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**18 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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\*2417 LANDS AND FORESTRY—YASMAR RESERVE—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) Has a Memorandum of Understanding been finalised with Property NSW over the future management of Yasmar Reserve (R 1011588)?
- (2) Has the Yasmar Reserve been transferred to Property NSW?
  - (a) If so, when was the transfer finalised?
- (3) Was any transfer subject to community consultation?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) Is there any approval in place to transfer Yasmar Reserve to Property NSW?
  - (a) If so, when will that occur?
- (5) Will any future transfer be subject to community consultation?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) Can the Minister rule out the transfer of Yasmar Reserve to Property NSW?
- (7) Will the Minister place any restriction on any future transfer to prevent the sale of the Reserve?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (8) Can the Minister rule out the sale of Yasmar Reserve?
- (9) Can the Minister rule out the future use of Yamsar Reserve for residential purposes?

Answer—

There is no Memorandum of Understanding with Property NSW. The land has not been transferred to Property NSW, nor is it in the process of being transferred to Property NSW. Proposed changes in management arrangements for any Crown land is subject to the Community Engagement Strategy under the Crown Lands Management Act which came into effect on 1 July 2018. The remaining matters have not been presented for consideration and are therefore hypothetical.

\*2418 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES—Mr Veitch 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) How many inquiries by businesses wishing to relocate to regional New South Wales (excluding Newcastle, Central Coast, Wollongong and Sydney regions) were made to the Department of Industry or its equivalent each financial year since 2011-12?
- (2) How many of these inquiries were passed on to the relevant organisation each financial year since 2011-12?
- (3) How many actual relocations of businesses to regional New South Wales (excluding Newcastle, Central Coast, Wollongong and Sydney regions) were achieved for each financial year since 2011-12?

Answer—

- (1) The number of inquiries made to the Department of Industry, or its equivalent, by businesses wishing to relocate to regional New South Wales (excluding Newcastle, Central Coast, Wollongong and Sydney regions) total:

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| 2011-12 | 13 |
| 2012-13 | 5  |
| 2013-14 | 9  |
| 2014-15 | 14 |
| 2015-16 | 7  |

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| 2016-17                | 4  |
| 2017-18                | 12 |
| 1 July 2018 to present | 5  |
| TOTAL                  | 69 |

- (2) My understanding, based on departmental advice, is that all enquiries were passed on to relevant agencies.
- (3) Business conditions in regional NSW remain strong. I am pleased to report that the NSW regional economy is powering ahead, off the back of record jobs growth and infrastructure investment. More jobs have been created in the regions in the past three years (99,500) than were created in all of Labor's last eight years in office (68,600). The confidence of small and medium sized businesses in regional NSW is soaring with the latest Sensis Business Index survey revealing a 20 point jump in confidence to +51. Between June 2015 and June 2017, regional NSW (as per the question, excluding Illawarra, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Sydney) added an additional 6,449 businesses. Not every business that relocates interacts with the NSW Government. The number of known business relocations is as follows:

|                        |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2011-12                | 6                                |
| 2012-13                | 3                                |
| 2013-14                | 4                                |
| 2014-15                | 6                                |
| 2015-16                | 3                                |
| 2016-17                | 2                                |
| 2017-18                | 3                                |
| 1 July 2018 to present | (2 to relocate in 2018)          |
| TOTAL                  | 27 (and 2 to relocate this year) |

The NSW Government has also recently introduced a number of new initiatives and programs aimed at making regional NSW a great place to work and do business, including:

- Announcing the first special activation precinct in Parkes, to leverage existing opportunities and incentivise investment while improving planning;
- The Regional Investment Attraction Package, which will encourage businesses to establish themselves in regional NSW;
- The provision of Regional Economic Development Strategies, which set out clear, tailored development plans for the regions;
- The 20 year Economic Vision for Regional NSW, which is our long term plan to secure lasting economic success in the regions; and
- The commitment of 100 per cent of the proceeds of the State's share in Snowy Hydro Limited to regional NSW, unlocking \$4.154 billion for transformative, visionary infrastructure projects.

