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*2157 HEALTH—INFRINGEMENTS OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT ACT 2000—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) As of 11 April 2018, how many enforcing officers in the state of New South Wales are employed by NSW Health or Local Health Districts to enforce the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 in New South Wales?
- (2) How many infringement notices for breaches of the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 have been issued in New South Wales between 11 April 2017 and 11 April 2018?
 - (a) Of these infringement notices, how many were issued for infringements identified between 9 AM and 5 PM?
 - (b) Of these infringement notices, how many were issued for infringements identified between 5:01 PM and 8:59 AM?

Answer—

NSW Health inspectors monitor compliance with smoke-free laws under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000. Infringements of the Act are also enforced by other NSW agencies such as NSW Police, especially in transport settings.

Smoke free outdoor compliance is high, with inspectors observing 99% compliance for inspections among people in smoke-free outdoor areas from July 2016 to June 2017.

*2158 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE POSITIONS MOVED TO QUEANBEYAN—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Finance, Services and Property—

Since 25 August 2017, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?

Answer—

The Department of Finance, Services and Innovation has committed to relocating up to 50 roles to Queanbeyan by December 2018.

Since 25 August 2017, three roles in Queanbeyan have been filled and a further three are likely to be recruited to in the near future in Public Works Advisory. A further 10 roles in the Department are presently located in Queanbeyan.

The remainder of the 50 roles to be located in Queanbeyan by December 2018 will be made up of a combination of currently filled roles located in Sydney, vacant roles and new roles who can support property and infrastructure programs in southern NSW. The Department is implementing a strategic workforce planning and change management process to ensure roles are filled with capable candidates and to provide increased employment opportunities in the Queanbeyan region.

*2159 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT—Mr Graham 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.

*2160 WESTCONNEX—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT—Mr Graham 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—

With regard to the lease over Railcorp land at Darley Road, Leichhardt:

- (1) Has agreement over the termination of the lease been reached?
- (2) When will the lease be terminated?
- (3) Has any money been paid to Tradhciel as part of the termination of the lease?
 - (a) If so, how much has been paid?
- (4) Has any money been paid to Woolworths Limited (Dan Murphys) as part of the termination?
 - (a) If so, how much?

Answer—

I am advised that both interests in the land have been gazetted with valuations to be determined by the Valuer General.

*2161 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—LEASE OVER RAILCORP LAND AT DARLEY ROAD, LEICHHARDT—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (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 Tradhciel as part of the termination of the lease?
 - (i) If so, how much has been paid?
 - (d) Has any money been paid to Woolworths Limited (Dan Murphys) as part of the termination?
 - (i) If so, how much?
- (2) Have any guarantees about the construction of the following toll roads been given to bidders for the Sydney Motorway Corporation:
 - (a) Western Harbour Tunnel?
 - (b) Beaches Link (Northern Beaches Tunnel)?
 - (c) Sydney Gateway?
 - (d) F6?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) This is a matter for the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport.
- (2) This is a matter for the Treasurer.

*2162 REGIONAL WATER—PUBLIC FUNDS—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Were any public funds spent at the function held at the Tub Thim Thai restaurant in Moree in October 2015?
 - (a) If so, how much was spent?

Answer—

I can only speak for Government agencies within my portfolio, and in this regard, I refer to my answer to question number LC 1981 printed in Questions & Answers Paper No. 147.

*2163 TREASURER—SYDNEY MOTORWAY CORPORATION SALE—Mr Graham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

Does the sale of the Sydney Motorway Corporation involve any guarantees to bidders about the construction of the:

- (1) Western Harbour Tunnel?
- (2) Beaches Link (Northern Beaches Tunnel)?
- (3) Sydney Gateway?
- (4) F6?

Answer—

No. The Government has announced it will sell 51 per cent of Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC), the entity delivering WestConnex, to help fund the critical M4-M5 Link.

*2164 SPORT—STADIUMS—Mr Graham 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 corporate suites are there in the Sydney Football Stadium?
- (2) How many corporate suites will there be in the rebuilt Sydney Football Stadium?
- (3) How many corporate suites are there in the Olympic Stadium?
- (4) How many corporate suites will there be in the refurbished Olympic Stadium?
- (5) Does the \$729 million cost to demolish and rebuild the Sydney Football Stadium include the compensation paid to the Sydney Roosters, Waratahs, Cricket NSW and Sydney Football Club?
- (6) Are there any parties who will receive compensation arising from this project?

