

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 - HEALTH

# **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026 Supplementary questions**

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#### **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2025-2026**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

# Questions from Hon Mark Banasiak MLC

## NRAR Funding & Resourcing

- (1) What is the average cost per enforcement action undertaken by NRAR?
- (2) Is every cent of the additional budget for NRAR coming from water users? If so, why is the Government loading even more costs onto an already overburdened sector, instead of contributing taxpayer funding?
- (3) How does the Minister justify ballooning NRAR's budget while cutting 165 jobs at DPIRD and 300 jobs at WaterNSW? Isn't this simply a case of robbing one part of the water sector to feed another?

# NRAR Benchmarking & Community Surveys

- (4) Who was paid to run this 2023 Social Benchmarking Survey, at what cost, and why should water users foot the bill through WAMC's budget for what is essentially a PR exercise?
- (5) How often does NRAR intend to repeat these surveys, and how are participants targeted? Doesn't this amount to policy-making based on opinion polling rather than evidence?

#### NRAR Education & Public Communication

- (6) If NRAR is genuinely interested in public confidence, why does it continually downplay the extremely high compliance rates across NSW, instead of being transparent about them?
- (7) Why is NRAR duplicating education and outreach activities already provided by WaterNSW? Isn't this just bureaucratic overlap and a waste of users' money?

#### WaterNSW Financial Management

- (8) Why are water users expected to fund the majority of WaterNSW's budget when they consume less than one-third of the water? Isn't this a blatant cost-shift onto farmers and irrigators?
- (9) How much did WaterNSW hand back to shareholders in dividends last year, while at the same time increasing charges to water users?

- (10) How much is WaterNSW still paying on legacy debt from infrastructure it inherited at corporatisation debt that today's users had no say in incurring?
- (11) What is WaterNSW's true financial position: total net debt, annual interest payments, and profit for 2024-25? Isn't it the case that users are propping up a debt-laden corporation that is being run more like a bank than a water utility?
- (12) During WaterNSW's current restructure, how is the Minister ensuring that service standards for customers aren't sacrificed in the pursuit of financial returns?

# Non-Urban Water Metering Reform (DCCEEW)

(13) How much money has been expended on the non-urban water metering reform roll-out to date, and what guarantee can the Minister give that costs won't continue to blow out and fall back on users?

# **WAMC Funding & Regional Jobs**

(14) Why are water users being forced to cover such a high percentage of WAMC's funding through licence fees, while other government agencies are taxpayer funded? Isn't this simply unfair cost recovery?

# Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC

## Northern Rivers Housing Crisis

- (15) Given an Assertive Outreach Program for people experiencing homelessness has been rolled out in the Tweed LGA and the Byron LGA:
  - (a) will the Government commit to an Assertive Outreach Program in the Lismore LGA?
  - (b) will the Government commit to an Assertive Outreach Program in the Ballina LGA?
- (16) In response to your announcement of 133 new public and community housing properties in the Tweed LGA,
  - (a) Theresa Mitchell, who operates the homelessness outreach service Agape in Tweed Heads, said 133 new social housing properties announced in the Tweed was "nothing" compared to the number of homeless people in the area and that "It's not going to solve the problem, it's not even going to halve the problem, or a third." How do you respond to this?

- (b) Of the 355 public and community homes to be delivered across the Northern Rivers over the next two years, how many are anticipated to be public homes delivered by Homes NSW in:
  - i. Tweed LGA?
  - ii. Richmond Valley LGA?
  - iii. Lismore LGA?
  - iv. Kyogle LGA?
  - v. Clarence Valley LGA?
  - vi. Ballina LGA?
  - vii. Byron LGA?
- (c) Of the 355 public and community homes to be delivered across the Northern Rivers over the next two years, how many are anticipated to be community homes delivered by non-government providers in:
  - i. Tweed LGA?
  - ii. Richmond Valley LGA?
  - iii. Lismore LGA?
  - iv. Kyogle LGA?
  - v. Clarence Valley LGA?
  - vi. Ballina LGA?
  - vii. Byron LGA?
- (17) Zoe Robinson, advocate for young people spoke at the September 2024 Budget Estimates Hearings about the team she had on the North Coast who were providing support to young people in pod villages who were working with up to 300 young people under 24 years old at some point who were connecting them to services and supports, including education. The funding for that team finished up in June this year. The team, in winding up their direct support because of the lack of continued funding were pulling together recommendations that they've had from young people. Has that information been collected in a report and has it been published yet?

- (18) Advocate Zoe Robinson spoke to the "help" provided to Ballina shire to come up with its own response in terms of specifically for youth, describing it as a "legacy piece" following the work Northern Rivers. Has there been further consideration to place-based, community-led initiatives in regional areas?
- (19) We heard from community and service providers likewise about young people expressing that the model of service delivery post 2022 flood in Lismore, where they were provided with housing, as well as a "place where they could land and have somewhere safe to sleep and access all the supports that they needed to move on from that place, but without all the set time frames from government models", was a model that worked perfectly for them. Are there plans to develop a youth-led housing and support model and what would it take to develop this?
- (20) Have you provided any funding for Human Nature, which has been dedicated to offering innovative, nature-based mental health support for young people, focusing on youth empowerment through outdoor therapy for young people in the Northern Rivers?

## Short-term Holiday Letting

- (21) On 13 June 2024, you said you would hand down the final outcomes of the Discussion Paper on short and long-term rental accommodation "in the coming months". It's been over a year since consultation ended on the discussion paper.
  - (a) When will the Government's response be handed down?
  - (b) Which policy proposals is the Government considering to regulate short-term holiday lets, including AirBnBs and Stayz? Do these proposals include:
    - i. Giving Councils the power to impose 60-day caps on short-term holiday letting, similar to the Byron Shire cap?
    - ii. A process of registering short-term holiday lets?
    - iii. Outlawing new homes being used as AirBnBs in LGAs with vacancy rates below 3%?
    - iv. Allowing Councils or the State to place bed taxes on empty beds in NSW, with the proceeds going toward public housing?
    - v. Placing a levy on short-term holiday lets, similar to what occurs in Victoria?

- vi. Allowing Councils to vary rates on short-term holiday lets, similar to what occurs in Queensland?
- vii. A permit process for short-term holiday lets?
- (c) Given regulation of short-term holiday lets could unlock thousands of existing homes as long-term rentals within months, how can the NSW Government claim to be serious about housing supply if they are yet to progress any reform in this area?
- (22) Could you please outline the positive effects you have seen of the 60-Day cap on short-term holiday letting in Byron Shire?

# RJ Williams Site in Glebe

- (23) Given Wesley Mission have abandoned plans for affordable housing at the RJ Williams Site in Glebe, will Homes NSW commit to purchasing that site for public housing?
  - (a) Has a cost analysis been done for the purchase of this site?
    - i. If so, what was the anticipated cost?

# Low to mid-rise housing policy

- (24) The Urban Development Institute of Australia has found that NSW is 25,300 approvals short of their projected targets under the National Housing Accord. Current economic conditions are making apartments hard to get off the ground.
  - (a) Does this not prove the government must step in with more investment in public housing and inclusionary zoning?
  - (b) Is the government confident their new mid-rise housing policy will deliver these targets?

## **Inclusionary Zoning**

- (25) Is a 2% minimum affordable housing requirement for transport-oriented development really the best the NSW Government can do?
  - (a) Given NSW Labor's 2023 platform stated "Labor believes social and affordable housing should exist in every community, and supports inclusionary zoning to deliver on this goal. We require that every new residential development on private land includes a substantial proportion of social and affordable housing, to be owned by social and community housing providers," does the Minister believe a 2% affordable housing target qualifies as "substantial"?

- (26) Under NSW Labor the in-fill development policy only requires 10% affordable housing for in-fill development and 2% for transport-oriented development. Why not meet the demands of the sector and the Greens demands for 30% minimum of affordable housing in private development?
  - (a) Labor had a 15% inclusionary zoning policy in 2017, so isn't the lack of affordable housing in these developments a reduction from that?
- (27) A 2-bedroom unit in Woollahra costs \$900 per week according to <u>realestate.com.au</u>. 80% of that would be \$720 per week, which would still put a full-time graduate nurse or teacher into housing stress.
  - (a) Can the Government commit to ensuring affordable housing delivered by transportoriented development at Woollahra is proportionate to household income of tenants, rather than 80% of market prices?
  - (b) Will the government ensure that at least 30% of the housing enabled by this rezoning will be affordable housing?

# **Social Housing Accelerator**

- (28) How many new homes has the NSW government been able to build as a result of the \$2b Social Housing Accelerator established by the Commonwealth government in 2023?
  - (a) How many of these homes have been completed?
  - (b) How many of these homes are yet to be completed?

# Northern Rivers Flood Recovery

- (29) The Minns Labor Government initially identified 7800 new dwellings to be built as a result of the Resilient Lands Program. In answers to questions on notice, the Premier said the RLP would deliver "over 4000" homes. What is the actual projected figure?
  - (a) Is it more or less than 7,800?
- (30) Do you support evicting people into homelessness from empty properties?
- (31) Specifically, what steps did you take as Minister to ensure that Homes NSW negotiated with the former occupants of 122 Stuart St, Mullumbimby?
  - (a) By when does Homes NSW anticipate finalising a transitional housing contract at that site?

(b) Can Homes NSW rule out any demolition at that site?

#### **Land Audit**

- (32) In cases where the Department of Lands and Property's Land Audit has offered public lands to Homes NSW for development,
  - (a) How many lots have been offered to Homes NSW?
  - (b) How many lots have Homes NSW accepted and approved for development of public housing?
  - (c) How many lots have Landcom been offered for development?
    - i. How many of these are for or will include affordable housing?
  - (d) How many lots have been refused for development by both Homes NSW and Landcom?
    - i. Were any of these lots sold to private developers?
    - ii. In how many of these cases have the private developments had less than 30% affordable housing as part of the developments?
    - iii. Can you please provide a breakdown of each of the developments Homes NSW have refused, and the reasons the locations were not suitable in each instance?
    - iv. Does Homes NSW have an adequate budget to deliver public housing on all of the public lands identified by the audit?

# Family is Culture Report

- (33) Have you read the FIC report, released in 2019 and now over 5 years old?
- (34) What specific steps have you taken as Minister to meet recommendation 34: "The NSW Government should increase the availability of short-term refuges suitable to the needs of Aboriginal women escaping violence. Increases in the availability of short-term refuges (for temporary housing issues) should be accompanied by a longer term investment in social housing stock in NSW, with a view to increasing the availability of housing for vulnerable Aboriginal women"?
- (35) What specific steps have you taken as Minister to meet recommendation 38: "The Department of Communities and Justice should work closely with relevant agencies and

service providers, including Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, specialist housing, health, perinatal, alcohol and other drug use, mental health and domestic and family violence services, to develop a plan to co-ordinate integrated service provision in early intervention support efforts for Aboriginal families and children. This plan should focus on providing targeted support for families from an early stage of engagement in the system, focusing on initial contact."