\*2419 PREMIER—SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS—Rev'd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

Can the Premier:

- (1) Confirm whether or not the Government or any of its ministries or departments has used any internet based social media platforms as part of its public relations and education initiatives?
- (2) Inform the House which social media platforms the Government has relied upon and what benefit this has obtained?
- (3) Outline the costs associated with the use or reliance upon internet based social media platforms?

Answer—

NSW Government departments and ministries use social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where appropriate, alongside other forms of advertising as a cost effective medium of communication.

\*2420 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—SOCIAL MEDIA BULLYING AND HARASSMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the vague and subjective nature of various social media platforms' "terms and conditions", particularly relating to bullying and harassment, which may leave significant room for misinterpretation, misunderstanding and potential abuse?
- (2) Can the Minister appreciate that this can undermine the integrity of online social and communications media, and in particular, that this has already had an impact on the quality and manner of political communication online?
- (3) Has the Minister conducted any planning regarding this issue and future regulation aimed at mitigating the potential for abuse?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, the Government is aware that terms and conditions are often designed to obfuscate rather than inform. That is why the Government has introduced reforms which will increase transparency by requiring traders to provide notice of significant terms, in an upfront and explicit way.
- (2) People can make informed decisions when they have access to all the relevant information before they undertake any type of transaction. This is good for consumers and business, reducing complaints and improving outcomes.
- (3) See answer to question one.

\*2421 POLICE—NEWCASTLE COAL PORT PROTESTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many additional police officers were deployed on Saturday 15 September 2018 to respond to the coal port protests in Newcastle?
- (2) How many additional police hours in total were deployed on Saturday 15 September 2018 to respond to the coal port protests in Newcastle?
- (3) What was the total cost of the additional officers deployed?
- (4) What cost recovery mechanisms, if any, are in place to recover some of this additional cost to the taxpayer?

Answer—

I am advised:

176 additional police were deployed, all officers were on rostered shifts and there was no NSW Police Force user pays agreement in place.

\*2422 POLICE—DEFQON.1—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) How many additional police officers were deployed to Defqon.1?
- (2) How many additional police hours in total were deployed to Defqon.1?
- (3) What was the total cost of the additional officers deployed?
- (4) How much were the police paid by the promoter or any other person associated with Defqon.1 for the police presence or any other services associated with the event?
- (5) How many searches were undertaken following a drug dog indication at this event?
- (6) Of the searches undertaken following a drug dog indication at this event:
  - (a) In how many of these were illicit drugs found?
  - (b) How many of these were supply?
- (7) How many people who were not found to be carrying drugs following a search were denied entry to the venue?

- (8) How many strip searches were undertaken following a drug dog indication at this event?
- (9) Of the strip searches undertaken following a drug dog indication at this event:
  - (a) In how many of these were illicit drugs found at this event?
  - (b) How many of these were supply?
- (10) How many people who were not found to be carrying drugs following a strip search were denied entry to the venue?
- (11) What directions were provided to police on site, if any, about how to respond to the stall at the festival selling pill testing kits?

Answer—

I am advised:

In addition to user pays policing, 194 additional police attended the event over 2,100.5 policing hours.

For policing provided at the event the promoter reimbursed the NSW Police Force \$89,802.

No searches were undertaken based solely on a drug dog indication. 355 searches undertaken at Defqon 1 were based upon police establishing reasonable grounds following drug dog indications, observations made by police, the demeanour of the person searched, further investigations and questioning by police. A number of persons searched admitted to of having been in possession of or in contact with illicit drugs within the previous 48 hours.

Searches resulted in illicit drugs being located on 70 occasions and 9 of those were for supply.

10 people were denied entry for reasons including intoxication and aggressive behaviour.

Police at the event were not provided with any specific directions in relation to the stall referred to in the question.

\*2423 ATTORNEY GENERAL—INTERNET AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

Given that a robust and healthy democracy requires the free flow of information and opinion between electors, and that online social media platforms now play a huge role in the exchange of ideas between people, not least of all political ideas, can the Attorney General please outline what laws exist in New South Wales to protect its citizens' rights of freedom of speech on the internet?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Commonwealth has legislative power in relation to the internet in accordance with section 51 (v) of the Australian Constitution. In *Australian Capital Television Pty Ltd v The Commonwealth* (1992) 177 CLR 106 the High Court recognised the existence of an implied freedom of political communication in the Australian Constitution.