Answer—

The Sydney Football Stadium currently has 51 suites and 155 outdoor boxes. Stadium Australia currently has 110 suites and 120 outdoor boxes. The number of corporate suites in the redeveloped venues is subject to finalisation of detailed design.

The Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust will work with tenants to minimise disruption during the redevelopment of the Sydney Football Stadium. While work is being done with each of the tenants to determine impacts most associated disruption costs are expected to be borne by the Trust.

*2165 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—NEW SUB-MEDIUM ELECTRIC STANDARD—Mr Graham 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—

Regarding the new sub-medium electric standard that is proposed to accommodate the new intercity fleet through the ten tunnels deviation:

- (1) When will the new sub-medium electric standard be adopted and published?
- (2) Who is the authority that approves the new sub-medium electric standard?
- (3) How are they independent of Transport for NSW?
- (4) The current standard (ESC 215) mandates that there be a contingency around the kinematic envelope of 200mm. What will this contingency be reduced to in the new standard and how was this figure determined?
- (5) Will there be public consultation about the new standard and its reduced contingency before it is adopted?
- (6) Has a simulation of the new intercity fleet rolling stock been undertaken to determine its kinematic performance given the actual track geometry on the Lithgow-Mt Victoria line?
 - (a) If so, what speeds were used in this simulation?
- (7) Will tighter maintenance regimes on the Mt Victoria-Lithgow line be required to accommodate the new intercity fleet?

(a) If so, how will the maintenance regime change?

(8) When will the new intercity fleet start running to Lithgow?

Answer—

I am advised:

(1) to (7) The track used in the Ten Tunnels Deviation was originally ballast track. This type of track requires safety standards that factor in the range of sideways tilt that the trains may experience. The track in question was upgraded in the 1970's to accommodate the introduction of the V-Set trains. The upgrade lowered the tunnel floor, removed parts of the tunnel lining and replaced the existing ballast track with slab track. The proposed tunnel modifications to allow for the introduction of the New Intercity Fleet are similar to these works.

Slab track, compared to ballast track, has a much lower range of tilt and enables engineers to determine safety standards with more certainty as there is less natural movement of both the track and trains. Through detailed studies and computer simulations, the Assets Standards Authority has developed a set of standards for operating the new trains on this type of track. This allows the New Intercity Fleet to operate safely along the entire line. It is currently anticipated that these standards will be adopted in the latter part of 2018 and will be published on the Assets Standard Authority website when finalised.

(8) The first trains in the New Intercity Fleet will begin testing and commissioning in early 2019. New trains will start operating on the Blue Mountains Line to Mount Victoria in mid-2020, followed by Lithgow a few months later.

*2166 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM FINAL BUSINESS CASE SUMMARY—Mr Graham 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—

On page 7, footnote 17, of Infrastructure NSW's Final Business Case Summary for the redevelopment of the Sydney Football Stadium, the forecast increased attendances are referenced to "international peer reviewed academic research.":

(1) What are the details of this "international peer reviewed academic research"?

(2) Can you provide full citations so these academic research papers can be reviewed?

Answer—

I am advised:

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

*2167 WESTCONNEX—GOVERNMENT AGENCY CREDIT CARD USE—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) How many persons are authorised to use a work credit card in Transport for New South Wales?

(2) What is the position title and group/department area of each person authorised to use a work credit card in Transport for New South Wales?

(3) How many persons are authorised to use a work credit card in the Office of Sport?

(4) What is the position title and group/department area of each person authorised to use a work credit card in the Office of Sport?

(5) How many persons are authorised to use a work credit card in Venues New South Wales?

(6) What is the position title and group/department area of each person authorised to use a work credit card in Venues New South Wales?

Answer—

I am advised that Transport for NSW, the Office of Sport and Venues New South Wales comply with the relevant Treasury policy, which is publicly available.

