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*1710 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—BOUNDARY FENCES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many grant applications have been received for boundary fencing from landholders adjoining Forestry Corporation land?
 - (a) Of these:
 - (i) How many applications have been approved in Question 1?
 - (ii) Grants for how many kilometres of fencing have been requested in Question 1?
 - (iii) Grants for how many kilometres of fencing has been approved in Question 2?
 - (iv) What is the total value of grants applications in Question 1?
 - (v) What is the total value of grants approved in Question 2?
 - (vi) How many grants are yet to be assessed?
 - (vii) How many grants in Question 1 are for fencing that has already been installed?
 - (i) How many kilometres of fencing are these grant applications for?

Answer—

NB: Due to wording of questions, the agency responses are required to be read with clarification as per below:

- (1) Applications that border multiple public land managers: Data in this column refers to applications where the private landholder borders multiple public land managers, including Forestry Corporation (TSR, National Parks, Forestry Corporation etc).
- (2) Regarding Question 1 and subsequent related questions: As at 29/7/2020 of the 3510 total applications received for the program, 2405 have been assessed and are either underway for completion or have been completed. 885 border Forestry corporation land (with 484 of those landholders bordering a combination of public land including Forestry).
- (3) Regarding Question 1(v): The value listed for questions 1(v) and 1(vi) is the same because the value for the applications is only known for those that have been assessed and deemed eligible.

This answer also contains a table of information which is held with the Legislative Council Procedure Office and is available upon request.

*1711 PREMIER—COAL MINING—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Which Minister and departmental cluster and agency is responsible for coordinating the development of Government support and assistance packages for businesses and communities experiencing economic change stemming from changes in coal mining and coal-fired electricity generation?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW.

*1712 CUSTOMER SERVICE—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Minister for Customer Service—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Customer Service Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (ASNZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the

mandated Australian Steel Standard?

- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Customer Service Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Customer Service cluster?

Answer—

The Department of Customer Service (DCS) was established on 1 July 2019. I am advised that all DCS infrastructure projects since July 2019 have met the mandated Australian Steel Standard.

*1713 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FORESTRY CORPORATION \$46 MILLION ALLOCATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Further to question on notice no. 2834 in the Legislative Assembly, for each road and bridge to be repaired using the \$46 million allocated for Forestry Corporation on 17 March 2020 can the Minister provide the following:
 - (a) Name and/or location of each road and bridge to be repaired?
 - (b) Estimated cost of each repair?
 - (c) Expected commencement date of the repairs?
 - (d) Expected completion date of the repairs?

Answer—

- (1) a. to d. - Preliminary estimates have allocated around \$18 million of the \$46 million to the repair of roads and bridges, with the remainder invested in replanting and nursery upgrades. To take into account planning, geotechnical assessments, survey, procurement, construction to Australian Standards, and finishing works, most significant crossings will have a lead time of at least six months. This program extends beyond the current funding period for planning purposes.

*1714 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—NSW MINING MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many times has the NSW Mining Ministerial Advisory Council met?
- (2) What were the dates of those meetings?
- (3) What was the agenda for the meetings in Question 2?
- (4) What action was subsequent to those meetings?
- (5) Are the minutes and actions of the meetings publicly available?
 - (a) If so, where?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (6) When is the next meeting scheduled?
- (7) What is the agenda for that meeting?

Answer—

The NSW Minerals Industry Advisory Council has met once to date on 5 May 2020.

The agenda comprised a discussion on current issues and priorities for the sector given the impact of COVID-19 and a discussion on promoting growth in the sector in the medium-to-long term.

The group has no decision-making capacity and is advisory only.

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for early September 2020.

*1715 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES - FORESTRY CORPORATION—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many apprentices and trainees were engaged by Forestry Corporation in:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
- (2) In which fields were the apprentices and trainees in Question 1?
- (3) How many apprentices and trainees will be engaged by Forestry Corporation in 2021?
 - (a) In which fields will they be engaged?

Answer—

- (1) None. Many of the roles within Forestry Corporation itself are highly specialised roles requiring tertiary qualifications or equivalents, and are not suitable for apprenticeships and traineeships.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) None.
 - (a) N/A.