\*2424 ATTORNEY GENERAL—SOCIAL MEDIA—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Attorney General—

- (1) Does the Attorney General agree with the proposition that:
  - (a) A robust and healthy democracy requires the free flow of information and opinion between electors?
  - (b) Online social media platforms now play a huge role in the exchange of ideas between people, not least of all political ideas?
- (2) Can the Attorney General please outline what laws exist in New South Wales to protect its citizens' rights of freedom of speech on the internet?

Answer—

I am advised:

I refer to LC QON 2423.

\*2425 EDUCATION—NEW SOUTH WALES LITERACY AND NUMERACY STRATEGY PROGRAM—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) Could the Minister update the House on the progress of the New South Wales Literacy and Numeracy Strategy program, implementation of which commenced in 2017?
- (2) Has this program remained within the additional \$340 million over four years budget?
- (3) Of the \$15 billion allocated to "Educational Foundations for Success" in the latest New South Wales budget, what provision have been made to continue the New South Literacy and Numeracy Strategy?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

The NSW Government has provided 671 of the most disadvantaged and lowest performing schools across NSW with instructional leadership support K-2 (531 government, 99 Catholic and 41 independent schools).

The Government has also appointed 50 Literacy and Numeracy Advisors who are delivering state wide literacy and numeracy professional learning and support to NSW public schools.

\$85 million is available in each calendar year of the program, which remains within budget.

\*2426 RESOURCES—COAL EXPLORATION ELA 5573 AND ELA 5574—Mr Buckingham asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) What additional information was required from Peabody Energy in regard to an application for the operational release of ELA 5573 and ELA 5574?
- (2) What information was supplied by Peabody Energy on 27 July 2018 in response to this request?

Answer—

(1) The following additional information was requested from Peabody Energy:

- (a) a digital version of the Prospecting Title Work Program for both applications
- (b) further evidence that ELA 5573 complied with the relevant land size area threshold
- (c) further justification of the proposed allocations against the relevant criteria in the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational allocation purposes.
- (d) further technical information, including the topographic surface, resource area boundaries and resource estimates for each resource area by seam, including cumulative strip ratio.

(2) The information requested in 1 (c).

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2427 ATTORNEY GENERAL—JUSTICE FOR BOWRAVILLE MURDER VICTIMS—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—

2428 EDUCATION—TEACHERS' WORKLOAD—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

2429 POLICE—POLICE CAR PURSUITS—Mr Shoebridge 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—

- 2430 LANDS AND FORESTRY—LOGGING ROYALTIES—Ms Walker 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—
- 2431 ENVIRONMENT—DARKWOOD ROAD EXCAVATION WORKS—Ms Walker 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—
- 2432 LANDS AND FORESTRY—DARKWOOD ROAD EXCAVATION WORKS—Ms Walker 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—
- 2433 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—DARKWOOD ROAD EXCAVATION WORKS—Ms Walker to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

**20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

(Paper No. 170)

- 2434 EDUCATION—GOOGONG PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2435 EDUCATION—KARABAR HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2436 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX M4 - M5 LINK PROJECT DEED—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—
- 2437 EDUCATION—NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATION 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—
- 2438 EDUCATION—NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS AUTHORITY (NESA) CURRICULUM REVIEW—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—
- 2439 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES EMPLOYMENT—Revd Mr Nile 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—
- 2440 ENVIRONMENT—ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ALLOCATIONS—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—



- 2442 EDUCATION—SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

**25 SEPTEMBER 2018**

(Paper No. 171)

- 2443 ENVIRONMENT—SALE OF ENVIRONMENTAL WATER—Ms Faehrmann 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—
- 2444 PLANNING—NEW TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL AND TWEED CITY ACTION PLAN—Ms Walker 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—
- 2445 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PACKAGE—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

**26 SEPTEMBER 2018**

(Paper No. 172)

- 2446 ENVIRONMENT—COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON SPRAYING—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2447 ENVIRONMENT—MANAGING FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2448 ENVIRONMENT—AGRICULTURAL 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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2449 ENVIRONMENT—BLUEBERRY INDUSTRY COMPLIANCE—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2450 ENVIRONMENT—CHEMICALS IN RIPARIAN ZONES AND AQUATIC SYSTEM—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—
- 2451 ENVIRONMENT—USE OF DIMETHOATE IN SOFT SKINNED FRUIT—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 the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- 2452 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—HOUSING—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2453 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—RURAL SUICIDE RATES—Revd Mr Nile 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—
- 2454 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—
- 2455 WESTCONNEX—WESTCONNEX 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 Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

