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*1845 TREASURER—RURAL ZONED LAND—Mr Veitch 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) Given such information is not available through the Commonwealth Government, how many properties with a rural zoning of RU1, RU2 and RU4 were bought in New South Wales in 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?
- (2) What was the total value of the properties purchased in New South Wales in each of those financial years with the following zoning:
 - (a) RU1?
 - (b) RU2?
 - (c) RU4?
- (3) How many foreign individuals or foreign owned entities purchased properties in New South Wales in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
 - (a) RU1?
 - (b) RU2?
 - (c) RU4?
- (4) What was the value of the properties in New South Wales purchased by foreign individuals or foreign owned entities in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
 - (a) RU1?
 - (b) RU2?
 - (c) RU4?
- (5) What was the total stamp duty receipts on properties purchased by foreign individuals and entities in each of those financial years with a rural zoning of:
 - (a) RU1?
 - (b) RU2?
 - (c) RU4?

Answer—

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

*1846 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—SYDNEY GATEWAY—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) Will users of the Sydney Gateway be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?
 - (a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to the response I provided to Budget Estimates supplementary questions.

*1847 WESTCONNEX—SYDNEY GATEWAY—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Will users of the Sydney Gateway be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?

(a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?

Answer—

I am advised this is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*1848 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROZELLE INTERCHANGE—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) Will users of the Rozelle Interchange be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?

(a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport.

*1849 WESTCONNEX—ROZELLE INTERCHANGE—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) Will users of the Rozelle Interchange be required to pay a separate toll above that paid to use the WestConnex?

(a) If so, how much will this additional toll be?

Answer—

I am advised, no.

*1850 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

(1) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?

(a) If so, when was it returned?

Answer—

I refer you to my previous answers regarding this matter.

The Government is considering further advice about this matter.

*1851 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS INSPECTORS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

(1) How many inspectors are employed by the Combat Sports Authority:

(a) on a full time basis?

(b) on a part time basis?

Answer—

Seven (7) Combat Sport Inspectors are employed by the Office of Sport on an ongoing basis and 15 are employed by the Office of Sport on a casual basis.

*1852 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS INSPECTORS TRAINING—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many hours/days of training are provided to each Combat Sports Authority Inspector?
 - (a) Where is the training for Combat Sport Authority Inspectors delivered?

Answer—

Combat sports inspectors are provided, as a minimum, annual face to face training consisting of 14 hours over two days. One 2-day training course and two 1-day training courses will occur in 2018. Training is provided at the Office of Sport, Sydney Olympic Park or other suitable venues such as Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, North Narrabeen.

*1853 PREMIER—SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Is the Premier aware of:
 - (a) The report published by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation dated 16 April 2017 concerning the Government's "dumping" of the "Safe Schools" program?
 - (b) The answer given to my question to the Minister for Education, the Hon Rob Stokes, during the Budget Estimates Committee hearing dated 5 September 2017?
 - (c) The report in the Daily Telegraph dated 31 October 2017 which alleges that the "Safe Schools" program is being surreptitiously reintroduced in New South Wales schools under the "Child Protection" syllabus which is taught in "Personal Development, Health and Physical Education" (herein, the "new syllabus")?
- (2) Can the Premier inform the public whether under the new syllabus New South Wales school children as young as five and six are to be :
 - (a) Taught material that includes the concept of "Gender Fluidity"?
 - (b) Taught that "femininity and masculinity are not necessary inherent categories that pre-exist in each individual"?
 - (c) Encouraged to "resist" the "dominant social order" and move beyond "gender as binaryism" (sic)?
 - (d) Asked to challenge the way in which they live their life "as a girl or a boy"?
 - (e) Instructed that the "desirable ways of enacting gender" is often "contradictory or fluid"?
- (3) Can the Premier further inform the public:
 - (a) Who was involved in the drafting and preparation of the new syllabus?
 - (b) Were any non-governmental entities involved in the drafting and preparation of the new syllabus?
 - (c) Who were the "experts" who "peer reviewed" the suit of resources on which the new syllabus relies?
 - (d) What were the costs associated with retaining or consulting with these non-government entities (if any) and experts?
 - (e) Were any representations or submissions made by or on behalf of anyone formally associated with the "Safe Schools" program in the process of drafting and preparing the new syllabus?

Answer—

Safe Schools is not, and has never been, part of the NSW curriculum. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) does not promote the Safe Schools resources.

The Safe Schools resources were developed by the Safe Schools Coalition Australia, a nongovernment organisation funded by the Commonwealth Government's Department of Education and Training. The Commonwealth Government ceased funding the program on 30 June 2017.

The NSW Government and NESA have not consulted with the Safe Schools Coalition Australia in preparing the PDHPE K-10 syllabus.

*1854 PLANNING—BANGALOW FOOD HUB DEVELOPMENT—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Does the development of the Bangalow Food Hub, 201 Lismore Road fit within the original intent of the Local Environment Plan that permits rural industries on agricultural land?
 - (a) Has the Minister sought or received any advice on the risk that this development will set a precedent for the industrialisation of prime agricultural land in New South Wales?
- (2) Is there any other RU1 zoned land in New South Wales that has a development of the nature of 201 Lismore Road currently under determination by a Joint Regional Planning Panel?
- (3) Has the Minister sought or received any advice that this development may set a precedent that all RU1 zoned land can be turned into industrial estates/developments?
- (4) Is there an Environmental Impact Statement on 201 Lismore Road?
 - (a) If not, why not given that this site is in the middle of a wildlife corridor with evidence of the vulnerable species Koala and other threatened species?
- (5) Is there a Koala Mitigation process, or a Koala Plan of Management for 201 Lismore Road for the protection of this species which are protected under both State and Commonwealth Acts?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) What protections are being incorporated in the 201 Lismore Road development plan to protect the koala population?
 - (a) Why are there no plans for an overpass, when this development is on a busy regional road with evidence of high koala car strikes and mortalities?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel to determine after considering the assessment of the application from Byron Shire Council staff.
 - (a) No, each development application is considered on its merits. Councils can determine whether rural industries are a suitable use for rural land within their local government areas.
- (2) There are currently no developments of a similar nature on RU1 zoned land that are being considered by a Joint Regional Planning Panel.
- (3) No, each Council can determine whether industrial uses, rural or otherwise, are permitted within their RU1 zone.
- (4) No, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this type of development.
 - (a) Council is responsible for ensuring adequate threatened species assessments have been undertaken to support this application.
- (5) No.
 - (a) This land does not meet the criteria that requires the preparation of a Koala Plan of Management. Council has recently requested information in relation to clearing of trees to better inform its assessment.
- (6) This is a matter for the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel to determine after considering the assessment report from Byron Shire Council staff.
 - (a) This is also a matter for assessment by Council staff and determination by the JRPP.

*1855 ENVIRONMENT—PRIVATE NATIVE FORESTRY LICENCES—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—

- (1) Under what circumstance can a Private Native Forestry Licence be revoked?
- (2) Have any been revoked in the last 5 years?
 - (a) If so, please provide the number revoked and the reasons for revocation.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Clause 69ZG of the Forestry Act 2012
- (2) Five Private Native Forestry plans have been terminated due to serious contraventions by the landholder of the plan.

*1856 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—LIDCOMBE TAFE CAMPUS—Ms Walker 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—

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any planning to close, sell or repurpose the Lidcombe TAFE campus?
- (2) Have facilities managers been given instructions not to do any more maintenance at Lidcombe TAFE campus?
 - (a) If so, why?

Answer—

- (1) There are no current plans to close, sell or repurpose the TAFE NSW Lidcombe campus.
- (2) No.
- (3) Not applicable - refer Answer 2.

*1857 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MOGO STATE FORESTS PULP LOGS AND SAWLOGS—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) What quantity of wood from Mogo State Forest Compartments 147 and 148 was supplied to mills in the Eden region, under the haulage subsidy arrangement funded by the Environment Trust "Protection of Koalas in Murrumbidgee Murrumbidgee Tanja Bermagui" project?
 - (a) What quantity of pulp logs?
 - (b) What quantity of sawlogs?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) and (b) The Environment Trust project is not a haulage subsidy. The NSW Government ceased timber harvesting in four State forests in the Eden Management Area as part of plans to conserve important Koala habitat in that area. Timber to meet long-term Government contracts with local customers is being sourced from forests further afield in the South Coast Management Area. The Environment Trust project is funding the additional costs which would have been incurred and passed onto customers in supplying timber from further afield. 373 tonnes of pulp logs and 311m³ of sawlogs have been supplied from compartments 147 and 148 of Mogo State Forest as part of this initiative.

*1858 ENVIRONMENT—SUSPENSION OF LOGGING IN MOGO STATE FOREST COMPARTMENT 148—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—

- (1) Why did Forestry Corporation recently suspend logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
- (2) Was the decision to suspend logging a result of input by stakeholders and the community?
 - (a) Did the registration of three (3) significant trees by the National Trust in Compartment 148 contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (b) Did the evidence of wombat holes in Compartment 148, provided by WIRES, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (c) Did the public meeting held by CoastWatch in Moruya, where the community expressed their concerns about logging in Mogo State Forest, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?

- (d) Did the Environment Protection Authority's monitoring operations contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (e) Did surveying and petitioning by local residents regarding logging in Mogo State Forest contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (f) Did the registration of the presence of arboreal mammals on the Government's BioAtlas contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
- (3) Does Forestry Corporation have any plans to resume logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?

Answer—

I am advised

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands, Forestry and Racing.

*1859 LANDS AND FORESTRY—SUSPENSION OF LOGGING IN MOGO STATE FOREST COMPARTMENT 148—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) Why did Forestry Corporation recently suspend logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?
- (2) Was the decision to suspend logging a result of input by stakeholders and the community?
 - (a) Did the registration of three (3) significant trees by the National Trust in Compartment 148 contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (b) Did the evidence of wombat holes in Compartment 148, provided by WIRES, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (c) Did the public meeting held by CoastWatch in Moruya, where the community expressed their concerns about logging in Mogo State Forest, contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (d) Did surveying and petitioning by local residents regarding logging in Mogo State Forest contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
 - (e) Did the registration of the presence of arboreal mammals on the Government's BioAtlas contribute to the decision to suspend logging?
- (3) Does Forestry Corporation have any plans to resume logging in Compartment 148 of Mogo State Forest?

Answer—

- (1) (2) and (3) I am informed that timber harvesting was undertaken in several compartments in Mogo State Forest on the south coast earlier this year. Mogo State Forest is a regrowth forest that has been producing timber for generations and Forestry Corporation's current operations are harvesting timber from an area it has worked in and regenerated several times in the past. I am informed that Forestry Corporation liaised with forest neighbours as part of standard procedures while planning the operation. Forestry Corporation met with interested community members on site to discuss its operations and specific questions they had about wildlife in the area. Where possible, Forestry Corporation works with community members to amend operations to address concerns raised. The operations were conducted in accordance with the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA). Operations have not been suspended. Rather, timber harvesting operations in compartment 148 have concluded as per the harvest plan. Small areas were not harvested for silvicultural reasons (timber was either not mature or of poor quality) and some individual trees were protected as a result of feedback given during community consultation.

*1860 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—KOALA DEATHS ON PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE—Ms Walker 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 koalas have been killed as a result of Roads and Maritime Services operations between Ewingsdale and Woolgoolga since the upgrade to the Pacific Highway began?
 - (a) What is being done to keep the koala population safe for the rest of the upgrade period?

Answer—

I am advised:

As at 17 November 2017, no koalas have been killed as a direct result of clearing or construction works on the Pacific Highway Upgrade. Since the progressive installation of fauna fencing on existing highway north of Wardell began in November 2016 as part of the Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade, there have been no koala road kills recorded.

*1861 ENVIRONMENT—BAGO STATE FOREST PINE PLANTATION—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—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of allegations that Forestry Corporation NSW is not following regulations in its pine plantations in Bago State Forest?
- (2) Is the Environment Protection Authority investigating these allegations?
 - (a) If so, what have been the findings of these investigations so far?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Minister for Lands, Forestry and Racing.

*1862 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BAGO STATE FOREST PINE PLANTATION—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) Is the Minister aware of allegations that Forestry Corporation NSW is not following regulations in its pine plantations in Bago State Forest?
 - (a) What is being done to address these concerns?

Answer—

- (1) Operations in pine plantations are regulated by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) under the Plantation & Reafforestation Act. I am informed that neither Forestry Corporation nor DPI are aware of any claims Forestry Corporation is not following regulations in relation to timber harvesting activities in Bago State Forest.
 - (a) NA

*1863 HEALTH—PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE FOR PARAMEDICS—Ms Walker 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—

Following the introduction of paramedicine to the list of registered health professions in NSW, will paramedics be expected to acquire their own professional indemnity insurance, or will they be covered by their employer?

Answer—

Mandatory standards and guidelines, which include standards on professional indemnity insurance, are currently being determined.