*2168 PLANNING—PROPOSAL TO AMEND SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2015—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 Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

I refer to the proposal that seeks to amend Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2015 to increase the maximum building height and floor space ratio for 10-14 Merton Street, Sutherland.:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Development Application (DA) has been knocked back twice and the Department of Planning is now using public money to employ an Independent Consultant to assist the Developer through the Gateway Process?
- (2) Does the Minister support the use of public money to employ an Independent Consultant to assist a Developer through the Gateway Process?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A development application for residential flat buildings on the site was refused by Sutherland Shire Council in 2003 under the Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2000. The controls for the site were reviewed and updated in the Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2015. Council has since approved two development applications for residential flat buildings on the site – in 2016 for 10 Merton Street, and in 2017 for 12-14 Merton Street.
- (2) The Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 enables the Department of Planning and Environment to recover costs incurred as part of the rezoning review process from the proponent. The proponent has been invoiced for the full cost of this work.

*2169 ARTS—ARTS 2025 SUMMIT—Mr Secord asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many participants attended the Arts 2025 Summit on 23 March 2018?
- (2) What was the total cost of the event?
- (3) How long was the video message from the Premier?
- (4) What was the cost of the video message?
- (5) What government department or agency bore the cost of the Arts 2025 Summit?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Over 450 participants registered to attend the Arts 2025 Summit.
- (2) The total cost of the event was \$190,394.
- (3) The length of the video message from the Premier was 2:27 minutes.
- (4) The cost of the video message was included in the overall audio-visual presentation budget.
- (5) The Department of Planning and Environment covered the cost of the Arts 2025 Summit.

*2170 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—SPOIL MANAGEMENT PROJECT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many freight trains will the Spoil Management Project add to the South Coast Rail Line?
- (2) How will this impact passenger services on the South Coast Rail Line?
- (3) Is the Spoil Management Project going to transfer spoil only from the M4 Westconnex Project?
 - (a) If not, spoil from which other projects will be transported?
- (4) Is Transport for NSW planning to review factors such as safety, traffic, noise and dust on and near the spoil storage facility site at Chullora and Port Kembla before spoil is transferred to the site?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If yes, will the review of these factors be available for the community to view and submit their feedback?

- (i) When will these reviews be available to the community?
- (5) On what date will the transfer of spoil begin and for how long will it continue?
- (a) How will the community be notified?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to my previous response, LA 7877.

*2171 RACING—GREYHOUND RACING—Dr Faruqi 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 was the budget for the Greyhounds Racing Integrity Commission in 2016/2017?
- (2) What is the budget for the Greyhounds Racing Integrity Commission in 2017/2018?
- (3) Is Greyhound Racing NSW required to fund any part of the Greyhound Racing Integrity Commission before July 2022?
- (4) Has Greyhound Racing NSW proposed an annual greyhound rehoming target to the Minister?
- (5) Has Greyhound Racing NSW prepared and submitted an annual stakeholder engagement plan to the Minister?
 - (a) When was it submitted?
 - (b) Is the plan publicly available?
- (6) Did Greyhound Racing NSW pay an Operating Licence Fee to the Minister in 2017?
 - (a) What date was the fee received?
 - (b) What was the value of the fee?
- (7) Has the Minister issued a Statement of Expectations to Greyhound Racing NSW?
 - (a) Did that statement include any expectations in relation to animal welfare?
- (8) What is the current status of the University of Technology Sydney research "Identifying optimal greyhound race track design for canine safety and welfare"?

Answer—

- (1) The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission (Commission) was established by the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 (GRA) on 3 July 2017.
- (2) The budget for GWIC in 2017/2018 is \$11 million.
- (3) GRNSW is required to provide funding to GWIC before 2022. .
- (4) Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) is required to propose an annual target in consultation with the Commission and report on its performance in its annual report.
- (5) GRNSW submitted an annual stakeholder engagement plan in September 2017. The document has not been published.
- (6) GRNSW paid an operating licence fee of \$164,855 on 10 October 2017.
- (7) I have issued a statement of expectations to GRNSW, which includes expectations relating to animal welfare.
- (8) I am advised by GRNSW that:

Phase I of the report Identifying Optimal Greyhound Track Design for Greyhound Safety and Welfare was delivered in June 2017.

UTS is currently undertaking Phase II of the research program which will:

 - extend the injury data collected to include all Australasian tracks
 - evaluate the effectiveness of changes to track layouts in reducing the frequency and severity of injuries
 - recommend parameters for optimal track design.