(36) What specific steps have you taken as Minister to meet recommendation 111: The Department of Communities and Justice should develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Housing and Community Services that allows for the sharing of information held by Community Services when it is required by Housing before parents can access Housing services. This should include information needed to satisfy housing eligibility requirements, to be given 'priority status', or to access programs such as Staying Home, Leaving Violence."

## Homelessness Support for Vulnerable People

- (37) In responding to Supplementary Questions earlier this year in relation to women and youth refuges, you said that "wait time or wait lists are not collected as part of the specialist homelessness services data collection". How do you say you are able to address the unmet needs of women and young people experiencing homelessness and violence without having that data?
- (38) Given that the Homelessness Strategy was released in August 2025, what is the update in relation to the development of the Outcomes Measurement and reporting framework?
- (39) How are you working in partnership with Aboriginal peak organisations and ACCOs in relation to the implementation of the strategy, development of that framework and in particular, on the intersecting NSW government strategies and reforms that intersect with the Homelessness Strategy?
- (40) What work has been done to develop the targeted Action Plans, which were identified to include young people and Aboriginal people?
- (41) What is the plan for engaging peaks, ACCOs, community and representative organisations in developing those Actions Plans?
- (42) In the 14 March 2025 Budget Estimates, Rebecca Pinkstone talked about being involved in a response across DCJ, in relation to Homes NSW and DCJ's implementation of the

- domestic and family violence NSW common approach to risk assessment and safety. Can you provide an update in relation to this work?
- (43) How have you worked with Aboriginal peak and community-controlled organisations in relation to the review of those major policies and procedures?
- (44) What is your portfolio doing in relation to Closing the Gap and ensuring the safety of Aboriginal women and children?
- (45) As Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Youth, how are you helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people leaving the long-term care of the Minister avoid exiting care into homelessness, other than listing leaving care as a trigger event in the new Homelessness Strategy?
- (46) What specifically are you doing to assist young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people leaving youth detention into homelessness?
  - (a) During the September 2024 Budget Estimates Hearing, you responded to questions from Hon Natasha McLaren-Jones regarding your budget announcement of \$250 million to support people who are at risk of homelessness leaving corrections centres and mental health services. Can you say today how much of those funds have been expended on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people under the age of 18 years?
    - i. How many young people have been assisted and where?

#### MENTAL HEALTH

# PACER Program and Police Mental Health Intervention

- (47) Is the Government committed to extending the Police Ambulance Clinical Early Response (PACER) program's funding beyond 2025?
  - (a) If not, which other options for alternative deployment models is the Government considering?
- (48) Will the Government ensure enough funding to enable a 24/7 service provision for the PACER program?
- (49) Will the Government increase funding for the PACER program to enable it to expand to all 56 Police Area Commands?
- (50) What are the Police Area Commands who have requested clinicians from the PACER Program, but not yet received them?

- (51) Of clinicians embedded by the PACER Program, how many are:
  - (a) registered nurses with a higher qualification in mental health?
  - (b) registered nurses without a higher qualification in mental health?
  - (c) social workers?
  - (d) clinical psychologists?
- (52) During what hours does the PACER Program operate in each of the 16 Police Area Commands?
- (53) What steps are being taken to ensure that the Richmond Police Area Command has access to the PACER program?
- (54) What steps are being taken to ensure that the Tweed-Byron Police Area Command has access to the PACER program?
- (55) You have previously told the Committee that "the framework is developed" for alternative responses to mental health emergencies than police. You said the next step would "involve more comprehensive community consultation".
  - (a) Has that framework been presented to Cabinet?
  - (b) What community consultation has occurred?

# **Queer Family Northern Rivers**

(56) Given concerning statistics about the mental health of LGBTQ+ children in regional areas, what steps are being taken to identify a public space that could become a permanent home for Queer Family Northern Rivers, one of the only LGBTQ+ support services for at-risk queer kids in the Northern Rivers?

## WATER

# Thornleigh Reservoir

(57) During the February 2025 Budget Estimates you stated that a Geotechnical Report was being done on the stability and compaction of the Thornleigh Reservoir embankment, and that it was expected to be completed by the end of last financial year. Could you please make that Geotechnical Report public, or table it in parliament, so that the community can be satisfied that there are no safety risks posed by that Reservoir?

- (58) Sydney Water said at February's Budget Estimates that "There's no movement in the bank". Yet the GHD Assessment states there are "existing slope movements". Section 2.5 of the GHD Assessment details the instability issues. Sydney Water also said that "sensors have been put in place to check if that was the case or not (movement). It's not the case so the embankment is not moving". It is my understanding that those sensors were installed just over a year ago. I understand that the movement had been previously monitored over a 10-year period which showed significant vertical and horizontal movement and that movement was what was referenced in the GHD Assessment. Do you believe the period of placement for the new sensors was sufficient to show appreciable movement?
  - (a) Why is the movement over time not necessarily consistent year on year?
- (59) Based on the latest Geotechnical Report, what would be the estimated cost of rectifying movement in the dam embankment and the split in the liner?
  - (a) What works would be needed to rectify the movement and split?
- (60) Does this Geotechnical Report address the question of whether the proposed Hornsby Council road at the south east corner of the reservoir, where there is already movement in the wall, increase the risk to the reservoir?
  - (a) If not, will your Department insist on such an evaluation being undertaken by Sydney Water, not just by Hornsby Council who have a vested interest in the outcome?
- (61) Is the Thornleigh Reservoir still operating above the risk threshold?

#### Richmond River

- (62) Are you concerned that if taken up the hard-engineered options as part of the Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative by the CSIRO will have a negative impact on river health in the Richmond River Catchment?
- (63) Why did the CSIRO not provide soft-engineered and nature-based options for the Richmond River catchment?
- (64) What oversight did you have over this process?
- (65) Where did the proposal for modelling from the CSIRO for Tuckean Swamp drainage originate from?

- (66) What steps are you taking to ensure the CSIRO's proposed Tuckean Swamp drainage and Bagotville Bypass upgrade does not increase blackwater runoff from low-lying flood prone land?
- (67) Would you consider appointing an independent Statutory Commissioner to oversee recovery of the Richmond River?
- (68) Do you support an end to native forest logging in the Richmond River catchment, to prevent further degradation of River health?
- (69) Do you support a 30m riparian buffer for plantations and private native forestry in the Richmond River catchment to prevent further degradation of River health?
- (70) What steps have you taken to support the acquisition of privately owned land surrounding the Tuckean Swamp under the NSW Coastal Lands Protection Scheme?

#### **YOUTH**

#### Office for Youth

- (71) What is the rationale behind the establishment of an Office for Youth and how will it differ from the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People?
  - (a) How will regional youth be impacted by the effective centralisation of advocacy, policy development and decision-making under this one office?

## First Nations Justice

- (72) The 2024 Youth Summit Report also included proposed solutions from the summit, being the implementation of all recommendations from the 2019 Family is Culture Review and the NSW Government Local Aboriginal Decision-making policy what steps have you taken in relation to implementing the Family is Culture Report's findings?
- (73) The Aboriginal peaks have been calling for an Independent Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People for some years do you support the establishment of such a role and the appointment of a Commissioner?
- (74) The Commissioner could advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth across a broad range of issues, including housing, health, education, OOHC, and justice (just to name a few) do you see that role as critical for system accountability and oversight for the young people you represent as Minister for Youth?

- (75) The NSW Advocate meets regularly with the commissioners around the country and no doubt you are aware of the call for an independent commissioner here in NSW with legislative powers do you think a Commissioner role could work alongside and compliment the NSW Advocate's statutory role?
- (76) Is the NSW Advocate satisfied with the NSW Government's response to the Moving Cage to Cage report?
  - (a) Was the issue you explored in your report unaccredited carers, or were you concerned about the style and location of the care being provided?
- (77) Has DCJ or Minister Washington spoken directly with you or engaged your office in relation to their establishment of residential care cottages and their proposals to move into the provision of residential care?

# Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

# Floodplain Harvesting

- (78) How much water has been captured through floodplain harvesting and exempt rainfall runoff since 1 July 2025, reported separately by:
  - (a) month, and
  - (b) water sharing plan area.

# Natural Resources Access Regulator

- (79) What is the percentage of floodplain harvesting works that are metered to the current legal requirements in the following water-sharing areas?
  - (a) Barwon-Darling (primary metering equipment)
  - (b) Macquarie Cudgegong Regulated Rivers (primary metering equipment)
  - (c) Border Rivers Regulated Rivers (primary metering equipment)
  - (d) Gwydir Regulated Rivers (primary metering equipment)
  - (e) Gwydir Unregulated Rivers (primary metering equipment)
  - (f) Namoi Unregulated Rivers (secondary metering equipment).
- (80) How many regulatory actions are currently in place? Please provide a breakdown by:
  - (a) water sharing plan area,

- (b) the type of regulatory action, and
- (c) the category of Water Access Licence.
- (81) How many regulatory actions are currently in place in relation to Environmental Water?, Please provide a breakdown by:
  - (a) water sharing plan area, and
  - (b) the type of regulatory action.
- (82) Please provide information on the level of compliance with the non-urban metering framework in the northern NSW Basin. Please provide a breakdown of:
  - (a) the number of works and the associated volume of water access licences, by:
    - i. regulated water-sharing plan areas,
    - ii. unregulated Water Sharing Plan area,
    - iii. works associated with floodplain harvesting Water Access Licences,
    - iv. works associated with river Water Access Licences,
    - v. works associated with groundwater Water Access Licences
  - (b) the percentage of total works and total volume of water access licences, by:
    - i. regulated water-sharing plan areas,
    - ii. unregulated Water Sharing Plan area,
    - iii. works associated with floodplain harvesting Water Access Licences,
    - iv. works associated with river Water Access Licences,
    - v. works associated with groundwater Water Access Licences
- (83) Please list the Water Access Licences that NRAR is assessing or auditing for metering compliance.
- (84) How many stop orders for water take have been put in place, by water sharing plan area, in the Northern NSW Basin, each year since 2018?
  - (a) Please list the volume of the Water Access Licences associated with each stop order.
- (85) How many s233 exemptions have been put in place, by water sharing plan area, each year since 2018?
  - (a) Please list the volume of the Water Access Licences associated with each exemption.