*1864 PLANNING—BIOCERTIFICATION FOR 7 WESTERN SYDNEY LGAS—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

With reference to the Department of Planning and Environment seeking biocertification for seven Western Sydney Local Government Areas (Camden, Campbelltown, Wollondilly, Liverpool, Fairfield, Hawkesbury and Penrith):

- (1) What is the Minister's vision for conservation outcomes in Western Sydney?
- (2) When will the Minister make a public announcement about progress with this process?

(3) How and when will local communities have the opportunity to give input into this process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) We are in the early planning phase of the Western Sydney Strategic Sustainability Plan and consulting with key stakeholders, including environment groups. Our work has commenced with a detailed audit of existing data about biodiversity in Western Sydney. We will be filling in any gaps through on ground surveys. We have ecologists in Western Sydney now who are conducting surveys, and this work will continue through to January. We will be using the data gathered to understand the impacts of planned urban growth and to develop the conservation plan that will mitigate these impacts.
- (2) Exact timing of announcements is not known.
- (3) Public feedback will be an important part of the plan's development. We have a range of community engagement pathways planned, including community consultation in small groups to assist in development of the Plan, and public exhibition of the draft Plan. This will commence in the new year. We understand the Western Sydney community is interested in their local environment and they can rest assured that we will consider their feedback as we develop this plan.

*1865 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY—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—

With reference to the Minister's answers to Supplementary Question 244, Budget Estimates 2017-18, regarding Spring Gully, Bundeena:

- (1) What legal advice has the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) received regarding the discrepancies in the land titles?
 - (a) If the legal advice has not yet been received, when does NPWS expect to received it?
- (2) What knowledge does the NPWS have of any proposed dealings concerning the unmade paper roads?
- (3) Is the NPWS aware of other legal opinions in relation to the unmade paper roads of DP1782?
 - (a) If so, please provide details.
- (4) What contact has the NPWS or Office of Environment (OEH) and Heritage had with Land and Property Information to resolve the discrepancies identified in the land titles?
 - (a) If any, please provide details.
- (5) Has the Minister or the OEH or the NPWS accepted or intend to accept any proposed gift of portions of the unmade roads under the terms proposed by RVA Australia Pty Ltd in the "Review of Environmental Factors Bundeena Coast Eco Lodge request alternative right of way", as exhibited by the NPWS?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NPWS has received legal advice. This advice is privileged.
- (2) NPWS is aware that a dealing has been lodged with Land and Property Information.
- (3) No.
- (4) NPWS has provided its search information to Land and Property Information.
 - (a) Land and Property Information is not able to discuss the dealings with NPWS because NPWS is not a party to the dealing.
- (5) No.

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*1866 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES LEVY THRESHOLDS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What was the projected annual increase in revenue for Local Land Services based on the Natural Resource Commission's recommendation to reduce the threshold for payment of levies from 10 hectares to 2 hectares?
- (2) How many additional properties would have been liable for payment of Local Land Service levies if the threshold had been reduced from 10 hectares to 2 hectares?

Answer—

- (1) \$5.3 million p.a.
- (2) 77,000.

*1867 LANDS AND FORESTRY—LOFTUS TAFE SITE—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 land status of the parcel of land on the corner of Rawson and Pitt Streets Loftus, which accommodates educational services and facilities provided by TAFE, University of Wollongong and Cook School?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Minister for Education.

*1868 TREASURER—FORESTRY JOB TOTALS—Mr Veitch 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 were the total number of jobs (EFT figures) in the softwood and hardwood divisions of the Forestry Corporation of NSW (or its equivalent) for 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?
- (2) What were the total number of jobs (EFT figures) in the Forestry Policy Research and Development (or its equivalent) for 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—

Employment numbers of the Forestry Corporation of NSW are published in their Annual report.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries is responsible for Forestry Policy Research and Development.

*1869 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS COMBATANTS SEROLOGICAL CERTIFICATES—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many registered combatants 18 years and over have not supplied a current serological certificate over the last twelve months?
- (2) How many registered combatants under 18 years have not supplied a current serological certificate over the last eighteen months?

Answer—

Office of Sport records indicate that as at 28 November 2017:

- 2728 registered combatants 18 years of age and over had not submitted to the Combat Sports Authority (the CSA) a current serological clearance as defined in the Combat Sports Act 2013.
- 135 registered combatants under 18 years of age had not submitted to the Combat Sports Authority a current serological clearance as defined in the Combat Sports Act 2013.

The CSA must be provided with a combatant's current serological clearance at least 1 hour before the contest weigh-in unless approval has been granted for late provision of the document. A combatant must not engage in a combat sport contest unless they have a current serological clearance.

*1870 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AMATEUR FIGHTER PARTICIPATION—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many fighters, registered as amateur, were permitted to participate in professional fights in 2016/17?
- (2) How many applied but were not permitted to participate?

Answer—

The Combat Sports Authority did not grant permission to any registered combatant to engage in a professional combat sport contest held during 2016/17 while not holding the applicable professional combatant registration class.

*1871 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many applications for permits, both amateur and professional, were completed within 14 days of receipt by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (2) How many applications for permits, both amateur and professional, were completed within 21 days of receipt by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (3) How many applications for permits, both amateur and professional, were completed within 28 days of receipt by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (4) How many applications for permits, both amateur and professional, were not completed, or were rejected after receipt by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?

Answer—

Under the Combat Sports Act 2013 applications for a combat sport contest permit must be made not less than 28 days before the date of the proposed contest, or within such lesser time approved by the Combat Sports Authority (GSA).

Office of Sport records indicate that each permit application received during 2016/17 was finalised before the proposed date of the relevant contest. The GSA does not record whether an application was completed within 14, 21 or 28 days of application.

Nineteen (19) permit applications were withdrawn by the promoter before the contest date.

*1872 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY FIT AND PROPER PERSON TEST—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

How many fit and proper person tests were undertaken by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?

Answer—

Each person that applied for registration under the Combat Sports Act 2013 during 2016/17 was subject to a fit and proper person assessment conducted in accordance with the Combat Sports Authority Fit and Proper Person policy.

*1873 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY ISSUE OF AMATEUR PERMITS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many amateur permits were issued by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (2) How many amateur permits were cancelled by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (3) If any permits were cancelled:
 - (a) How many were cancelled on the day of the fight event?
 - (i) For what reason were these fights cancelled?
 - (b) How many were cancelled the day before the fight event?
 - (i) For what reason were these fights cancelled?

Answer—

- (1) The Combat Sports Authority granted 163 combat sport contest permits in 2016/17 that authorised the promoter to hold amateur combat sport contests. This included 53 permits that authorised the promoter to hold both professional and amateur contests.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Not applicable.

*1874 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY ISSUE OF PROFESSIONAL PERMITS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many professional permits were issued by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (2) How many professional permits were cancelled by the Combat Sports Authority in 2016/17?
- (3) If any were cancelled:
 - (a) How many were cancelled on the day of the fight event?
 - (i) For what reason were these fights cancelled?
 - (b) How many were cancelled the day before the fight event?
 - (i) For what reason were these fights cancelled?

Answer—

- (1) The Combat Sports Authority granted 64 combat sport contest permits in 2016/17 that authorised the promoter to hold professional combat sport contests. This included 53 permits that authorised the promoter to hold both professional and amateur contests.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Not applicable.

*1875 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS INSPECTORS ATTENDANCE—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many amateur fights did Combat Sports Authority Inspectors attend in 2016/17?
- (2) How many professional fights did Combat Sports Authority Inspectors attend in 2016/17?

Answer—

- (1) Combat sport inspectors attended 163 combat sport contests in 2016/17 where the promoter was authorised to hold amateur combat sport contests. This included 53 contests where the promoter was authorised to hold both professional and amateur contests.
- (2) Combat sport inspectors attended 64 combat sport contests in 2016/17 where the promoter was authorised to hold professional combat sport contests. This included 53 contests where the promoter was authorised to hold both professional and amateur contests.

*1876 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION AND UNITED SERVICES UNION MEDIA RELEASE—Revd Mr Nile 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) Can the Minister inform the House whether the concerns outlined in the joint Electrical Trades Union and United Services Union media release of 16 August 2017, in which the unions raised the issue of outsourcing, are grounded in fact?
- (2) How many workers from the Geographic Information System have been placed in re-deployment, and what exactly does this entail?
- (3) Can the Minister inform the House how many off-shore workers have been retained to perform jobs that would ordinarily be done by Australians?
- (4) What systems are in place to protect sensitive information falling into the hands of foreign governments or competitive or hostile foreign entities?

Answer—

As of 1 December 2016, Ausgrid is no longer a State Owned Corporation of the NSW Government. Ausgrid operates under conditions set by legislation and the National Electricity Market. Being a private organisation, the Minister for Energy and all other areas of government, are not involved in the operational decisions of Ausgrid.

Decisions related to the operation of Ausgrid in ensuring the safe and reliable delivery of energy to consumers are made by Ausgrid management and the CEO, reporting to the Ausgrid Board. Accordingly, any requests for information should be made directly to Ausgrid via email at network_customer_relations@ausgrid.com.au or by phone on 131365.

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*1877 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN FACEBOOK LINK TO THE NATIONALS' WEBSITE—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Return and Earn Facebook page provides a link to the New South Wales National's website in a post published on 13 November?
- (2) Was the provision of this link in breach of Departmental policy?

Answer—

I am advised that this post has been deleted.

*1878 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN FACEBOOK LINK TO THE LIBERAL PARTY MLC, SCOT MACDONALD'S WEBSITE—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Return and Earn Facebook page provides a link to the Liberal Party MLC, Scot MacDonald's website in a post published on 30 October?
- (2) Was the provision of this link in breach of Departmental policy?

Answer—

I am advised that Scot MacDonald's website is compliant with the Department of Parliamentary Services website and social media guidelines.

*1879 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY BUNDEENA—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 the Minister aware of the report of David Keith, Principal Senior Research Scientist, Office of Environment and Heritage and Professor of Botany, University of New South Wales, titled "Advice on Endangered Ecological Communities in Spring Gully relevant to Development Applications at 60-70 Bournemouth Street, Bundeena"?
- (2) Will there be direct impacts upon the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub and indirect impacts on Coastal Upland Swamp from the proposed development of the access road through the Royal National Park and the proposed asset protection zone and development footprint on the adjoining unmade road reserve and on 60-70 Bournemouth St, Bundeena?
- (3) Has there been a referral to the Commonwealth concerning impacts of the proposed activity on Coastal Upland Swamp and Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub?
 - (a) If yes, when was the referral made?
 - (b) If yes, has a response received and what is that response?
 - (c) If not, why not?
- (4) Has a referral been made to the Commonwealth regarding the likely impacts to the heritage values of the National Heritage listed Royal National Park?
 - (a) If yes, when was the referral made?
 - (b) If yes, has a response received and what is that response?
 - (c) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Yes
- (2) These were assessed by the NSW Land & Environment Court.
- (3) No. The potential direct and indirect impacts of the access proposal on these communities are considered minimal. Referral is not required.
- (4) No. The potential impacts of the access proposal on the values of the National Heritage listing are considered minimal. Referral is not required.

*1880 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—WOMEN'S 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—

I refer to the answer in Questions on Notice, in Budget Estimates 2017-2018 session for Family and Community Services, Social Housing, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Question 5 (Transcript pages 9-10):

- (1) What definition of women's refuge is being used when quoting the number of refuges at 81?
 - (a) Does this definition include general homelessness services?
 - (i) If yes, how many of these are general homelessness services, and how many are women's only refuges?
 - (ii) How many of these 81 are specialist domestic violence women's refuges?
- (2) How many women's only refuges currently operate in New South Wales (excluding any general

homelessness services)?

- (3) How many new women's only refuges were added in New South Wales in 2017, either through acquiring or by construction?
- (4) How many domestic violence women's refuges have been tuned into general homelessness services since 2014?

Answer—

I am advised that there are 81 government-funded refuges in NSW for women only (including their children). Information about NSW Government funding for women's refuges, including funding and service increases is available at www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

*1881 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—REMOVAL OF TRAIN STATION SEATS—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) Have seats been removed from Strathfield Station in 2017? If so:
 - (a) How many?
 - (b) Why have the seats been removed?
 - (c) When were the removed seats initially installed?
 - (i) How much did the installation of the removed seats cost?
 - (ii) How much did the removal of the seats cost?
 - (d) What, if anything, has been installed in place of the removed seats?
- (2) If seats have been removed from Strathfield Station, have "leaning or resting bars" been installed as replacement?
 - (a) Do these meet accessibility requirements as set out in disability inclusion legislation?
- (3) Have seats been removed from any other train station in New South Wales in 2017?
 - (a) If so, please provide a list of stations where seats have been removed.

Answer—

I am advised:

As the member may not appreciate, the NSW Government must balance a number of considerations regarding the placement of seating at train stations. This includes the need to provide adequate seating whilst ensuring safe pedestrian flow is not impeded.