*2172 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What was the scope of work for Laing O'Rourke Construction Australia's contract as Managing Contractor to carry out essential early works for the CBD and South East Light Rail Project?
- (2) Did Laing O'Rourke Construction Australia complete the scope of work?
 - (a) If yes, what was the final cost and date of completion?
 - (b) If no, what parts of the scope of work were not completed by Laing O'Rourke Construction?
 - (c) If no, was any part of the scope of work transferred to the ALTRAC Light Rail consortium and how was the scope of work included in the ALTRAC contract?
 - (i) If the scope of work was transferred to the ALTRAC Light Rail consortium, what was the scope of that work and what additional funds were provided to the ALTRAC Light Rail consortium to complete this work?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Laing O'Rourke was engaged to carry out essential early works including:
 - services investigation and relocations;
 - reconfiguration of Tramway Oval for alternative bus routing;
 - tennis centre amenities and car parking at Moore Park;
 - demolition of Olivia Gardens apartments;
 - Inner West Light Rail DOA compliance and upgrade works; and
 - Australian Turf Club temporary car park.
- (2) Yes, with the exception of backfilling Olivia Gardens apartments.
 - (a) \$55m, completed in October 2016.
 - (b) and (c) Backfilling Olivia Gardens apartments.
 - (i) There was no additional cost to Transport for NSW.

*2173 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GAME MEAT—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many game meat harvester vehicles are currently licensed by the NSW Food Authority?
- (2) How many inspections of game meat harvester vehicles have been undertaken by the NSW Food Authority since 30 June 2016?
- (3) How many game meat field depots are currently licensed by the NSW Food Authority and what are their locations?
- (4) How many inspections of game meat field depots have been undertaken by the NSW Food Authority since 30 June 2016?

Answer—

- (1) 440 licensed game meat field harvesters.
- (2) 255 inspections of game meat field harvesters.

The licence categories of game meat field harvesting and game meat field chiller both attract a priority two risk classification, which for the Authority means audits are scheduled every two years for field chillers and inspections scheduled every three years for field harvesters. An annual report is prepared from the Authority's database to identify any facilities that have not been inspected within this period, and where gaps have been identified mandatory inspections are allocated to the local officer. This is indicative of the game meat field harvester inspection figures being less than the number of licenced facilities.

- (3) 72 licensed game meat field chillers.

Locations of Game Meat Field Chillers

Ashley	Balranald	Barraba	Blandford	Boggabilla

Bourke	Brewarrina	Broken Hill	Bungendore	
Clandulla	Cobar	Collarenebri	Coonamble	Curlwaa
Dareton	Dubbo	Enngonia	Forbes	Gilgandra
Glen Innes	Gunnedah	Hillston	Inverell	Ivanhoe
Kelso	Lightening Ridge	Louth	Merriwa	Moree
Mungindi	Narrabri	Nyngan	Packsaddle	Peel
Pomona	Pooncarie	Quambone	Skillion Flat	Tamworth
Tibooburra	Tintinhull	Wanaaring	Wanganella	Warialda
Warren	White Cliffs	Wilcannia	Willurah	

(4) 102 inspections and audits of game meat field chillers.

*2174 ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FIREFIGHTERS—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) How many nationally accredited firefighters does the National Parks and Wildlife Service currently have?
 - (a) How many of these have passed a Task Based Assessment and are currently fit and available for firefighting duties?
- (2) How many firefighting aircraft does the National Parks and Wildlife Service currently have and where are they based?
- (3) How many firefighting vehicles does the National Parks and Wildlife Service currently have and where are they based?
- (4) How many heavy plant machines (such as earth moving equipment) does the National Parks and Wildlife Service currently have and where are they based?

Answer—

- (1) As at February 2018, approximately 1, 100 staff are trained and ready to assist with fire management activities, including approximately 1060 firefighters who passed a Task Based Assessment in 2017.
- (2) Five aircraft based at Bankstown Airport.
- (3) 355 firefighting vehicles across New South Wales.
- (4) 180 items of heavy plant machines across New South Wales. \ Gabrielle Upton MP Minister for the Environment Minister for Local Government Minister for Heritage 11

*2175 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—WAKEBOARD COMPETITION ON CLARENCE RIVER AT GRAFTON—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) When 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?
- (2) Was a notification of closure of part of the Clarence River for the event required to be published publicly?
 - (a) If yes, where and when was it published?