*1716 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - EDUCATION CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Education Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (ASNZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Education Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Education Cluster?

Answer—

- (1) The Department of Education's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (EFSG) provide design guidance and specification for the building of new school infrastructure. All construction contractors engaged by the Department are required to adhere to the EFSG. The EFSG requires that all specifications are written using the NATSPEC, the National Building Specification, and that contractors subscribe to NATSPEC. NATSPEC provides specification templates reflecting the current Australian Standards. TAFE NSW relies on its design consultants and construction contractors to assess and certify compliance of works with the various associated Australian Standards. These certifications are then relied upon by an independent certifier to grant occupation certificates to permit use of the facilities, in accordance with standard practice in the Australian construction industry.
- (2) Compliance with the EFSG is a condition of contract for all contractors engaged in the delivery of built projects for School Infrastructure NSW.
- (3) See answer to question 2 above.
- (4) As a condition of contract, any contractor engaged by School Infrastructure NSW to build schools needs to secure an Occupation Certificate from an Independent Certifier at completion to allow the school to operate. The Independent Certifier ensures that the construction complies with all relevant Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia.
- (5) See answer to question 4 above.

*1717 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—DISCOUNTED ENERGY EFFICIENCY LIGHTING FOR HOUSEHOLDS—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many households applied for the Discounted Energy Efficiency Lighting for Households in:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (2) How many households received support through the Discounted Energy Efficiency Lighting for Households in:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (3) What was the total value of the support provided in Question 2 for the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) These numbers are not available as customers inquire directly to suppliers.
- (2)
 - (a) 44
 - (b) 10
- (3)
 - (a) Approximately \$20,000
 - (b) Approximately \$5000

*1718 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FORESTRY CORPORATION SITES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many Forestry Corporation managed sites have designated mountain bike tracks?
- (2) What was the average cost of developing these tracks?
- (3) What was the total cost to Forestry Corporation of operating and maintaining designated mountain bike tracks in:
 - (a) 2015 to 2016?
 - (b) 2016 to 2017?
 - (c) 2017 to 2018?
 - (d) 2018 to 2019?
 - (e) 2019 to 2020?
- (4) What is Forestry Corporation's expected expenditure on operating and maintaining designated mountain bike tracks in:
 - (a) 2020 to 2021?
 - (b) 2021 to 2022?
- (5) Does Forestry Corporation count the number of users of these designated mountain bike tracks?
 - (a) If so, how many riders used these tracks in 2019 to 2020?

Answer—

- (1) State forests host the highest number of designated mountain bike tracks in NSW, spanning about 530 kilometres. These tracks are managed by multiple mountain bike clubs under Forest Permits with Forestry Corporation of NSW.

- (2) Forestry Corporation issues Forest Permits to mountain bike clubs to develop tracks in State forests at their expense.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) No. Mountain bike clubs track their member and organised event numbers. All designated mountain bike club tracks in State forests are available to the general public outside of club organised events.

*1719 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES - FORESTRY CORPORATION—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many apprentices and trainees were engaged by Forestry Corporation in:
 - (a) 2019?
 - (b) 2020?
- (2) In which fields were the apprentices and trainees in Question 1?
- (3) How many apprentices and trainees will be engaged by Forestry Corporation in 2021?
 - (a) In which fields will they be engaged?

Answer—

These questions should be referred to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade, the Hon John Barilaro MP.

*1720 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—NSW HYDROGEN STRATEGY—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Further to question on notice no. 2129 in the Legislative Assembly, what steps has the Government taken towards achieving its goal of requiring ten per cent of the state's gas to come from green hydrogen by 2030?
- (2) Further to question on notice no. 2129 in the Legislative Assembly, what are the components of the NSW hydrogen strategy referred to in answer to Question 2?
- (3) Does the Government intend to publish a hydrogen strategy for New South Wales?
 - (a) If so, by when?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government is reviewing the regulatory framework for accepting hydrogen blends in the natural gas network. To ensure consistency with the national framework the Government is actively involved in the National Hydrogen Project Team working on actions agreed as part of the National Hydrogen Strategy. In addition, the Government is engaging with natural gas network providers who are undertaking hydrogen gas blending demonstration projects. Projects such as these are helping to inform the NSW Government's approach to reaching the 10 per cent aspirational target. Hydrogen is also identified as a priority for funding under the NSW-Commonwealth Memorandum of Understanding on energy and emissions reduction.
- (2) The components of the NSW hydrogen strategy are currently being developed. The NSW hydrogen strategy will align with the National Hydrogen Strategy.
- (3) Yes.
 - (a) A NSW hydrogen strategy is anticipated for release once it is completed.
 - (b) Not applicable.