The removal and relocation of seating at Strathfield Station is an example of work being completed across the network. This is in addition to a number of leaning bars being installed.

All work completed by the NSW Government is in accordance with our responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport.

*1882 PLANNING—INDUSTRIAL NOISE POLICY—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

When did the Department of Planning learn that the design for the Coal Handling and Processing Plant (CHPP) for the Maules Creek mine would be different to the design on which noise levels were modelled?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The noise modelling undertaken for the 2011 Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Maules Creek Coal Mine assumed sound power levels and indicative location details associated with the proposed Coal Handling and Processing Plant (CHPP).

A modification to the EA in 2013 changed the orientation of the CHPP and associated facilities and further noise assessment confirmed that the noise predictions at receptors were consistent with the original EA.

The 2015 Annual Review for the Maules Creek Coal Mine identified that the sound power levels for the CHPP exceeded the levels used in the EA for the mine.

An official caution was issued by the Department on 8 June 2016 under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Since then, Whitehaven has implemented a range of mitigation measures to reduce noise levels at the mine, including installing additional panels around the CHPP.

Regardless of noise generated by specific plant and equipment, the mining operations must continue to meet strict off-site noise limits at surrounding residences.

The Department of Planning and Environment will continue to carefully monitor compliance with these limits to ensure the local community is adequately protected.

*1883 POLICE—LOCAL AREA COMMAND RESTRUCTURING—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) The 2017 Police Award includes an option for commissioned officers to access an accrued non-renewal benefit from completed terms at 80 percent of its value (forfeiting the other 20 percent for accessing the benefit early).
 - (a) Why is the Government imposing a 20 percent charge to access employee entitlements earned under the award?
- (2) The Minister publicly stated in the Mudgee Guardian that the "NSW Police Force (NSWPF) is streamlining the structure of the organisation to put more boots on the ground". Can the Minister confirm that:
 - (a) As part of the re-engineering process (Local Area Command (LAC) mergers) existing Duty Officers/Crime Managers (experienced officers) at LACs are being forced to re-apply for their jobs which they had previously secured through a merit based selection process?
 - (b) Where will the unsuccessful officers be placed and how will this impact on community perception and expectations?
- (3) The LAC Mergers will see existing LACs merging into larger LACs. Some of these new LACs will be geographically vast. Considering the loss of senior positions within the new structure:
 - (a) What will be the impact on the community's access to senior management?
 - (b) How will this actually improve on local presence and response?
 - (c) In country (remote) areas how is the re-engineering addressing the ongoing supervision of junior officers and added pressure on sergeants and junior supervisors?
- (4) How many sworn officers have separated from the NSWPF in the last 12 months?
 - (a) How many had experience levels of between 6 and 30 years?
 - (b) How many police graduated from the Academy in the last twelve months?
 - (c) How is the Government addressing the loss of experience?
 - (d) Will you be considering a reserve/retained officer concept to attract former officers back to the streets to provide experience, flexibility in response to crime, major events, emergency management and most importantly address community expectation?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Access to 100% of the accrued benefit remains unaltered. Officers now also have the option to voluntarily access the benefit at a reduced rate before they would otherwise be eligible.
- (2) Re-engineering will result in more police on frontline duties to meet the needs of their communities. Principles have been developed and agreed to regarding the placement of police during the re-engineering process. Full consultation will occur with any affected officers.
- (3) The command structure will continue to meet the need for community access to senior management, as it has previously. In regional areas, under the reforms, communities regardless of size will now have access to a senior "officer in charge" at their local police station. More senior management will also continue to be available as previously. Officers can escalate issues to more senior officers anywhere and at any time.

- (4) In the 12 months to 22 November 2017, 516 sworn officers separated from the NSW Police Force.
- 316.
 - 534 attested as probationary constables.
 - The NSW Police Force has almost 14,000 sworn officers with at least six years of experience.
 - Not presently.

*1884 LANDS AND FORESTRY—MOUNT PENANG PARKLANDS—Mr Shoebridge 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 regards to Central Coast Council Development Application No: 52622/2017:

- Is the development site Crown Land?
- If it is not Crown Land, when was it sold/transferred?
 - For how much money was the site sold/transferred?
- Has the dedication for this land been removed?
 - If so, on which date did this occur?
- Which government department owns the land?

Answer—

- No.
- The land (Lot 476 in DP823714) was compulsorily acquired by the Minister for Community Services on 19 January 1996 in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
 - Nil compensation, as approved by Treasury at the time.
- Yes.
 - The Dedication for Industrial School was revoked upon compulsory acquisition by publication in the Government Gazette on 19 January 1996 in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.
- The land is owned by the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, being a body corporate under the Growth Centres (Development Corporations) Act 1974, administered by the Minister for Planning.

*1885 ENVIRONMENT—LORD HOWE ISLAND RODENT ERADICATION PROGRAM—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—

- On 30 October 2017, did the Minister receive a petition from Lord Howe Islanders opposed to the Rodent Eradication Program for Lord Howe Island?
 - Does the petition represent a majority of Islanders as defined under the Lord Howe Island Act 1953?
 - What action, if any, is the Minister taking in light of the majority of residents being opposed to the program/plan?

Answer—

I am advised:

- Yes
 - This cannot be ascertained.
 - A community survey held in May 2015 of all those enrolled on the Electoral Roll for Lord Howe Island found that 52% of those who participated in the survey were in favour of the program. The Lord Howe Island Board is responsible for the carriage of the program. Community consultation undertaken by the Board between 2015 and 2017 indicated that a large majority of Lord Howe Island residents accepted the proposed baiting methodology of the program.

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*1886 EDUCATION—GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORMS—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many complaints related to school uniforms, has the Department of Education received during the calendar years from 2012 to 2017? Please provide the count by year.
 - (a) How many of these complaints relate to gender discrimination, or limited choices for girls?
- (2) Is the Department aware of the number of complaints related to gender discrimination, or limited choices for girls that were made directly to public schools in New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, how many complaints were made to schools each calendar year from 2012 to 2017?
 - (i) How many of these complaints relate to gender discrimination, or limited choices for girls?
- (3) In the last five years, what percentage of public schools in New South Wales have complied with the Department of Education's School Uniform Policy by conducting a review of their school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements?
 - (a) How regularly does the Department of Education check if schools are compliant with the Schools Uniform Policy?
 - (b) When was the last such check conducted?
 - (c) What percentage of schools were found compliant?
- (4) Has the Department audited public schools in New South Wales to identify schools that restrict girls to wearing dresses and skirts?
 - (a) If not, are there any plans to do so?
- (5) How many public schools in New South Wales have official uniform policies that restrict girls to wearing dresses, tunics or skirts (excluding sports uniforms)?
 - (a) What percentage of total schools do they represent?
- (6) What steps, if any, is the Department taking to ensure that the school uniform policies of public schools in New South Wales do not restrict girls to wearing only skirts or dresses with the exception of sports uniforms?

Answer—

- (1) to (6) The NSW Department of Education is committed to the wellbeing of all students in NSW public schools. School staff work collaboratively with students, families, communities and other organisations to support and develop all students' wellbeing including respect for diversity and identity. The department's revised school uniform policy will be released in Term 1 2018. The new policy will include a reference to shorts/pants as uniform options for girls.

The school uniform policy requires schools to undertake formal consultation with parents/carers and students, and to adopt a uniform that meets community standards and expectations, including the economic, personal, social and cultural factors that might affect students and their families.

Information on the department's school uniform policy is also available on the department's website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>.

*1887 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—FREDERICK STREET, ASHFIELD—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) Has Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) consulted the community on the matter of improving pedestrian safety on Frederick Street in Ashfield?
 - (a) If yes, when did the consultation take place?
 - (b) If not, is there a consultation planned, and for when?
- (2) Is RMS planning to improve pedestrian safety on Frederick Street in Ashfield?
 - (a) If so, please provide details of the improvements planned.

(b) When will the work start and when is it expected to finish?

Answer—

I am advised:

Roads and Maritime Services has consulted the Inner West Council, NSW Police Force, Sydney Buses and will notify the community in early 2018 about pedestrian safety improvements on Frederick Street, at John and Henry streets, Ashfield.

*1888 CORRECTIONS—JUSTICE REINVESTMENT—Mr Shoebridge 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) Can the Government advise on the individual allocations that will be made as part of the \$3.8 billion commitment to increase prison capacity and how much of these allocations have been spent to date on each initiative?
- (2) Can the Government advise what the financial commitment within this \$3.8 billion allocation is devoted to justice reinvestment initiatives and/or other initiatives focused on reducing incarceration rates?
- (3) Can the Government advise what future budget plans, if any, it has to allocate funds to justice reinvestment initiatives and/or other initiatives focused on reducing incarceration rates?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) \$3.8 billion has been allocated to the Corrective Services NSW Prison Bed Capacity Program. The amount includes capital and recurrent allocations.

Capital allocations and the associated amounts spent for the Immediate Future Needs, Rapid Build Prisons and Medium Term Needs components of the Prison Bed Capacity Program.

The additional beds are in the form of modular cells and conversions of one-out cells into two-out cells will accommodate both maximum and minimum security male and female inmates.

Beds are being added at centres including Metropolitan Special Programs Centre, the Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre, and Cessnock, Dillwynia, Bathurst, the Mid North Coast Correctional Centre, South Coast Correctional Centre, Junee Correctional Centre and Parklea Correctional Centre.

The former Wollongong Community Offender Support Centre at Unanderra has been re-purposed as the Illawarra Reintegration Centre.

The Mary Wade Correctional Centre was recently opened.

Australia's first Rapid Build Prison was opened at Wellington on 15 December 2017.

- (2) The NSW Government has separately committed \$237 million over four years to reduce reoffending. Justice reinvestment initiatives are a matter for the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- (3) The NSW Government is separately providing \$237 million over four years (to 2019/20) to deliver new and enhanced programs and services as part of a reducing reoffending strategy.

*1889 PREMIER—INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Is the Premier aware of the NSW Council of Social Service 2018-2019 Pre-Budget Submission's findings on distinct and targeted investments to improve the outcomes for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage?
- (2) Can the Premier advise what steps are contemplated or foreshadowed in relation to the following:
 - (a) Housing availability for the vulnerable?
 - (b) Lowering the cost of energy consumption?
 - (c) Raising support for people with mental health issues?
 - (d) Enhancing access to justice for Aboriginal Australians in New South Wales?

Answer—

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring all communities enjoy their fair share of our State's strong economic position.

We are delivering record investment in social and affordable housing, including an additional 3,400 social and affordable homes in metropolitan and regional NSW through the Social and Affordable Housing Fund.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government is committed to addressing cost of living pressures for families throughout the state. We recently announced the nation's most comprehensive energy relief package to assist households struggling with increasing power prices, which can now save hundreds of dollars a year off their energy bills through discounts on energy efficient appliances. We have also increased rebates by 20 per cent and ensured small businesses can save up to \$1,900 a year.

This year we are investing \$1.9 billion in mental health, an increase of \$87 million from last year.

Finally, we have recently introduced major criminal justice reform to give courts better options, including for Aboriginal Australians.

*1890 POLICE—PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS IN THE NSW POLICE FORCE—Revd Mr Nile 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) Has the effectiveness of Section 206 of the Police Act 1990 in relation to the protection of whistleblowers in the NSW Police Force been measured?
 - (a) If so, how effective has it been?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of any cases where whistleblowers have been harassed despite the existence of this section?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm whether the treatment of the whistleblower in WorkCover case No. 53015EML is typical in the NSW Police Force?
- (4) Can the Minister advise whether any steps can be taken, whether administrative or legislative, to ensure that there are adequate protections for individuals in the police force who are keeping it accountable?

Answer—

I am advised:

There are significant legislative safeguards in place, particularly in the Police Act 1990 and the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994, to protect sworn and unsworn officers who make internal disclosures containing misconduct information. The NSW Police Force is also subject to oversight by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the NSW Police Force will continue to work closely with the Commission in this area.

I am unable to comment on WorkCover case No. 53015EML as it is an active case.

*1891 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SYDNEY TRAINS EXTENDED PEAK HOURS—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) Is the Government extending the weekday peak period for Sydney Trains from 6am to 10am in the morning and 3pm to 7pm in the afternoon as part of its timetable change?
 - (a) If yes, will the Government be charging peak fare for this extended period?
 - (b) If yes, will the Government guarantee that peak fares will never be charged during these extended hours?

Answer—

I am advised:

No.

*1892 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GAVIN HANLON-TERMINATION PAYMENT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Did Gavin Hanlon, the former Deputy Director General, Water, Department of Industry receive a termination payment at the end of his employment with the Department?

Answer—

Gavin Hanlon resigned from his position on 15 September 2017. Under the Government Sector Employment Act, staff who resign are not entitled to termination payments of any kind.

*1893 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES TERMINATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many staff members of the Department of Primary Industries have had their employment terminated since 24 July 2017?
- (2) How many of these staff received termination payments?
- (3) What is the total amount paid to staff in termination payments since 24 July 2017?

