - (b) Total fines awarded by the courts in 2015/2016 were \$4,062,725
- (5) None.
  - (a) None.
- (6) Two.
  - (a) None.
- (7) One.
  - (a) None.
- (8) One.
  - (a) None.

Note: Proceedings may have been finalised in a difference year to that which they were commenced.

- \*1715 LANDS AND FORESTRY—AUDIT OF THE BULGA STATE FOREST—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

In 2009, the then Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) (now Office of Environment and Heritage) issued Forest NSW (now Forestry Corporation of NSW) a warning letter for application of silviculture practices in Bulga State Forest that were not in accordance with the terms of the Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals. In the same correspondence, DECC advised it would monitor these issues in future audits. In the time since that letter was issued:

- (1) How many audits of Bulga State Forest have been carried out?
  - (a) On what dates did these audits take place?
  - (b) What were the results of these audits?
  - (c) If they are not already, will these audits be made publically available?
- (2) When is the next scheduled audit of the Bulga State Forest?
- (3) Have these audits recorded similar silviculture practices to those noted in 2009?
  - (a) If so, how many audits recorded similar practices?
  - (b) If any compliance issues have been noted, what action has been taken?
- (4) Has Forestry Corporation NSW been issued any further warnings, or has any other action been taken, regarding silviculture practice in Bulga State Forest since 2009?
  - (a) If so, what is the nature of these actions?
  - (b) How many actions have been taken?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) These questions should be referred to the Minister for the Environment.

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- 1716 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—EDEN WOODCHIP MILL—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

In relation to storm damage done to the Eden woodchip mill on 5 June 2016 when significant parts of the jetty and conveyor belt collapsed into Twofold Bay:

- (1) Is debris from these structures still on the seabed at Twofold Bay?
  - (a) If yes, has the owner of the chip mill been given any advice, requests or directives to remove or manage the debris?
    - (i) If so, what are the details?
  - (b) Is there a timeframe for the removal?
  - (c) Will there be any penalty for delays in removing the debris?
- (2) Has the possible environmental impact of the debris been assessed, or has any specialist advice been sought on whether it may impact on the habitat of the weedy sea dragon or other significant marine species?
  - (a) If yes, what was the advice?

- 1717 EDUCATION—MAMBO WETLANDS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

The Mambo Wetlands are a culturally, socially and economically significant area of the Port Stephens region and a vital breeding ground for Port Stephens koalas.

In 2016, the Department of Education divested an area of land overlapping the Mambo Wetlands by private, online auction. This six hectare space was sold for \$260,000 to developers.

- (1) What stage in the negotiations process is the Department up to, and does the Department have any plans to buy the land back?
- (a) If not, why?
- 1718 HEALTH—MATERNITY SERVICES AT TAMWORTH HOSPITAL—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- In regards to maternity services at Tamworth Hospital:
- (1) What was the birth rate for Tamworth Hospital in 2016?
- (2) Since the redevelopment of Tamworth Hospital, has the birth rate increased?
- (a) If so, what have been the annual increases for each year since 2012?
- (3) How many midwives and maternity staff does Tamworth Hospital currently employ?
- (4) How many midwives and maternity staff did Tamworth Hospital employ in:
- (a) 2016?
- (b) 2015?
- (c) 2014?
- (d) 2013?
- (e) 2012?
- (5) What is the ideal staffing target for Tamworth Hospital following the Birth Rate Plus guidelines?
- (6) When was the last Birth Rate Plus review for Tamworth Hospital conducted?
- (7) When will the next Birth Rate Plus review for Tamworth Hospital be conducted?
- 1719 HEALTH—NORTH COAST AMBULANCE DEMAND AND RESPONSE TIMES—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- Since 1 January 2016, in relation to ambulance services provided by the NSW Ambulance Service to the areas of Maclean, Byron Bay, Laurieton, Woolgoolga and Nambucca Heads:
- (1) How many requests have there been for an ambulance to each of these areas?
- (2) What was the average response time for each of these areas between when a request is received and when the ambulance arrived at the call out destination?
- 1720 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—BACKPACKERS PARKING IN VANS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- (1) What powers do local council rangers have to regulate backpackers staying in vans:
- (a) parked on public roads?
- (b) parked in public reserves?
- (c) parked on beaches?
- 1721 ATTORNEY GENERAL—REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PLACED MARKETING BILL POSTERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
- What actions will the Minister propose, to make it easier and less expensive for local councils to remove illegally placed marketing bill posters?

1722 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PLACED MARKETING BILL POSTERS—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

What actions will the Minister propose, to make it easier and less expensive for local councils to remove illegally placed marketing bill posters?

1723 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—MONEY COLLECTED FOR DRIVING OFFENCES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

(1) How much money has the Government collected in fines from offences for driving unregistered light vehicles in each of the following financial years:

- (a) 2011-2012?
- (b) 2012-2013?
- (c) 2013-2014?
- (d) 2014-2015?
- (e) 2015-2016?