- (b) If no, what was the communication strategy to advise people that part of the river would be closed for the event?
- (3) Was the Susan and Elizabeth Island Recreation Reserve Trust consulted about the proposed closure?
- (4) Has Roads and Maritime Services assessed the impact of the event on the riverbank?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) On 23 January 2018.
- (2) Yes. Roads and Maritime Services published a Marine Notice NH1810 on its website prior to the event.
- (3) Clarence Valley Council provided a Temporary Licence to Wakeboard Queensland (as Grafton Boulevard Reserve Trust) to conduct the event on foreshore land.
- (4) Yes. An on-water assessment was carried out on 26 January 2018. The set course and associated activities were considered safe, with minimal impact to nearby foreshores.

*2176 PREMIER—BARANGAROO DELIVERY AUTHORITY—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) How many staff are employed by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority?
- (a) How many of these staff identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (2) How many members of the board identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (3) How many members of the Executive Team identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- (4) Does the Barangaroo Delivery Authority have a contract with Futurecity?
- (a) What is the scope of this contract?
- (b) Does this contract involve consultants from the United Kingdom coming to Australia?
- (i) If yes, how often do consultants come from the United Kingdom to Australia and how many consultants come?
- (ii) What is the cost of this component of the contract?
- (c) What is the value of this contract?
- (d) Was the expertise that Futurecity provides not available in Australia?

Answer—

I am advised staffing information is available in the Authority's Annual Report.

Barangaroo is a project of global significance and from time to time the Authority engages both Australian and international experts in specialist fields, in order to deliver world-class outcomes for the precinct and the people of NSW.

Barangaroo Delivery Authority Authority complies with NSW Government procurement policies and meets its statutory reporting requirements.

*2177 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS FACILITY INSPECTION—Dr Faruqi asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Is the Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee compliant with the 'NSW Code of Practice No 5 - Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments'?
- (2) When was the Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee last inspected for compliance with the NSW Code of Practice No 5 - Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments?
- (a) What was the result of this inspection?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Code of Practice No. 5 – Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments (Code) is enforceable for businesses in the course of which dogs or cats are boarded for fee or reward.

Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) advises that the Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee is used primarily for rehoming greyhounds and that in only limited circumstances the facility boards greyhounds for fee or reward. GRNSW advises that to the extent that it is considered that the Wyee facility is required to comply with the NSW Code of Practice No. 5 – Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments, GRNSW confirms that the facility is compliant.

An industry specific code of practice for the welfare of greyhounds is currently being developed by the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission, in consultation with the Greyhound Industry Animal Welfare Committee and Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW). While the Code is not yet finalised, it is likely to contain details of the welfare requirements for greyhound kennelling facilities, including shelters, pounds and breeding establishments.

*2178 RACING—GREYHOUNDS AS PETS FACILITY—Dr Faruqi 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 Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee compliant with the 'NSW Code of Practice No 5 - Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments'?
- (2) What renovations have been undertaken at the Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee since November 2016, including specifically to the rear kennel block?
- (3) How many times a day does a greyhound at the Greyhounds as Pets facility at Wyee have access to outside areas?
- (4) How much access to natural light do greyhounds housed at the Greyhounds as Pets facility have?

Answer—

I am advised by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) that:

- (1) The NSW Code of Practice No. 5 – Dogs and cats in animal boarding establishments (Code) does not apply to rehoming operations such as shelters and pounds or to breeding establishments including the Greyhounds As Pets (GAP) facility at Wyee.
- (2) GRNSW has developed detailed plans for the renovation of the Wyee facility, including the redevelopment of the rear kennel block. As it is imperative that these renovations meet the requirements of the code of practice for the welfare of greyhounds currently being developed by the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission, a decision regarding the GAP renovations will be made when this industry specific code is available.
- (3) Two.
- (4) In addition to being turned out twice a day, the existing kennel block provides greyhounds with access to the outdoors and natural light conditions.

*2179 ENVIRONMENT—BIOBANKING ANNUAL REPORTS—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) Are there any rules regarding the minimum qualifications required to produce an annual report for a biobanking agreement?
- (2) Can a biobanking agreement annual report be completed by the holder of the agreement or is it required to be produced independently of them?

Answer—

- (1) There are no minimum qualifications required to produce Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement annual reports. However the agreement holder must use the annual report template provided in Annexure D of the agreement. The annual reports are audited by the Biodiversity Conservation Trust.
- (2) Either - the holder of the agreement may complete the annual report or engage an independent contractor to prepare the annual report on their behalf.

