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*2482 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING—Mr Veitch asked 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?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) Section 239 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 prescribes that a report on the application of money in the Recreational Fishing Trusts (and other Trust Funds) during each reporting year must be included in the Department of Industry's Annual Report. The relevant Annual Report for 2016/17 was published in 2017.
 Each year, the Department of Industry also prepares a special purpose financial report, which is provided to Treasury and audited by the Audit Office.
 Summary information on the Recreational Fishing Trusts is also published periodically on the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Fisheries website to make it easy for the public to access information on programs run using funds from the Freshwater and Saltwater Trusts. This includes relevant extracts of the Department of Industry's Annual Report.
 - (b) The Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan is a non-statutory document and is not required to be published. NSW DPI publishes and periodically updates the document on the NSW DPI website for the information of fishers.
 - (c) The NSW Department of Industry's Annual Report, with relevant reporting on the Recreational Fishing Trusts, will be published in 2018 in accordance with statutory timeframes.
 - (d) Not to my knowledge.
- (2) The current format for reporting on the Recreational Fishing Trusts in the Department of Industry's Annual Report provides details on total grant funds received by the NSW Department of Industry to undertake various projects during each financial year.
- (3) The annual report of the NSW Department of Industry is tabled in Parliament each year. The special purpose financial reports on the seven Fisheries Trust Funds are provided to Treasury and audited by the Audit Office.
- (4) Yes.
 - (a) See answer to (3) above.
- (5) No.
 - (a) Not applicable.

*2483 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Veitch asked 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?

Answer—

- (1) No.
 - (a) Not applicable.
- (2) No. (a) Not applicable.
- (3)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (i) Those listed in the 2018/19 2020/21 Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plan.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
 - (b) Yes. Funding applications are assessed by the Recreational Fishing Trust Expenditure Committees and the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council according to their benefits to improve recreational fishing.
 - (c) Yes.
- (4)
 - (a) Nil.
 - (b) Several projects in the current and previous Recreational Fishing Trusts Investment Plans are consistent with management actions under initiative 6 of the MEMA Strategy.

*2484 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHING PROJECTS—Mr Veitch asked 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:
- (a) How much funding has gone to this project in total?
 - (b) Who are the recipients of the funding?
 - (c) When will the funding expire?
- (5) How many DPI positions (fulltime and contractors) are remunerated by the Recreational Fishing Trusts?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Each year, the Department of Industry prepares a special purpose financial report for the Recreational Fishing Trusts which is provided to Treasury and audited by the NSW Audit Office. In addition, the Department's Internal Audit Program has undertaken the following audits since 2015-16 that covered Recreational Fishing Trust funds:
 - NSW Department of Industry Grants Administration (2015)
 - NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Licence Revenue Management (2017/18)
 - (b) Audit reports by the NSW Audit Office and the Department's Internal Audit Unit are independently produced.
 - (c) There has been one termination of a deed for a whole project, which was being run by the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW using funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust, since 2015/16. The relevant project was titled 'NSW Crown Lands and Reserves vesting and securing recreational fishing access for the future'.
 - (d) The above audit reports were not provided to the Recreational Fishing Trust Expenditure Committees and the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council.
- (2) There are two projects with 'angler access' in the project title, these being the DPI - Fisheries Manager (Inland Angler Access) project and the DPI - Fisheries Management Officer (Inland Angler Access) project. With regard to project performance evaluations, DPI is responsible for administration of grants from the Recreational Fishing Trusts Funds and project managers submit milestone reports for Trust funded projects, which is used to monitor and track progress of projects. A project milestone summary report is also made available to the Expenditure Committees and the Advisory Council on an ongoing basis to provide information on the progress of Trust projects.
- (3)
- (a) No, it is part of a broader Trust Funded project related to recreational fishing information.
 - (b) NSW DPI has applied to IP Australia to trademark Fish for Life.
 - (c) DPI has been consulting with the Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council during development of the Fish for Life identifier.
 - (d) Development of the Fish for Life identifier commenced as part of a broader project so there is no specific budget at this stage. Following development of the identifier, funding is now being sought from the Recreational Fishing Trust Funds for strategic implementation of the identifier on a broader scale, with a specific budget.
- (4)
- (a) Funding of \$233,750 from the Recreational Fishing Trust Funds has been approved for the Recreational Fishing Safety Officer Project. DPI has disbursed \$70,125 to the project so far based on completed milestones.
 - (b) The project is being undertaken by the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW.
 - (c) The disbursement of funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust to the project by DPI is based on the progressive completion of milestones outlined in the funding deed between the Department of Industry and the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW. Funding for Trust projects usually expires when all funds have been disbursed and milestones completed.

- (5) In 2017/18, based on recorded work effort, there were 64 Full Time Equivalent NSW Department of Industry staff paid to deliver priorities for recreational fishing in NSW using funds from the Recreational Fishing Trust.

During this period, no payroll contractors were acquired using funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts. Please note the Department's definition of a contractor is an individual who is engaged to undertake operational work that would or could be regarded as work normally undertaken by an employee, but internal expertise is not available. These contractors are distinct from employees as they are engaged under a different set of legal arrangements.

*2485 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—RECREATIONAL FISHING MEETING—Mr Veitch asked 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:
- (a) Who was in attendance at the meeting?
 - (b) Were any commitments offered to the group by the Minister?
 - (i) If so, what were they?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) Please refer to my quarterly diary disclosures, which are made publicly available on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.
 - (b) To manage the risks in the marine environment and use the fishing sector as part of the solution.

*2486 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—PEAK BODY TENDER—Mr Veitch asked 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:
- (a) What has been the reason or reasons for the repeated delays in making an announcement on the successful applicant?
 - (b) Has the Minister been informed of any concerns or complaints made about the tender applicants or processes?
 - (c) When does the Minister expect an announcement to be made on the tender?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) I have been advised that delays have been necessary to ensure proper governance and due diligence.
 - (b) Yes, once the tender had been finalised.
 - (c) The matter is in the hands of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and is not for the Minister to determine.

*2487 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—FISHERIES COMPLIANCE AND PENALTY NOTICES—Mr Veitch asked 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:
- (a) How much money was recovered from offenders?
 - (b) In what Treasury account were the recovered monies allocated?
 - (c) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of penalty notices issued by the three different enforcement/compliance projects funded by the Recreational Fishing Trusts?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) \$561,764.80 DPI Fisheries does not recover the monies owed from penalty notices that fisheries officers issue. Revenue NSW, a division of the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation

administers the recovery of monies owed from penalty notices. DPI Fisheries receives updates from Revenue NSW relating to when and how fines issued by DPI fisheries officers are paid.

- (b) The majority of the recovered monies were paid into the Treasury Consolidated Fund and a smaller amount into the Marine Protected Areas Fund.
- (c) Coastal fisheries enforcement program (9 officers)
185 Inland fisheries enforcement program (6 officers)
145 Coastal recreational mobile squads (3 officers) 71

*2488 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CROWN LAND LEASE—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) When did the lease over Crown land held by the Pambula preschool on Dingo Street, Pambula expire?
- (2) When did the preschool provide the documents to the Department of Industry-Lands in order to renew the lease?
- (3) Has the lease been renewed?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (4) If the lease has not been renewed, when can the preschool expect to be in a position to have a new lease?
- (5) Which office in Crown Lands is dealing with this matter?
- (6) How many meetings have been held between the preschool and Crown Lands since 2013?
- (7) If the lease has not been renewed, is it usual business practice to take five years for a lease renewal application to be determined?
- (8) Did the Member for Bega make representations to the Minister on the lease renewal?
 - (a) If so, when and on how many occasions?

Answer—

- (1) 31 December 2013.
- (2) Documentation was initially provided to the department in 2013. The application was unable to be actioned at that time as land use investigations were ongoing. The department is now able to assess an application and on 25 September 2018 the applicant was advised of further documentation required.
- (3) No.
 - (a) An assessment will be undertaken when all relevant documentation has been received.
- (4) The land is subject to Aboriginal Land Claims. These claims will need to be dealt with before any lease can be offered.
- (5) Nowra Regional Office is managing the end of lease assessment report and Crown Property Services will manage the lease application, once all required documentation has been received.
- (6) All communications have been by telephone or in writing.
- (7) There are many factors that can impede efficient processing of a lease application.
- (8) This matter is being managed at Regional Office level, see Question 5.

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

- (1) 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?

Answer—

Wee Waa Medical Centre is a privately run GP practice and does not fall within my responsibilities as the Minister for Health.

*2490 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—NUCOAL SHAREHOLDER COMPENSATION—Revd Mr Nile asked 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?