## Commonwealth and NSW Funding Agreements

- (86) Please list all the funding agreements with the Commonwealth Government since 2000 that include requirements for:
  - (a) Metering,
  - (b) modelling
  - (c) Shepherding
  - (d) Pre-requisite Policy Measures,
  - (e) Unimplemented Policy Measures,
  - (f) Anticipatory Policy Measures,
  - (g) Event-based mechanisms

#### Toorale

- (87) What model is used to estimate the water use at Toorale Station?
  - (a) Please provide the model report/s.
  - (b) What is the standard error in the model report?

# Lapsed water sharing plans

- (88) Where Water Sharing Plans have lapsed, what legal or regulatory provisions allow for:
  - (a) The making of Available Water Determinations,
  - (b) Water Access Licence holders access to carryover,
  - (c) Water Access Licence Holders use of works?

# **Environmental watering**

- (89) In estimates on 22 August 2025, Minister Jackson said that "Environmental water holders have a range of exemptions". Please specify each exemption the Minister is referring to.
- (90) In relation to the current stop or pause on environmental watering, what provisions in legislation, regulations, or Water Sharing Plans, is environmental watering considered non-compliant with?
- (91) Has the Natural Resource Access Regulator advised the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder that it would pursue regulatory action against the Commonwealth

Environmental Water Holder for any environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source?

- (a) If so, what are the relevant water sharing plan areas?
- (92) Has the Natural Resource Access Regulator advised the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder that it would not pursue regulatory action against the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder for any environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source?
- (93) Does the Natural Resource Access Regulator intend to prosecute the Commonwealth or NSW Environmental Water Holder in relation to undertaking environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source?
- (94) Does the Natural Resource Access Regulator adhere to the Memorandum of Litigation Involving Government Authorities (M1997-26)?
- (95) Has the Natural Resource Access Regulator brought the Memorandum of Litigation Involving Government Authorities (M1997-26) to the attention of the:
  - (a) Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder,
  - (b) NSW Environmental Water Holder, or delegates?
- (96) Does the Natural Resource Access Regulator believe the environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source is of sufficient severity that the only course of action is to commence prosecutions against Government authorities?
- (97) Are there Constitutional considerations in relation to the use of environmental water, the stop of environmental water, environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source?
  - (a) If so, please explain these in broad terms.
- (98) Explain the rationale behind using Held Environmental Water at multiple sites in and between water sources.
- (99) If Held Environmental Water cannot be used at multiple sites in and between water sources, will additional Held Environmental Water be required to achieve the environmental outcomes:
  - (a) under the Basin Plan?
  - (b) under the Long-Term Environmental Watering Plans?

- (100) Would the issues relating to environmental watering from a regulated to an unregulated water source be resolved if the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder was issued with a necessary volume of Floodplain Harvesting Water Access Licences (either regulated, or unregulated)?
- (101) In estimates on 22 August 2025, Minister Jackson said that the Conservation, Heritage Programs and Regulation (CHPR) division within DCCEEW had "obtained legal advice in relation to a watering event they wished to undertake that raised a question about whether or not that event was permitted under exemptions that they had regarding the take of water." and that CHPR had consulted with the Water Group about this. Please provide details of the specific watering event that the Minister was referring to?

## **River Operations**

- (102) Does WaterNSW have the powers under the Water NSW Act or its Operating Licence to deliver water from a regulated to an unregulated water source?
- (103) Can NSW direct the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to deliver NSW water from a regulated to an unregulated water source in the NSW River-Murray system?
- (104) Does the Murray-Darling Basin Authority have the powers under the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement or the Objectives and Outcomes for River Operations in the River system to deliver water from a regulated to an unregulated water source in the NSW River-Murray system?
- (105) Does the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council have the powers to direct the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to deliver water from a regulated to an unregulated water source in the NSW River-Murray system?
- (106) Does the Basin Officials Committee have the powers to direct the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to deliver water from a regulated to an unregulated water source in the NSW River-Murray system?

#### **Baseline Diversion Limits**

- (107) Describe the method, with supporting calculations, to estimate the Baseline Diversion Limits for:
  - (a) NSW Border Rivers (SS23),
  - (b) Gwydir (SS22),

- (c) Namoi (SS21),
- (d) Macquarie Castlereagh (SS20), and
- (e) Lachlan (SS16).

#### Recirculation dams

- (108) Is water take exempt from regulation if it is captured in a dam with the following works approval, work type and description:
  - (a) Approval: Water Supply Works;
  - (b) Work Type: Storages;
  - (c) Description: Recirculation Dam?

# Legal Advice

- (109) With respect to legal advice received by or shared with the Water Minister on environmental watering, that was referred to:
  - (a) To whom was the advice addressed?
  - (b) To whom has the advice been shared?
  - (c) On what basis was the advice shared?
  - (d) Given the substance of the advice has been given as a justification for the decision to halt/stop/pause environmental watering, on what basis, if any, is a claim for privilege made over the advice?
  - (e) Given that the advice has already been shared, on what basis is the claim for privilege made?
- (110) With respect to legal advice received by, or on behalf of, the Water Minister on the Water Management Principles, that was referred to:
  - (a) To whom was the advice addressed?
  - (b) To whom has the advice been shared?
  - (c) On what basis was the advice shared?
  - (d) Is a claim for privilege made over the advice?
  - (e) Given that the advice has already been shared, on what basis is the claim for privilege made?

- (111) With respect to legal advice received by the Natural Resource Commission on the Water Management Principles, that was referred to:
  - (a) To whom was the advice addressed?
  - (b) To whom has the advice been shared?
  - (c) On what basis was the advice shared?
  - (d) Is a claim for privilege made over the advice?
  - (e) Given that the advice has already been shared, on what basis is the claim for privilege made?

## **Specific Purpose Water Access Licences**

- (112) Is take under a Specific Purpose Water Access Licence (SPWAL) included in the annual actual take reported to the MDBA under the S71 of the Water Act reporting requirements?
- (113) What volume, if any, expressed as a long-term annual average, by water sharing plan area, are SPWALs included in the:
  - (a) LTAAEL,
  - (b) Murray-Darling Basin Cap,
  - (c) Baseline Diversion Limit, and
  - (d) Sustainable Diversion Limit?

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  - (a) with Aboriginal people in those areas,
  - (b) relating to areas that used to be wetlands or natural water bodies, that are now deprived of natural flows because of upstream irrigation development?

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(115) Please provide details of all human health and/or environmental risk assessments conducted by Environmental Risk Sciences (EnRisks) for any agency within the Water Portfolio in the 10 years between 2015 and 2025.

- (a) For each risk assessment, please provide details of what the assessment covered, when it was commissioned, when it was finalised and whether it has been publicly released (including a link to the final assessment where available).
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# Questions from Dr Amanda Cohn MLC

# WATER, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH

# Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital lived and living experience consumer working group

- (117) The Minister has noted it would be problematic for people to be removed from the working group if they have spoken publicly or been critical of the project. I have now been made aware that participation of individuals has been rejected on the basis that they "could be perceived as either critical of the project or calling the project's legitimacy into question?"
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    - i. If not, will the Minister intervene to amend the working group Terms of Reference?
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## Community managed mental health sector

- (126) Will the Government increase funding to support the community-managed mental health sector in training and upskilling of the workforce to meet the gaps in psychosocial services reported in multiple reviews of the mental health system in NSW?
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    - iii. Over 1 year?
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  - (b) Priority list?
  - (c) At-risk list?
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  - (b) Rentstart Bond Loan;
  - (c) Rent Choice Assist;
  - (d) Rent Choice Start Safely; and
  - (e) Headleasing private rental properties for use as social housing?
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  - (b) How did this compare with funding received in each of the previous three financial years;
  - (c) How much of this funding is apportioned to each electorate, local government area, region, or other relevant catchment across the state?
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- (a) Internal FTE staffing hours?
- (b) External barristers, lawyers and consultants?
- (c) Other related costs
- (158) Regarding the operating hours at Safe Havens across NSW:
  - (a) How many operate on a 24/7 basis?
  - (b) How many are open past 5pm?
  - (c) How many are open for fewer than 5 days a week?
  - (d) How many are open 7 days a week?
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  - (a) What is the furthest distance between any two Safe Havens in NSW?
  - (b) How many state electorates in NSW are there without a Safe Haven in operation?
  - (c) How many Local Health Districts are there in NSW without a Safe Haven in operation?
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    - ii. How many are untenanted due to them being uninhabitable?
    - iii. How many are untenanted because of upgrade works that are currently underway?
    - iv. How many are untenanted because of scheduled upgrade works that are yet to commence?
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    - i. Of these, how many were approved?
    - ii. How many requests are yet to be processed?
    - iii. How many approved requests are outstanding?
    - iv. What was the total dollar amount spent on modification requests?

- v. On average, how long did it take for a modification request to be actioned, from application to completion?
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  - i. What was the total dollar amount spent on these upgrades?
  - ii. How many properties are due to be upgraded for improved accessibility in the 25-25 financial year?
  - iii. How many of these will be upgraded to meet the silver standard for accessibility?
  - iv. How many will be upgraded to meet the gold standard for accessibility?
- (d) How many applications for a transfer on medical or disability grounds did Homes NSW receive in the 24-25 financial year?
  - i. How many of these applications were approved?
  - ii. How many applications are yet to be processed?
  - iii. How many of these applications were for households that had previously submitted a modification request?
  - iv. How many of these transfer applications were approved?
  - v. How many of these modification requests were denied?
- (e) How many applications for a transfer on medical or disability grounds did Homes NSW receive prior to the 24-25 financial year?
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  - ii. How many approved applications are still awaiting a property offer?
  - iii. How many of these applications were for households that had previously submitted a modification request?
  - iv. How many of these transfer applications were approved?
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- (f) Regarding wait times for transfers on medical or disability grounds, how many approved households have been on the wait list for:
  - i. Up to six months?

- ii. Up to twelve months?
- iii. Up to two years?
- iv. Up to five years?
- v. Over five years?
- (161) Regarding the restructuring of local client services offices and maintenance contract management schemes, what systems and processes are in place to ensure tenancy histories and works-in-progress are properly handed over from one team to the next?
- (162) Within the Newtown electorate, how many public housing properties:
  - (a) Currently exist;
  - (b) Are currently tenanted;
  - (c) Are currently untenanted because:
    - i. They are in between leases;
    - ii. They are uninhabitable due to unresolved maintenance issues;
    - iii. They are awaiting redevelopment as part of a project that has received development consent;
    - iv. Other reason (please specify)
  - (d) Are apartments;
  - (e) Are detached dwellings;
  - (f) Are semi-detached dwellings;
  - (g) Have the following number of bedrooms:
    - i. 1 bedroom;
    - ii. 2 bedrooms;
    - iii. 3 bedrooms;
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    - v. Other (please specify)
  - (h) Are currently being considered for sale;
  - (i) Are currently on the market for sale?