*1721 HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - HEALTH CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Health and Medical Research—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Health Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (AS/NZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Health Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Health Cluster?

Answer—

1. to 5.

I am advised that NSW Health requires tenderers to meet the mandated Australian Steel Standard, and that since 1 October 2017, all Health Infrastructure projects have met this requirement.

*1722 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—FINAL REPORT OF THE LIDDELL TASKFORCE—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Further to question on notice no. 1355 in the Legislative Council, has the Commonwealth Government advised the New South Wales Government when the final report of the Liddell Taskforce will be publicly released?
 - (a) If so, on what date will it be released?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

- (1) No, as the report is under consideration.

*1723 PREMIER—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - PREMIER AND CABINET CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Premier and Cabinet Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (AS/NZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Premier and Cabinet Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Premier and Cabinet Cluster?

Answer—

I am advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet cluster (DPC cluster) requires tenderers to meet the mandated Australian Steel Standard, and that since 1 October 2017, all infrastructure projects in the DPC cluster have met this requirement.

*1724 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) How many new Housing NSW residential housing units were added to the housing stock in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate in 2019 to 2020?
- (2) How many Housing NSW residential housing units were removed from housing stock in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate in 2019 to 2020?
- (3) Did the number of people waiting for a Housing NSW residential unit increase during 2019 to 2020 in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) The following number of new Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) (formerly Housing NSW) residential housing units were added to the housing stock in 2019/20 financial year in the:
 - (a) Wollongong Local Government Area – nil dwellings
 - (b) Wollongong Electorate in 2019 to 2020 – nil dwellings.
- (2) The following number of LAHC residential housing units were removed from the housing stock in 2019/20 financial year in the:
 - (a) Wollongong Local Government Area – 15 dwellings sold, 25 dwellings demolished
 - (b) Wollongong Electorate in 2019 to 2020 – 5 dwellings sold, 25 dwellings demolished.
- (3) The waiting list for social housing tenancies falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Families, Communities and Disability Services and the question should be directed to the Minister.

*1725 TREASURER—PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How many public sector jobs were there as at 30 June 2020 in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (2) What is the estimated difference in the aggregate wages expense between increasing wages for public sector workers and freezing public sector workers wages in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate for 2020 to 2021?
- (3) How many of the modelled 20,000 jobs mentioned in the Daily Telegraph on 28 May 2020 will be created in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (4) What proportion of the \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund announced on 31 May 2020 will be spent in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?

(b) Wollongong electorate?

(5) What projects will be undertaken in Question 4?

(a) What is the total funds allocated to each project?

Answer—

NSW Treasury does not hold data on the number of public sector jobs in any given local government area or electorate.

The Berejiklian-Barilaro Government is continuing to deliver its record \$100 billion infrastructure pipeline over four years from 2019-20 to 2022-23. The budgeted four-year capital program is now being augmented and accelerated by the economic stimulus packages announced by the Government in response to the challenges faced by COVID-19. This includes a \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund, announced on 31 May 2020, to go towards job-creating projects.

Wollongong and the South Coast continue to benefit from the State's \$100 billion infrastructure pipeline. As set out in the 2019-20 Budget, initiatives benefitting the region include road projects worth over \$1.3 billion, the major hospital redevelopment at Shellharbour and a new bridge over the Shoalhaven River.

The 2020-21 Budget will document the full details of major infrastructure projects across the State, including those in Wollongong and on the South Coast.