Answer—

Between 24 July and 30 November two staff members for the Department of Primary Industries – Water had their employment terminated. This figure includes only staff whose employment was involuntarily terminated.

Staff whose employment is terminated are entitled to a termination payment in line with the conditions set out in the Government Sector Employment (GSE) Act.

For the two staff members mentioned above, the total payout figure was \$287,504.37.

*1894 REGIONAL WATER—NSW WATER TERMINATIONS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many staff members of NSW Water have had their employment terminated since 24 July 2017?
- (2) How many of these staff received termination payments?
- (3) What is the total amount paid to staff in termination payments since 24 July 2017?

Answer—

There is no NSW Government Agency called NSW Water.

*1895 SPORT—OFFICE OF SPORT CLEANING SERVICE EXISTING EMPLOYEES—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many existing cleaners employed by the Office of Sport are being retained as cleaners under the new cleaning service providers?
- (2) What redundancy arrangements, if any, are in place for existing cleaning staff who are not being redeployed or employed by new cleaning service providers?
- (3) What is the total cost of redundancy/termination and other payments to existing staff who will no longer be employed by the Office of Sport under the new cleaning service arrangements?

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners.

*1896 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many expressions of interest were received for the Specialised Cleaning Services for the Office

of Sport, which closed on Friday 6 October?

- (2) Which organisations submitted Expressions of Interest?
- (3) How many respondents were shortlisted?
- (4) How many invitations to selective request for tender were issued?
- (5) How many agreements for cleaning services have been concluded?

Answer—

- (1) 28.
- (2) Details of all respondents that submitted Expressions of Interest are held as commercial-in-confidence as per Section 32 of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. The Office of Sport is only required to disclose those respondents that are successful following the selective request for tender processes.
- (3) Six.
- (4) None to date.
- (5) None to date.

*1897 SPORT—OFFICE OF SPOT CLEANING SERVICE MINIMUM FIXED PERSONNEL—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What is the 'minimum number of fixed (full time or part time) personnel mandated by the Office of Sport to be employed under the new cleaning service agreements?

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners. The Office of Sport has not mandated any minimum number of personnel in the Expression of Interest in cleaning services.

*1898 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT EXISTING STAFF ARRANGEMENTS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Will cleaners previously and currently employed by the Office of Sport to clean Sport and Recreation Centres be offered the opportunity to retain their position with the successful tender respondent?
 - (a) Will these employees retain their current conditions and rates of pay?
 - (b) If so, how long are their current conditions of employment protected for?

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners.

*1899 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT SAFETY—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Will the Office of Sport require that cleaners employed by successful suppliers be subject to working with children checks?
- (2) If so, will this requirement be applied to include the casual pool of personnel that each supplier must demonstrate they have access to and may draw upon?

Answer—

Yes.

*1900 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYEES—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) When does the Office of Sport intend to notify existing employees of changes to, or termination of, their employment as cleaners employed by the Office of Sport?

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners.

*1901 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT TIMELINE—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Is the Office of Sport on track with their stated Expression of Interest program for new cleaning service agreements to commence from 1 April 2018?
- (2) If that timeline has changed, what has it changed to?

Answer—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.

*1902 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT EVALUATION CRITERIA—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Did the Office of Sport require that Expression of Interest responses were assessed and shortlisted for mandatory compliance with the Fair Work Act, in addition to compliance with Work Health and Safety legislation?
- (2) If not, why not?

Answer—

Yes.

*1903 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT EVALUATION PROCESS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What due diligence exercise and risk assessments were deemed necessary by the Office of Sport in order to recommend multiple shortlisted parties from the Expression of Interest evaluation process?
- (2) Which of these exercise and risk assessments were completed directly by the Office of Sport?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Office of Sport incorporated six due diligence exercises as part of the evaluation and risk management to recommending multiple shortlisted parties for the expression of interest:

Risk Assessment Plans have been established in line with the Office of Sport's procurement process. Risk assessments and risk management controls are undertaken and updated subject to the project initiation document and the procurement strategy (which has been endorsed by NSW Procurement).

Probity Advisor - The Office of Sport sought internal probity advice from various sources including an internal procurement officer, category manager at NSW Procurement and external probity agents as and where necessary.

Mandated Reference Checks - Reference checks were completed on all Respondents to the Expression of Interest. The Office also conducted verification cross-checks on all shortlisted respondents to the Expression of Interest.

Confirmation of Company status - Company status checks were done through the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) on all shortlisted respondents to the Expression of Interest.

Individual credit report enquires through Dun & Bradstreet - Individual credit reports were obtained on all shortlisted respondents to the Expression of Interest.

Media Scanning and Reputational risk - Media scanning and reputational risk assessments were conducted to qualify and confirm all shortlisted respondents to the Expression of Interest did not have any court actions pertaining or risk of underpayment of employees/staff, violation of employment rights/conditions or corrupt conduct.

- (2) All due diligence exercises and risk assessments were completed directly by the Office of Sport as detailed above.

*1904 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT NEW TENDERS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What is the projected total cost to the Office of Sport per year for the tenders awarded for cleaning services?

Answer—

Tenders are not yet awarded.

*1905 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT NEW TENDERS LOCAL PROVIDERS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) What weighting, if any, was given to local (based in that Local Government Area (LGA) or an immediately neighbouring LGA) respondents submitting an expression of interest to tender for the Office of Sport cleaning service contracts in the following locations?

- (a) Sydney Academy of Sport Narrabeen?
- (b) Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (c) Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (d) Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (e) Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (f) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (g) Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (h) Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (i) Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (j) Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (k) Berry Sport and Recreation Centre?

Answer—

The Office of Sport applied 10% evaluation weighting for capacity to provide regional staff.

*1906 SPORT—OFFICE OF SPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Were the following personnel employed directly by the Office of Sport during 2017:
- (a) Grounds maintenance staff?
 - (b) Security service staff?
 - (c) Facility management, property related or trades and maintenance service staff?
 - (d) Contingent labour such as event labour hire?

- (2) If so, does the Office of Sport intend to open and invite Expressions of Interest for the provision of any of the above services, in part or in total, at any point in the future?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Ground maintenance is provided through a combination of employees and contractors.
 - (b) No.
 - (c) Facility management, property, trade and maintenance related services are provided through a combination of employees and contractors.
 - (d) No.
- (2) The Office of Sport intends to return to market to renew existing contracts for ground maintenance, contingent labour and various trade services, where applicable.

*1907 SPORT—CLEANING SERVICES OFFICE OF SPORT—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many cleaners were employed by the Office of Sport during:
- (a) 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2017
 - (b) 1 January 2017 - currently
- (2) For each period above, how many cleaners were employed on:
- (a) a full-time permanent basis
 - (b) a part-time permanent basis
 - (c) casual basis
- (3) Please provide the information for each of the following locations:
- (a) Sydney Academy of Sport Narrabeen
 - (b) Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (c) Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (d) Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (e) Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (f) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (g) Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (h) Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (i) Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (j) Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre
 - (k) Berry Sport and Recreation Centre

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners.

*1908 SPORT—OFFICE OF SPORT EMPLOYMENT STATUS—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many cleaners will be employed on a:
- (a) full time permanent basis,
 - (b) part time permanent basis,
 - (c) casual basis.
- (2) at each of the following sites under the new cleaning service contracts:
- (a) Sydney Academy of Sport Narrabeen?
 - (b) Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre?
 - (c) Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre?

- (d) Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (e) Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (f) Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (g) Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (h) Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (i) Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (j) Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre?
- (k) Berry Sport and Recreation Centre?

Answer—

The Office of Sport does not employ cleaners.

*1909 SPORT—COMBAT SPORTS AUTHORITY PERMIT AND APPLICATION FEES—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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How much was recovered by the Combat Sports Authority (Office of Sport) in registration fees and permit application fees in:
 - (a) 2014 (1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014)?
 - (b) 2015 (1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015)?
 - (c) 2016 (1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016)?
 - (d) 2017 (1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017)?
 - (e) To date this financial year (1 July 2017- to current)?
- (2) How many applications were received in each of the above years for the following:
 - (a) Registration of amateur combatants?
 - (b) Registration of pro-am combatants?
 - (c) Registration of professional combatants?
 - (d) Permits for amateur contests?
 - (e) Permits for professional contests?

Answer—

Registration and permit fees enable the NSW Government to recover some of the operating costs of the Combat Sports Authority.

Application information is not readily available across registration classes.

Total permit applications received each year were:

1 July 2013-30 June 2014 - 303.

1 July 2014-30 June 2015 - 285.

1 July 2015-30 June 2016 - 214.

1 July 2016-30 June 2017 - 204.

1 July 2017 to date - 144.

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*1910 ATTORNEY GENERAL—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—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—

- (1) How many employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of the Department of Justice since 2010?

- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1911 EMERGENCY SERVICES—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—Mr Primrose 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 employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Emergency NSW since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1912 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—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 Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Transport for NSW since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1913 HEALTH—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—Mr Primrose 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) How many employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Department of Health since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1914 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—Mr Primrose 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 employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Roads and Maritime since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised:

Tragically, five fatalities have occurred since 1 January 2010.

*1915 PLANNING—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—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) How many employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Department of Planning and Environment since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1916 EDUCATION—INFRASTRUCTURE/CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FATALITIES—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many employee deaths have occurred on an infrastructure/construction project undertaken by or on behalf of Department of Education since 2010?
- (2) Where have these construction projects been located?
- (3) On what dates did these deaths occur?

Answer—

I am advised over the past decade, since 2007, there have been 14 employee deaths on NSW Government infrastructure worksites.

The NSW Government is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace for all employees. In 2015 the Government established SafeWork NSW, a new agency to improve work health and safety throughout the State.

*1917 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—COBAR CHILDCARE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) What is the number of children between three to five years old in childcare in Cobar?

- (2) How many childcare places for children between three to five years are required in Cobar to meet current demand?
- (3) What is the number of long day-care places for children in Cobar?
- (4) How many long day-care places for children are required in Cobar to meet current demand?

Answer—

I'm advised:

- (1) The Australian Government holds this data.
- (2) This is unknown, as demand for childcare places in Cobar depends on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, birth rate, migration patterns and family choices.
- (3) This is publicly available on the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority website.
- (4) This is unknown, as demand for long day care places in Cobar depends on a variety of factors including, but not limited to, birth rate, migration patterns and family choices.

*1918 HEALTH—NYNGAN HEALTH SERVICE—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) What is the Government doing to ensure the Nyngan Health Service has an adequate number of locally based health professionals to meet community health needs?
- (2) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Nyngan Health Service?

Answer—

The Western NSW Local Health District works with the Health Service to provide incentives for recruitment and to encourage growth within the organisation. The number of hours each General Practitioner visiting the site will spend onsite varies.

*1919 HEALTH—WARREN HEALTH SERVICES—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) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Warren Health Service was living in Warren?
- (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Warren Shire has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
- (3) What is the Health Department's policy on local government offers to build housing for health staff on the condition that the Local Health District will enter into a long term lease agreement for said housing?

Answer—

On average the registered nurses employed by Warren Multipurpose Service have lived in the area between 15 - 20 years. The Western NSW Local Health District has a strong focus on promoting opportunities for professional development through new graduate programs, scholarships and bursaries, clinical placements and rotations, and supported career development.

The Western NSW Local Health District is guided by the procurement policy of NSW Health in relation to the housing matters mentioned above, to ensure probity and compliance as a government agency.

*1920 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR PREVENTATIVE FLOOD WORKS—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) What funding is available to local governments for preventative flood works such as culvert construction?
- (2) Will the Government consider providing a dedicated fund or grant program for local governments to perform preventative flood works?

(a) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

The NSW Government provides financial assistance to all councils in NSW for the maintenance of their regional roads in recognition of their importance to local communities and businesses.

Local councils are responsible for managing funding, determining and carrying out work priorities on regional and local roads, including preventative flood works.

Local councils have access to a range of financial assistance grants for works on council owned and managed roads.

*1921 SPORT—FAR WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT GOVERNMENT FUNDING—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) What is the value of Government funding that the Far West Academy of Sport received in:

(a) 2016-17?

(2) What is the value of Government funding that the Far West Academy of Sport will receive in:

(a) 2017-18?

(b) 2018-19?

(c) 2019-20?

Answer—

(1)

(a) \$245,000.

(2)

(a) \$295,000.

(b) \$295,000.

(c) \$295,000.

*1922 SPORT—FAR WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT GOVERNMENT—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) Does the Government have any plans to decrease the real value of public funding to the Far West Academy of Sport over time?

(2) Will Government funding to the Far West Academy of Sport increase with the academy's expenditure over time?

(3) Will the Government make funding to the Far West Academy of Sport contingent on non-government sector sponsorship?

Answer—

(1) and (2) I refer you to the answer provided in question 1921.