(163) What are the street addresses of all public housing dwellings within the Newtown electorate?

# Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

## Assisted boarding houses

- (164) How many assisted boarding houses are owned by the NSW government?
- (165) How many unauthorised assisted boarding houses are there across NSW?
- (166) What is the timeline for the government's review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012?

# Accessibility of temporary accommodation

- (167) Other than wheelchair accessibility, Homes NSW does not capture data on the level of disability accessibility across temporary accommodation, or disability adjustments or modifications. Is there any work being done to start monitoring this?
  - (a) Will you consider conducting an audit or review to determine this?
- (168) According to answers given in the March 2025 Budget Estimates, as at 28 March 2025, 134 of the 359 (37%) temporary accommodation providers have wheelchair access. Can you please give an updated figure for the number and percentage of temporary accommodation places that are wheelchair accessible?
- (169) What support is available for people with disability seeking temporary accommodation that meets their needs?

#### Accessibility of transitional housing

- (170) Does Homes NSW have data on the number of transitional housing properties that are accessible for people with disability?
  - (a) If not, is there any intention to capture this?
- (171) One of the recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission was to audit the demand for, and accessibility of, current crisis housing (including domestic family violence shelters and refuges, and natural disaster crisis accommodation) to determine the appropriate amount, location and cost of crisis housing required to meet the needs of people with disability, and set appropriate targets for new crisis housing construction and refurbishment that meet the voluntary ABCB Livable Housing Design Standard. Has any action been taken in relation to conducting such an audit?

#### Crisis accommodation funding

- (172) The 2025-26 NSW Budget allocated \$20 million to "expand existing crisis and transitional housing". Can you break down how this will be spent?
  - (a) Over how many years is this allocated?

## Migrant and refugee women and domestic violence

- (173) Women on temporary visas experiencing domestic and family violence face significant barriers to accessing support when fleeing violence, including being ineligible from social housing and crisis accommodation. This places immense pressure on frontline services to respond when they are already overstretched and underfunded. Will the NSW Government extend eligibility for women on temporary visas to the broader NSW housing and homelessness system, including access to social and affordable housing and temporary accommodation?
- (174) DCJ currently does not include women on temporary visas in all targets and reporting. Does Homes NSW capture any data regarding victim-survivors on temporary visas?
  - (a) Is there any work being done to improve data collection, to better understand the need, length of stay, outcomes, cost and turn away rates for women on temporary visas?
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# Housing

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  - (a) Private Rental Subsidy;
  - (b) Rentstart Bond Loan;
  - (c) Rent Choice Assist;
  - (d) Rent Choice Start Safely; and
  - (e) Headleasing private rental properties for use as social housing?
- (206) In relation to the Link2Home temporary accommodation program:
  - (a) How much funding did this receive in FY 2024-25?
  - (b) How did this compare with funding received in each of the previous three financial years?
  - (c) How much of this funding is apportioned to each electorate, local government area, region, or other relevant catchment across the state?
- (207) In each of the last five financial years, how much money did Homes NSW and the Land and Housing Corporation spend on costs associated with bringing actions against tenants in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal? Of this, how much was spent on:
  - (a) Internal FTE staffing hours?
  - (b) External barristers, lawyers and consultants?
  - (c) Other related costs?
- (208) Regarding the operating hours at Safe Havens across NSW:
  - (a) How many operate on a 24/7 basis?
  - (b) How many are open past 5pm?
  - (c) How many are open for fewer than 5 days a week?

- (d) How many are open 7 days a week?
- (209) Regarding the location of Safe Havens:
  - (a) What is the furthest distance between any two Safe Havens in NSW?
  - (b) How many state electorates in NSW are there without a Safe Haven in operation?
  - (c) How many Local Health Districts are there in NSW without a Safe Haven in operation?
- (210) Regarding the accessibility of properties managed by Homes NSW:
  - (a) How many properties managed by Homes NSW currently meet the silver standard for accessibility?
    - i. Of these, how many are currently untenanted?
      - 1. How many are untenanted due to them being uninhabitable?
      - 2. How many are untenanted because of upgrade works that are currently underway?
      - 3. How many are untenanted because of scheduled upgrade works that are yet to commence?
  - (b) How many modification requests did Homes NSW receive for properties across NSW in the 24-25 financial year?
    - i. Of these, how many were approved?
    - ii. How many requests are yet to be processed?
    - iii. How many approved requests are outstanding?
    - iv. What was the total dollar amount spent on modification requests?
    - v. On average, how long did it take for a modification request to be actioned, from application to completion?
  - (c) How many properties in NSW were upgraded for improved accessibility in the 24-25 financial year as part of Homes NSW's general asset management plan?
    - i. What was the total dollar amount spent on these upgrades?
    - ii. How many properties are due to be upgraded for improved accessibility in the 25-25 financial year?

- 1. How many of these will be upgraded to meet the silver standard for accessibility?
- 2. How many will be upgraded to meet the gold standard for accessibility?
- (d) How many applications for a transfer on medical or disability grounds did Homes NSW receive in the 24-25 financial year?
  - i. How many of these applications were approved?
  - ii. How many applications are yet to be processed?
  - iii. How many of these applications were for households that had previously submitted a modification request?
    - 1. How many of these transfer applications were approved?
    - 2. How many of these modification requests were denied?
- (e) How many applications for a transfer on medical or disability grounds did Homes NSW receive prior to the 24-25 financial year?
  - i. How many of these applications were approved?
  - ii. How many approved applications are still awaiting a property offer?
  - iii. How many of these applications were for households that had previously submitted a modification request?
    - 1. How many of these transfer applications were approved?
    - 2. How many of these modification requests were denied?
- (f) Regarding wait times for transfers on medical or disability grounds, how many approved households have been on the wait list for:
  - i. Up to six months?
  - ii. Up to twelve months?
  - iii. Up to two years?
  - iv. Up to five years?
  - v. Over five years?

- (211) Regarding the restructuring of local client services offices and maintenance contract management schemes, what systems and processes are in place to ensure tenancy histories and works-in-progress are properly handed over from one team to the next?
- (212) Within the Newtown electorate, how many public housing properties:
  - (a) Currently exist?
  - (b) Are currently tenanted?
  - (c) Are currently untenanted because:
    - i. They are in between leases?
    - ii. They are uninhabitable due to unresolved maintenance issues?
    - iii. They are awaiting redevelopment as part of a project that has received development consent?
    - iv. Other reason (please specify)?
  - (d) Are apartments?
  - (e) Are detached dwellings?
  - (f) Are semi-detached dwellings?
  - (g) Have the following number of bedrooms:
    - i. 1 bedroom?
    - ii. 2 bedrooms?
    - iii. 3 bedroom?
    - iv. 4 bedrooms?
    - v. Other (please specify)?
  - (h) Are currently being considered for sale?
  - (i) Are currently on the market for sale?
- (213) What are the street addresses of all public housing dwellings within the Newtown electorate?

## Questions from the Opposition

## Sydney Water, Woollahra development

- (214) Does Sydney Water's current Long Term Capital and Operational Plan provide for water and wastewater to cater for 10,000 new homes at Woollahra and Edgecliff in either the 2035 or 2050 forecast horizon?
- (215) Has Sydney Water done any level of analysis on the investment required to cater for these new developments?
- (216) Can Sydney Water say what assets will likely require upgrade or replacement, or what new assets will need to be developed to cater for this new development?
- (217) Under current funding arrangements, would development of water and wastewater infrastructure to cater for 10,000 new homes at Edgecliff and Woollahra require deferment or cancellation of planned infrastructure investment elsewhere in the Sydney Water footprint?

## Toorale Station stop work order

- (218) Had the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder communicated any concerns regarding operations at Toorale with the Government prior to the NRAR stop work order on 7 August?
- (219) Does the *Water sharing plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* which came into effect on 1 July 2024 provide for exemptions to water access rules for Toorale Station or its operators?
- (220) Do exemptions exist in any other instrument either under the Water Sharing Plan or the Water Management Act 2000?
- (221) Is it envisaged the regulatory amendment currently being drafted in response to legal advice obtained by DCCEEW in relation to another proposed watering event, referred to by the Minister and by Ms Jones in the Portfolio Committee 2 hearing on 22 August, would also result in exemptions for Toorale Station operators that would have prevented this stop work order?
- (222) Is the "Toorale water management infrastructure operating and maintenance plan June 2022 June 2024" still the current operating and maintenance plan (OMP) for Toorale Station?
- (223) Does DCCEEW Water Group or the Minister for Water have a role in relation to the review and update of this plan?

- (224) In the case of the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan, is it unique that rules governing the operations of NSW Government regulating infrastructure are not contained in the water sharing plan or an instrument under it?
- (225) When the Toorale OMP was released in 2022, it contained this note: "Remaining uncertainty around management of flows to the Western Floodplain in the current planning framework will require review and consideration in the remake of the Intersecting Streams water sharing plan." Was this reviewed and considered during the remake of the water sharing plan?
  - (a) Was this OMP taken into consideration during the remake of the water sharing plan?
- (226) Why is there no mention of the Warrego Western Floodplain or Toorale Station in the Intersecting Streams water sharing plan 2024?
- (227) Orders were made to National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2020 and later amended from a requirement to meter water to a requirement to model water take. What has changed that the stop work order was issued now?
- (228) NRAR's media release of 7 August stated that water infrastructure was operated according to the National Parks and Wildlife Service operating and maintenance plans. How can we be sure if the measurements and records are inadequate?
- (229) Was NRAR made aware of complaints about a low flow or no flow event downstream of Toorale Station in April 2024?
- (230) Did NRAR investigate?
- (231) If so, what were the outcomes of that investigation?
- (232) According to the Toorale operating and maintenance plan, 330 megalitres per day (ML/d) is the minimum passing flow requirement at the Louth gauge, and according to the Water NSW Water Insights web site it dipped below that on 17 April last year, bottomed out at 297.9 ML/d on 18 April, and didn't get above 330 ML/d until 5:30 PM on the 19th. Did NRAR look at this and identify the cause?

## Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder pause on environmental water actions

(233) In the CEWH's media release of 18 August, Simon Banks explains their temporary pause on environmental watering actions is due to a recent shift in how held environmental water is interpreted under various NSW water-sharing and policy frameworks, including the NSW Non-Urban Water Metering Policy. Can you outline these recent shifts?