*1726 PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - STRONGER COMMUNITIES CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Attorney General, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Stronger Communities Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (AS/NZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Stronger Communities Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Stronger Communities Cluster?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Stronger Communities cluster requires tenderers to meet the mandated Australian Steel Standard. The Department of Communities and Justice is not aware of any breaches of the Australian Steel Standard.

*1727 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the \$50 million in Round 7 of the Resources for Regions program include the unallocated \$24 million from Round 6 of the Resources for Regions program?
 - (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

(1) Yes.

*1728 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Can the Minister please provide the total amount of funding available through Round 7 of the Resources for Regions program for each eligible local government area?
- (2) What was the total cost of the University of Technology Sydney research that underpinned the strategic review of the Resources?

Answer—

- (1) 24 eligible local government areas receive a base allocation of \$1 million. A further \$26 million is distributed based on the mining employment location quotient for each local government area. Councils received written notification of their respective funding allocations.
- (2) \$43,312 including GST.

*1729 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—ROLE OF MINERS IN NSW—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is there a role for miners in New South Wales in the supply of critical minerals to India under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Australia and India on 4 June 2020?
 - (a) If so, what is it?
- (2) What critical minerals are covered by the MoU in Question 1?

Answer—

- (1) The MoU on Cooperation in the field of Mining and Processing of Critical and Strategic Minerals between the Commonwealth Government and the Indian Government identifies specific areas where Australia and India will work together to meet the technological demands of the future economy. The MoU does not refer specifically to New South Wales. With several critical minerals projects at various stages of development in the state, New South Wales mines could potentially play a role as a reliable, responsible and ethical supplier of critical and strategic minerals to India.
- (2) The MoU does not specify a list of critical minerals.

*1731 PREMIER—COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) How will the National Cabinet process and decision-making work now that it has replaced the Council of Australian Governments (COAG)?
- (2) What are the administrative arrangements for National Cabinet meetings?
- (3) What is the role of New South Wales in these administrative arrangements?
- (4) How does the Premier intend to make National Cabinet deliberations and decisions as they impact on New South Wales as transparent as possible?
- (5) Will the Premier report to the Legislative Assembly on decisions made by the National Cabinet by ministerial statement?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (6) How will the First Minister for New South Wales be held accountable for decisions made by the National Cabinet?
- (7) Will submissions, briefs and reports and other documentation considered by the National Cabinet be subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)(GIPA)?

- (8) Has the Premier considered establishing a Standing or Select Committee in the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council, or Joint Committee, to provide Parliamentary oversight for National Cabinet decisions to maintain Executive accountability under the doctrine of Responsible Government?
- (a) If not, why not?

Answer—

1. to 8.

The National Cabinet has demonstrated the capacity to move quickly to make decisions that are in the best interests of our citizens.

All decisions taken by the National Cabinet are on the public record.

*1732 TREASURER—2020 MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) On what date will applications open for the 2020 My Community Project grant program?
- (2) Will the guidelines for the 2020 program change from 2019?
- (a) If so, what elements will change?
- (3) What is the total amount of funds in the NSW Generation Fund as at 30 June 2020?

Answer—

Due to COVID-19, the My Community Project program is currently on hold. No decision has been made on updated guidelines. As at 30 June 2020 the provisional balance of the NGF was approximately \$11.3 billion.

*1733 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—CURRENT EXPECTED CLOSURE DATES OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION FACILITIES—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Can the Minister provide the current expected closure dates of each electricity generation facility in New South Wales?
- (2) How far in advance of expected closure of a facility are energy generators required to notify the Government, its departments or agencies of its intention to close a facility?
- (3) Is there a legislative or regulatory requirement to provide advanced notification that a facility will close?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (4) What other jurisdictions in Australia require a formal notification period that electricity generation facilities are to close?
- (a) If so, what is the notification period required in these jurisdictions?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) This information is available on the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) generation information page at: <https://aemo.com.au/energy-systems/electricity/national-electricity-market-rem/forecasting-and-planning/forecasting-and-planning-data/generation-information>.
- (2) The National Electricity Rules require generators to provide 42 months' notice of closure to AEMO unless an exemption is granted by the Australian Energy Regulator.
- (3) The requirement to provide 42 months of notice is set out under the National Electricity Rule Clause 2.10.1 (c2).
- (4) The requirements in the National Electricity Rule applies to all jurisdictions within the National

Energy Market.