Answer—

I refer you to the previous responses regarding this matter.

*2491 ARTS—TWYFORD THEATRE PROJECT—Mr Secord asked 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?

Answer—

I am advised:

This is a matter for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales.

*2492 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—TWYFORD THEATRE PROJECT—Mr Secord 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) 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?
- (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? .

Answer—

Funding for the \$7.4 million Twyford Theatre Project is from the \$1.6 billion Regional Growth Fund. The Government is working with Twyford Hall Inc. regarding project details.

*2493 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—ROC PARTNERS ADVICE—Ms Voltz 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) 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?

Answer—

No. Section 38 of the Government Information Public Access (GIPA) Act 2009 provides an exception for industry support contracts.

*2494 TREASURER—PARTIES TO THE PORT COMMITMENT DEEDS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (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?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) No. The Treasurer is not a signatory to the long-term lease document.
- (b) Yes. The Port Commitment Deeds are signed by the Treasurer for and on behalf of the Crown in right of the State of New South Wales, and representatives of the Port Lessees, Port Managers and the purchasers.
- (c) No. The signatories to the lease are the lessor, Port of Newcastle Lessor Pty Ltd and the lessee, Port of Newcastle Investments (Property) Pty Ltd.

*2495 PREMIER—COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Has the Australian Multicultural Christian Society returned the \$10,000 grant it received under the Community Building Partnership Program?
- (a) If so, when was it returned?
- (b) If not, what action, if any, has been taken?
- (c) If not, will the Government pursue legal action to recover monies owed?

Answer—

This question has been answered in Budget Estimates; I have since referred you to my answer.

I am disappointed you have not bothered to read my answer to General Purpose Standing Committee No.1, which was provided to the Committee on 2 October 2018.

*2496 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM DEVELOPMENT SITE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) 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?

Answer—

- (1)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) The NSW Police Citizens Youth Club has previously expressed interest in the site.
 - (c) Ministerial diaries are publicly available.

*2497 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM BATHROOMS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many 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?
 - (a) How many will be provided per floor/elevation?
 - (b) How many will be provided in total for general admission seats?

Answer—

- (1) The new Western Sydney Stadium will have a total of 448 female patron toilets, excluding accessible and unisex toilets.
- (2) The new Western Sydney Stadium will have a total of 24 accessible toilets.

*2498 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM PERMANENT DISABLED ACCESS SEATS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

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

Answer—

The new Western Sydney Stadium will have a total of 237 permanent accessible seats.

*2499 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM DEDICATED PERMANENT DISABLED CAR SPACES—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) How many 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?

Answer—

The new Western Sydney Stadium will reinstate car parks to the north and west of the stadium. There will be 7 permanent Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant spaces in total. An additional 13 car spaces can be created by converting regular parking spaces to DDA spaces to suit operational requirements.

The southern carpark owned by Parramatta Park Trust also has 3 DDA compliant car spaces.

*2500 SPORT—WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM FOOD OUTLETS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

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

Answer—

The new Western Sydney Stadium will have 14 permanent food and beverage outlets, this will be supplemented by mobile kiosk provisions and barbeque areas. Suites, Boxes and Media Areas also have food and beverage distribution locations.

*2501 SPORT—BATEMANS BAY AQUATIC AND CULTURAL CENTRE FUNDING—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex, and Minister for Sport—

- (1) 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?

Answer—

1-3 The Regional Growth Fund is administered by the Deputy Premier and questions regarding grants under the Regional Growth Fund should be directed to him.

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*2502 PREMIER—URBANGROWTH NSW-PARRAMATTA NORTH GROWTH CENTRE—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Has UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation sought professional assistance or contracted services from Murawin, Parramatta Female Factory Friends, Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct (Parragirls), Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council, or Parramatta District Men's Shed?
- (2) Has UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation made payments, donations, or provided compensation to Murawin, Parramatta Female Factory Friends, Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct (Parragirls), Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council, or Parramatta District Men's Shed?

Answer—

I am advised UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation entered into an agreement with Murawin Consulting to provide cultural advisory services.

The remaining groups, along with Parramatta Council, were invited by UrbanGrowth NSW to participate in a Collaboration Framework to help develop a long-term vision for the Parramatta North Growth Centre and the management and activation of its heritage core.

*2503 PLANNING—SEPP5 DEVELOPMENTS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) How many State Environmental Planning Policy 5 (SEPP5) developments were approved in the Sydney region in each financial year since 1 July 2013, up to and including the 2019 financial year to date?
- (2) How many SEPP5 developments were approved in the Sydney region in each financial year since 1 July 2013, up to and including the 2019 financial year to date, that are on environmentally sensitive land?
- (3) How many SEPP5 developments were approved in the Hornsby Shire Council area in each financial year since 1 July 2013, up to and including the 2019 financial year to date?
- (4) How many SEPP5 developments were approved in the Hornsby Shire Council area in each financial year since 1 July 2013, up to and including the 2019 financial year to date, that are on environmentally sensitive land?
- (5) Are the Berowra Creek Catchment and Cowan Creek Catchment Areas in Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 20 considered "water catchments" as outlined in State Environmental Planning Policy 5, Schedule 1?
- (6) Is the SEPP5 application for 4 Vineys Rd Dural, currently under consideration by Hornsby Council, on environmentally sensitive land?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The former State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 5 was replaced in 2004. The current policy dealing with seniors housing is SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004 (Seniors SEPP). The Department of Planning and Environment has issued 34 site compatibility certificates for seniors housing since 1 July 2013, as per below:

2013-14 FY 4

2014-15 FY 2

2015-16 FY 6

2016-17 FY 11

2017-18 FY 9

2018-19 to date 2

Information from councils is that a total of 10 approvals were issued for seniors housing in the Sydney region under the Seniors SEPP since 1 July 2013:

2013-14 FY 3

2014-15 FY 1

2015-16 FY 2

2016-17 FY 2

2017-18 FY 2

2018-19 to date 0

- (2) None. The SEPP does not apply to environmentally sensitive land.
- (3) The Department has issued three site compatibility certificates in the Hornsby Shire Council area since 1 July 2013. All were issued in the 2016-17 financial year. Information from Council is that one development consent was granted for seniors housing in the 2016-17 financial year.
- (4) None. The SEPP does not apply to environmentally sensitive land.
- (5) No.
- (6) No.

*2504 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—COUNCILLOR CONNECTIONS TO RAPID ACTION BATTALION—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Is the Minister aware that City of Canterbury-Bankstown Councillor Mohammad Zaman met with the Director General of the Bangladesh Police's Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), Mr Benazir Ahmed, on 6 September 2018?
- (2) Considering frequent criticism of the Rapid Action Battalion by the Human Rights Watch for well-documented human rights abuses, including extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, torture, and framing, would it be a breach of code of conduct or other employment provisions for a Councillor to associate with the director of the RAB?
- (3) Is the Minister aware of any possible financial involvement between Councillor Mohammad Zaman and Mr Benazir Ahmed?
- (4) Will the Minister be taking action to prevent affiliation between Councillors in New South Wales and the RAB?

Answer—

- (1) to (4) Neither I nor the Office of Local Government has any knowledge of the alleged meeting or of any financial involvement between Councillor Zaman and Mr Ahmed. Should any person be concerned that a councillor's conduct may be in breach of their obligations under their council's code of conduct, they should raise their concerns in writing with the council's general manager so that they may be considered under the council's code of conduct

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*2505 RESOURCES—COAL ALLOCATION 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 further evidence has been supplied that ELA 5573 complied with the relevant land size area threshold?
 - (a) Please provide this evidence.
- (2) What further justification has been supplied of the proposed allocations of ELA 5573 and ELA 5574 against the relevant criteria in the Guidelines for coal exploration licence applications for operational allocation purposes?
 - (a) Please provide a copy of this justification.

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The applicant for ELA5573 has not provided any information regarding size thresholds further to information provided in the original application. The area subject to ELA5573 is visible to the public via the Division of Resources and Geoscience's MinView database.
- (2) The applicant provided technical information to address the criteria in the Guidelines. Given the applications are currently under assessment, these documents are not made publicly available.