- (a) Had the CEWH communicated any concerns with the Government prior to its announcement of 18 August and if so can these be tabled?
- (234) From what date is the CEWH pause effective and has the CEWH advised under what conditions the pause will be lifted?
- (235) What are the implications for NSW meeting its obligations under the Murray Darling Basin Plan and the Restoring our Rivers Act?
- (236) Simon Banks says his team are actively engaging with NSW DCCEEW to gain a shared understanding. What are the areas of difference or misunderstanding?
- (237) Banks says his team is working diligently to find a resolution and won't resume environmental water actions until he can be confident CEWH obligations are met under the current interpretation of NSW rules. What obligations is it currently unclear are being met?
- (238) According to an article in the Weekly Times of 19 August, the CEWH water is being delivered through about 10 regulators and other works across the Basin that do not comply with the metering regulations. Apart from at Toorale Station, is NRAR investigating compliance issues relating to any other State or Commonwealth water license?

#### Tilpa and Louth Weirs

- (239) Have the socio-economic impacts of lowering Tilpa and Louth weir pool capacities been assessed?
  - (a) Can the assessment of the impacts to communities be tabled?
- (240) Is the Government offering alternative solutions to ensure water security for affected communities?
- (241) Can the Government categorically say that fish passages at these two weirs cannot be engineered without lowering the weir pool capacities?

#### Water Market Reform

- (242) How is Water NSW responding to Commonwealth water market reforms, including the Water Markets Intermediaries Code implemented 1 July 2025 and 1 October 2025, and other reforms scheduled for 1 July 2026?
- (243) What business unit within Water NSW is responsible for implementing changes in response to Commonwealth water market reforms?

- (244) How many staff does this unit have and how many are assigned to addressing water market reforms?
- (245) Is Water NSW working with private enterprise to address water market reforms? If so, who?

## Water NSW Staff Cuts and Funding shortfall

(246) In the Policy Committee 2 hearing on 22 August, Mr Andrew George said 40 per cent of Water NSW operating cost increases were due to new or changed regulatory obligations. What measures is the Minns Government taking specifically in relation to water infrastructure to reverse this?

## Funding for local water utilities

- (247) When will the Government deliver a new funding model for local water utilities?
- (248) Pending the new model, has the Government considered the possibility of additional funding for the Safe and Secure Water Program?
- (249) What new capital works funding has the Minns Government specifically put into enabling water infrastructure for housing outside of the previous Government's commitments to the Safe and Secure Water Program, the Commonwealth's National Water Grid Fund, or investment by the SOCs?

## Water Resource Plans and SDL compliance

- (250) The Commonwealth's annual SDL compliance report was released in August and shows zero NSW surface water assessed and half of NSW groundwater by area not assessed. Why do all Water Resource Plans remain unaccredited?
  - (a) Have there been any consequences from the Commonwealth?
  - (b) Can you please outline those consequences?
- (251) Has the Federal Minister for Environment and Water ever written to you expressing concern about NSW's failure to accredit WRPs?
  - (a) If yes Can you table that correspondence?
- (252) Does the Minister believe it is acceptable that Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and the ACT are subject to SDL enforcement, while NSW water take remains unregulated under the Basin Plan?

- (253) Has the Minister received any briefing from NSW DCCEEW warning of any legal risk or reputational damage due to lack of compliance with the Basin Plan?
- (254) What funding, if any, has NSW received from the Commonwealth to assist with WRP preparation, SDL compliance systems or floodplain harvesting metering?
  - (a) Has any of it been returned or unspent?
- (255) When will WRPs for the Namoi and Gwydir catchments be finalised and resubmitted for accreditation?
  - (a) What is the cause of delay?
- (256) Has the NSW Government conducted any environmental or hydrological modelling to support the recent revisions to the Barwon–Darling SDL and BDL?
  - (a) Can that modelling be tabled?
- (257) Can the Minister guarantee that no surface water or groundwater SDL resource unit in NSW is currently non-compliant or in exceedance, despite the lack of accreditation?
- (258) What proportion of NSW's floodplain harvesting is currently measured with metered devices?
  - (a) When will full metering coverage be achieved?

## Water NSW Water Supply Works and Use Approval 20CA219831, Ms Brenda Daniel

- (259) Ms Brenda Daniel's bore application was approved by Water NSW on 17 July 2018 under Water Supply Works and Use Approval 20CA219831. On 8 July 2025, correspondence from Water NSW advises Ms Daniel the 2018 approval does not have legal effect and therefore should be treated as having not been made. It also states "Water NSW requests that you refrain from taking any steps in reliance on the 2018 approval, until such time as your original application dated 28 May 2018 is determined.
  - (a) Why has a determination not been made, the matter of Ms Daniel's works approval being revoked was raised in 2022 and then sat dormant until July 2025 almost three years?
  - (b) Where did the correspondence go advising that Ms Daniel had the opportunity to lodge an objection during the 2022 Water NSW review of the works approval?

(260) Why were temporary water trades processed for the 2023-24 financial years – Ms Daniel advises that she took this to mean that the bore was approved and she was able to use the bore?

## Ingleburn - Oxford Gardens Estate Pump Installation

- (261) Can you confirm the current status of the Sydney Water pump installation for the Oxford Gardens Estate in Ingleburn?
- (262) What is the expected completion date for the permanent pump installation?
- (263) Will the pump be operational before homes in the estate including those scheduled for completion in October 2025 are ready for occupation?
- (264) Has a temporary pump solution been installed, and if not, when will it be?
- (265) If a temporary pump is installed, what is the timeframe for transitioning to a permanent connection?
- (266) How many homes in the Oxford Gardens Estate are currently affected by the absence of a permanent pump connection?
- (267) Have any new homeowners or builders received formal communication from Sydney Water confirming the delivery timeframe for this infrastructure?
- (268) What engagement has Sydney Water had with developers and residents to provide updates on the pump's status and timelines?
- (269) What is the reason for the delay in installation, and what steps are being taken to expedite the process given the imminent completion of multiple homes in the estate?
- (270) Can you guarantee that the lack of a pump connection will not prevent residents from moving into their new homes on schedule?

### **Staff Cuts**

- (271) With Water NSW's decision to sack 300 staff, or one quarter of its workforce, are you confident in their ability to maintain critical services to supply water to communities, water utilities, industry, agriculture and the environment safely?
- (272) What safeguards is the Government putting in place to ensure continuity of these services?
- (273) These cuts are the result of an \$80 million dollar funding shortfall. Are there Government priorities which could be adjusted to help close that shortfall?

- (274) Water NSW's two biggest infrastructure projects are \$300 million dollars for environmental flows on the Hawkesbury and somewhere north of that for Warragamba Dam climate resilience. How do these priorities assist cost of living pressures and the housing crisis?
- (275) In making the decision to sack 300 staff, did Water NSW look at alternative savings measures in addition to the \$860 million in deferred capital works and \$133 million in operational costs already contained in last year's pricing proposal?
- (276) Which programs and business functions will be affected by the cuts?
- (277) How is WaterNSW ensuring its customers are not deprioritised in the business restructure currently underway, and ensuring they are getting the levels of service they signed up to?
- (278) Will the cuts be spread evenly around the State or mainly in rural and regional areas?
- (279) Is it fair to say the cost of doing business has increased substantially in recent years?
- (280) What are the main areas in which the cost of doing business has increased the most?
- (281) Was there any discussion about reprioritising capital projects such as the \$301 million for environmental flows on the Hawkesbury?
- (282) How much is WaterNSW paying in interest each year?

## **NRAR** Funding

- (283) Why has NRAR received an additional \$19.9m in the 2025-26 state budget, on top of receiving its full requested budget from IPART of \$36.3m?
- (284) Is this additional budget also being 100 per cent paid for by water users, or is a proportion coming from other sources?
- (285) How does the Minns Government reconcile expanding the budget for NRAR, with simultaneous plans to cut 4% of staff (165 jobs) at DPIRD and cut a quarter of staff (300 jobs) at WaterNSW?
- (286) How is the NRAR Community Benchmarking Survey used by NRAR to justify increased funding or enhanced powers?
- (287) According to a 2022 report for the Inspector General of Water compliance, in the first quarter of 2021, just 0.28% of water accounts in NSW were overdrawn. Would it be more appropriate to base spending requirements on actual compliance figures, rather than on a survey of a small number of members of the general public?

- (288) NRAR seeks to maintain public confidence in the enforcement of natural resources regulation, yet NRAR doesn't often communicate the very high compliance rates in NSW. Why is this the case?
- (289) How does NRAR ensure it doesn't duplicate its education role with WaterNSW?
- (290) Regarding the NRAR Social Benchmarking Survey 2023, how is information in this survey used by NRAR, NSW Government and IPART?
- (291) What third party was contracted to do the survey and at what cost?
- (292) Was the cost part of WAMC's funding (and therefore cost-recovered from water users) or from government?
- (293) How frequently does this survey occur?
- (294) How are participants made aware of these surveys, for example are they cold-called?
- (295) How do the researchers get the private contact details of water users to call them?

#### **Tooral Station**

- (296) Minister, has the Government received correspondence from the Commonwealth in relation to the operation of works at Toorale Farm and if so can it be tabled?
- (297) Do you have a role in ensuring the Toorale Station operating and maintenance plan is compliant?
- (298) Toorale Station is covered by the *Water sharing plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024* which came into effect on 1 July last year. Is there any reason why this wasn't developed as a water sharing plan for a regulated water source?
- (299) When you sought concurrence from the Minister for the Environment, were any changes sought which affected the operations of Toorale Station?
- (300) Is the "Toorale water management infrastructure operating and maintenance plan June 2022 June 2024" still the current operating and maintenance plan (OMP) for Toorale Station?
- (301) Does DCCEEW Water Group have a role in relation to the review and update of this plan?
- (302) Does the Water sharing plan for the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sources 2024 which came into effect on 1 July last year provide for exemptions to access rules for Toorale Station or its operators your Department?
- (303) If any exemptions for Toorale existed, would they be listed at Schedule 2?