*1734 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—EMPOWERING HOMES SOLAR BATTERY LOAN OFFER—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Will the Empowering Homes Solar Battery Loan Offer be extended to other local government areas?
 - (a) If so, will this include Wollongong local government area?
 - (i) On what date will the offer be extended to the Wollongong local government area?

Answer—

- (1) It is the Government's intention to extend the Empowering Homes program to other local government areas following the completion and review of the 12 month pilot in early 2021.

*1735 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—TRADE UNIONS AND THE LIDDELL TASK FORCE—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Is the Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMMEU) represented on the Liddell Task Force?
 - (a) If not, why not?
- (2) Is there any representation on the Liddell Task Force from any other trade union?
 - (a) If so, which union?
 - (b) If not, why not?
- (3) Who represents the interests of the Liddell workforce on the Liddell Task Force?

Answer—

- (1) No. The members of the Liddell Taskforce were senior officials from the Commonwealth and NSW Governments.
- (2) See answer to question 1.
- (3) The Liddell Taskforce met with a range of stakeholders, but no stakeholder groups were directly represented on the Taskforce itself.

*1736 TREASURER—NSW REVIEW OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) When will the final report of the NSW Review of Federal Financial Relations be published?
- (2) What has been the feedback from the Australian Government and each other State and Territory jurisdiction to each of the draft recommendations contained in the draft report?
- (3) When will the Government announce its proposal to:
 - (a) Increase the rate of the Goods and Services Tax (GST)?
 - (b) Extend the base of the GST?
- (4) Does the Government intend for the GST increase to apply to all goods and services?
 - (a) If not, what goods and services will be exempt from an increase in the rate of the GST?
- (5) Has the Government advised the Australian Government of its proposed increase in the rate and base of the GST?
 - (a) If not, why not?
 - (b) If so, when was that advice provided?

Answer—

The Independent Panel will publish its final report later in 2020.

The Chair of the Panel has briefed state, territory and federal Treasurers on the Review's draft recommendations through the Council on Federal Financial Relations and Board of Treasurers.

The position of those Governments on the final recommendations is a matter for them.

The NSW Government will consider the Review's recommendations and respond after receiving the final report.

*1737 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION, CAPTURE OR STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Does Housing NSW have a plan to install solar or other renewable energy generation, capture or storage technologies on its properties?
 - (a) If so, how many properties will be upgraded each year?
 - (b) When will the program commence?
 - (c) When is it expected to be completed?
- (2) Does Housing NSW require newly built housing properties to meet a specified energy efficiency rating?
 - (a) If so, what is it?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) is currently assisting social housing residents in regional NSW to reduce their energy costs associated with the operation of air conditioners by installing solar systems, with cofunding from the NSW Government's Home Energy Action Program. LAHC does not currently have a program to install batteries with solar systems and there are currently no co-funding programs for batteries.
 - (a) LAHC has retrofitted approximately 3,000 social housing properties with solar systems since 2017.
 - (b) LAHC's Solar Program commenced in July 2017.
 - (c) LAHC's delivery of solar systems each year is dependent on internal budget allocation and availability of co-funding under the NSW Government's Home Energy Action Program.
- (2) LAHC's Design Standards are based on the Nationwide Housing Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS). NatHERS is a star rating system that rates the energy efficiency of a home. LAHC's Design Standards requires newly built properties to achieve a 6 star NatHERS rating for 75% of dwellings and a 5 star rating for the remainder.

*1738 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—LIGHTING FOR SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) Further to question on notice no. 0520 in the Legislative Assembly, how many small businesses have applied for the Lighting for Small Business Program in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (2) How many small businesses have been approved for the Lighting for Small Business Program in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (3) What advertising and awareness raising has been undertaken about this program in the Wollongong local government area?
 - (a) How much did this cost?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) These numbers are (not available as customers inquire directly to suppliers).
- (2)
 - (a) 46
 - (b) 34
- (3) The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment ran a state-wide advertising campaign to promote the offer to small businesses which cost approximately \$200,000. The campaign included radio, television, digital display and print advertisements.