*2506 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—HUNTING LICENCES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) Regarding restricted hunting licences and accreditation:
 - (a) How many people hold a Restricted hunting licence (R-licence)?
 - (b) How many R-licence holders are accredited in the Dogs category?
 - (c) How many R-licence holders are accredited in the Bows category?
 - (d) How many people were granted a Restricted Visitor's licence during the 2016-2017 financial

- year?
- (e) How many people were granted a Restricted Visitor's licence during the 2017-2018 financial year?
- (2) Regarding insurance
- (a) What are the terms of the Department of Primary Industries' agreement with Marsh Advantage Insurance and Sportscover Australia Pty Ltd to insure hunting licence holders?
- (b) How much money was paid to Marsh Advantage Insurance and Sportscover Australia in the 2016-2017 financial year?
- (c) How much money was paid to Marsh Advantage Insurance and Sportscover Australia in the 2017-2018 financial year?
- (d) How many claims were made by R-licence holders during the 2016-2017 financial year?
- (e) How many disputes during the 2016-2017 financial year involved R-licence holders?
- (f) How many claims were made by R-licence holders during the 2017-2018 financial year?
- (g) How many disputes during the 2017-2018 financial year involved R-licence holders?

Answer—

- (1)
- (a) 17,189
- (b) 9,015
- (c) 9,632
- (d) 0
- (e) 1
- (2)
- (a) Both the 'summary of coverage' and 'certificate of currency' are publicly available on the Department of Primary Industries website <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting/hunting-licences>.
- (b) \$115,000 (including premium, stamp duty and GST)
- (c) \$95,920 (including premium, stamp duty and GST)
- (d) Nil
- (e) Nil
- (f) Nil
- (g) Nil

*2507 SMALL BUSINESS—ROC PARTNERS ADVICE—Ms Voltz 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) 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?

Answer—

No. Section 38 of the Government Information Public Access (GIPA) Act 2009 provides an exception for industry support contracts.

*2508 ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMMES—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education—

- (1) I refer to Recommendations 7, 10, 11 and 27 of the Joint Committee on Children and Young People Report into the Prevention of Youth Suicide in New South Wales which was tabled 25 October 2018:
- (a) Can the Minister inform the House the extent to which Indigenous organisations will be involved in establishing suicide prevention programmes for young Aboriginals and young people living in remote locations generally?

Answer—

This question should be directed to the Premier.

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(Paper No. 180)

*2509 PLANNING—LANDCOM BOARD—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) How many people are there on the Board of Landcom?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?

Answer—

This information is provided in the Landcom Annual Reports.

*2510 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—PORT AUTHORITY OF NSW BOARD—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) How many people are there on the Board of the Port Authority of NSW?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?

Answer—

I am advised: This is a matter for the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations.

*2511 LOCAL GOVERNMENT—MERGED COUNCIL FUNDING—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Did any councils that were forcibly merged in 2016 not receive funding from the "Stronger Communities Fund"?
 - (a) If yes, which ones did not receive funding from the "Stronger Communities Fund"?
- (2) Have any councils that received funding through the "Stronger Communities Fund" not yet allocated these funds to projects?
 - (a) If yes, which ones have still not allocated funding to projects from the "Stronger Communities Fund"?
- (3) In the 2017/18 Budget Statement, Budget Paper no.1, under the "Office of Local Government" a "saving" of \$110 million is listed. Was this money returned to consolidated revenue?
 - (a) If not, was this saving, in whole or part, reallocated to councils?
 - (i) If so, which councils received this funding and how much?
 - (ii) If so, which council/s were required to submit an application?
 - (b) Was this saving, in whole or part, reallocated to the "Stronger Country Communities Fund"?
- (4) On the Government webpage address, <https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/news/stronger-councils-for-nsw/>, there is a link at the bottom of the page that says "Find out more about the proposed boundaries". The "Find out more about the proposed boundaries" link on this page is nominally listed as <https://www.councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au>, however when you click on this link it instead takes you to a portal for "Joint Organisations" that requires a log-in. Is the information

that was previously contained on the "Council Boundary Review" website located somewhere else and accessible to the public?

- (a) If not, why not?
- (5) The Government webpage address, <https://www.strongercouncils.nsw.gov.au> is redirected to a portal for "Joint Organisations" that requires a log-in. Is the information that was previously contained on the "Stronger Councils" website located somewhere else and accessible to the public?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Funding from the Stronger Communities Fund was provided to all new councils created in 2016.
- (2) Consistent with the Stronger Communities Fund Guidelines, funds are required to be spent or committed by 30 June 2019 and all funding acquitted before 31 December 2019.
- (3) Unspent Stronger Communities Fund grants funding for 2016-17 was carried forward to 2017-18, and payments to councils under the Fund were publicly announced by the Government.
- (4) The Stronger Councils, Stronger Communities and Fit for the Future websites have been closed.
- (5) An information sharing portal has been established for those involved in establishing the network of Joint Organisations proclaimed in 2018. The former Stronger Councils portal was re-purposed for this and relevant public content transferred to the Office of Local Government website.

*2512 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES—MERGED COUNCIL FUNDING—Mr Primrose 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) Did any councils that were forcibly merged in 2016 not receive funding from the "Stronger Communities Fund"?
 - (a) If yes, which ones did not receive funding from the "Stronger Communities Fund"?
- (2) Have any councils that received funding through the "Stronger Communities Fund" not yet allocated these funds to projects?
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 - (i) If so, which councils received this funding and how much?
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 - (a) If not, why not?
- (5) The Government webpage address, <https://www.strongercouncils.nsw.gov.au> is redirected to a portal for "Joint Organisations" that requires a log-in. Is the information that was previously contained on the "Stronger Councils" website located somewhere else and accessible to the public?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

Mr Primrose, MLC has asked the same question of the Minister for Local Government (Question 2511). I refer the member to the Minister for Local Government's response.

*2513 EMERGENCY SERVICES—BUSHFIRE HAZARD REDUCTION—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the report of Adam Streichler, Senior Operational Communications Officer, published in the journal of the NSW Rural Bushfire Service?
- (2) Can the Minister outline what strategies are in place to facilitate public liaison when planning hazard reduction operations?
- (3) Are other private organisations that deal with hazard reduction also consulted by the authorities before operations are planned?

Answer—

I am advised: The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) publishes on its website each week, on behalf of all agencies, a list of planned hazard reduction operations. Both traditional and social media are used to provide regular updates when a burn is expected to generate significant smoke.

The NSW RFS also works with other agencies, including the Department of Premier and Cabinet's events operations group to determine potential impacts and respond accordingly. Depending on the scale of a planned hazard reduction burn, a public liaison role may be established to help provide information to various stakeholders, including local landholders and communities, and to minimise the impacts of these burns wherever possible.

*2514 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WATER NSW AND FORESTRY CORPORATION BOARDS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How many people are there on the Board of the Forestry Corporation?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?
- (2) How many people are there on the Board of Water NSW?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?

Answer—

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Lands and Forestry, the Hon. Paul Toole MP.
- (2) 7 non-Executive Directors and one Executive Director (being the Chief Executive Officer)
 - a. Two non-Executive Directors (including the Chair)
 - b. Two non-Executive Directors (including the Chair)
 - c. Two non-Executive Directors (including the Chair)

*2515 ENERGY AND UTILITIES—WATER AND ENERGY BOARDS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) How many people are there on the Board of Essential Energy?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?
- (2) How many people are there on the Board of Water NSW?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?

Answer—

I am advised: That this information is publicly available in the Annual Reports of Essential Energy and

Water NSW.

*2516 LANDS AND FORESTRY—HUNTER AND SYDNEY WATER BOARDS—Mr Primrose asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) How many people are there on the Board of Hunter Water?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?
- (2) How many people are there on the Board of Sydney Water?
 - (a) How many of these are women?
 - (b) How many women were on the Board in November 2016?
 - (c) How many women were on the Board in November 2017?

Answer—

The Treasurer and the Minister for Finance are the shareholding Ministers responsible for the Hunter Water and Sydney Water. These questions should be directed to the Treasurer and Minister for Finance, Services and Property.

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(Paper No. 181)

*2517 POLICE—POLICE STRIP SEARCHES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Police, and Minister for Emergency Services—

- (1) What was the total number of strip searches undertaken in New South Wales for any reason in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019 to date?
- (2) What was the number of strip searches undertaken in New South Wales for any reason where anything stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained; anything used or intended to be used in or in connection with the commission of a relevant offence; a dangerous article that was being or was used in or in connection with the commission of a relevant offence in a public place; a prohibited plant; or a prohibited drug was found, in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019 to date?
- (3) What was the number of strip searches undertaken in New South Wales for any reason where anything stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained; anything used or intended to be used in or in connection with the commission of a relevant offence; a dangerous article that was being or was used in or in connection with the commission of a relevant offence in a public place; a prohibited plant; or a prohibited drug was not found, in each of the following financial years:
 - (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?