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(Paper No. 173)

- 2456 REGIONAL WATER—ON-FARM STORAGE CAPACITIES—Mr Buckingham to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- 2457 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—NEW SOUTH WALES INLAND RAIL NETWORK—Revd Mr Nile 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—
- 2458 HEALTH—MATERNITY WARD EARLY DISCHARGES—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

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(Paper No. 174)

- 2459 LANDS AND FORESTRY—FOREST 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—
- 2460 SPORT—REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING GRANTS—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—
- 2461 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—REGIONAL SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING GRANTS—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—

- 2462 ENVIRONMENT—NATIONAL PARKS FIRE MANAGEMENT—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—
- 2463 INNOVATION AND BETTER REGULATION—INNOVATION NSW INITIATIVES—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation—
- 2464 COUNTER TERRORISM—STEP TOGETHER: HELPLINE COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—
- 2465 PLANNING—CONSULTANCY AND CONTRACTING FEES—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 2466 SPORT—LOCAL SPORT FUND PROGRAM GRANTS—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—
- 2467 SPORT—GREATER SYDNEY SPORTS FACILITY FUND GRANTS—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—
- 2468 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—CONTAMINATION AT HUNTERS HILL—Mr Shoebridge 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—
- 2469 RESOURCES—PLANNING PROCESSES FOR NEW SOUTH WALES MINES—Mr Shoebridge to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

**17 OCTOBER 2018**

(Paper No. 175)

- 2470 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—KINGS AND MONARO HIGHWAYS EXPENDITURE—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—
- 2471 ENVIRONMENT—RELOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE—Mrs Houssos 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—
- 2472 VETERANS AFFAIRS—VETERANS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM—Mrs Houssos to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- 2473 HEALTH—WAGGA WAGGA MORGUE—Revd Mr Nile to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—
- 2474 EMERGENCY SERVICES—FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION STRATEGIES—Revd Mr Nile 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—
- 2475 RESOURCES—COAL EXPLORATION WOLLAR AREA—Mr Searle to ask the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for Ageing—
- 2476 ENVIRONMENT—WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT—Mrs Houssos 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—
- 2477 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCIL MERGERS—Mrs Houssos 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—
- 2478 PLANNING—CHERRYBROOK STATION—Mr Shoebridge 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—

**18 OCTOBER 2018**

(Paper No. 176)

- 2479 ENVIRONMENT—TWEED COAST KOALA POPULATION—Ms Walker 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—
- 2480 PLANNING—TWEED COAST KOALA POPULATION—Ms Walker 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—
- 2481 LANDS AND FORESTRY—TOTAL NET HARVEST AREA IN EDEN AND SOUTHERN REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENT—Ms Walker 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—

**23 OCTOBER 2018**

(Paper No. 177)

- 2482 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) In relation to the Minister's previous answer that the Recreational Fishing Trusts financial reports are published online:
- (a) Why was the 2016/17 Trust Fund Report not published until April 2018?
  - (b) Why was the latest three year Investment Plan published three and a half months after its