(3) No

*1923 ENVIRONMENT—SPRING GULLY BUNDEENA—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) Regarding the "Review of Environmental Factors Bundeena Coast Eco Lodge request alternative right of way (Review of Environmental Factors)" as exhibited by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS):

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- (a) Why are the site diagrams on pp 47-50 in the Dropbox version of the Bushfire Assessment document and hyper-linked to on page 76 of the Review of Environmental Factors missing from the version of the Bushfire Assessment document placed on the NPWS public exhibition web page and placed on exhibition at Bundeena Library and the Audley Visitor Centre?
 - (b) Why was the author meta-data removed from document properties of the "Bushfire Assessment" exhibited on the NPWS public exhibition web page?
 - (c) Why was the document referred to as "Site Plan PR124192SW_P13q.pdf" on page 30 of the "Review of Environmental Factors" and hyper-linked to on page 76 in the Review of Environmental Factors (as hosted on the Dropbox file sharing platform) which comprises large format site drawings and a tree schedule, not exhibited on the NPWS public exhibition web page or in hard copy format at the other exhibition locations?
- (2) What were the dates and the specific times on those dates during which the public were able to access the following documents during opening hours at Bundeena Library:
 - (a) "Ecological Impact Assessment For: RVA Australia", Cumberland Ecology, February 2016 (Annexure AI).
 - (b) "Bushfire Assessment and Recommendations Proposed 'Eco-Tourism' Development Bundeena Coast Eco Lodge (RVA Australia Pty Ltd) Lot 3 Deposited Plan 213924 60 70 Bournemouth Street Bundeena NSW 2230", Sydney Bushfire Consultants, February 2016 (Annexure AL).
 - (c) "Royal and Heathcote National Parks and Garawarra SCA Fire Management Strategy 2016", NPWS, November 2016 (Annexure AM).
 - (d) "Your right to use Sussex Street", Letter of Aaron Gadiel, Gadens Lawyers, Sydney, dated 30 September 2015 (Annexure AP).
 - (e) The plans (pp12-16) contained in "Report on Upgrading Shared Access to Public Road Standard and Design of Access Road at Lot 3 DP213924 60-70 Bournemouth Street Bundeena NSW", Lyle Marshall & Partners Pty Ltd, January. 2016 (Annexure AD).
 - (f) "Current Use Shared Access Recreation Camp for Eco Tourism 60-70 Bournemouth Street, Bundeena", RVA Australia Pty Ltd. (REF Annexure BB), dated February 2016.
 - (3) Were any of these documents placed on exhibition only a few days before submissions closed?
 - (a) If yes, why?
 - (4) Was the entire application, including all documents submitted by the applicant, exhibited for the period of time as required by Section 2.6 of the Guidelines for preparing a Review of Environmental Factors, Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), August 2016?
 - (5) Did the amount of time that these documents were available for public viewing at Bundeena Library satisfy Section 2.6 of the Guidelines for preparing a Review of Environmental Factors, OEH, August 2016 and specifically the stated aim of public exhibition to "raise awareness of the proposed activity and to assist the determining authority to assess the significance of likely environmental impacts" and the duty of the determining authority to "examine and take into account to the fullest extent possible all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment" under section 111 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979?
 - (6) Does the Minister stand by her answer to Budget Estimates 2017-2018 Supplementary Question 133 that the Review of the Environmental Factors was still being assessed, in light of the fact that the approval was announced just a day later?
 - (a) Had the NPWS made an assessment of the presence of endangered ecological communities, threatened species and/or protected species relevant to the proposed activity prior to the publishing of the answers to Supplementary Questions?
 - (b) What date was this assessment made?
 - (7) Has the NPWS commissioned any external parties to conduct any ecological assessments in making its assessment of the Review of Environmental Factors?
 - (a) If yes, please advise of the name(s) of these parties and the dates on which their reports were received by NPWS.
 - (8) Will the Minister ensure the protection of the values of the Royal National Park, Australia's first National Park, and refuse the road access proposal under section 153C of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) All relevant supporting documents were available online, and printed and exhibited at three public viewing areas. Some formatting issues, including site diagrams that failed to print, were later identified. This was an error due to the volume and complexity of the documents.
 - (b) It is standard Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) practice to remove individual names and contact details to protect the identity of relevant parties.
 - (c) The site plan was on page 30 of the REF document. The REF document was made available online and via hard copy. The tree schedule was not exhibited as it was not directly relevant to NPWS estate and the access application.
- (2) In response to a Bundeena resident's concern about the accessibility of the REF to seniors who may not be able to drive, the hard copy from the Audley Visitor Centre was relocated to the Bundeena Library. It was available from 7 June 2017 to 15 June 2017, and from 5 July 2017 to 4 August 2017, during the library's opening hours.
- (3) No.
- (4) The REF document and relevant supporting documents were exhibited from 5 July 2017 to 4 August 2017, consistent with section 8.1 (Public Exhibition) of the OEH Guidelines for determining a Review of Environmental Factors.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) Yes.
 - (a) No.
 - (b) 29 September 2017.
- (7) No.
- (8) A licence under section 153C of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 has been granted. It includes conditions that ensure environmental and safety issues are addressed.

*1924 REGIONAL WATER—NSW WATER SENIOR EXECUTIVES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many senior executive in the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Water have completed the Public Service Commission's Executive Essentials training program?
- (2) What proportion of DPI Water's senior executives have completed the Public Service Commission's Executive Essentials training program?

Answer—

I am advised that since the Executive Leadership Essentials course was established in June 2014, 18 senior staff members from the Department of Industry have attended to July 2017.

*1925 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES SENIOR EXECUTIVES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many senior executives in the Department of Primary Industries have completed the Public Service Commission's Executive Essentials training program?
- (2) What proportion of the Department of Primary Industries senior executives have completed the Public Service Commission's Executive Essentials training program?

Answer—

Since the Executive Leadership Essentials course was established in June 2014, 18 senior staff members from the Department of Industry have attended to July 2017.

Of the 18 staff within the Department, four were from the Primary Industries cluster.

This is a two-day course, held four times a year by the Public Service Commission. Each government cluster, including the Department of Industry, is allocated two places on each course.

*1926 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MIRALWYN PROPERTY INSPECTION—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

When was a compliance inspection of the Miralwyn property last undertaken to ensure compliance with all current water licences?

Answer—

WaterNSW attended the property on the 16/08/2017 to audit the work approval.

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*1927 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PRIVATE SHUTTLE BETWEEN CBD AND ROZELLE—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) Is a private shuttle between the CBD and Rozelle for Roads and Maritime employees still operating?
(a) If not, on what date did it cease running?

Answer—

I am advised:

Yes.

*1928 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—PRIVATE SHUTTLE BETWEEN CBD AND ROZELLE—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) Is a private shuttle between the CBD and Rozelle for Roads and Maritime employees still operating?
(a) If not, on what date did it cease running?

Answer—

I am advised :

This is a matter for the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight.

*1929 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—JOBS FOR NSW—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) In 2016-17 how much was spent by Jobs for NSW on employees, consultants, contractors and temporary staff?

Answer—

- Employees (including on cost): \$5 million
- Consultants: \$2.7 million
- Contractors and temporary staff: \$2.5 million

These costs were paid by the Department of Industry as part of the Department's financial support to Jobs for NSW.

*1930 PREMIER—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM—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) Is the Premier aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
(2) What action will the Premier take to prevent the loss of this position?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately addressed to the Minister for Family and Community Services.

*1931 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
- (2) Who authorised the funding cut?
- (3) What action will the Minister take to prevent the loss of this position?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1932 EDUCATION—LITERACY FOR LIFE PROGRAM—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that funding will be cut in December for an assistant position in the successful Literacy for Life program run out of the Enterprise Centre in Brewarrina?
- (2) Who authorised the funding cut?
- (3) What action will the Minister take to prevent the loss of this position?

Answer—

This question should be referred to the Minister representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

*1933 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—KANGAROO MEAT PROCESSING LICENCES—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many licences does your Department provide for kangaroo meat processing in New South Wales?

Answer—

As of November 2017, the Department advises that there a total of 534 licensed businesses in NSW that hold a licence enabling them to handle game meat products, which can include kangaroo meat. These businesses hold various licenses that range from harvesting game animals in the field, through to the storage, transport and further processing of game animals for both human consumption and animal food.

*1934 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—BREWARRINA SHIRE DROUGHT—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What assistance has been provided to those affected by drought in Brewarrina Shire?
- (2) What representations have been made to the Commonwealth regarding assistance for farmers affected by drought in Brewarrina Shire?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW and Commonwealth governments provide support in NSW in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement on National Drought Program Reform (IGA) which was signed by all jurisdictions in May 2013.

In February 2015 the NSW Government introduced the NSW Drought Strategy, aligning to the IGA, which introduced a range of initiatives available to all farmers including those in Brewarrina.

Since the beginning of 2015, over \$900,000 in concessional loans and \$3,100 in Transport subsidies for Animal Welfare purposes have been approved in the Brewarrina Shire.

- (2) The Australian Government also provides significant assistance under the Agreement across NSW. This includes concessional loans which are administered by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on their behalf. For the same period, the value of approved commonwealth concessional loans for drought assistance in the Brewarrina Shire was \$2.42 million.

*1935 REGIONAL WATER—WATER EXTRACTED FROM THE BARWON-DARLING RIVER SYSTEM—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

How much water has been extracted from the Barwon-Darling River system between the Queensland border and Wilcannia?

Answer—

The Barwon Darling is an unregulated river system and extraction from year to year is highly variable it depends on rainfall and river flows (not storage releases).

High extractions correspond with high flow events, particularly when on farm storages can be used to temporarily store water. Below are the annual usage figures from the Barwon Darling river system from 1993/94 to 2016/17.

To put this into context, it is worth noting that, although some years have very low or no flow, the average annual flow at Wilcannia (near the bottom of the unregulated system and effectively the inflow to the Menindee system), measured for over 100 years, is greater than 1,730,000 megalitres per year, meaning more than a full Menindee system every year on average.

Annual usage figures from the Barwon Darling river system 1993/94 to 2016/17.

Source DOI Water - water accounting system as reported to MDBA as part of statutory annual CAP reporting requirements.

Water Year	Total (Megalitres)
2016-17*	195,619
2015-16	75,845
2014-15	29,807
2013-14	78,406
2012-13	189,306
2011-12	102,000
2010-11	96,000
2009-10	140,000
2008-09	150,000
2007-08	210,000
2006-07	1,000
2005-06	158,000
2004-05	157,000
2003-04	264,672
2002-03	19,222
2001-02	72,237
2000-01	241,889
1999-00	173,671
1998-99	240,380

1997-98	164,965
1996-97	207,045
1995-94	210,952
1994-93	109,816
1993-94	64,424

* Water year meter readings not finalised

- *1936 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—GOODOOGA ROAD UPGRADE—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—

Regarding the upgrade and sealing of the Goodooga Road:

- (1) What is the estimated total cost for this project?
- (2) What is the estimated completion date for this project?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Brewarrina Shire Council estimates that the full cost for the upgrade and sealing of Goodooga Road is approximately \$42 million. \$21.4 million of the funding has been allocated under the Fixing Country Roads Program.
- (2) Council estimates that the project will require around four years to complete.

- *1937 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—HOSTEL SETUP IN BOURKE—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—

Given recent discussion between Family and Community Services (FACS) in Bourke and local residents about setting up a hostel style facility that provides housing and food for children on weekends:

- (1) What is the current position of FACS regarding this proposal?

Answer—

I am advised that there are a number of services that provide support to parents, children and families in Bourke. The best initial entry point for families is through the Bourke Maranguka Community Hub. Further information can be accessed at: www.justreinvest.org.au/the-maranguka-way/.

The Western Family Referral Service provides information about various support services in Bourke. More information can be accessed at: www.familyreferralservice.com.au.

In addition, the Bourke Homelessness and Housing Support Service operates the Bourke Women's and Children's Safe House. Further information can be accessed at: www.housing.nsw.gov.au.

- *1938 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—SOLAR POWER PLANTS FOR BOURKE SHIRE—Mr Mookhey asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Does the Government have a plan to attract solar power plants to Bourke Shire?
- (2) What is the Government's plan to attract solar power plants to Bourke Shire?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW Government supports a private sector led energy market. In 2013, we released the NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan to increase renewable energy at least cost to energy consumers and with maximum benefits to the state.

NSW leads Australia in large-scale solar with 211 MW of installed capacity. The Nyngan Solar Plant

in the state's North-West is the largest solar farm in Australia.

The North-West region is also home to two approved solar farms at Walgett and Bogan River. The North-West region, including the Bourke Shire, has an excellent solar resource by international standards. Households and businesses are taking advantage of this opportunity by installing rooftop solar systems. As at November 2017, around one in every five households in the Bourke Shire local government area had installed rooftop solar.

- (2) The Government does not have any specific plans to attract solar farms to individual localities in NSW but continues to support the development of solar farms through the implementation of the NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan. There are currently seven major solar farms under construction across the state totalling over \$400 million of investment into regional NSW and a further \$7.5 billion of solar projects that are either approved or under construction.