*2180 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PENALTY INFRINGEMENT NOTICES—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) Did the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 change the ability of local councils to issue Penalty Infringement Notices for the clearing or damaging of trees?
 - (a) If yes, how has it been affected?
- (2) Can Local Councils currently issue Penalty Infringement Notices for the clearing or damaging of trees?

Answer—

I have referred this matter to the Minister for Planning as the appropriate Minister with regard to this matter.

*2181 HEALTH—SURGICAL SUITES AT BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL—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—

In correspondence to Sue Harrison (Ref: M18/1099), there is reference to modelling that indicates the people of Byron Bay local government need 1.5 days of surgical work per week. Regarding this correspondence:

- (1) What factors were included in the modelling?
 - (a) Please provide the modelling report
- (2) Were Byron Bay residents surveyed as part of the modelling?
 - (a) If so, please provide the survey and the responses
- (3) Is there any avenue for Byron Bay residents to dispute the decisions not to provide day surgery services at Byron Central Hospital?

Answer—

The modelling considered the current and future demand for surgical services by residents of and visitors to the Byron Local Government Area.

A community reference group provided input into the planning of Byron Central Hospital.

Residents may contact Northern NSW Local Health District through the free phone number 1800 108 078 or at <http://nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au>.

*2182 SKILLS—ULTIMO TAFE—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) Is the Diploma of Community Services at Ultimo TAFE being run according to the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies' guidelines?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Are you aware that there have been concerns raised by students about how the Diploma of Community Services is being delivered?
 - (a) Has there been any investigation into these concerns?
 - (b) Are the compulsory electives for this Diploma being followed?
 - (i) If not, why not?
- (3) Are you aware of any breaches of the ASQA standards at Ultimo TAFE?
 - (a) Are you aware of allegations that ASQA standards 4 and 5 have been breached?
- (4) Are you aware of a lack of resources for students at Ultimo TAFE, such as teachers not being able to print and provide quizzes in class to students?
- (5) What is being done to ensure that TAFE campuses across the state are adequately resourced?

- (6) What is being done to ensure that TAFE staff across the state are adequately supported in their roles?
- (7) Who is the dedicated compliance officer at Ultimo TAFE?
 - (a) Where is information about the compliance officer made available?
- (8) Are you aware of extended absences of teachers within the Faculty of Community Services at Ultimo TAFE?
 - (a) What happens when a teacher is not assigned for a class at Ultimo TAFE?
 - (b) What happens when a teacher is absent and not able to teach a class at Ultimo TAFE?
 - (c) What was the result in Semester 2, 2017 when a teacher in the Faculty of Community Services was away for an extended period?
 - (d) Are students offered make up classes when their classes are cancelled?
 - (e) How are the mandatory training hours fulfilled in cases of extended absence from teachers?
- (9) Why was "Assessment 9: Role play C Diversity and Advocacy" not completed by students in the Diploma of Community Services at Ultimo TAFE last semester?

Answer—

These questions should be directed to the Assistant Minister for Skills, as the Minister with the responsibility for TAFE.

*2183 HEALTH—TWEED HOSPITAL—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—

Regarding the announcement of the Tweed Hospital site on Cudgen Road:

- (1) What were the other sites considered for the Tweed Hospital?
- (2) What criteria were used to assess the different potential hospital sites?
 - (a) Please provide the assessments of the different sites
- (3) Why was the Cudgen Road site chosen for Tweed Hospital?
 - (a) Does it offer any unique characteristics that the other sites do not have?
- (4) Was there any community consultation before the Tweed Hospital site was chosen?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Why is a site which is classed as State Significant being used for the new hospital?
- (6) Will there be changes to the surrounding zoning if the hospital goes ahead on the Cudgen Road site?

Answer—

Consultation with various organisations and stakeholders was undertaken in late 2017 and early 2018. Information regarding the sites considered and the criteria used is available in the Site Selection Summary Report which is available on the Tweed Valley Hospital website:

www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au

*2184 PLANNING—TWEED HOSPITAL—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—

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Answer—

- (1) to (5) These questions are matters for the Minister for Health.
 (6) I am advised that the Department of Planning and Environment has not received an application to change the surrounding zoning around the proposed Tweed hospital site.