- (304) What are the fundamental differences between a water sharing plan for a regulated water source and an unregulated water source?
- (305) In the case of the Intersecting Streams Unregulated River Water Sharing Plan, is it unique that rules governing the operations of regulating infrastructure are not contained in the water sharing plan or an instrument under it?
- (306) When the Toorale OMP was released in 2022, it contained this note: "Remaining uncertainty around management of flows to the Western Floodplain in the current planning framework will require review and consideration in the remake of the Intersecting Streams water sharing plan." Was this reviewed and considered during the remake of the water sharing plan?
- (307) Why is there no mention of the Warrego Western Floodplain or Toorale Station in the Intersecting Streams water sharing plan 2024?
- (308) When did NRAR begin its investigation into DCCEEW's operations at Toorale Station?
- (309) When did NRAR become aware that DCCEEW were not meeting their measuring, record keeping and reporting requirements?
- (310) What has changed or happened to prompt NRAR to issue a stop work notice on 6 August?
- (311) Are you aware of any Commonwealth Government complaints about DCCEEW's operations at Toorale?
- (312) What does the stop work order mean?
- (313) Does it mean that the gates at Boera Dam will remain on whatever setting they were on at the time of the stop work, or on a bias toward the Western Floodplain or toward the Warrego River, or on some specified neutral bias?
- (314) Does the stop work order cover any other regulating infrastructure at Toorale Station?
- (315) Has NRAR ever issued DCCEEW or National Parks with an order or advice in the past to improve its measuring, record keeping and reporting at Toorale?
- (316) Has NRAR ever issued any NSW Government agency with a stop work order before?
- (317) In NRAR's media release of 7 August, you said that water infrastructure was operated according to the National Parks and Wildlife Service operating and maintenance plans. How can you be sure if the measurements and records are inadequate?
- (318) Were you aware of complaints about a low flow or no flow event downstream of Toorale Station in April 2024?

- (319) Did NRAR investigate?
- (320) If so, what were the outcomes of that investigation?
- (321) According to the operating and maintenance plan, 330 megalitres per day (ML/d) is the minimum passing flow requirement at the Louth gauge, and according to the Water NSW Water Insights web site it dipped below that on 17 April last year, bottomed out at 297.9 ML/d on 18 April, and didn't get above 330 ML/d until 5:30 PM on the 19th. Did NRAR look at this and identify the cause?

## **Funding for Local Water Utilities**

- (322) Minister, it's now well over a year since the Productivity and Equality Commission released its report on funding models for local water utilities. When are we going to see the Government's new model?
- (323) Pending the implementation of a new model, has the Government considered additional funding for the Safe and Secure Water Program beyond the \$1.1 billion commitment by the previous government out to 2028?
- (324) In the 2024 and 2025 rounds of National Water Grid funding, what are the most substantial new town water and sewerage projects which have gained funding with the Minns Government's support?
- (325) Have any new town water and sewerage projects progressed to shovel ready in the 2025 round of National Water Grid funding?
- (326) Can you provide a list of town water and sewerage projects which the Government is considering supporting for the 2026 round of National Water Grid funding?
- (327) Will you be advocating for new funding for town water and sewerage projects in the 2026-2027 NSW state budget?
- (328) In his speech to the McKell Institute around budget time, the Treasurer acknowledged that water infrastructure underpins all of the Government's housing targets. Where is the government's funding for it?

### Northern Basin Toolkit Fish Passages

- (329) Minister, has it always been your understanding that the Northern Basin toolkit would involve the lowering of several weirs?
- (330) What weirs has the Government decided to lower?

- (331) Have the socio-economic impacts of lowering these weirs been assessed?
- (332) Water NSW's third largest capital works program is just over \$100 million for fishways? Does this include projects within the Northern Basin Toolkit, or is that a completely separate body of work?
- (333) Is the Commonwealth's \$56.8 million dollar commitment to fish passages within the Northern Basin Toolkit in addition to the \$100 million dollar Water NSW commitment for fishways?
- (334) For any fish passages outside of the Northern Basin Toolkit, do any weirs need to be lowered in order to secure fish passages?
- (335) The Northern Basin Toolkit fish passage program includes fishways at Tilpa Weir, Louth Downstream Weir, Calmudy Weir and Banarway Weir. Which of these weirs is the Department proposing to lower?
- (336) What are the impacts on water security for townships, industry and agriculture?
- (337) Are there alternatives to lowering weirs? Could fish passage be secured without lowering any of these weirs?

### Water Market Reform

- (338) How is Water NSW responding to Commonwealth water market reforms, including the Water Markets Intermediaries Code implemented 1 July 2025 and 1 October 2025, and other reforms scheduled for 1 July 2026?
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- (341) Is Water NSW working with private enterprise to address water market reforms? If so, who?

## Non-Urban Water Metering Reform

(342) How much has the NSW Government spent on the non-urban metering reform roll out to date?

## Water Administration Ministerial Corporation (WAMC) Pricing

(343) What percentage of WAMC's funding is paid for by water users via licencing fees?

(344) How will the Department ensure employment in regional communities will remain prioritised under the IPART WAMC final determination if WAMC and the Department suffer substantial funding cuts?

#### Wilcannia Weir

(345) When can we expect to see the Government's response to the Independent review of the Wilcannia Weir Replacement project?

### Sydney Water Enabling Infrastructure

- (346) Minister, of the NSW target of new 377,000 homes to 2029, how many are in the Sydney Water footprint?
- (347) Of these new homes in metropolitan Sydney, how many are in greenfields sites?
- (348) Minister, are you concerned about Sydney Water's ability to deliver enabling infrastructure required to meet housing targets by 2029?
- (349) At the launch of the new fire station at Badgery's Creek in June, did you tell the media that it's water that's holding up housing development?
- (350) What measures is the Government taking to ensure water infrastructure specifically is not holding up development?
- (351) The 2025-26 Budget allocates "\$10.1 million to deal with water issues that affect housing and development". What are these issues and how is this money being spent?
- (352) Is the Government providing or considering additional water funding to service growth over and above Sydney Water's own funding measures?
- (353) With IPART's draft pricing determination, what's the overall net reduction in Sydney Water's revenue to 2030 compared to Sydney Water's proposal?
- (354) What programs or capital works projects is Sydney Water looking at dropping, deferring or scaling back as a result of this reduced funding?
- (355) Are you able to quarantine growth and asset renewal programs from these cuts?
- (356) Your Long Term Capital and Operations plan lists 20 key capital works investments to 2030. Has Sydney Water prioritised this list and
- (357) Do you anticipate that like Water NSW, Sydney Water will need to cut staffing numbers as a result of the reduced funding?

- (358) Is the accelerated Upper Nepean Advanced Water Recycling Centre project meeting its milestones to meet the phase 1 2027 delivery date?
- (359) What are the top risks to phase 1 of this project meeting its 2027 delivery date and how does Sydney Water currently rate those risks?

### Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder halts Environmental Water Flows

- (360) Minister, what correspondence has the government received from the Commonwealth in relation to it ceasing environmental water flows in NSW and can it be tabled?
- (361) The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's (CEWH) announcement on 18 August comes less than two weeks after NRAR issued a stop work order on DCCEEW NSW at Toorale Station affecting Commonwealth water access licenses. Had the CEWH discussed the issue with the Government prior to that stop work order?
- (362) At what point did the Government become aware that the CEWH had paused environmental watering in NSW?
- (363) From what date is the CEWH pause effective and has the CEWH advised under what conditions the pause will be lifted?
- (364) What are the implications for NSW meeting its obligations under the Murray Darling Basin Plan and the Restoring our Rivers Act?
- (365) In the CEWH's media release of 18 August, Simon Banks explains their temporary pause on environmental watering actions is due to a recent shift in how held environmental water is interpreted under various NSW water-sharing and policy frameworks, including the NSW Non-Urban Water Metering Policy. Can you outline these recent shifts?
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#### **HOUSING**

#### "Your Home" newsletter

- (369) Homes NSW tenants receive a newsletter called "Your Home":
  - (a) How often do housing tenants receive this newsletter?
  - (b) How many copies are printed each issue of "Your Home"?
  - (c) How much did it cost Homes NSW to print the last issue (June 2025) of "Your Home"?
  - (d) How many homes was "Your Home" sent to, for the June 2025 edition?
  - (e) How much did it cost to post hard copy versions of "Your Home" to households for the June 2025 edition?
  - (f) I understand Homes NSW tenants receive "Your Home" in their quarterly statements can Homes NSW tenants opt into receiving their statements via email?
  - (g) If yes, how might tenants do this?

## **Modular Housing**

- (370) How many new social housing dwellings are currently being delivered by Homes NSW using modular or prefabricated construction methods?
- (371) Of the homes currently under construction across the state, what percentage are modular builds?
- (372) Can you provide a breakdown of the modular housing projects announced since 28 February 2025, including:
  - (a) Location
  - (b) Number of dwellings
  - (c) Expected completion date?
  - (d) How many modular housing projects are projected to be completed over the forward estimates?
- (373) What is the breakdown of currently completed, under-construction, and planned modular homes:
  - (a) Completed and tenanted

- (b) Under installation or mid-construction
- (c) Approved but not yet commenced

## Housing Delivery Pipeline: 2023-24

- (374) Minister, how many new social housing properties were completed in the 2023–24 financial year?
- (375) Of those completions, how many were:
  - (a) 1-bedroom properties
  - (b) 2-bedroom properties
  - (c) 3-bedroom properties
  - (d) 4 or more-bedroom properties
- (376) How many of each bedroom type were delivered in:
  - (a) Greater Sydney
  - (b) Regional NSW
- (377) Of those completions, how many were:
  - (a) New builds
  - (b) Replacement builds
  - (c) Acquisitions

## Current and Forward Pipeline: 2024-25 to 2028-29

- (378) For each of the next four financial years, how many new social housing properties are forecast to be completed?
- (379) For each year, please break that down by bedroom type:
  - (a) 1-bedroom properties
  - (b) 2-bedroom properties
  - (c) 3-bedroom properties
  - (d) 4 or more-bedroom properties
- (380) For each year, how many of each bedroom type will be:
  - (a) New builds

- (b) Replacement builds
- (c) Acquisitions
- (381) For each year, how many of each bedroom type will be delivered in:
  - (a) Greater Sydney
  - (b) Regional NSW
- (382) For each year, how many of the projected completions in each bedroom type are already under construction, and how many are yet to commence?

## **Temporary Accommodation**

- (383) Can you confirm that under current policy, people seeking Temporary Accommodation are entitled to two offers?
- (384) How many people in the past 12 months have refused a first TA offer for reasons such as proximity to a known perpetrator, the presence of drug dealers, or other unsafe conditions, and then received no second offer?

## **Unoccupied LAHC properties**

- (385) Currently, how many unoccupied LAHC properties are in NSW?
- (386) Could a number please be provided per LGA (to date)?
- (387) What was the average time these properties remain unoccupied in?
- (388) How many were unoccupied in:
  - (a) February 2025
  - (b) March 2025
  - (c) April 2025
  - (d) May 2025
  - (e) June 2025
  - (f) July 2025

## **Social Housing Tenants**

(389) At most recent reporting of data, how many social housing tenants were there in NSW?