- (e) 2018-2019 to date?
- (4) What was the total number of prosecutions commenced following a strip search in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019 to date?
- (5) What was the total number of successful prosecutions following a strip search in each of the following financial years:
- (a) 2014-2015?
 - (b) 2015-2016?
 - (c) 2016-2017?
 - (d) 2017-2018?
 - (e) 2018-2019 to date?

Answer—

I am advised:

The following data has been sourced from the NSW Police Force COPS database relating to strip searches conducted in the field, for any reason. It should be noted that the figures relate to the number of searches. It is possible that an individual was searched more than once in a specific period.

- (1)
- (a) 3,735
 - (b) 5,082
 - (c) 4,456
 - (d) 5,483
 - (e) 1,913 (to 14 November 2018)
- (2)
- (a) 1,335
 - (b) 1,746
 - (c) 1,613
 - (d) 2,048
 - (e) 620 (to 14 November 2018) NB: These figures include drug detection; goods in custody/receiving; intention offences (armed with intent & possess implements) and person searches where any of the following items were found: drug implement, firearm, firearm accessory/attachment, prohibited article and sharp/cutting instrument.
- (3)
- (a) 2,400
 - (b) 3,336
 - (c) 2,843
 - (d) 3,435
 - (e) 1,293 (to 14 November 2018)
- (4)
- (a) 1,151
 - (b) 1,554
 - (c) 1,472
 - (d) 1,865
 - (e) 558 (to 14 November 2018)
- (5) Court outcomes are a matter for the Attorney General.

*2518 HEALTH—VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER CONTRACTS—Revd Mr Nile 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) Can the Minister confirm the veracity of the assertions made in the report of Andrew Campbell, titled 'Northern Beaches Hospital - VMO Contract Update' which was published in the current issue of The NSW Doctor, the official publication of the Australian Medical Association of NSW?
- (2) Is the Minister satisfied that the systems in place for negotiating 'Visiting Medical Officer' (VMO) contracts are satisfactory?
- (3) Have there been any changes to the negotiation processes implemented (or planned to be implemented) as a result of the difficulties outlined in Mr Campbell's report?

Answer—

(1) - (3) Healthscope remains committed to working collaboratively with VMOs and the AMA in future contract negotiations. Although not required to align with the terms and conditions of VMO appointments in NSW Health, Healthscope has access to information such as the VMO Determination through the Ministry website, and can seek clarification from the Ministry of Health if needed when these negotiations are undertaken.

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(Paper No. 182)

*2519 ATTORNEY GENERAL—BULLYING AND HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS—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) Can the Minister provide information on the progress made this year in relation to the rates of bullying and harassment in schools and the workplace over the last year?
- (2) Can the Minister provide information on bullying and harassment with specific attention to who is perpetrating the bullying, and provide data broken down by gender, geographic location and socioeconomic background of the perpetrators and victims?
- (3) Can the Minister outline the progress of current programmes aimed at addressing these issues?

Answer—

I am advised: Questions regarding the prevention of bullying and harassment in schools and workplaces fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Education, and Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation respectively and should be directed to them.

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(Paper No. 183)

*2520 ENVIRONMENT—BLUEBERRY INDUSTRY COMPLIANCE 2016—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many complaints were reported between 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017 in regards to the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and the Pesticides Act?
- (2) How many of these breaches involved blueberry growers?
- (3) What enforcement actions, if any, were taken in regards to any breaches regarding blueberry growers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The EPA received 7,756 pollution allegations on its Environment Line in 2016/2017 across all

legislation administered by the EPA.

- (2) 14 allegations involved blueberry growers.
- (3) After investigation the EPA determined no enforcement action was warranted in respect of these allegations.

*2521 ENVIRONMENT—BLUEBERRY INDUSTRY COMPLIANCE 2016—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) How many complaints were reported between 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018 in regards to the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and the Pesticides Act?
- (2) How many of these breaches involved blueberry growers?
- (3) What enforcement actions, if any, were taken in regards to any breaches regarding blueberry growers?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The EPA received 7,227 pollution allegations on its Environment Line in 2017/18 across all legislation administered by the EPA.
- (2) 23 allegations involved blueberry growers.
- (3) There are three matters under investigation.

*2522 PREMIER—RECOVERY OF AUSTRALIAN MULTICULTURAL CHRISTIAN SOCIETY GRANT PAYMENTS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Given your response at Budget Estimates that 'the Australian Multicultural Christian Society has not returned the grant of \$10,000 received from the Department of Family and Community Services from the Community Building Partnership Program', can you advise:
 - (a) If the \$10,000 grant has been returned in the intervening time since Budget Estimates?
 - (b) If not, what action if any has been taken to recover this money?

Answer—

My previous answers have not changed.

*2523 ENVIRONMENT—PESTICIDE SPRAY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COFFS HARBOUR—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) In regards to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) blueberry workshop in Coffs Harbour on 29 June 2018 regarding lawful use of pesticide, can you advise whether:
 - (a) There was any feedback provided from the community regarding pesticide spraying?
 - (b) How and where data received from community feedback has been collated and whether this data is publicly available?
 - (c) Any action taken as a result of feedback provided during this workshop?
- (2) Was the Coffs Harbour blueberry workshop held on 29 June 2018 the only community consultation session regarding use of pesticide spray in the Mid North Coast region?
- (3) In what manner was the 29 June 2018 EPA blueberry workshop in Coffs Harbour advertised to blueberry growers and/or members of the public?
 - (a) On what dates was a notice or advertisements placed and where?
 - (b) Were blueberry growers directly contacted and advised about this workshop?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The workshop was organised by the Department of Primary Industries. The EPA did not receive any feedback.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Primary Industries.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Primary Industries.

*2524 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—MANAGING FRUIT FLY OUTBREAKS—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) How is the Government managing new outbreaks of fruit flies, particularly those as a result of unwanted fruit due to a market glut?
- (2) What particular steps have been taken by the Government to manage these outbreaks?
- (3) Has any data been collected to determine the success of these management programs?
 - (a) If so, can you provide this data?
 - (b) if so, what does this data indicate?

Answer—

- (1) Queensland fruit flies exist throughout NSW and are now considered endemic. The management of fruit flies is the responsibility of the land occupier under the Biosecurity Act 2015. The NSW government invests significantly in prevention and early detection of Mediterranean fruit fly and other exotic fruit flies.
- (2) The Government provides control and management advice to urban residents and fruit producers, including educational programs and assisting producers to develop and deliver market access protocols for Queensland fruit fly.
- (3) NSW DPI collects data from exotic fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly traps as part of early warning surveillance. This data is provided to the Commonwealth to support international and domestic market access. There have been no exotic fruit flies detected in NSW since electronic records began in 1998.

*2525 PREMIER—INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) What initiatives were undertaken to commemorate International Men's Day in New South Wales, which occurred on 19 November 2018?
- (2) Can the Premier provide details of its programmes aimed at:
 - (a) Closing the mortality gap between the sexes?
 - (b) Addressing the crisis of suicide and school chronic underperformance among young boys?
 - (c) The demeaning manner in which men are increasingly being portrayed in the popular media?

Answer—

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to ensuring all residents have access to key services and support, regardless of their background.

The Government recently announced the State's first comprehensive suicide prevention strategy that marked the beginning of our journey towards zero suicides in NSW.

I have referred your questions to the relevant Ministers for consideration.

*2526 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CORUNNA STATE FOREST LOGGING—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What was the total yield for each category of logs from Corunna State Forest compartment 3058?
- (2) What revenue was received from the logging of this compartment in 2018:
 - (a) In total?

- (b) For each category of logs?
- (3) What were the total management costs incurred by Forestry Corporation during preparations for and conduct of this operation?
- (4) Were any additional costs incurred for supervision or management of the operation outside normal working hours, at nights and at weekends?
- (a) If so, what were those costs?
- (5) Was an employee of the Forestry Corporation present at all times during the logging?
- (6) Were any payments or other recompense such as road maintenance services offered to or sought by any private property owners adjacent to Corunna State Forest in exchange for access through private property or use of private property for facilities such as access or log dumps?
- (a) If so, please provide details.

Answer—

It is noted that this question is exactly the same as LC 2536 by Ms Walker.