*2185 HEALTH—YOUNG DISTRICT HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH ROOM—Mr Donnelly 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) Why has the mental health room not been opened at Young District Hospital?
 (2) When will the mental health room at the Young District Hospital be opened?

Answer—

Construction of the Safe Assessment Room at Young District Hospital has been completed and will be open once staff are trained in the appropriate and safe use of the area.

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2259 SPORT—SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND TRUST—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—

- (1) How much was paid to consultants Bastion RM by the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust in 2015 and/or 2016 and/or 2017?
 (2) Was this company employed for their expertise in crisis management and/or reputational damage?
 (a) If not what was the nature of their contract?

2260 SPORT—WESTERN GRANDSTAND SEATING SYDNEY 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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) Will the Western Sydney Stadium's western grandstand be reserved exclusively for corporate members?
 (a) If so, where will the non-corporate members be seated in the stadium?

2261 PLANNING—WILTON NORTH REZONING—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—

- (1) Has the Department of Planning commenced any processes for the rezoning of Wilton North?
 (a) If so, what is the timeline for this rezoning?
 (b) When will community consultation be held?
 (c) Will the environment impact assessment (EIS) be available before community consultation?

2262 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT—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?
- (b) If not, what action if any has been taken?

2263 ENVIRONMENT—KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT PLAN—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) When will the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Management Plan be finalised and publicly released?
- (2) Is the Government considering or proposing to amend the National Parks and Wildlife Services Act 1974 as published in 'The Land' on 4 May 2018 to give protections to the large feral horse populations in national parks, especially in Kosciuszko National Park?
 - (a) If so, what are the protections?

2264 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—KOALA MANAGEMENT PLAN—Ms Sharpe 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) Noting that the Government's 'Ballina Koala Plan' states:
'Roads and Maritime Services, in consultation with other agencies and koala experts, have agreed to build 26 connectivity structures along the 13.5 km of Section 10 of the proposed highway upgrade',
 - (a) Have 26 connectivity structures been installed at Section 10 of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade, in particular structures as required on Old Bagotville Road and Wardell Road?
 - (i) If not, why have the connectivity structures not been installed, given that increased traffic often exceeds 100 vehicles each day?
- (2) If these 26 connectivity structures have not been installed, does this constitute a breach of condition D(9) and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Conditions 8 and 13 of the conditions of approval?
 - (a) If so, what actions will the Minister take to address these breaches and to install connectivity structures?
- (3) Can the Minister advise how koalas will disperse during the July to August period as detailed in chapter 3 of the NSW Roads and Maritime Services 'Koala Management Plan' for sections 1-11, given that koalas may currently be trapped behind exclusion fences?
- (4) Will the Minister investigate the impact on koala dispersal resulting from any failure to construct and install connectivity structures?
- (5) Will the Minister commission an independent survey into the current status of the koala population at section 10 to identify if koalas displaced by clearing have established access to alternative habitat over the past six months?
- (6) Will the Minister commission an independent study on the impacts of noise, vibration, increase in heavy machinery traffic and dust on the community, koalas, and other wildlife in Section 10 of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade?

2265 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND RESERVES—Ms Sharpe 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 was the total area in hectares of Crown land reserves with each of the following declared public purposes in 2011, or at the date of 30 June 2011:
 - (a) Public recreation?
 - (b) Future public requirements?
 - (c) Environmental protection?
 - (d) Environmental and heritage conservation?

- (2) What was the total area in hectares of Crown land reserves with each of the following declared public purposes in 2017, or at the date of 30 June 2017:
- Public recreation?
 - Future public requirements?
 - Environmental protection?
 - Environmental and heritage conservation?
- 2266 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Field 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—
- In relation to the Active Kids program:
- How many \$100 Active Kids vouchers will be available in 2018?
 - How are applications for an Active Kids program voucher prioritised?
 - In what ways are the community being informed of the availability of the Active Kids program?
- 2267 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CONTAMINATION LEVELS FOR FISH SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION IN NSW—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- What is the level of metal and metalloid contamination in seafood that the Food Authority considers safe for human consumption?
 - What is the level of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in seafood that the Food Authority considers safe for human consumption?
 - What is the level of plastic contamination in seafood that the Food Authority considers safe for human consumption?
- 2268 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Field 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—
- In relation to the Active Kids Program:
- How many vouchers have been granted for the first three months of the program (January to March)?
 - How many vouchers have been granted to children in regional areas?
 - How many vouchers have been granted to Aboriginal children?
 - How many vouchers have been granted to children with a disability?
- 2269 SPORT—ACTIVE KIDS PROGRAM—Mr Field 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—
- How many Active Kids program providers are currently registered in New South Wales?
- 2270 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—CONTAMINATION EVIDENCE FOR FISH SOLD FOR CONSUMPTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Mr Field to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- Has the Government received, or is it aware of any evidence to suggest that levels of mercury and other metals or metalloids in fish, available for sale or consumption in New South Wales, are higher than what is considered safer for human consumption?
 - Has the Government received, or is it aware of any evidence to suggest that levels of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) in seafood, available for sale or consumption in New South Wales, are higher than what is considered safe for human consumption?