(390)		many social housing tenants have, in the months of February 2025, March 2025, April May 2025, June 2025, July 2025:	
	(a)	Requested transfers?	
	(b)	Left social housing to private tenancy?	
	(c)	Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?	
	(d)	Been evicted from social housing?	
Socia	ıl Hou	using Stock Stats	
(391)	1) As of 22 August 2025, how many social housing homes are there in New South Wales with:		
	(a)	1 bedroom	
	(b)	2 bedrooms	
	(c)	3 bedrooms	
	(d)	4 bedrooms	
	(e)	5 bedrooms	
	(f)	6 bedrooms	
	(g)	7 bedrooms	
	(h)	8 bedrooms	
	(i)	9 bedrooms or more	
(392)	As of 22 August 2025, for new social housing homes which have come online since 28 February 2025, how many have:		
	(a)	1 bedroom	
	(b)	2 bedrooms	
	(c)	3 bedrooms	
	(d)	4 bedrooms	
	(e)	5 bedrooms	
	(f)	6 bedrooms	
	(g)	7 bedrooms	
	(h)	8 bedrooms	

- (i) 9 bedrooms or more
- (393) As of 22 August 2025, for new social housing homes which have been taken offline since 28 February 2025, how many have:
  - (a) 1 bedroom
  - (b) 2 bedrooms
  - (c) 3 bedrooms
  - (d) 4 bedrooms
  - (e) 5 bedrooms
  - (f) 6 bedrooms
  - (g) 7 bedrooms
  - (h) 8 bedrooms
  - (i) 9 bedrooms or more

## Social Housing Waiting List

- (394) How many applications on the waiting list (general) have been fulfilled during 2025 (to date)?
- (395) How many applications on the waiting list (priority) have been fulfilled during 2025 (to date)?
- (396) How many children were on the social housing waitlist on 28 February 2025?
- (397) How many children were on the social housing waitlist today?
- (398) How many males aged 60 and over were on the social housing waitlist on 28 February 2025?
- (399) How many females aged 60 and over are on the social housing waitlist today?
- (400) As of 22 August 2025 (or nearest date available), please provide the social housing waitlist (both priority and general) broken down by NSW State Electorate.

## Complaints to Homes NSW

- (401) How many complaints have Homes NSW received from tenants in social housing in the following months, broken down by agency?
  - (a) February 2025
  - (b) March 2025
  - (c) April 2025

- (d) May 2025
- (e) June 2025
- (f) July 2025
- (402) How many complaints remain unresolved to Homes NSW, from tenants in social housing in the following months, broken down by agency?
  - (a) February 2025
  - (b) March 2025
  - (c) April 2025
  - (d) May 2025
  - (e) June 2025
  - (f) July 2025
- (403) How many public housing tenants in the past 12 months have lodged formal complaints or safety concerns related to violent or destabilizing behaviour by fellow residents?

## Telopea - Wade Street Towers Refurbishment

- (404) Minister, in your February media release you said work had commenced on refurbishing 148 vacant units at the Wade Street Towers in Telopea, and that "work is expected to be completed by the end of the year". Can you confirm whether the project remains on track for completion in 2025?
- (405) As of today, how many of the 148 units have been refurbished and are now habitable?
- (406) How many tenants have already moved into the refurbished units?
- (407) What is the current budget for the Wade Street Towers refurbishment, and has it changed since the February announcement?
- (408) Have there been any delays in the construction program, and if so, what are the causes?
- (409) Will all 148 units be delivered by the promised timeframe, or is there now a risk that completion will slip into 2026?
- (410) You said the refurbished towers would provide homes for "around 240 residents". Has that occupancy estimate changed since the start of works?

- (411) What is the expected useful life of the refurbished Wade Street Towers still 5–10 years as you originally stated, or longer?
- (412) What is the longer-term renewal plan for Telopea, and has any timeline been set for progressing from this temporary refurbishment to a permanent redevelopment?

#### Homelessness

- (413) The NSW Veterans Strategy and Action Plan 2025-2030 says that research shows the strongest risk factors for veteran homelessness is psychological distress during service, relationship breakdown, and unemployment following transition:
  - (a) Are you proposing any measures to stop it before it even happens?
  - (b) What have you done to make sure that Veterans know that these options are available to them?
- (414) Action item 4.6 from the Action Plan, to be lead by Homes NSW is to improve data on veterans who are sleeping rough so they can be connected with support services.
  - (a) Have you been pursuing this?
    - i. Where is it up to?
    - ii. Do you have any current data that can tell us anything?

## **Seniors Housing**

- (415) How many senior social homes are to be delivered under the Social Housing Accelerator Fund (SHAF) in NSW in the next 12 months?
- (416) Given all of these homes coming online in the next 12 months are located in Sydney, does the NSW Government have plans to build more senior social homes outside of Sydney where cost-of-living, rental prices and availability, and homelessness are a significant issue for older people?

### **3D Printed Housing**

- (417) What 3D printing construction businesses are currently involved in any NSW government projects?
  - (a) What projects are they involved with?
- (418) What other Modern Methods of Construction businesses are similarly involved in any NSW Government projects?

(a) What projects are they involved with?

### Social Housing

- (419) The Performance and Wellbeing Statement (page 5 4), under the demand for social housing, states that the average wait time for households in urgent need, who are on the Register, 26.7 months in 2023-24. What was the average wait time for 2024-25?
  - (a) The same statement says that as of 30 June 2024, NSW manages 94,470 public housing dwellings. Has that number changed in financial year 2024-25?
  - (b) What was the reason for this change?
- (420) The papers outline the largest post-war investment in social housing in NSW occurred during 2024-25, totalling \$6.1B. Of that, \$4B was allocated for the New Social Housing project to fund the land purchase and construction 5,400 new social homes. How is the construction of these homes going?
  - (a) How many have been built?
  - (b) How many are under construction?
  - (c) Has anyone on a wait list moved in to a newly constructed social home?
- (421) This years budgets allocates \$1B per annum between 2028-29 and 2033-34 to deliver additional housing, have you or the department done any projections on how many social homes this project will build?

## **CFMEU**

(422) Recently the CFMEU announced a move that it would be extending its reach into housing in NSW as it seeks to rebuild its power across the nation. Given the investigations that occurred from media outlets and the uncovering of corruption with the union, particularly the construction division, will you and the government be doing anything to ensure that CFMEU isn't involved going forward with any of these major housing projects, particularly while they are in administration?

#### **HOMELESSNESS**

- (423) How much was allocated in the 2024-35 Budget for the NSW Homelessness Strategy?
  - (a) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how the funding has been allocated?
- (424) How much has been allocated in the 2025-26 Budget for the NSW Homelessness Strategy?

- (a) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of how the funding has been allocated?
- (425) How many applications for the Homelessness Innovation Fund were received for each round?
  - (a) Provide by breakdown between Service Reform and Innovation (SRI) program, and the Reforming Temporary Accommodation (RTA) program?
  - (b) Provide by suburb?
- (426) How many applications for the Homelessness Innovation Fund were received from:
  - (a) Providers with an existing SHS program contract?
  - (b) Providers without an existing SHS program contract?
  - (c) For the above, list by suburb?
- (427) Provide a list of all successful Homelessness Innovations Fund applicants including:
  - (a) Provider?
  - (b) Project?
  - (c) Location?
  - (d) Grant amount?
  - (e) Date grant was approved?
  - (f) If they have an existing SHS program contract?
- (428) Have all funds from Round 1 of the Homelessness Innovation Fund been spent by providers?
- (429) How will each Homelessness Innovation Fund project be measured for success?
- (430) Will there be an evaluation of the Homelessness Innovation Fund?
  - (a) If so, when?
  - (b) Will this be made public?
- (431) What areas will the Homelessness Innovation Fund focus on during 2025-26, and how much in total grants will be made available?
- (432) What was the annual funding being provided to Specialist Homelessness Services, Homeless Youth Assistance Program and Domestic Violence Response Enhancement services?
  - (a) How many services were funded?

- (b) Provide as a breakdown?
- (433) What is the forward budget (as part of commissioning) for Specialist Homelessness Services, Homeless Youth Assistance Program and Domestic Violence Response Enhancement services?
- (434) How many Specialist Homelessness Services, Homeless Youth Assistance Program providers and Domestic Violence Response Enhancement services are accredited?
- (435) What other homelessness services, such as pilot programs, were funded in 2023-24 and 2024-25?
  - (a) For the above, provide name of programs?
- (436) What homelessness program reviews are underway?
- (437) What homelessness program reviews are planned for 2025-26?
- (438) What is the budget for the Specialist Workers for Children and Young People program for:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?
- (439) What is the Domestic Violence Response Enhancement budget for:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?
- (440) What is the Staying Home Leaving Violence Budget for:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?
- (441) What is the Integrated Domestic & Family Violence Services budget for:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?

(442)	What	is the Domestic Violence Pro-Active Services budget for:	
	(a)	2023-24?	
	(b)	2024-25?	
	(c)	2025-26?	
(443)	What	is the Sustaining Tenancies in Social Housing Services budget for:	
	(a)	2023-24?	
	(b)	2024-25?	
	(c)	2025-26?	
(444)	What	is the Reintegration Housing Support Program Services budget for:	
	(a)	2023-24?	
	(b)	2024-25?	
	(c)	2025-26?	
(445)	What	is the Universal Screening and Supports (USS) Services budget for:	
	(a)	2023-24?	
	(b)	2024-25?	
	(c)	2025-26?	
(446)	Who	is funded to provide the USS Services?	
(447)	How	much funding is allocated to Assertive Outreach in NSW for:	
	(a)	2023-24?	
	(b)	2024-25?	
	(c)	2025-26?	
(448)	How many Assertive Outreach Patrols were conducted during 2024-25 and provide by:		
	(a)	District	
	(b)	Local Government Areas	
	(c)	LGA Count	
	(d)	Number of patrols	
	(e)	Who conducted the outreach, DCJ or NGO?	

- (449) For 2025-26 has the Government identified more Assertive Outreach areas?
  - (a) If so, in which LGA's will more assertive outreach operate?
  - (b) When will they commence?
- (450) How many 'Journey on Home Mobile app' engagements occurred during 2023-24 and provide by:
  - (a) Month?
  - (b) District?
- (451) What opportunities are there for new entrants who currently don't receive SHS funding to access government funding?
- (452) What categories of data is collected by Client Information Management System (CIMS)?
- (453) Have any SHS submitted proposed service changes during 2023-24?
  - (a) If yes, how many?
  - (b) Which local government area/s are the SHS based?
  - (c) How many of the proposed service changes sought an increase in funding?
  - (d) How many of the proposed service changes related to gaps in the local services?
  - (e) Have all the proposed service changes been addressed?
  - (f) If yes, what was the outcome of all the proposed service changes?
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  - (d) How many of the proposed service changes related to gaps in the local services?
  - (e) Have all the proposed service changes been addressed?
  - (f) If yes, what was the outcome of all the proposed service changes?
  - (g) Was the Homelessness Innovation Fund used to fund the proposed service change?