- commencement?
- (c) When will the 2017/2018 Trust Fund Reports be published?
- (d) Have annual reporting exemptions ever been requested from Treasury relating to either the Trust Funds or Department of Primary Industries?
- (2) In relation to s239 of the Fisheries Management Act, what are the guidelines and provisions being used to determine what detail is written into the Trust Fund summaries on the application of money?
- (3) Are these Trust Fund summaries audited or unaudited?
- (4) Do the Recreational Fishing Trusts meet the reporting requirements of the Public Finance Audits Act?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (5) Has the Minister ever requested an independent audit of the Recreational Fishing Trusts?
- (a) If yes, was it published?
- 2483 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) The Minister has previously said that the Recreational Fishing Advisory Council is the statutory body providing advice on expenditure from the Recreational Fishing Trusts. Has the Minister ever approved Trust funding for any projects against the advice/recommendation of his Advisory Council?
- (a) If so, what programs?
- (2) Has the Minister made Trust investment decisions without seeking the advice/recommendation of the Advisory Council?
- (a) If so, what projects?
- (3) Have all the projects and programs in the latest Investment Plan:
- (a) Made application for funding in the current three year plan?
- (i) If so, which ones?
- (ii) If not, why not?
- (b) Been assessed against the criteria by the Expenditure Committee and Advisory Council?
- (c) Been recommended for approved funding by the Advisory Council?
- (4) In the latest Investment plan, there is no mention of the funding for Strategy #6 of the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMA). Can the Minister clarify:
- (a) What amount of Trust Funds are being allocated to this MEMA strategy?
- (b) And what programs and projects are being initiated to facilitate strategy #6?
- 2484 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHING PROJECTS—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Regarding Recreational Fishing Trust Fund monies and investments since 2015/16 :
- (a) Which projects or programs were audited?
- (b) Which of these audits were independently produced?
- (c) Which projects or programs have been unsuccessful?
- (d) Were relevant audits presented to the Expenditure Committees and Advisory Council members before funding applications were assessed?
- (2) What audits or performance evaluations have been conducted for the Angler Access project to receive continued funding?
- (3) The Fish For Life project was launched by the Deputy Director of Fisheries at the Australian Fishing Trade Association trade show on 24 July:
- (a) Is this a Trust funded project?
- (b) Who owns the Intellectual Property and "trademarks" to this brand?
- (c) Who did the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) consult with to develop the brand?
- (d) How much was budgeted to develop this project?

- (4) The Recreational Fishing Trusts have allocated funds for a Recreational Fishing Safety Officer project:
- How much funding has gone to this project in total?
  - Who are the recipients of the funding?
  - When will the funding expire?
- (5) How many DPI positions (fulltime and contractors) are remunerated by the Recreational Fishing Trusts?
- 2485 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING MEETING—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) On Monday 27 August 2018, the Minister held a meeting with a group claiming to be representatives for Recreational Fishing:
- Who was in attendance at the meeting?
  - Were any commitments offered to the group by the Minister?
    - If so, what were they?
- 2486 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PEAK BODY TENDER—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) In regards to the Peak Body Tender RFT ID DI-DPI-17-471 which closed on 9 February:
- What has been the reason or reasons for the repeated delays in making an announcement on the successful applicant?
  - Has the Minister been informed of any concerns or complaints made about the tender applicants or processes?
  - When does the Minister expect an announcement to be made on the tender?
- 2487 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES COMPLIANCE AND PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Veitch to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—
- (1) Of the 2,268 penalty notices issued by Fisheries compliance officers during 2017/18:
- How much money was recovered from offenders?
  - In what Treasury account were the recovered monies allocated?
  - Can the Minister provide a breakdown of penalty notices issued by the three different enforcement/compliance projects funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts?
- 2488 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND LEASE—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—
- When did the lease over Crown land held by the Pambula preschool on Dingo Street, Pambula expire?
  - When did the preschool provide the documents to the Department of Industry-Lands in order to renew the lease?
  - Has the lease been renewed?
    - If not, why not?
  - If the lease has not been renewed, when can the preschool expect to be in a position to have a new lease?
  - Which office in Crown Lands is dealing with this matter?
  - How many meetings have been held between the preschool and Crown Lands since 2013?
  - If the lease has not been renewed, is it usual business practice to take five years for a lease renewal application to be determined?
  - Did the Member for Bega make representations to the Minister on the lease renewal?

(a) If so, when and on how many occasions?

2489 HEALTH—WEE WAA MEDICAL CENTRE—Mr Mookhey to ask the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) To date, how many days in 2018 have in person general practitioner services been available in Wee Waa Medical Centre?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent general practitioners are currently employed at Wee Waa Medical Centre?

2490 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NUCOAL SHAREHOLDER COMPENSATION—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 any representations made to the disenfranchised innocent shareholders of NuCoal that they would be paid compensation, or given any consideration, as a result of actions taken by the Government against the mining company?
- (2) What steps does the Government contemplate to take to give proper restitution to those mum and dad shareholders?
- (3) What does this situation tell potential shareholders and investors in New South Wales mining and energy industries?