- (1) Total yield was: High Quality Sawlogs: 4539.869 m3, Low Quality Sawlogs: 564.947 m3, Pulpwood Logs: 1410.580 tonnes, Firewood Logs: 488.930 tonnes.
- (2) Total revenue was: High Quality Sawlogs: \$870,663.26, Low Quality Sawlogs: \$39,467.40, Pulpwood Logs: \$91,665.42, Firewood Logs: \$36,337.46, Total revenue: \$1,038,133.54.
- (3) I am informed that Forestry Corporation does not account for management expenses down to compartment level or forest units and so management costs incurred during preparations and conduct of harvesting operations in Corunna State Forest are not available.
- (4) Yes I am informed a small level of additional supervision was carried out during the operation.
- (a) Approximately \$500 in additional wages.
- (5) No.
- (6) No.
- (a) NA.

*2527 CORRECTIONS—TRANSGENDER INMATES IN NEW SOUTH WALES CORRECTION FACILITIES—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs—

- (1) How many inmates currently identify as transgender in New South Wales correction facilities?
- (a) How many of these identified as transgender prior to entering a New South Wales correction facility?
- (b) How many began to openly identify as transgender while in a New South Wales correction facility?
- (2) What protocols are in place to manage an inmate's transition?
- (3) What factors contribute to the Department's decision to place transgender inmate in a particularly gendered facility?
- (4) Are there protocols in place to transfer a transitioning inmate from a male prison to a female prison, or vice versa?
- (5)
- (a) How many incidents of violence have been reported against transgender inmates so far in 2018?
- (b) How many incidents of violence have been reported against transgender inmates so far in 2017?
- (c) How many incidents of violence have been reported against transgender inmates so far in 2016?
- (d) How many incidents of violence have been reported against transgender inmates so far in 2015?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Figures are not available. The Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) Offender Integrated Management

System does not contain a data field to record transgender status.

- (2) The clinical management of transgender and intersex inmates is undertaken by the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (Justice Health) in accordance with its policy document Management of Transgender and Intersex Patients.
- (3) A person who identifies as transgender has the right to be housed in a correctional facility of their gender of identification unless it is determined through case management that the transgender person should more appropriately be placed in a correctional centre of their biological gender. A transgender or intersex inmate who does not agree with a decision on their placement may seek a review. A transgender or intersex inmate assessed by Justice Health as needing specialist referral may be transferred to Long Bay Hospital.
- (4) Refer to response to question 3.
- (5) Refer to response to question 1.

*2528 HEALTH—ORANGE HEALTH SERVICE (HOSPITAL) DEATH—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) Why was the death of a patient at Orange Health Service (hospital) detailed under Incident Information Management System (IIMS) #: 2326017-20 not reported as a SAC 1 - the highest Severity Assessment Code?
- (2) What investigations were launched in response to IIMS#: 2326017-20?
- (3) Why did a haematologist conduct the review into IIMS#: 2326017-20 when the issue related primarily to anaesthesia and not haematology?
- (4) Were any employees reprimanded or terminated as a result of IIMS#: 2326017-20?
- (5) What was the official cause(s) of the death of the patient reported in IIMS#: 2326017-20?
- (6) Given that IIMS#: 2326017-20 suggested that the presence of the anaesthetist could have prevented the patient death, was the family of the deceased informed about the lack of the presence of the anaesthetist?
- (7) Were the two nurses sent to locate the anaesthetist responsible for the patient in IIMS#: 2326017-20 interviewed as part of the investigation?
- (8) Did the investigation determine the location of the alleged "missing" anaesthetist during the procedure?
- (9) Will you launch an independent external investigation into to IIMS#: 2326017-20?

Answer—

(1) - (9): NSW Health Policy provides direction to health services regarding the management of both clinical and corporate incidents. All information relating to the care of a patient is confidential. NSW Health works directly with patients and their families if there are any issues identified with care.

*2529 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CORUNNA STATE FOREST LOGGING—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) Please provide details, including forest, compartment number and date of each logging operation in which the yield has been either 100 percent pulp or a total of 100 percent pulp, salvage and firewood in:
 - (a) The Eden Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) Region
 - (b) The Southern RFA Region in each year since the commencement of each Regional Forest Agreement.

Answer—

- (1) Forestry Corporation of NSW has reviewed the request, and has confirmed that compiling information to answer this question for each region for 20 years, is labour intensive; this would be an unreasonable diversion of the use of FCNSW resources.

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*2530 RESOURCES—COAL EXPLORATION—Mr Searle asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

- (1) I refer to an Application for the new release of coal exploration areas near Wollar in Mid-Western Region Local Government Area:
- (a) Is the Minister aware that the application for release of new coal exploration areas ELA 5573 and 5574 is from the broader unallocated area EL 6676, or the Northern Bylong Tenement, that was subject to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) investigation in 2013?
 - (b) Have the recommendations from ICAC on the release of new areas for coal exploration been met in the consideration of the application for ELA 5573 and ELA 5574?
 - (c) Has the method by which ELA 5573 and ELA 5574 are allocated been made by a Steering Group chaired by a representative of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure with senior officials from the Resources and Energy Division of the NSW Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the NSW Treasury as recommended by ICAC?
 - (i) If so, will the recommendation by this Group in regard to the application for ELA 5573 and 5574 be provided first to the Cabinet Standing Committee on Resources and Land Use for approval before decision by the Minister?
 - (d) Why has a market interest test on the broader unallocated EL 6676 not been conducted when ELA 5574 triggers the guideline to conduct such a test?
 - (e) Why does ELA 5573 similarly not trigger the guideline to conduct a market interest test on the broader unallocated EL 6676?

Answer—

I am advised: Exploration Licence Application (ELA) 5573 and ELA 5574 are over parts of Exploration Licence (EL) 6676 held by the Crown. EL 6676 was overlain by former coal exploration licences that were subject to the Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) investigation in 2013, not specifically EL 6676.

The Operational Allocation Framework was introduced to meet the Government's commitments to implement ICAC recommendations. ELA 5573 and ELA 5574 are being considered under the Operational Allocation Framework.

In accordance with the Operational Allocation Guidelines, all coal exploration licence applications are considered by the Coal Resource Operational Allocation Committee and taken to the Cabinet Standing Committee on Resources and Land Use prior to a final decision.

The market interest test was carried out in accordance with the Guidelines. Under clause 7.2 of the guidelines, for applications made against mining leases, such as ELA 5574, where the proposed allocation area could be part of a larger unallocated coal resource, the market interest test may also be conducted against the larger unallocated resource.

In any case, where the coal resource within the application area is likely to support a standalone mine or impact on a resource that could support a stand-alone mine, those facts are considered as part of the assessment of the application.

*2531 PLANNING—EAST LAKES SHOPPING CENTRE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MODIFICATIONS—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) What guidelines does the Department of Planning and Environment use for deciding when a proposed modification of a development approval can be dealt with as an amendment to the approved development or a substantially different development which warrants a completely new development application?
- (2) Can the Minister explain why the 4th modification application for the Eastlakes Shopping Centre was accepted as a modification rather than requiring a substantially new application when it:

- (a) more than doubled the numbers of floors above the podium from 2-6 storeys to 4-14?
 - (b) increased the number of apartments from 292 to 468, an over 60 percent increase?
 - (c) increased the gross floor area from 35,743 square metres to 51,079 square metres, a 43 percent increase?
 - (d) increased parking from 700 to 1,077 spaces, a 53 percent increase, through an additional basement level?
- (3) Will the Minister direct the Department of Planning and Environment to review its acceptance of the 4th modification of the East Lakes Shopping Centre Development Approval, or at a minimum require the Department of Planning and Environment to readvertise the exhibition of the modification proposal and extend the exhibition of the modification application?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The Department is required to assess the request under the former section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as it was made before 1 March 2018, which was the cut-off date for requests to modify Part 3A approvals. The Department will ensure the same level of assessment is undertaken for the modification as if it were lodged as a new development application.²
- (2) The extent of the proposed modifications is commensurate to other examples of modifications amended and determined under the former section 75W. The Department will undertake a detailed merit assessment of the proposed changes including the increase in density, building height and carparking.
- (3) The proposal has been exhibited for 29 days, from 1 November 2018 to 30 November 2018, which is the same period it would have been exhibited for if it had been a new development application.

*2532 ROADS, MARITIME AND FREIGHT—CRUISE VESSEL TOWAGE—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight—

- (1) When is the review into the towage requirements for cruise vessels arriving and departing the Sydney Cove Passenger Terminal to be completed?
- (2) Why is towage for these vessels not mandatory until the findings of the review have been completed?
- (3) Does the lack of towage for cruise vessels expose the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Tunnel to damage from contact with cruise vessels or their anchors?

Answer—

I am advised: The review is anticipated to be complete in 2019. Towage is mandatory in Sydney Harbour unless the individual vessel applies for, and is granted, an exemption by the Harbour Master.