Access to available network capacity is a key consideration for solar farm developments in NSW. The government is supporting the work of the Australian Energy Market Operator to identify and map prospective renewable energy zones and identify potential transmission routes to efficiently connect new renewable energy projects in NSW.

- *1939 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—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—

What is the average length of a roads maintenance contract between Roads and Maritime and local government?

Answer—

I am advised:

Information about the Road Maintenance Council Contract is publicly available on the Roads and Maritime Services website.

- *1940 HEALTH—RURAL HEALTH SERVICES STAFFING—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 is your plan to ensure that rural hospital transfers do not leave local health services and hospitals understaffed?

Answer—

NSW Health has state-wide and local level arrangements that do not leave rural hospitals understaffed, including staffing arrangements for the NSW medical retrieval network and the Local Health District transport units.

- *1941 HEALTH—COBAR HEALTH SERVICES—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) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Cobar District Hospital was living in Cobar?
- (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Cobar Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
- (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Cobar Health Service?

Answer—

On average the registered nurses employed by the Cobar Health Service have lived in the area for approximately 25 years. The Western NSW Local Health District works with the Health Service to provide incentives for recruitment and to encourage growth within the organisation. The number of hours each General Practitioner visiting the site will spend onsite varies.

*1942 HEALTH—WALGETT HEALTH SERVICES—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) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Walgett Health Service was living in Walgett?
- (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Walgett Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
- (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Walgett Health Service?

Answer—

On average the Registered Nurses employed by Walgett Health Service have lived in the area for approximately 7.5 years. The Western NSW Local Health District works with the Health Service to provide incentives for recruitment and to encourage growth within the organisation. The number of hours each General Practitioner visiting the site will spend onsite varies.

*1943 HEALTH—BREWARRINA HEALTH SERVICES—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) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Brewarrina Health Service was living in Brewarrina?
- (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Brewarrina Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
- (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Brewarrina Health Service?

Answer—

On average the Registered Nurses employed by Brewarrina Health Service have lived in the area for approximately 6 years. The Western NSW Local Health District works with the Health Service to provide incentives for recruitment and to encourage growth within the organisation. The number of hours each General Practitioner visiting the site is spending onsite varies.

*1944 HEALTH—BOURKE HEALTH SERVICES—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) In 2016-17 what was the average number of years that a registered nurse at Bourke District Hospital was living in Bourke
- (2) How will the Government and the Western Area Health District ensure that the Bourke Health Service has the required number of health professionals living in the community?
- (3) What is the average number of hours per week that a General Practitioner is taking visits at Bourke Health Service?

Answer—

On average the registered nurses employed by Bourke Multipurpose Service have lived in the area for approximately 11 years. The Western NSW Local Health District works with the Health Service to provide incentives for recruitment and to encourage growth within the organisation. The number of hours each general practitioner visiting the site is spending onsite varies.

*1945 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY CORPORATION AND EDEN CHIP MILL WOOD SUPPLY AGREEMENT—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) Is the Wood Supply Agreement (WSA) between the Forestry Corporation and the Eden Chip Mill in the name of Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty Ltd or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd or Harris Daishowa Pty Ltd?
- (2) If the agreement is with Allied Natural Wood Exports, did the Minister approve any changes from the original WSA?
 - (a) If so, on what date?
 - (b) Were any changes made?
 - (i) If so, what were the changes?

Answer—

- (1) South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd.
- (2) N/A.

*1946 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?
 - (i) What is the interest rate?
 - (ii) On what date was the loan made?
 - (iii) When will it be repaid?
 - (iv) How much, if any, has already been repaid?
- (2) Who is the owner of the jetty?

Answer—

I am advised:

Questions relating to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty should be referred to the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, and Minister for Trade and Industry.

*1947 LANDS AND FORESTRY—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—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) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?
 - (i) What is the interest rate?
 - (ii) On what date was the loan made?
 - (iii) When will it be repaid?
 - (iv) How much, if any, has already been repaid?
- (2) Who is the owner of the jetty?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (a) N/A.
- (2) The jetty is located on Crown Land. The lease for the jetty is in the name of South East Fibre Exports Pty Limited.

*1948 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker 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—

- (1) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
 - (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?
 - (i) What is the interest rate?
 - (ii) On what date was the loan made?
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 - (iv) How much, if any, has already been repaid?
- (2) Who is the owner of the jetty?

Answer—

- (1) No agency within the Deputy Premier's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty Ltd or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following the storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill in June 2016.
 - (a) As no loan was made, queries (i) to (iv) regarding the terms of a loan are not applicable.

The NSW Government, through a number of agencies including Lands, Forestry Corporation NSW and Transport for NSW, worked to support ANWE after the weather event. Support included assistance to quickly establish a temporary loading facility to enable woodchip exports and flexibility in regards to supply agreements. The Government continued to monitor the situation closely until the repaired conveyor wharf was reopened in November 2016. The company, its employees and suppliers, were appreciative of the support provided by the NSW Government which ensured that business and employment were not jeopardised.
- (2) The jetty is located on Crown Land. The lease for the jetty is in the name of South East Fibre Exports Pty Limited.

*1949 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—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 Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
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Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) No.
- (2) This matter is not within my portfolio of responsibilities. Questions relating to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty should be referred to the Minister for Lands.

*1950 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
- (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?
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 - (ii) On what date was the loan made?
 - (iii) When will it be repaid?
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Answer—

- (1) No.
- (a) N/A.
- (2) The jetty is located on Crown Land. The lease for the jetty is in the name of South East Fibre Exports Pty Limited.

*1951 TREASURER—DAMAGE TO THE EDEN CHIP MILL JETTY LOANS—Ms Walker 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) Has any agency within the Minister's departments made any loans to Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty or South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd following storm damage to the Eden Chip Mill Jetty in June 2016?
- (a) If so, what are the terms of the loan?
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 - (iii) When will it be repaid?
 - (iv) How much, if any, has already been repaid?
- (2) Who is the owner of the jetty?

Answer—

This question would be more appropriately directed to the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing.

*1952 ARTS—ARTS PRODUCTION FUNDING—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Is it true that your ministry has given \$30,000 for the production of a film called "Tomgirl" about a young man who cross-dresses with his uncle in Blacktown?
- (2) Is it true that other films that have received tax payer funds include "Joy Boy", about a six year old that does a performance of "Happy Birthday Mr President", and "Disco Dykes" about a broken family of lesbians?

Answer—

Over the last year, Create NSW has invested in more than 60 new productions, of which these three short films are part of a new funding partnership between SBS and Create NSW. This funding also demonstrates Create NSW's key commitment to improving the diversity of emerging screen talent and stories that celebrate, influence and promote the diversity of Australian society and culture.

*1953 PLANNING—URBAN RENEWAL CORRIDOR STRATEGY—Revd Mr Nile 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) Does the Minister agree with the figures cited in the report published on the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald on 14 October 2015, for the number new units planned for construction in the planned Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy?

- (2) Can the Minister confirm whether or not he has any knowledge of any heritage or historic dwellings that might be destroyed in any Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy planned for Sydney in the coming years?
- (3) Can the Minister explain why the planned redevelopment of suburbs in Western Sydney that have existing thriving communities are described as "renewal"?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) In 2015, the Department of Planning and Environment released the draft Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy. The draft Strategy forecasted that approximately 36,000 new dwellings would be developed along the corridor over the next 20 years. This includes 7,000 homes that will be constructed over the next 5 years under Council's existing planning controls.
- (2) Under the Strategy all existing heritage areas would be retained and Council's provisions for heritage items would not change. The Strategy identifies new areas that councils could consider for heritage conservation.
- (3) The term "urban renewal" refers to the revitalisation of established urban areas to provide for a greater range of housing and improved liveability through better access to employment, improved services and social infrastructure.

*1954 PREMIER—NEXTGEN WASTE TO ENERGY—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

Does the Government plan to take any action regarding the proponent of the NextGen waste to energy facility offering nearby residents free solar panels to help allay their concerns about the impacts the incinerator will have on local residents and air quality in Western Sydney?

Answer—

The NSW Government has listened to the local community and I empathise with their concerns. The Government continues to monitor this issue closely.

The Planning Assessment Commission is independently assessing the matter on its merits. The Government is monitoring the PAC's deliberations on this matter, and is cognisant of community concerns.

*1955 PLANNING—NEXTGEN WASTE TO ENERGY—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

Does the Government plan to take any action regarding the proponent of the NextGen waste to energy facility offering nearby residents free solar panels to help allay their concerns about the impacts the incinerator will have on local residents and air quality in Western Sydney?

Answer—

I am advised:

The proposed energy to waste facility at Eastern Creek is the subject of a merit-based assessment process under the NSW planning system. The Department of Planning and Environment is preparing an assessment report for the proposal, including the proponent's response to submissions.

This report will be made publicly available after it is referred to the independent Planning Assessment Commission to make a final decision.

*1956 RESOURCES—SHENHUA—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

In July the Government announced that it would pay \$262 million to Shenhua Watermark coal company in return for 51.4 per cent of its exploration licence.

- (1) Has the Government signed a written deed of settlement to the Shenhua Watermark coal company or a related entity?

- (a) If so, on what date was this signed?
- (b) If not, is there any written agreement between the Shenhua Watermark coal company, or a related entity, and the NSW Government regarding this buyback?
 - (i) If so, on what date was this signed?
 - (ii) If not, on what basis did the Government make the announcement?

Answer—

On 11 July 2017, the NSW Government announced that it had reached an agreement with Shenhua to secure the excise of 51.4% of its exploration licence that encroached onto the flat fertile plains of the Liverpool Plains.

The Government refunded \$262 million. The sum was calculated on the proportion of the original payment in 2008 adjusted for today's value.

The agreement between the Government and Shenhua is subject to confidentiality provisions which limit further disclosure.

*1957 TREASURER—SHENHUA—Mr Buckingham 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—

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Answer—

I am advised that this question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Resources.

*1958 EMERGENCY SERVICES—ANSWER TO QUESTION 1843—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—

I refer to the Minister's answer to Question 1843 published in Questions and Answers Paper No 136.

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the comments by Sutherland Shire Council specific to the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge at 60-70 Bournemouth St in their submission to the draft Planning for Bushfire Protection 2017 which include the statement "With regards to the assessment of the Bundeena Scout Land (DA14/1238), Council raised significant concerns regarding the use on the site as a recreational camp in an area of high bushfire risk. While the use obviously did not meet the objectives and sound planning principles of reducing the risk to life and property, the Rural Fire Service (RFS) did not recommend refusal of the proposed development application based on these principles."?
 - (a) What is the Minister's response?
- (2) Why did the RFS issue a Bush Fire Safety Authority for the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge (Council reference DA14/1238, RFS reference DA14/3551) on 26 June 2015 without having been referred the submissions made to Sutherland Shire Council during their public exhibition of the proposal as required by regulation 61 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000?
 - (a) Why did the RFS issue an amended Bush Fire Safety Authority for the amended development proposal on 18 May 2016 without having been referred the submissions made to Sutherland Shire Council during their public exhibition of the proposal as required by regulation 61 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000?

- (3) Is the Minister satisfied that the Bush Fire Safety Authority issued for the proposed Bundeena Coast Eco-Lodge, complies with the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW) and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The NSW RFS received a submission from Sutherland Shire Council on 14 July 2017 in relation to the draft Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2017.
- (2) In this matter the NSW RFS is not a concurrence authority, rather an approval body under section 91 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW). The NSW RFS is therefore not subject to the regulation cited in the question.
- (3) The proposed development has been managed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW) and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. The proposal was assessed in consideration of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006 and was deemed to comply, subject to the conditions of the most recent Bush Fire Safety Authority dated 26 January 2017.

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- 1959 PLANNING—DEMOLITION OF ALLIANZ STADIUM—Ms Voltz to ask 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—

Has any application been lodged with NSW Planning for assessment for the demolition of Allianz Stadium Moore Park?

- 1960 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—DEMOLITION OF ALLIANZ STADIUM—Ms Voltz 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—

Has any application been lodged with NSW Planning for assessment for the demolition of Allianz Stadium Moore Park?

- 1961 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—Ms Voltz 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) How many infringement notices have been issued to personal watercraft users over the past 12 months?

(2) Of these, how many were issued for operating a personal watercraft too close to swimmers?

- 1962 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LICENCE CANCELLATIONS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many personal watercraft operators have had their licence cancelled in the last 24 months?

- 1963 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SEIZURES—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

How many personal watercraft have been seized over the last 24 months by authorities?

- 1964 SPORT—ALLIANZ STADIUM TENDERING PROCESS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—

Is the \$705 million announcement for the rebuilding of Allianz stadium subject to a full tendering process?

1965 SPORT—ANZ STADIUM TENDERING PROCESS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—

Is the \$1.25 billion announcement for the rebuilding of ANZ stadium subject to a full tendering process?