1724 ENVIRONMENT—LEASING IN THREDBO AREA—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) Is the lease agreement with Kosciusko Thredbo Ltd, especially in relation to the requirement to lease out properties to the general public for a certain period during the snow season, monitored? If yes:

- (a) How it is monitored?
- (b) How often is it monitored?
- (c) What have been the results of monitoring in 2016 and 2017?
- (d) Will the Government release the monitoring reports publicly?

1725 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ILLAWARRA TRAIN SERVICES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

(1) For the calendar year 2016, what were the origin and destination figures for rail passengers for each railway station between Wollongong Station and Town Hall Station?

(2) Has a full economic analysis been conducted to establish the viability of reducing travel time from Wollongong to Central down from ninety minutes?

(a) What was the result of that analysis?

(3) Does the 'Rail Corridors Strategy Sydney to Wollongong', produced in September 2014 by Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Operations, and Management (AECOM) and WorleyParsons for Transport for NSW include:

- (a) The decongestion benefits of shifting private vehicle users from driving to using rail?
- (b) The benefits of more frequent services for all rail commuters on the Eastern Suburbs/Illawarra and South Coast Lines?
- (c) Reduced road safety and environmental benefits of less people driving?
- (d) Reduced vehicle operating costs incurred by people who choose public transport over road vehicles?

1726 LANDS AND FORESTRY—WILD HORSES IN STATE FORESTS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

(1) Does Forestry Corporation have a wild horse management plan?

(a) If so, where can it be found?

- (b) If not, why not?
- (2) Does Forestry Corporation contract trappers to remove wild horses from State Forests?
- If yes, how many wild horses has Forestry Corporation or their contractors trapped in 2016?
  - What happened to these horses?
  - What animal welfare standards are followed?
  - How much did Forestry Corporation spend on removing wild horses in 2016?
  - What is the tendering process for selecting contractors?
- (3) Does Forestry Corporation, or its contractors, use 1080 poison to manage wild horses?
- (4) Have any concerns been raised with Forestry Corporation about traps being located on Aboriginal sites?
- If so, what were these concerns and how were they addressed?
- 1727 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—F6 EXTENSION—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Was any consideration of a rail alternative given in the Final Business Case of the F6 Extension?
  - Has any consideration been given to the affordability of the toll that will be payable by motorists?
  - Have detailed costings on the construction, operation and maintenance been determined for the F6 extension?
    - If yes, what are these costings?
- 1728 ENVIRONMENT—IMPACT OF FIRE ON SOUTH CREEK—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- Did the fire at the Solveco waste facility on Links Road, St Marys in July 2017 impact South Creek in any way?
    - If so, how?
  - Is the EPA actively monitoring the water quality of South Creek?
- 1729 ENVIRONMENT—CENTENNIAL PARK EELS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- Is the construction of the CBD and South East Light Rail expected to have any impact on the eel population in Centennial Park?
    - If yes, what is that impact expected to be?
    - What studies have been done to determine this impact?
- 1730 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEWCASTLE HERITAGE WALL AND TREES—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—
- Will the brick wall, running from the Western end of the Newcastle Railway Station to approximately Newcastle Post Office, be removed for construction of the Light Rail in Newcastle?
    - Will the trees, including a fig tree, along the wall mentioned above be removed for construction of the Light Rail in Newcastle?
  - At any point during public consultation, were the public advised that the wall and trees mentioned above will not be removed for construction of the Light Rail?
    - If so, what exactly were the public advised of and when?

1731 CORRECTIONS—CORRECTIVE SERVICES LABOUR—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many councils in New South Wales operate programs in conjunction with Corrective Services labour?
- (2) What policies exist to ensure that Corrective Services labour does not displace fully paid labour?
- (3) Have there been any reviews and/or changes to policy relating to Corrective Services labour displacing fully paid labour?

1732 HEALTH—NEW SOUTH WALES HEALTH AND SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

With regard to the recent case in the United Kingdom concerning the death of ten month old Charlie Gard after being diagnosed with mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome:

- (1) What is the position of the Government in relation to parental rights of children who suffer serious medical conditions?
- (2) What options are available to patients suffering a serious medical condition to relieve their suffering, including experimental treatments?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any cases in New South Wales analogous to what has transpired in the case of Charlie Gard
- (4) What safeguards are there in the New South Wales Health system to allow parents to decide what is to happen to their children in similar situations?

1733 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—BIKE LANTERNS—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) From 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017, how many complaints have Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) fielded regarding lack of bicycle lanterns at intersections?
  - (a) How many of these complaints have resulted in the installation of appropriate lanterns?
- (2) In the period from 1 July 2016 to 1 July 2017, how many intersections have received new bicycle lanterns?
- (3) How many cycle ways and routes in New South Wales are interrupted by roads or intersections where a signal controlled traffic light lacks bicycle lanterns?
  - (a) How many of these intersections are within Greater Sydney?
- (4) How much will the RMS spend from the 2017-18 budget to provide bicycle lanterns across intersections and crossings to allow cyclists to lawfully continue their journeys on cycle ways and routes interrupted by roads?
  - (a) How much of this will be spent in Greater Sydney?
- (5) What is the Government's plan to bring traffic signal controlled intersections in all of Greater Sydney to a standard that does not require cyclists to dismount while crossing? Please provide a timeline.

David Blunt  
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