*1739 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—APPLICATIONS FOR THE SOLAR FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) How many applications were received for the solar for low income households program from the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (2) How many low-income households installed solar systems on their homes through the solar for low-income households program in the:
 - (a) Wollongong local government area?
 - (b) Wollongong electorate?
- (3) Has the solar for low income households trial concluded?
 - (a) How many solar systems were installed?
 - (b) How many solar systems were installed in:
 - (i) Central Coast?
 - (ii) North Coast?
 - (iii) Sydney-South?
 - (iv) Illawarra-Shoalhaven?
 - (v) South Coast?

Answer—

I am advised that:

- (1) As of 24 July 2020:
 - (a) 61 applications from the Wollongong local government area
 - (b) 20 applications from the Wollongong electorate
- (2) As of 24 July 2020:
 - (a) 11 homes in the Wollongong local government area
 - (b) 2 homes in the Wollongong electorate
- (3) The Solar for Low Income Households Trial is still open for applications.
 - (a) As of 24 July 2020, a total of 204 installations have been completed across the five trial regions.
 - (b) Of these, the breakdown of installations per region is:
 - (i) 18 installations in the Central Coast region
 - (ii) 93 installations in the North Coast region
 - (iii) 8 installations in the Sydney-South region
 - (iv) 57 installations in the Illawarra-Shoalhaven region
 - (v) 28 installations in the South Coast region

*1740 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—STANWELL PARK VIADUCT—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) For each of the following financial years, how much has been spent on the Stanwell Park Viaduct:
 - (a) 2010 to 2011?
 - (b) 2011 to 2012?
 - (c) 2012 to 2013?
 - (d) 2013 to 2014?
 - (e) 2014 to 2015?
 - (f) 2015 to 2016?
 - (g) 2016 to 2017?
 - (h) 2017 to 2018?
 - (i) 2018 to 2019?
 - (j) 2019 to 2020?
- (2) How much has been allocated for maintenance and improvements to the Stanwell Park Viaduct in each of the following:
 - (a) 2020 to 2021?
 - (b) 2021 to 2022?
 - (c) 2022 to 2023?

Answer—

I am advised:

Routine maintenance inspections are conducted regularly on the Stanwell Park Viaduct in accordance with Sydney Trains Technical Maintenance Plan. From 2018, significant refurbishment and inspection works were carried out to monitor and prepare the asset for identified rectification works that will occur from 2020 onwards. Investment in maintenance on the viaduct over the next three to five years is designed to increase the asset life of the bridge by up to 100 years.

Infrastructure works are planned to repair one of the spans on the viaduct. The scope requirements and phasing of works delivery is still under review.

*1741 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - TRANSPORT CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Transport Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (AS/NZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Transport Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Transport Cluster?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) There are requirements to comply with Australian Steel Standard AS/NZS 5131 in various Transport for NSW standards and specifications. These are incorporated in the contract documentation, and all tenders must be compliant.
- (2) The NSW Government's \$57 billion transport infrastructure program supports more than 130,000 local jobs. In 2018-19 alone the NSW Government's record levels of investment was spent with over 50,000 small and medium businesses. In the last five years the majority of Transport construction contracts went to Australian companies. For example, 4,000 tonnes of steel rail is being delivered to our Sydney Metro tunnel access sites in August 2020 alone, all Australian sourced from Liberty Primary Steel in Whyalla. At the same time, 90 per cent of steel being used to build the new underground metro platforms and Central Walk – roughly 7,000 tonnes – is sourced in Australia. Similarly, more than 90 per cent of all steel to build and reinforce the Sydney Yard Access Bridge – roughly 180 tonnes of structural steel – was sourced in Australia.
- (3) See answer to question 2 above.
- (4) No requests have been received to assess compliance.
- (5) See answer to question 4 above.