- (455) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many women have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services in NSW during 2023-24?
  - (a) How many were over 55 years of age?
  - (b) How many were under 24 years of age?
- (456) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many people with disability have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services during 2023-24?
- (457) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many people who identify as Aboriginal have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services during 2023-24?
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- (461) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many children under 12 years of age presenting alone to SHS during 2023-24?
  - (a) Provide by district?
  - (b) Gender?
  - (c) Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal?
- (462) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many children under 12 years of age presenting alone to SHS during 2024-25?
  - (a) Provide by district?

- (b) Gender?
- (c) Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal?
- (463) Has DCJ followed up with SHS agencies that recorded children under 12 years of age presenting alone to SHS during 2023-24 and 2024-25?
  - (a) If yes, what date/s did DCJ follow up?
  - (b) What was the outcome?
  - (c) If no, why not?
- (464) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many women over 55s were assisted during 2023-24?
  - (a) What is the breakdown by age?
  - (b) How many were Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal?
  - (c) What is the breakdown by region or Local Government Area?
  - (d) What is the breakdown of the duration of the stay? (e.g. less than 5 nights, between 5 and 90 nights, more than 90 nights)
- (465) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many women over 55s were assisted during 2024-25?
  - (a) What is the breakdown by age?
  - (b) How many were Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal?
  - (c) What is the breakdown by region or Local Government Area?
  - (d) What is the breakdown of the duration of the stay? (e.g. less than 5 nights, between 5 and 90 nights, more than 90 nights)
- (466) Using the existing data capture through the CIMS system, how many individuals accessed Temporary Accommodation during 2023-24?
  - (a) How many were unaccompanied children?
  - (b) What was the youngest age?
  - (c) How many were turned away?
  - (d) What is the breakdown by region or local government area?

- (467) What is the number and percentage of temporary accommodation currently accessible for people with disability?
  - (a) What date is this figure based on?
- (468) How much was spent in 2024-25 on temporary accommodation in commercial providers such as hotels/motels?
- (469) When did the Bourke Staying in Community Leaving Violence program commence?
  - (a) How many clients have been assisted?
- (470) How many people impacted by homelessness have been assisted by the Together Home program to date?
  - (a) How many people assisted by the initiative have transitioned into long-term accommodation?
  - (b) How many young people have been assisted by the initiative?
  - (c) How many people assisted by the Together Home program continue to be supported by existing contracts?
- (471) How much was allocated to the Supported Transition and Engagement Program (STEP) for 2023-24 and 2024-25?

## Mental Health-Housing In Reach Services

- (472) What is the Mental Health-Housing In Reach Services budget for:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?
  - (c) 2025-26?
- (473) How many clients have been assisted by the NSW Mental Health-Housing in Reach Service during:
  - (a) 2023-24?
  - (b) 2024-25?

#### Link2Home

- (474) How many calls were received by Link2Home each month during 2024-25?
- (475) What was the average wait time for people calling Link2Home each month during 2024-25?

- (476) Of those clients who called Link2Home during 2024-25, how many were:
  - (a) Under 12 years of age?
  - (b) Aged between 14-18 years of age?
  - (c) People with disability?
  - (d) Women?
  - (e) Women with children?
  - (f) Men?
  - (g) Veterans?
  - (h) Aboriginal?
  - (i) Persons with multicultural background?
  - (j) Persons with a pet?

#### Mental Health

## Mental Health Services - Prevention and Early help

- (477) Will you commit to building capacity for mental health support in our communities to relieve pressure on our overstretched mental health system by establishing a dedicated, multi-year funding stream within the prevention budget for NSW-based, peer-led campaigns that reduce stigma and drive early help-seeking (such as Inherited Cancers Australia and 'I'm Not Okay')?
  - (a) If so, will you advocate for the inclusion of clear KPIs tied to behaviour change for these organisations (e.g., uptake of GP mental health plans, Head to Health/Lifeline contacts, and self-disclosure rates) and publish those KPIs by LGA so community partners can target hotspots and co-deliver outcomes?

## Statutory Review, Mental Health Commission Act 2012

- (478) The statutory review of the Mental Health Commission report was supposed to be table in August 2024. It was instead tabled in May 2025.
  - (a) Why did it take such a long time to table the report in parliament?
  - (b) The government's response to the report was less than 800 words long. What is your process for responding to statutory reviews from start to finish?

- (c) 11 Recommendations were made in this report, only 1 was supported outright. This recommendation was: The Commission should promulgate a job role specification for Deputy Commissioners that articulates the function and authority of Deputy Commissioners, and identifies a specific portfolio of activity over which each respective Deputy Commissioner can provide leadership and advice. For example, regional and rural mental health service delivery, the mental health of specific populations, criminal justice system responses to mental health, or lived experience engagement.
  - i. Why was this the only recommendation that was outright supported?
- (d) Recommendation 1 says that the Act that governs the Commission should be amended to make the Commission a more effective instrument in improving the mental health and well-being of the people of NSW:
  - i. Why was this recommendation only supported in principle when you're already happy to support a recommendation that creates new roles of employment inside the commission?

### Official Visitors Program

- (479) How many mental health Official Visitors are currently active in NSW?
- (480) Are these staff appointed directly by you?
  - (a) Does that mean they are outside of enterprise agreements?
- (481) How many new Official Visitors joined the Official Visitor Program in 2024
- (482) How many Official Visitors left the Official Visitor Program in 2024?
- (483) What is the current hourly rate Official Visitors receive?
- (484) Is that below the Australian average wage which currently is approximately \$43 an hour.
- (485) Does that seem fair for essential and skilled mental health workers, with many travelling large distances in rural or regional areas?
  - (a) Are there plans to review their hourly rate to match CPI?

#### **YOUTH**

- (486) How much has been allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for the Youth Portfolio?
  - (a) What is the breakdown of allocation?

## Office of Regional Youth

- (487) Does the Office of Regional Youth exist in any form?
  - (a) Has the government moved the Office of Regional Youth out of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and to the Department of Communities and Justice?
    - i. Does the State bare any financial burden for this decision?
    - ii. If so, how much?
    - iii. Will there be, or have there been, any changes in staffing arrangements as a result of moving the Office of Regional Youth
    - iv. Whose decision was it to make this administrative change?

#### Office for Youth

- (488) Will there be a team within the Office for Youth whose focus will be on regional youth?
- (489) How much additional funding has been allocated to the Department of Communities and Justice for the new Office for Youth?
- (490) Have any new staff been hired inside the Department of Communities and Justice to staff the new Office for Youth?
- (491) Will the Office for Youth have any statutory oversight?
  - (a) Will it report to a Minister or Ministers?
  - (b) Will it report to Parliament?
- (492) What was the rationale for sitting the Office for Youth inside the Department of Communities and Justice instead of sitting it inside the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the same way that Women NSW is?
- (493) Who did the branding for the new Office for Youth?
  - (a) Was a style guide created?
  - (b) Who chose the colour scheme?
  - (c) Who chose the logo?
  - (d) Were alternative styles or branding considered?
  - (e) Who had the responsibility of approving the style guide?

(494) Does the Office for Youth serve at the pleasure of the Minister for Youth, or is it an independent body?

#### **NSW Youth Summit**

- (495) How much did the NSW Youth Summit cost NSW taxpayers?
- (496) How much did the NSW Government pay to external speakers at that event?
- (497) How many young people were in attendance?

#### Minister's Office

- (498) How many staff in the Minister's Office advise on the following portfolios:
  - (a) Water?
  - (b) Housing?
  - (c) Homelessness?
  - (d) Mental Health?
  - (e) Youth?

### **CFMEU** meetings

(499) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Construction, Forestry and Maritime Employees Union (CFMEU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

## ETU meetings

(500) Since 28 March 2023, have you met with the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) that was not disclosed in accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information?

## Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office

(501) On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office?

## Department(s)/Agency(s) Employees

(502) In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?

## Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports

- (503) Do you have plans to print the 2024-25 annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio?
  - (a) If yes, what is the budgeted expenditure for printing for each department / agency?

#### State Records Act

- (504) Have you and your ministerial office had training and/or a briefing about the State Records Act from State Records NSW and/or The Cabinet Office and/or Premier's Department?
  - (a) If yes, when?

## Department(s)/Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register

- (505) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) have a gifts and/or hospitality register?
  - (a) If yes, is it available online?
    - i. If yes, what is the website URL?

## Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality

- (506) Does your ministerial office keep a register of gifts and/or hospitality for staff to make disclosures?
  - (a) If yes, what is the website URL?
- (507) Have any staff members in your office been the recipient of any free hospitality?
  - (a) What was the total value of the hospitality received?
  - (b) Are these gifts of hospitality declared?

## Ministerial Code of Conduct

- (508) Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct?
  - (a) If yes, what was the breach?

#### **Senior Executive Drivers**

(509) As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?

### GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Ministerial Offices

- (510) Does your Ministerial Office have a disclosure log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009?
  - (a) If yes, what is the URL?

## GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Departments/Agencies

(511) What is the website URL for the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009 disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?

#### **TikTok**

- (512) Are you on TikTok?
  - (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?

## Signal

- (513) Are you on Signal?
  - (a) If yes, do you access Signal from a NSW Government device?
  - (b) If yes, does Signal comply with the State Records Act?

## **Training**

- (514) Since 28 March 2023, have you had training from an external stakeholder that included an invoice and payment paid for using your ministerial budget?
  - (a) If yes, what is the description of training?
  - (b) If yes, how much?

## Parliamentary Secretary & Ministerial Vehicle

- (515) Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used a Ministerial driver from the pool?
  - (a) If yes, why?

#### Media releases and statements

- (516) Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases">https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases</a>?
  - (a) If no, why?

#### Overseas Travel

(517) As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?

#### **Data Breaches**

- (518) Does your portfolio department(s)/agency(s) keep a register of data breaches in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection (PPIP) Act?
  - (a) If yes, what is the website?

## **Discretionary Fund**

- (519) As Minister, so you have a discretionary fund?
  - (a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s) administer it?
  - (b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?

## **Airline Lounges**

- (520) Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?
- (521) Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?

#### Ministerial Overseas Travel

- (522) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas?
  - (a) If yes, was this application accepted?

## Private Jet Charter

- (523) Have you travelled on a private jet charter in your Ministerial capacity?
  - (a) If yes, was this value for money for taxpayers?

## Ministerial Office renovations

- (524) Since 28 March 2023, has your Ministerial Office at 52 Martin Place been renovated?
  - (a) If yes, how much was the expenditure?

# **Conflict of Interest**

(525) Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest?

(a) If yes, why?