*2533 PREMIER—UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL MIGRATION PACT—Revd Mr Nile asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) I refer to recent news reports that the Federal Government has refused to sign up to the United Nations' global migration pact:
 - (a) Can the Government advise whether it was consulted by the Commonwealth in making this decision?
 - (b) Does the Government support this Federal Government decision?

Answer—

Issues regarding the UN are responsibilities of the Federal Government. However, as you are aware population policy was discussed at the recent COAG meeting.

*2534 FINANCE, SERVICES AND PROPERTY—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE JOBS 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—

- (1) Since 25 August 2017, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?
- (2) Since 16 May 2018, how many new jobs within the Department of Finance have been moved to Queanbeyan?

Answer—

DFSI is on track to have all 50 Queanbeyan roles filled or under recruitment by the end of the year.

*2535 LANDS AND FORESTRY—AUSGRID LAND HOLDINGS—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) Are Ausgrid's land holdings still retained as Crown Land?
 - (a) If so, can you please provide a list of Ausgrid land holdings on Crown Land?

Answer—

- (1) Yes, Ausgrid's holding under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 is retained as Crown land.
 - (a) Ausgrid holds one licence over Crown land. Licence 50807 over Lot 2 in DP582062 in Petersham.

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*2536 LANDS AND FORESTRY—CORUNNA STATE FOREST LOGGING—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Lands and Forestry, and Minister for Racing—

- (1) What was the total yield for each category of logs from Corunna State Forest Compartment 3058?
- (2) What revenue was received from the logging of this compartment in 2018:
 - (a) In total?
 - (b) For each category of logs?
- (3) What were the total management costs incurred by Forestry Corporation during preparations for and conduct of this operation?
- (4) Were any additional costs incurred for supervision or management of the operation outside normal working hours, at nights and at weekends?
 - (a) If so, what were those costs?
- (5) Was an employee of the Forestry Corporation present at all times during the logging?

Answer—

It is noted that this question is exactly the same as LC 2526 by Mr Shoebridge.

- (1) Total yield was: High Quality Sawlogs: 4539.869 m³, Low Quality Sawlogs: 564.947 m³, Pulpwood Logs: 1410.580 tonnes, Firewood Logs: 488.930 tonnes.
- (2) Total revenue was: High Quality Sawlogs: \$870,663.26, Low Quality Sawlogs: \$39,467.40, Pulpwood Logs: \$91,665.42, Firewood Logs: \$36,337.46, Total revenue: \$1,038,133.54.
- (3) I am informed that Forestry Corporation does not account for management expenses down to compartment level or forest units and so management costs incurred during preparations and conduct of harvesting operations in Corunna State Forest are not available.
- (4) Yes I am informed a small level of additional supervision was carried out during the operation.
 - (a) Approximately \$500 in additional wages.
- (5) No.
- (6) No.
 - (a) N/A.

*2537 ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR SKILLS—QUIRINDI TAFE CONNECTED LEARNING CENTRE—Ms Walker asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills—

- (1) Who owns the new Quirindi TAFE Connected Learning Centre (CLC) site?
- (2) What are the rental costs of the new Quirindi TAFE CLC site?
- (3) What agreement, if any, exists with the owners of the new Quirindi TAFE CLC site regarding the length of the lease?
- (4) What is the length of the lease for the new Quirindi TAFE CLC site?

Answer—

1. - 4. The lease is registered on title. The register for Torrens Title is kept by the Registrar General and the documents are publicly available. A copy of the title and lease can be obtained from an authorised information broker or NSW Land Registry Services.

*2538 HEALTH—TWEED HOSPITAL—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) Was the Minister advised by Health Infrastructure NSW that it intended to advertise publicly for Expressions of Interest for a hospital site that expressly included lands specifically excluded from consideration by the 2017 North Coast Regional Plan (NCRP) unless no alternatives exist;
 - (a) Did the Minister refer that issue to the Ministers for Planning and Environment before proceeding with the advertisements?
 - (i) If not, can the Minister explain why reference to breaches of the statutory requirements of the NCRP have been avoided in the published Health Infrastructure NSW Summary Site Selection Reports?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that during the course of the exhibition of the current State Environmental Planning Policy intended to rescind the protected farmland zoning of the hospital site, the proposed height limits have been amended from a 'nine storey envelope' to 'as required' in other words, unlimited, and then restored later as a nine storey limit.?
 - (a) Did the Minister authorise these changes?
 - (i) If not, who did?
 - (b) Why was the entire process not readvertised and the time extended appropriately?
- (3) Given community concern about the unresolved matters of alleged administrative mistakes and conduct mentioned above, will the Minister suspend further action on the hospital site pending an inquiry into the conduct of Health Infrastructure NSW officers involved with the Tweed Hospital?

Answer—

- (1) The comprehensive site selection process and assessments undertaken have considered the importance of a range of criteria, including the impact to agricultural land. Availability of appropriate land for the Tweed Valley Hospital in a suitably accessible location is limited. The Project Site has been assessed as the most suitable and feasible. All matters relevant to ensuring the new hospital is built expeditiously in the interests of Tweed patients has been undertaken appropriately which contrasts with the NSW Labor hospital proposal which has reflected NSW Labor's deal with a developer who has donated to Federal Labor, to plan a hospital in close proximity to the developer's development. The NSW Labor candidate is the husband of the Federal Labor local member who has also inappropriately expended taxpayers funds to support NSW Labor's campaign to support the developer. The Shadow Minister asking this question should disclose publically his former employment role with the Federal Labor MP and the inappropriate impact that had on NSW Labor's campaign to relocate the hospital site.
- (2) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.
- (3) This is a matter for the Minister for Planning.

*2539 PLANNING—CANTERBURY PROPERTY PLANNING PROPOSAL—Mr Shoebridge asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, and Special Minister for State—

- (1) Why has the refused gateway determination for the properties of 642-644 Canterbury Road and 650-658 Canterbury Road and 1-3 Platts Avenue, 2, 2A, 2B 2C and 2D (the site) been referred to the Independent Planning Commission?
- (2) On what date did the proponent Mr Daniels submit new information in relation to the refused Planning Proposal for the site to the NSW Department of Planning?
- (3) On what date was the new information forwarded and or deliberated upon by the Canterbury Bankstown Council, and the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP)?
- (4) If the new information was not forwarded and or deliberated upon by the Canterbury Bankstown Council, and the IHAP, why not?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that the former Director of Planning (now a main witness at the ICAC Operation Dasha Inquiry) prepared the initial reports for this planning proposal?
- (6) Is the Minister aware that Councillors, Mr Hawatt and Mr Azzi supported and seconded the motion to rezone this site in 2015?
- (7) Can the Minister advise what legislative powers were relied upon to refer the refused gateway to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC)?
- (8) Is the Minister aware that the timeframe for the completion of the Planning Proposal expired on 23 April 2017 and was not extended thereby rendering the Deputy Secretary functus in action taken to this Planning Proposal.?
- (9) Does the Minister believe it procedurally fair that the owner of the sites of 650-655 and 2 Platts Avenue who has continuously objected to the inclusion of his lands in the Planning Proposal would be relegated to existing use rights for the future use of his land?
- (10) Does the Minister support the Canterbury Bankstown Council Canterbury Road Review and its objectives?
- (11) Does this Planning Proposal correspond to the objective to the South District Plans for industrial and warehouse land uses?
 - (a) If not then why refer it to the IPC?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans, identifies that a Gateway review may be requested when the Gateway determination states that "the planning proposal should not proceed". The proponent has requested a Gateway review.
- (2) 23 August 2018.
- (3) The information was not forwarded to Council.
- (4) The Department determined that the planning proposal should not proceed.
- (5) The Department has advised that the original planning proposal was signed by the Director of City Planning on 10 August 2015.
- (6) The Department was advised that Councillors Hawatt and Azzi moved the motion.
- (7) The Department's A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans, provides that a Gateway review may be requested when the Gateway determination states that "the planning proposal should not proceed".
- (8) Under section 3.34(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, the Minister can alter a Gateway determination at any time.
- (9) The Act does not require that landowner's consent is needed when preparing a planning proposal.
- (10) The Department supports the Canterbury Road Review and its objectives. This Review informed the decision to alter the Gateway determination to not proceed with the planning proposal.

- (11) The land is zoned part R3 Medium Density Residential and B6 Enterprise Corridor. The GSC Information Note SP2018 1 Industrial and Urban Services Land (Retain and Manage) Transitional Arrangements provides that a planning proposal lodged before the adoption of the district plans can proceed in the usual manner.