*1742 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT GRANTS—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) How many applications have been received under the Supply Chain Support Grants Forestry program?
- (2) How many grants have been awarded under the Supply Chain Support Grants Forestry program?
 - (a) What was the average amount of the grants in Question 2?
- (3) What are the top five reasons why applications in Question 1 were unsuccessful?

Answer—

- (1) 53
- (2) 37
 - (a) \$645,138
- (3) The applicant was ineligible; or the activities and costs were ineligible.

*1743 PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (AS/NZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Planning, Industry and Environment Cluster?

Answer—

I am advised:

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has consulted with the agencies within its cluster that hold construction accreditation or are known to engage in significant construction works to answer these questions.

In engaging in construction, the cluster agencies use the Procurement System for Construction framework. Reference specifications and project specific engineering specifications are mandated to ensure tenderers conform to relevant standards.

Further, engineering certification, inspection and test plans are all references as part of final certification. Cluster agencies do not separately report on the application of the Australian Steel Standard and as such the number of impacted tenders cannot be provided.

There are no known tenders awarded to a tenderer that did not conform the mandated referenced specifications and project engineering specifications. A review of records indicates that there are no known, detected or reported breaches.

*1744 TREASURER—AUSTRALIAN STEEL STANDARD - TREASURY CLUSTER—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Finance and Small Business representing the Treasurer—

- (1) How do each of the departments and agencies in the Treasury Cluster ensure that they, or third parties contracted to deliver tenders, are meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard (ASNZS5131) required of all new Government infrastructure tenders from 1 October 2017?
- (2) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (3) How many tenders in Question 1 since 1 October 2017 have not been successful in meeting the mandated Australian Steel Standard?
- (4) How many breaches of the mandated Australian Steel Standard have been detected in the compliance processes of each of the departments and agencies in the Treasury Cluster for since 1 October 2017?
- (5) If breaches have been detected in Question 4, what action has been taken by each of the departments and agencies in the Treasury Cluster?

Answer—

I am advised that the Treasury cluster requires tenderers to meet the mandated Australian Steel Standard, and that since 1 October 2017, all infrastructure projects in the Treasury cluster (including all agencies) have met this requirement.

*1745 REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES, INDUSTRY AND TRADE—TIMBER INDUSTRY—Mr Veitch asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning representing the Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade—

- (1) Does the "pain" for the timber industry referred to by the Deputy Premier and reported in the Northern Star on 28 May 2020 include closures of timber mills and job losses?
 - (a) If so:
 - (i) How many timber mills are expected to close?
 - (ii) How many jobs are expected to be lost?
- (2) How many tonnes of softwood in each of the following years will not be able to be supplied for Forestry Corporation:
 - (a) 2020 to 2021?
 - (b) 2021 to 2022?
 - (c) 2022 to 2023?
 - (d) 2023 to 2024?
- (3) How many tonnes of hardwood in each of the following years will not be able to be supplied for Forestry Corporation:
 - (a) 2020 to 2021?

- (b) 2021 to 2022?
 - (c) 2022 to 2023?
 - (d) 2023 to 2024?
- (4) Does the Government or Forestry Corporation intend to compensate for the supply shortage?
- (a) If so, how will this compensation package be determined?
- (5) How will Forestry Corporation determine the reduction in supply to each timber mill with which it has contracts?

Answer—

- (1) Decisions about operations of individual timber mills are matters for those companies, but the NSW Government has made available support for the forestry sector through the \$140 million Bushfire Industry Recovery package.
- (2) Forestry Corporation is currently focused on the major task of salvaging softwood timber impacted by fires and working through options with customers for future operations.
- (3) Forestry Corporation is reviewing the sustainable yield from hardwood forests to take into account the impact of the 2019-20 fires to inform future planning.
- (4) Forestry Corporation has contracts for wood supply and any impacts of the fires will be addressed in accordance with the terms of those contracts.
- (5) See answer to question 4 above.