1966 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—RMS SAFETY INSPECTORS—Ms Voltz 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) How many heavy vehicle safety inspectors are currently employed by Roads and Maritime Services? Are these full time or part time positions?

(2) How many full time and part time heavy vehicle safety inspectors were employed by Roads and Maritime Services in each of the last five years?

1967 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD LEICHHARDT—Ms Voltz 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) With regard to the lease over Railcorp land at Darley Road Leichhardt:

(a) Has agreement over the termination of the lease been reached?

(b) When will the lease be terminated?

(c) Has any money been paid to Tdrahciel as part of the termination of the lease? If so, how much has been paid?

(d) Has any money been paid to Woolworths Limited (Dan Murphys) as a part of the termination of the lease? If so, how much money has been paid?

1968 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEW INTERCITY TRAINS—Ms Voltz 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) With regard to the new intercity trains to be delivered from 2019:

(a) How many passengers are to be seated in each carriage?

(b) Is the direction of the seats in the main compartment fixed or reversible?

(c) If the seats are fixed, how many seats in the main compartment will be facing in the direction that the train is travelling? How many will not be facing in the direction that the train is travelling?

(d) Was any market research undertaken to establish whether New South Wales passengers preferred fixed or reversible seating?

1969 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—INNER WEST BUS CONTRACT—Ms Voltz 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—

On what date was the inner west bus contract with Transit Systems signed?

1970 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CANCELLED TRAIN SERVICES—Ms Voltz 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—

How many train services were cancelled each day from 24 to 31 January 2018?

- 1971 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL PROJECT—Ms Voltz 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—
- Has the New South Wales Government agreed to pay more than \$2.1 billion for the CBD Light Rail project? If so, by how much and why?
- 1972 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ACCIONA—Ms Voltz 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—
- Has the New South Wales Government agreed to pay Acciona more than \$2.1 billion in total for the CBD light rail and any other works? If so, what are the other works and how much is to be paid?
- 1973 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD LIGHT RAIL CONTRACT VARIATION—Ms Voltz 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—
- Has the CBD light rail contract been varied with the Government agreeing to pay the contractor more?
- 1974 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ESTIMATED COST OF LIGHT RAIL—Ms Voltz 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—
- Has the estimated cost of the CBD Light Rail increased above \$2.1 billion?
- 1975 PREMIER—THE AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?
 - (a) If so, when was it returned?
- 1976 PREMIER—INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) How many investigators were employed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in each of the following years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?
 - (2) How many investigators are currently employed by the Independent Commission Against Corruption?
- 1977 PREMIER—THE ABORIGINAL FLAG—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—
- (1) On which days this year will the Aboriginal flag fly on the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
 - (2) Is the Aboriginal flag scheduled to fly every day this year on Government House, the State Library, Sydney Hospital, NSW Parliament, Sydney Observatory and the Australian Museum?
- 1978 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—INTERSECTION AT THE DALHOUSIE STREET/PARRAMATTA ROAD—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- Upon the opening of the M4 East, will there still be a signalised intersection at the Dalhousie Street/Parramatta Road intersection that provides for pedestrians to safely cross Parramatta Road from Haberfield into Ashfield Park?

- 1979 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—APPIN ROAD—Ms Voltz 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) How many crashes have there been on Appin Road in each of the last three years?
 - (2) How many fatalities and serious injuries resulted from these crashes?
 - (3) How many of these crashes involved heavy vehicles?
 - (4) How many fatalities and serious injuries resulted from crashes involving heavy vehicles?
- 1980 TREASURER—STATE OWNED CORPORATIONS—Ms Voltz to ask 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 many State owned corporations does the NSW Government own? Where are these listed?
 - (2) How many private companies, like the Sydney Motorway Corporation, does the Government own? Where are these listed?
- 1981 REGIONAL WATER—FUNDS SPENT AT TUB THIM THAI RESTAURANT, MOREE—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- Were any departmental or agency funds spent at the function held at the Tub Thim Thai restaurant in Moree in October 2015? If so, how much was spent and by which department or agency?
- 1982 REGIONAL WATER—BURREN DOWNS—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- When was a compliance inspection of the Burren Downs property last undertaken to ensure compliance with all current water licences?
- 1983 REGIONAL WATER—RUMLEIGH PROPERTY—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- When was a compliance inspection of the Rumleigh property last undertaken to ensure compliance with all current water licences?
- 1984 REGIONAL WATER—WATER NSW—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) How many staff members of WaterNSW have had their employment terminated since 24 July 2017?
 - (a) How many of these staff received termination payments?
 - (b) What is the total amount paid to staff in termination payments since 24 July 2017?
- 1985 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—OVER RECOVERED MONEY FROM CUSTOMERS OF ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR OR TRANSMISSION COMPANIES—Ms Voltz to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Have any of the electricity distributor or transmission companies over-recovered money from customers above their agreed undertakings (or determinations) with the Australian Energy Regulator during the current regulatory period? If yes,
 - (a) Which companies have over-recovered and by how much?
 - (b) Will this money be returned to customers and if so, how?
- 1986 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—GO NSW FUND—Ms Voltz to ask 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—
- Have any investments from the GO NSW fund been made? If so, how much and into which companies?

- 1987 SKILLS—UNDERCOVER BARRA VIDEOS—Ms Voltz to ask 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—
- Were any departmental or agency funds used in the production or promotion of the "Undercover Barra" videos? If so, how much has been spent and from which departments?
- 1988 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—ABORIGINAL STONE ARTEFACTS—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) What is the rock type of the Aboriginal stone artefacts that were discovered on the Randwick stabling yards excavation site for the CBD and South East Light Rail?
 - (2) Has the plan of management for the stone artefacts that were discovered on the Randwick stabling yards excavation site for the CBD and South East Light Rail been completed?
 - (a) If yes, when was it completed?
 - (b) If yes, where is the plan publically available?
- 1989 RACING—RACING GREYHOUND EUTHANASIA—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) What are the conditions that have to be met before a racing greyhound is humanely euthanised by a registered vet because it is not suitable for rehoming (as per the Greyhound Racing New South Wales Notification of Retirement Form) ?
 - (a) Is there a minimum number of rehoming groups that have to be approached before a racing participant can have their greyhound euthanised?
 - (b) If yes, does Greyhound Racing NSW keep a record of which groups were approached for each greyhound euthanised?
- 1990 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch 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) What is the total amount spent by Roads and Maritime Services on weed management for 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?
 - (2) How much funding has been allocated by Roads and Maritime Services for weed management for financial year 2017-18?
- 1991 ENVIRONMENT—RAIL COAL DUST EMISSIONS—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) Has the pilot study as recommended in Recommendation 2 of the 'Final Report on the Independent Review of Rail Coal Dust Emissions Management Practices in the NSW Coal Chain' been completed?
 - (a) If yes, when was it completed?
 - (b) If yes, where is it available?
 - (c) If yes, what was the total cost of the study?

- (d) If no, has the study started?
- (i) If yes, when did it start?
- (ii) If no, does the Government have plans to complete the study and when will the study be completed?
- 1992 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRANSPORT NSW - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch 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) What is the total amount spent by Transport NSW on weed management for 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?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Transport NSW for weed management for financial year 2017-18?
- 1993 RACING—GREYHOUND RACING TRANSITIONAL RACING FUND—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) How much of the \$30 million portion of the Greyhound Racing Transitional Racing Fund that will go towards safety and animal welfare upgrades at greyhound racing tracks, has been expended to date?
- (a) If any, please advise which greyhound racing tracks have been upgraded, the nature of the upgrade and the amount of funds used for each track?
- (2) Which Greyhound racing tracks are planned to have upgrades from this fund and what is the timeline for each?
- 1994 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEBOARDING COMPETITION ON THE CLARENCE RIVER—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) Why did Roads and Maritime Services issue a permit to Wakeboard Queensland and Wakeboard Australia to use the 'no low tow zone' of the Clarence River as part of round two of the Australian Titles and round five of the Queensland Titles?
- (a) What were the conditions of the license?
- (b) When was the permit issued?
- (c) Has Roads and Maritime Services assessed the impact of the event on the riverbank?
- 1995 TRADE AND INDUSTRY—LOCAL LAND SERVICES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) What is the total amount spent by Local Land Services on weed management for 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?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Local Land Services for weed management for financial year 2017-18?
- 1996 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PRIMARY INDUSTRIES - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) What is the total amount spent by Primary Industries on weed management for 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?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Primary Industries for weed management for financial year 2017-18?
- 1997 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN SCHEME—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) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn vending machines in New South Wales?
- (2) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn over-the counter collection points in New South Wales?
- (a) How many Return and Earn over-the counter collection points were there at the scheme's launch?
- (b) How many over-the counter collection points have withdrawn from the Return and Earn Scheme since the scheme's launch on December 1, 2017?
- (i) Has any analysis been undertaken as to the reason some over-the counter collection points have withdrawn from the scheme?
- (ii) If yes, what is the reason and how is this being addressed?
- (3) As of February 1, 2018 what is the current number of Return and Earn automated depot collection points and what are their locations?
- (4) When will the planned final number of collection points be completely rolled out?
- 1998 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME COLLECTION POINTS—Ms Sharpe 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—
- Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:
- (1) How many over-the-counter collection points were in operation:
- (a) At 1 December 2017?
(b) At 1 January 2018?
(c) At 1 February 2018?
- (2) How many collection points with a reverse vending machine were in operation:
- (a) At 1 December 2017?
(b) At 1 January 2018?

- (c) At 1 February 2018?
- (3) How many collection points with a donation station were in operation:
- (a) At 1 December 2017?
- (b) At 1 January 2018?
- (c) At 1 February 2018?
- (4) How many automated depot collection points were in operation:
- (a) At 1 December 2017?
- (b) At 1 January 2018?
- (c) At 1 February 2018?
- 1999 RACING—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS—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 the Greyhounds as Pets program place any limit on the number of dogs it can take of a specific colour, for example a limit on the number of black dogs it can accept?
- (2) Has Greyhounds as Pets ever advised a greyhound racing participant that it cannot accept their dogs because they are black?
- 2000 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FORESTRY CORPORATION OF NSW - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch 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) What is the total amount spent by Forestry Corporation of NSW on weed management for 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?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Forestry Corporation for weed management for financial year 2017-18?
- 2001 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME LOCATIONS—Ms Sharpe 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—
- Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:
- (1) Since 1 December 2017, how many locations commenced operating as over-the-counter collection points and subsequently withdrew from operating as collection points?
- (a) What is the name and address for each of these locations?
- (2) Since the announcement of the Scheme Coordinator and Network Operator, how many expressions of interest have been received to:
- (a) operate as an over-the-counter collection point?
- (b) operate as an automated depot?
- (c) host a reverse vending machine?
- (d) host a donation station?
- (e) provide or host any other manner of collection point?

- 2002 LANDS AND FORESTRY—BORE SITES ON CROWN RESERVES—Mr Veitch 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) What are the localities and street addresses of Reserve No. 86645 and 753161?
 - (2) How many bore sites are located on Reserve No. 86645?
 - (3) How many bore sites are located on Reserve No. 753161?
 - (4) What is the nature of the monitoring of the bore sites located on Reserve Nos 86645 and 753161?
 - (5) Is water obtained from these bore sites being tested? If so, for what purpose?
- 2003 ENVIRONMENT—BIOBANKING AGREEMENT 96—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) When was Biodiversity Agreement Number 96 (held by 3PG Land Pty. Ltd near North Arm Cove) last audited for compliance with that agreement, including the specified management actions?
 - (a) What was the result of that audit?
 - (2) Have the terms and conditions of Biodiversity Agreement Number 96 (held by 3PG Land Pty. Ltd near North Arm Cove) been met?
 - (a) If not, what actions are outstanding?
 - (3) What is the standard procedure for the Office of Environment and Heritage to monitor compliance with biobanking agreements?
- 2004 ENVIRONMENT—RAIL NOISE AT WOLLSTONECRAFT—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) Has the Environment Protection Authority received a report from Sydney Trains concerning the Pollution Reduction Program imposed on Sydney Trains' licence on 13 November 2015?
 - (a) If yes, when was it received?
 - (b) If yes, what was the impact of Sydney Trains Pollution Reduction Program on rail noise?
 - (c) If yes, what future actions are proposed by the Environment Protection Authority to reduce noise in this area?
 - (d) If yes, how will the Environment Protection Authority be communicating the findings of the report to the local community?
 - (e) If no, when is the report expected to be received?
- 2005 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LOCAL LAND SERVICES - UNDER-REPORTING OF STOCK NUMBERS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) How many cases of underreporting of stock numbers using travelling stock reserves were identified and reported by Local Land Services in the following years:
 - (a) 2013-14
 - (b) 2014-15
 - (c) 2015-16
 - (d) 2016-17
 - (e) 2017-18 to date?
 - (2) How many penalties have been issued by Local Land Services in the following years for underreporting of stock numbers using travelling stock reserves?
 - (a) 2013-14
 - (b) 2014-15
 - (c) 2015-16

- (d) 2016-17
- (e) 2017-18 to date?