*2540 HEALTH—EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH CENTRES—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry representing the Minister for Health, and Minister for Medical Research—

- (1) How many physical sites and or buildings owned by the Government are designated as early childhood health centres?
- (2) Can the Minister list the sites where these are located?
- (3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown by suburb or township of where these are located?
- (4) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres?
- (5) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres five days per week?
- (6) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres four days per week?
- (7) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres three days per week?
- (8) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres two days per week?
- (9) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres one day per week?
- (10) Can the Minister identify how many of these are operating as early childhood health centres by appointment only?

Answer—

(1) - (10) NSW Health does not hold data centrally on ownership of buildings where Child and Family Health services (formerly known as Early Childhood Health) services are provided. Child and Family Health service provision varies depending on the needs of the local community with different models of care and in different venues. Information about NSW child and family health service locations is available online.

*2541 EDUCATION—WOLLONDILLY HIGH SCHOOLS—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students, by postcode, attended Picton High School from towns outside of Picton in 2018?
- (2) How many students, by postcode, attended Bowral High School from towns outside of Bowral in 2018?
- (3) Of the total students who graduated from Bowral Primary School in 2017, how many attended public high schools?
 - (a) Please identify the number of students by public high school attended in 2018.
- (4) Of the total students who graduated from Mittagong Public School in 2017, how many attended public high schools?
 - (a) Please identify the number of students by public high school attended in 2018.
- (5) Of the total students who graduated from Tahmoor Public School in 2017, how many attended public high schools?
 - (a) Please identify the number of students by public high school attended in 2018.
- (6) Of the total students who graduated from Wilton Public School in 2017, how many attended public high schools?

- (a) Please identify the number of students by public high school attended in 2018.
- (7) What grades will the new school planned at Wilton Junction cater to?
- (a) How many students will the school cater for?

Answer—

I am advised that: Student enrolment data is available via the MySchool website. New South Wales public schools also publish enrolment data in their individual annual reports which are available on individual school websites. A new school is being planned at Wilton Junction. The size and scope of the school is being determined to best meet the needs of the area.

*2542 TREASURER—PRIVATISATION—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations—

- (1) Will the Minister rule out the sale of the remaining public share of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?
- (2) Will the Minister rule out further privatisation, through sale or lease, of the electricity network?

Answer—

The Government has no plans to sell down the remaining share in SMC and the electricity network.

*2543 PREMIER—COST OF LIVING SERVICE AND PRIVATISATION—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of the 40 Government rebates and savings available through the Cost of Living Service?
- (2) Will the Minister rule out further privatisation, through sale or lease, of the electricity network?
- (3) Will the Minister rule out the sale of the remaining public share of the Sydney Motorway Corporation?

Answer—

Information regarding rebates available through Service NSW and the Government's position regarding these assets are publically available.

*2544 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRAIN STATIONS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) What minor and major capital works were carried out at the following stations between July 2015 and July 2018:
- (a) Lidcombe Station?
- (b) Auburn Station?
- (c) Regents Park Station?
- (d) Berala Station?
- (e) Olympic Park Station?
- (2) What was the total cost of all major and minor capital works including accessibility upgrades carried out at the following stations between July 2015 and July 2018:
- (a) Lidcombe Station?
- (b) Auburn Station?
- (c) Regents Park Station?
- (d) Berala Station?
- (e) Olympic Park Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is publicly available.

*2545 HEALTH—AUBURN HOSPITAL—Ms Voltz 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) With reference to Auburn Hospital:

- (a) How many beds were available as of 30 June 2018?
 - (i) How many of these beds were acute adult inpatient (excluding Obstetrics, Psychiatry, Emergency)?
 - (ii) How many of these beds were non-acute inpatient?
- (b) What capital expenditure is planned for the 2017-2018 financial year?
- (c) Were any services closed or transferred in the 2017-2018 financial year?
- (d) Are any services planned for closure or transfer in the 2018-2019 financial year?
- (e) How many staff were employed as of 30 June 2017 in:
 - (i) Nursing?
 - (ii) Medical?
 - (iii) Allied Health?
 - (iv) Total?
- (f) How many staff were employed as of 30 June 2018 in:
 - (i) Nursing?
 - (ii) Medical?
 - (iii) Allied Health?
 - (iv) Total?
- (g) What are the exact current midwife to patient ratios as of 30 June 2017?
- (h) What are the exact current nurse to patient ratios as of 30 June 2018?

Answer—

Each year Auburn Hospital bed base is informed by prior year activity and current demand to ensure all patients receive care in an appropriate timeframe. Additional beds can be opened as the need arises.

Nurse and midwifery staffing in NSW Health hospitals is provided according to a flexible set of principles and rules set out in the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award which were established by the former Labor government.

Between March 2011 and June 2018 an additional 16,000 people have been employed in NSW Health and in rural and regional areas the nursing workforce grew by 19 per cent. The employment of new graduate nurses and midwives has risen from 1,600 new graduates in 2010 to 2,400 available new graduate positions in 2018. From 2 July this year nurses and midwives also received a further 2.5 per cent wage increase.

Local Health District workforce statistics and financial statements are available in the NSW Health Annual Report.

*2546 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—TRAIN TIMETABLES IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many timetabled trains skipped a scheduled stop at the following stations due to delays or other issues in each of the years from 2016-2018:
 - (a) Lidcombe Station?
 - (b) Olympic Park Station?
 - (c) Auburn Station?
 - (d) Berala Station?

(e) Regents Park Station?

Answer—

I am advised:

This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2547 SOCIAL HOUSING—PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

(1) How many applications for new social housing placement in the Auburn electorate were outstanding as at:

- (a) 1 July 2015?
- (b) 1 July 2016?
- (c) 1 July 2017?
- (d) 1 July 2018?

(2) How many people were housed in social housing in the Auburn electorate in each financial year from 2015-2018?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register and the number of people housed is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2548 EDUCATION—STUDENT NUMBERS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) How many students enrolled in the following public schools in the Auburn electorate from 1 July 2017 to 22 November 2018?

- (a) Auburn Girls High School?
- (b) Auburn North Public School?
- (c) Auburn Public School?
- (d) Auburn West Public School?
- (e) Berala Public School?
- (f) Blaxcell Street Public School?
- (g) Granville East Public School?
- (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
- (i) Lidcombe Public School?
- (j) Newington Public School?
- (k) Regents Park Public School?

Answer—

I'm advised that student enrolment data is available via the MySchool website.

*2549 EDUCATION—SCHOOL MAINTENANCE BACKLOGS IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

(1) What action is being taken to address the backlog of maintenance in public schools in the Auburn electorate?

(2) How long have maintenance tasks and or projects been outstanding at the following public schools in the Auburn electorate:

- (a) Auburn Girls High School?
- (b) Auburn North Public School?

- (c) Auburn Public School?
 - (d) Auburn West Public School?
 - (e) Berala Public School?
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School?
 - (g) Granville East Public School?
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (i) Lidcombe Public School?
 - (j) Newington Public School?
 - (k) Regents Park Public School?
- (3) What are the specific maintenance tasks and or projects that are currently outstanding at the following public schools in the Auburn electorate:
- (a) Auburn Girls High School?
 - (b) Auburn North Public School?
 - (c) Auburn Public School?
 - (d) Auburn West Public School?
 - (e) Berala Public School?
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School?
 - (g) Granville East Public School?
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (i) Lidcombe Public School?
 - (j) Newington Public School?
 - (k) Regents Park Public School?
- (4) How many classrooms in the following schools do not have air-conditioning:
- (a) Auburn Girls High School?
 - (b) Auburn North Public School?
 - (c) Auburn Public School?
 - (d) Auburn West Public School?
 - (e) Berala Public School?
 - (f) Blaxcell Street Public School?
 - (g) Granville East Public School?
 - (h) Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School?
 - (i) Lidcombe Public School?
 - (j) Newington Public School?
 - (k) Regents Park Public School?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

- (1) The NSW Government is investing a record \$847 million over four years to tackle planned maintenance in schools across NSW. Since 2011, the NSW Government has spent over \$4.9 million on planned maintenance in the Auburn electorate and more than \$2 million has been allocated in the 2018/19 financial year.
- (2) The NSW Government is investing a record \$847 million over four years to tackle planned maintenance in schools across NSW. Since 2011, the NSW Government has spent over \$4.9 million on planned maintenance in the Auburn electorate and more than \$2 million has been allocated in the 2018/19 financial year.
- (3) The NSW Government is investing a record \$847 million over four years to tackle planned maintenance in schools across NSW. Since 2011, the NSW Government has spent over \$4.9 million on planned maintenance in the Auburn electorate and more than \$2 million has been allocated in the 2018/19 financial year.
- (4) The NSW Government recently announced the Cooler Classrooms program, a record \$500 million investment to provide a sustainable air conditioning program for NSW schools. To ensure that the NSW Government responds to the needs of students in the hottest parts of the State, we will provide

air conditioning in classrooms and libraries at schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature of 30°C and above. Schools that experience a mean maximum January temperature below 30°C can apply for funding to receive air conditioning in their classrooms and libraries. This will allow more schools to benefit from air conditioning than ever before. In addition, new schools and school upgrades yet to be delivered will have air conditioning installed in new classrooms and libraries. An information pack about the program is available on the School Infrastructure NSW website and applications can be made online by the principal. The first round of successful applicants to the fund were recently announced. The second round of funding will open from the start of Term 1, 2019.