*1746 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—PLATFORM EXTENSIONS—Mr Veitch asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) What is the expected cost of platform extensions at the following stations:
 - (a) Wollongong?
 - (b) Coniston?
 - (c) Bellambi?
 - (d) Thirroul?
 - (e) Port Kembla?
 - (f) Kiama?
- (2) What is the proposed commencement and completion dates for platform extensions at the following stations:
 - (a) Wollongong?
 - (b) Coniston?
 - (c) Bellambi?
 - (d) Thirroul?
 - (e) Port Kembla?
 - (f) Kiama?
- (3) Have other platforms on the South Coast Line been considered for future extensions?
 - (a) If so, which ones?

Answer—

I am advised:

The contract to deliver projects between Mortdale to Kiama as part of the More Trains, More Services program was awarded in May 2020 to Transport for Tomorrow (an Incentivised Delivery Entity) comprising of Laing O'Rourke and KBR.

Projects being delivered on the South Coast as part of the More Trains, More Services program include Wollongong Stabling Yard and Platform Extension project and South Coast Platform Extensions at Coniston, Bellambi, Thirroul, Port Kembla and Kiama.

Construction including site and geotechnical investigation work will start from July 2020. This work is expected to take up to two years to complete across all the stations in the program.

Details of the Incentivised Delivery Agreement are available on the NSW Government tendering website. More information about the More Trains, More Services program is available on the Transport for NSW website.

*1747 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—SCHOOL INTERPRETERS—Mr D'Adam asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed by the Department of Education directly?
- (2) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed by private companies?
- (3) Which awards and award classifications apply to language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools?
- (4) How many hours do language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools work on average per week?
- (5) Has there been a decrease in average working hours per week for language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools due to COVID-19 measures in the New South Wales public school system?
- (6) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed on a casual basis?
- (7) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed on a permanent full-time basis?
- (8) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed on a permanent part-time basis?
- (9) How many of the language interpreters based in New South Wales Public Primary and Secondary Schools are employed on a fixed-term contractual basis?

Answer—

The Department of Education does not directly employ interpreters. All interpreters used in NSW public and secondary schools are employed by other providers, including government or non-government agencies.

*1748 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL—Mr D'Adam asked the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Will the current Marsden High School campus in West Ryde continue to be used for public education purposes after the secondary school facilities at the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct are complete and operational?
- (2) Does the Government plan to sell or lease the current Marsden High School campus in West Ryde after the opening of the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct?
- (3) To what extent will the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct be funded by income earned from the lease, sale or redevelopment of the current Marsden High School campus in West Ryde?
- (4) What information concerning the future of the current Marsden High School campus in West Ryde has been provided to community members in the current catchment area of the school?

Answer—

- (1) The NSW Government has announced its proposal to convert the existing Marsden High School site into a community sporting facility with state-of-the-art netball courts following the relocation of the school to the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct.
- (2) See answer to question 1 above.
- (3) The Department is funding the schools in the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct under the NSW Government's record \$6. 7 billion investment over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools.
- (4) The Department has used flyers and information sessions to inform the Marsden High School community about the future of the site.

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1847 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—LOCAL HORTICULTURE FARMS—Mr Veitch to ask the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) It has been publicly reported that there have been 25 cases of non-compliance at local horticultural farms within the Hearn Lake Catchment under the Pesticides Regulation 2017:
 - (a) Is this public commentary correct?
 - (b) Did the department know about these breaches?
 - (c) How many people involved in non-compliance activities have been issued penalty notices?
 - (i) If so, how many?
 - (d) Are any fines or "make good" requests outstanding?
 - (e) What are the environmental impacts of these breaches?

1848 EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING—NESA STAFFING NUMBERS—Mr Latham to ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning—

- (1) Further to the Minister's answer to Question 1683, what were the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) staffing numbers, permanent and contract, working on:
 - (a) School accreditation as of the following dates:
 - (i) 1 July 2018?
 - (ii) 1 July 2019?
 - (iii) 1 July 2020?
 - (b) Teacher accreditation as of the following dates:
 - (i) 1 July 2018?
 - (ii) 1 July 2019?
 - (iii) 1 July 2020?
 - (c) Professional development course accreditation:
 - (i) 1 July 2018?
 - (ii) 1 July 2019?
 - (iii) 1 July 2020?

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