2006 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME—Ms Sharpe 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—

For each collection point with at least one reverse vending machine operating as part of the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many reverse vending machines are installed at each collection point? Please list by collection point.
- (2) When did each machine commence receiving containers? Please list by collection point.

2007 ENVIRONMENT—BIN TRIM PROGRAM—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) Has the Environment Protection Authority made any changes to the Bin Trim program round 3 based on evaluations of round 2?
 - (a) If yes, what are these changes?

2008 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—378 BUS ROUTE—Ms Sharpe 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) How many passengers used the 378 bus route (Bronte Beach-Railway Square) in total in:
 - (a) 2014?
 - (b) 2015?

2009 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BLUE SWIMMER CRABS - CATCH SIZE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Why was the size of blue swimmer crabs able to be caught and kept by commercial fishers increased from 6.0cm to 6.5cm?
- (2) Why was this change not applied to recreational fishers?

2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—NSW COASTAL COUNCIL—Ms Sharpe 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—

Regarding the NSW Coastal Council established by the Coastal Management Act 2016:

- (1) How many times has the NSW Coastal Council met in total?
- (2) On what dates has the NSW Coastal Council met?
- (3) What advice, if any, has the NSW Coastal Council provided to the Minister?
- (4) How many local councils have been assessed for compliance with the management objectives and the coastal management manual in preparing and reviewing management plans?
 - (a) Which local councils have been assessed and when was each assessment undertaken, if any?
- (5) How many performance audits of the implementation of coastal management programs of local councils have been undertaken?
 - (a) Which local councils have had performance audits undertaken and when were these undertaken, if any?

- 2011 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BIOSECURITY ACT 2015 - DESIGNATED COUNCIL STAFF—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Pursuant to part 22, Division 1 of the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015 how many council staff for each New South Wales council have been designated authorised officers under the Biosecurity legislation?
 - (2) How many NSW councils have no authorised officers pursuant to to part 22, Division 1 of the Biosecurity Act 2015?
- 2012 RACING—GREYHOUND INJURY REBATE—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—
- Does Greyhound Racing NSW have any plans to implement an injury rebate program, similar to the Greyhound Recovery Initiative implemented by Greyhound Racing Victoria?
- 2013 ENVIRONMENT—HERBICIDE SPRAY DRIFT NEAR WALGETT, BURREN JUNCTION AND ROWENA—Ms Sharpe 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) Have any agencies within the jurisdiction of the Minister for the Environment investigated a reported incident in the last week of December 2017 near Walgett, Burren Junction, and Rowena, in which herbicide spray drift is alleged to have caused significant damage to crops and vegetation in the area?
 - (a) If so, which agency or agencies investigated the incident and what were the findings of the investigation?
 - (b) If not, why not?
 - (2) How many investigations of crop or vegetation damage for which the cause was alleged or identified as herbicide drift were conducted by agencies within the jurisdiction of the Minister for the Environment in each year for the past five years?
- 2014 ENVIRONMENT—MIXED RECYCLING AT CAMPING SITES—Ms Sharpe 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 is the current contract period for the operation of mixed recycling services at camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
 - (2) How many camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service provide mixed recycling to campers in the current contract period?
 - (3) What was the previous contract period for the operation of mixed recycling services at camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service?
 - (4) How many camping sites managed and operated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service provided mixed recycling to campers in the previous contract period?
- 2015 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—RURAL ZONED LAND IN NSW—Mr Veitch 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) Given such information is not available through the Commonwealth Government, how many properties with a rural zoning of RU1, RU2 and RU4 were bought in New South Wales in 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?
- (2) What was the total value of the properties purchased in New South Wales in each of the above listed financial years with the following zoning
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
 - (3) How many foreign individuals or foreign owned entities purchased properties in New South Wales in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
 - (4) What was the value of the properties in New South Wales purchased by foreign individuals or foreign owned entities in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?
 - (5) What was the total stamp duty receipts on properties purchased by foreign individuals and entities in each of those above listed financial years with a rural zoning of
 - (a) RU1
 - (b) RU2
 - (c) RU4?

2016 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK EXTENSION—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) What is the current status of the South West Rail Link Extension?
- (2) Are there any feasibility, surveying or scoping studies currently being undertaken for the South West Rail Link extension?
 - (a) If yes, what are they?

2017 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN VENDING MACHINE COLLECTION POINT—Ms Sharpe 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—

Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:

- (1) For each over-the-counter collection point previously or currently in operation, how many containers were returned:
 - (a) From 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017?
 - (b) From 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018?
 - (c) From 1 February to date?

Please provide a list of each over-the-counter collection point and the corresponding number of containers returned for each time period.

- (1) For each reverse vending machine collection point previously or currently in operation, how many containers were returned:
 - (a) From 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017?
 - (b) From 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018?
 - (c) From 1 February to date?

Please provide a list of each reverse vending machine collection point and the corresponding number of containers returned for each time period.

- 2018 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—LAND TAX FIGURES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Veitch 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) What is the total unimproved value of land of all properties eligible for land tax in New South Wales for each financial year since 2010-11?
 - (2) What is the number of properties and total unimproved value of land of those properties presently eligible to pay land tax in New South Wales within the following values:
 - (a) Above \$549,000
 - (b) Above \$1 million
 - (c) Above \$2 million
 - (d) Above \$3 million
 - (e) Above \$3.357 million
 - (f) Above \$4 million
 - (g) Above \$5 million
 - (h) Above \$6 million
 - (i) Above \$7 million
 - (j) Above \$8 million
 - (k) Above \$9 million
 - (l) Above \$10 million?
- 2019 ENVIRONMENT—RETURN AND EARN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME COMPLAINTS—Ms Sharpe 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—
- Regarding the Government's Return and Earn container deposit scheme:
- (1) How many complaints have been received in relation to over-the-counter collection points?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?
 - (2) How many complaints have been received in relation to reverse vending machines?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?
 - (3) How many complaints have been received in relation to any other categories of complaints?
 - (a) What was the location and description of each complaint?
- 2020 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL NEEDS SCOPING STUDY—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) What is the current status of the "Western Sydney Rail Needs" scoping study?
 - (2) When is the study expected to be released?
- 2021 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHING CARDS - ISSUE AND EXPIRATION—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Were there delays in issuing the current 12 month fishing cards to commercial fishers? If so, why?
 - (2) How many commercial fishing businesses did not receive their recent fishing card prior to the expiration of the old fishing card on 4 February, 2018?
- 2022 SMALL BUSINESS—RETURN AND EARN SCHEME - TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—Ms Sharpe to ask 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—

Regarding the Government's provision of small loans through the Transitional Assistance program to help eligible beverage suppliers during implementation of the 'Return and Earn' container deposit scheme:

- (1) How many eligible beverage suppliers applied for a loan through the program?
 - (a) Of these, how many applicants were successful?
- (2) To date what is the total monetary amount applied for through the program?
- (3) To date what is the total monetary amount that has been provided to applicants through the program?
- (4) How many businesses applied for the program but were ineligible?

2023 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—SYDNEY ZOO—Dr Faruqi to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Has the Department of Primary Industries issued any animal exhibition permits to Sydney Zoo?
 - (a) If yes, how many permits have been issued and for which species have they been issued?
 - (b) Does Sydney Zoo have the expertise and qualifications in its permanent staff to ensure that the animal welfare needs of the animals are met?
 - (c) Are the individuals making the permit applications on behalf of Sydney Zoo employees of the zoo and will they have an ongoing involvement in the welfare of the animals?

2024 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FISHING CO-OPERATIVES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many fishing co-operatives are located on Crown Land in New South Wales?
 - (a) Where are they located?
- (2) What was the annual rent paid by each fishing co-operative since 2011?
- (3) What annual rent concessions has each fishing co-operative received from the Government as a result of the commercial fishing reforms?

2025 LANDS AND FORESTRY—INDUSTRY-LANDS - WEED MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURE—Mr Veitch 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) What is the total amount spent by Industry-Lands on weed management for 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?
- (2) How much funding has been allocated by Industry-Lands for weed management for financial year 2017-18?

2026 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PORT STEPHENS TRIAL SITE - COST OF RECOVERY—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) What was the total costs associated with the damage to pens, stock losses and recovery of kingfish stock after heavy seas damaged the Port Stephens trial site and infrastructure?
- (2) How much has Primary Industries contributed to meeting these costs?
- (3) How many Primary Industries staff have been involved in recovery operations?
- (4) How many kingfish have been recovered?
- (5) How many kingfish have been lost?

- 2027 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NATIONAL ENERGY GUARANTEE—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—
- (1) Is the Minister aware of the Solar Council's concerns outlined in the summer 2017 issue of "Solar & Storage in relation to the National Energy Guarantee?
 - (2) Can the Government assist the Federal Government in acting upon the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's proposed solutions to reduce energy costs, for example in addressing the market power of the three largest energy suppliers?
 - (3) What steps does the Government propose to take in addressing the reliability issues identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator, specifically
 - (a) outages and failures of aging coal fired power plants
 - (b) the need for modern coal fired power plants
 - (c) increased vulnerability of the electricity system to extreme weather, such as heatwave?
- 2028 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEWCASTLE - PATRONAGE FOR BUSES—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—
- Please provide the most recent bus patronage numbers for all bus routes in Newcastle? Please note that these are not available on the Transport for NSW Open Data website.
- What are the estimated bus patronages for all bus routes after Light Rail Services begin in Newcastle?
- Please provide numbers for bus patronage projected for 1, 2 and 5 years.
- 2029 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—BUS SERVICE KILOMETRES IN NEWCASTLE—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) How many In-Service kilometres are being operated by Keolis Downer in the Newcastle bus network according to the most current timetable in operation for February 2018?
 - (a) How many In-Service kilometres is Keolis Downer required to operate as per the contract for Newcastle buses?
 - (2) How many In-Service kilometres were operated by the State Transit Authority (STA) when it held the contract for the Newcastle bus network? Please provide In-Service kilometres for the contract year immediately prior to the network being taken over by the private operator, Keolis Downer.
- 2030 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—S-SET TRAINS—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) How many of the old S-Set Trains are currently in use on the Sydney Trains network?
 - (2) Will the Government continue to use S-Set trains on the Sydney Trains network after the 24 new eight-car suburban trains, called 'Sydney Growth Trains', are operational?
 - (a) If so, how many of these old S-Set trains will be run on the network after new trains are operational?
- 2031 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NORTHERN RIVERS RAIL TRACKS—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) Has the Government or any operator/business working on behalf of the Government marked railway tracks for removal at or near Naughtons Gap?
 - (a) Is so, why have these tracks been marked when there has been no legislation to close this rail line?

- (2) Were any railway tracks removed or marked for removal on the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line?
- 2032 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—FLYERS ANNOUNCING TEMPORARY TIMETABLE CHANGES—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) Were flyers announcing a one minute change to trains travelling to the City titled "Temporary Timetable Changes" handed out at North Sydney Station at any time during 2017?
 - (2) Were these flyers also handed out at stations other than North Sydney, in New South Wales?
 - (3) How many of these flyers were printed and how many were handed out?
 - (4) How much did this flyer distribution cost in total, including design, printing and handing out?
 - (a) What was the cost of designing and printing these flyers?
 - (b) What was the cost of handing these flyers out?
 - (5) How many people were assigned to hand out these flyers?
 - (a) How many hours of paid work was done by people handing out these flyers?
 - (6) Over how many days were these flyers handed out?
- 2033 POLICE—ADVOS BEING BROUGHT BY MEN AGAINST WOMEN—Dr Faruqi to ask 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 the Minister aware of any statistics that point to an increase in ADVOs being brought by police on behalf of men against women?
 - (2) Is the NSW Police Force in possession of any statistics that point to an increase in ADVOs being brought by police on behalf of men against women?
 - (3) Are there any procedures that would direct police officers, in cases of mutual conflict, to favour the first caller?
 - (4) In a case of mutual conflict where it is also a domestic violence incident, are there any procedures or directives in place for police officers to consider factors such as physical and financial power imbalances between the parties?
- 2034 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—ETAGS FOR TOLLS—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) Why has the minimum trigger threshold and the minimum top-up amount been changed to higher amounts for electronic toll accounts/eTags?
 - (2) Does the Government have any plans to set a lower trigger threshold and a lower minimum top-up amount on electronic toll accounts in the near future?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- 2035 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—MARITIME INDUSTRY GUEST WORKERS—Revd Mr Nile 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) Is the minister aware of the report in the Australian Maritime Officers Union industrial monthly meeting report of January this year, which raises the impact of "guest workers" in the industry?
 - (2) Is the Minister aware of concerns that Asian guest workers in the maritime industry under 457 visas are putting downward pressure on wages and changing the culture of the maritime industry?
 - (3) What action will the Government take to protect Australian maritime jobs and other workers?

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