*2550 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE—T2 INNER WEST AND LEPPINGTON LINE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure—

- (1) How many commuters travelled from Granville to Central on the T2 Inner West and Leppington Line for the period July 2016-July 2017 and July 2017-July 2018?
- (2) How many delays occurred on the T2 Inner West and Leppington Line during the period of July 2016-July 2017 and July 2017-July 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Sydney is expanding and the NSW Government is working hard to cater for the 1.3 million passenger journeys that occur across our rail network every weekday.
- (2) This information is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*2551 ARTS—AUBURN LIBRARY FUNDING—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council—

What capital expenditure was allocated in the 2017-2018 financial year to Auburn Library?

Answer—

I am advised: Cumberland Council made no applications for Public Library Infrastructure Grants in 2017/18.

*2552 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE AUBURN ELECTORATE—Ms Voltz asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault—

- (1) How many applications for new social housing placement in the Auburn electorate were outstanding as at:
 - (a) 1 July 2015?
 - (b) 1 July 2016?
 - (c) 1 July 2017?
 - (d) 1 July 2018?
- (2) How many people were housed in social housing in the Auburn electorate in each financial year from 2015-2018?

Answer—

I am advised that information about the NSW Housing Register and the number of people housed is available on the Department of Family and Community Services website at www.facs.nsw.gov.au.

*2553 LANDS AND FORESTRY—OCEAN TRAWLING—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 the Minister made a decision on ocean trawling inside three miles south of Barrenjoey Heads?

- (a) If so, when was the decision made?
- (2) If no decision has been made:
 - (a) Can the Minister confirm that no decision will be made without comprehensive consultation with all stakeholders?
 - (b) Can the Minister confirm that no decision will be made before the next Parliament?

Answer—

1. The Minister for Primary Industries is responsible for ocean trawling. These questions should be directed to the Minister for Primary Industries.

*2554 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LODGEMENT OF SHARE APPEALS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) With regard to lodgement of Share Appeals to the Independent Allegation Panel process, will the Government consider dealing with appeals on a case by case basis?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) All appeals will be individually assessed against the relevant criteria. There is no Independent Allegation Panel.

*2555 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LODGEMENT OF SHARE APPEALS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) With regard to lodgement of Share Appeals to the Independent Allegation Panel process, are commercial fishers being provided with conflicting advice regarding the appeal process?
- (2) Have fishers been advised that appeals will be treated on a case by case basis?
 - (a) If so, when and by whom?
- (3) Have fishers been advised that if they believe the number of quota shares issued to them has not been determined correctly that they should lodge an appeal?
 - (a) If so, when and by whom?

Answer—

- (1) No. There is no Independent Allegation Panel.
- (2) No. Fishers have been informed that appeals will be considered against the requirements of the law.
- (3) Fishers are not being advised with regard to appeals. Fishers are being provided with information about their rights to appeal and the process for applying for an appeal. Fishers are also being informed that they should seek their own independent advice if they are considering an appeal.

*2556 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—LODGEMENT OF SHARE APPEALS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry—

- (1) With regard to lodgement of Share Appeals to the Independent Allegation Panel process, if an appellant withdraws the appeal will the fee be refunded?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) Share appeals are not made to the "Independent Allegation Panel" as there is no such panel. Appeals to the Share Appeal Panel that are withdrawn before the appeal is heard will have the application fee refunded.

*2557 ENVIRONMENT—ILLEGALLY CLEARED LAND—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) For the previous five years, what orders to remediate illegally cleared land, whether imposed by a court or otherwise, have been placed on landholders in New South Wales?
- (a) What was the result of each order in terms of compliance, if known? Please provide details in a list.

Answer—

I am advised: The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Land and Environment Court have issued 30 orders to remediate illegally cleared land in the past five years. 23 remediation orders and one court order were issued under the Native Vegetation Act 2003, one remediation order was issued under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and five remediation orders were issued under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

*2558 ENVIRONMENT—COLORADO PROPERTY AT CROPPA CREEK IN NORTHERN NSW—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

(1) In relation to the property "Colorado" at Croppa Creek in Northern New South Wales, and remediation of the property subject to Land and Environment Court Orders:

- (a) Has the current proposed sale of the property been suspended until the Court Orders have been fully complied with?
- (i) If not, will any potential future owner(s) be required to comply with the Court Orders?
- (b) Are potential purchasers of the property required to be informed of the requirement to carry out the Court Orders?
- (i) If not, why not?
- (c) Has the Office of Environment and Heritage carried out inspections to ensure the Court Orders have been or are being complied with?
- (i) If so, what is the result of those inspections, and has the Court Order been partially or fully complied with?

Answer—

The court orders do not restrict the sale of the property, however the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has advised the current owner and sales agent that selling the property does not remove the remediation obligations. OEH continues to monitor compliance with the remedial obligations.

*2559 ENVIRONMENT—REMEDICATION ORDERS IN NEW SOUTH WALES—Ms Sharpe asked the Minister for Resources, Minister for Energy and Utilities, Minister for Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage—

- (1) Does the Government monitor and inspect all properties subject to remediation orders for illegal land clearing in New South Wales to ensure they have been fully complied with?
- (a) If so, what is the process undertaken by the Government to evaluate compliance of such orders, and how many orders are currently outstanding as yet to be completed?
- (2) Will the Government carry out an independent audit into previous remediation orders in New South Wales to ensure full compliance with all orders?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Properties subject to remediation orders are monitored and inspected under a risk-based approach that uses a combination of satellite monitoring, landholder reporting, audit and field-based activity. A public register of remediation orders can be found at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-law/public-registers/remediationorders>
- (2) OEH audits compliance of remediation orders regularly.

*2560 EDUCATION—BANKSIA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many permanent teaching spaces will be provided to Banksia Public School with the funding allocated in 2018/19?
- (2) When is early planning for the project expected to be completed?
- (3) Is the upgrade expected to be completed for Day 1 2020?

Answer—

I'm advised that an upgrade is being planned to expand Banksia Road Public School by providing new permanent teaching spaces. The project is still in the early planning stage. Further details will be available on the website as the project progresses. <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/b/banksia-road-public-school-upgrade.html>

*2561 EDUCATION—LINDFIELD LEARNING VILLAGE—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many students have been enrolled at the Lindfield Learning Village for 2019?
- (2) Which year groups have offered enrolments for 2019?
- (3) What is the final expected capacity of the Lindfield Learning Village when Stage 2 works are completed in 2020?
- (4) How many parking spots will be provided on the school site?
- (5) Will the Department of Education co-ordinate increased public transport services to connect the school with surrounding infrastructure such as Roseville station, Lindfield station, or Chatswood station?

Answer—

I'm advised that:

Lindfield Learning Village will open from 2019 for up to 350 students from Kindergarten to Year 10. The new school has been designed to cater for up to 2,000 students once complete.

The number of parking spaces allocated to a school is subject to a number of considerations including the school's location and proximity to public transport links, as well as the number of students and staff at the school. School planning and design guidelines recommend that schools maximise areas for teaching, learning and play and keep school site parking to a minimum.

The Department of Education is currently working with Transdev and Transport for NSW to ensure sufficient public transport options are available for students.

*2562 EDUCATION—PUNCHBOWL PUBLIC SCHOOL—Mrs Houssos asked the Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education representing the Minister for Education—

- (1) How many permanent teaching spaces will be provided to Punchbowl Public School with the funding allocated in 2018/19?
- (2) When is early planning for the project expected to be completed?
- (3) Is the upgrade expected to be completed for Day 1 2020?

Answer—

I'm advised that planning for an upgrade to Punchbowl Public School was announced in the 2018-19 budget. This process is currently underway and further details will be published on the School Infrastructure NSW website when available.

Nil Questions submitted.

David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments

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