2491 ARTS—TWYFORD THEATRE PROJECT—Mr Secord to ask the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) Given you informed the Legislative Council on 18 October 2018 that \$7.4 million of funding announced by the Member for Bega, Andrew Constance MP and the Minister for Regional NSW and Deputy Premier, John Barilaro MP, for a new professional arts and theatre space at Twyford Hall ("the Twyford Theatre Project"), Merimbula, on Friday 25 May 2018 did not come from the Regional Cultural Fund, what specific Government funded program(s) did the funds come from?
- (2) Was the Twyford Theatre project funding approved by the Government before the announcement was made by the Member for Bega and the Deputy Premier on 25 May 2018?
- (3) When, and to whom will the funds be distributed to allow for the completion of the Twyford Theatre project?

2492 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—TWYFORD THEATRE PROJECT—Mr Secord 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) Given the Minister for the Arts informed the Legislative Council on 18 October 2018 that \$7.4 million of funding announced by the Member for Bega, Andrew Constance MP and the Minister for Regional NSW, and Deputy Premier, Mr John Barilaro MP for a new professional arts and theatre space at Twyford Hall ("the Twyford Theatre Project"), Merimbula, on Friday 25 May 2018 did not come from the Regional Cultural Fund, what specific Government funded program(s) did the funds come from?
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2493 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—ROC PARTNERS ADVICE—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—

- (1) Have the details of the contract with Roc Partners for their advice on investments from the GO NSW Equity Fund been published as required by the Government Information Public Access Act?

- (a) If so, on what date was the contract published?
- (b) If not, why not?

2494 TREASURER—PARTIES TO THE PORT COMMITMENT DEEDS—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) In your answer to Budget Estimates supplementary question 91 you said: 'The parties to the Port Commitment Deeds (PCDs) are the Treasurer and the private sector port operators. Parties to the PCDs are set out in the leases, which are publicly available.'
  - (a) Does the word "Treasurer" appear anywhere in the lease for the Port of Newcastle?
    - (i) If so, on which page?
    - (ii) If not, how can the Treasurer be a party to the lease if the word "Treasurer" does not appear once in the document?
  - (b) Do the Port Commitment Deeds include any signatures?
    - (i) If so, who signed the Port Commitment Deeds?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
  - (c) Did the Treasurer sign the Port of Newcastle lease?
    - (i) If so, on which page?
    - (ii) If not, why not?
    - (iii) Are there any signatures on the lease apart from those on page 250 and if so, whose signatures are they?

2495 PREMIER—COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 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?
  - (c) If not, will the Government pursue legal action to recover monies owed?

2496 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM DEVELOPMENT SITE—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) Given Paul Doom's comments that the Government "will be seeking a commercial return on the space" in the North-West corner of the Western Sydney Stadium development site:
  - (a) Has the Minister requested any expression of interest for the development of that site?
  - (b) Has the Minister received any expressions of interest for the future development of that site?
    - (i) If so, from whom?
  - (c) Has the Minister held any discussions with organisations regarding potential future development of that site?
    - (i) If so, with whom?

2497 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM BATHROOMS—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 many women's toilets will Western Sydney Stadium provide in total?
  - (a) How many will be provided per floor/elevation?
  - (b) How many will be provided in total for general admission seats?
- (2) How many disabled access toilets will Western Sydney Stadium provide in total?



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2498 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM PERMANENT DISABLED ACCESS SEATS—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—

How many permanent disabled access seats will be available in Western Sydney Stadium?

2499 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM DEDICATED PERMANENT DISABLED CAR SPACES—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 many dedicated permanent disabled car spaces will be available in parking lots attached to the Western Sydney Stadium?

- (a) How many permanent disabled car spaces will be available in each car park?

2500 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM FOOD OUTLETS—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—

How many food outlets will be operating in the new Western Sydney Stadium?

2501 SPORT—BATEMANS BAY AQUATIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE FUNDING—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) Under what specific grant program or programs from within the Regional Growth Fund has funding been allocated to the Batemans Bay Aquatic and Cultural Centre?

(2) How much has been allocated from each type of program?

(3) When were these decisions made?

David Blunt  
Clerk of the Parliaments