- (3) Has the Government received, or is it aware of any evidence to suggest that levels of plastic in seafood, available for sale or consumption in New South Wales, are higher than what is considered safe for human consumption?
- 2271 EDUCATION—SCHOOL CURRICULUM—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the educational materials referred on the "Student Wellbeing Hub" titled "All of Us", which appears to be endorsed by Education Services Australia, are being used in any New South Wales schools?
 - (2) Will schools be encouraged or required to include the following things in their curricula:
 - (a) Instructing students to imagine they are in same-sex relationships?
 - (b) Normalising surgical transitioning?
 - (c) Encouraging abolition of gendered language?
 - (d) Teaching children that gender is fluid?
 - (e) Promoting genderless and unisex toilets and change rooms?
 - (3) Does the Minister maintain the government policy that "Safe Schools" styled programmes will not be introduced into New South Wales schools?
 - (4) What does the Government propose to do to prevent this divisive ideology being used in our schools?
- 2272 ATTORNEY GENERAL—UNITED KINGDOM CASE OF ALFIE EVANS—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—
- (1) Is the Attorney General aware of the recent United Kingdom case of Alfie Evans?
 - (2) Can a hospital in New South Wales turn off the life support of a child, and if they do not subsequently die, effectively starve them to death, all despite the wishes of the parents, and in a situation where help has been offered by other institutions to prolong the life of the patient?
 - (3) How has this case informed government policy on parental rights in New South Wales?
- 2273 SKILLS—LISMORE CAMPUS FLOOD DAMAGE—Ms Walker 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—
- (1) What percentage of Lismore TAFE was impacted upon by the 2017 Lismore flood event?
 - (2) What parts/blocks of the Lismore TAFE campus were damaged by the 2017 Lismore flood event?
 - (3) What parts of the Lismore TAFE campus required refurbishment or repairs following the 2017 Lismore flood event?
 - (4) What type of damage was caused to Lismore TAFE buildings as a consequence of the 2017 Lismore flood event, and what repairs were required?
 - (5) Was there a report prepared to assess the damages to Lismore TAFE campus following the 2017 Lismore flood event?
 - (a) If so, please provide the report.
 - (6) Which courses were relocated to other TAFE campuses or external sites following the Lismore flood event?
 - (7) Where were the relocated courses moved to?
 - (8) How much has been spent on repairing the Lismore TAFE campus following the 2017 floods?
 - (9) Have any relocated courses been returned to Lismore TAFE since the 2017 flood?
 - (10) What outstanding repairs still need to be done to the Lismore TAFE campus?
 - (11) Will all relocated courses shifted as a result of flood damage to Lismore TAFE be returned to the Lismore campus?

(a) If not, which ones won't be returned and where will they be offered?

2274 ENVIRONMENT—EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND LEADERSHIP STUDIES—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) Will the Government review and revise the educational policies and leadership studies (EPLs) for the five New South Wales power stations to set flue emission concentration limits and monitoring and reporting obligations that reflect contemporary best practice and provide incentives for continuous emission reduction?
- (2) What is the Government's timeline and action plan to implement the 13 recommendations of the March 2018 review of coal-fired power stations air emissions and pollution monitoring?
- (3) What is the timeline and process to conclude the development of the NSW Air Pollution Control Strategy and commence its implementation?
- (4) What is the timeline and process to conclude the review of the Load-Based Licensing scheme?
- (5) Does the Government support the principle that pollution fees for toxic pollutants should reflect health costs and encourage companies to reduce pollution?

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