

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

MINISTER MORIARTY

Question Number	Question	Answer
1 Agriculture	To the Minister: when did Gallagher Animal Management first request the meeting with you that went ahead on 6 May 2025?	I am advised: The Member for Orange requested I meet with Gallagher Animal Management on 1 May.
2 Agriculture	Is the Minister aware of the Premier declaring an interest and abstaining from the government's consideration of the legalisation of virtual fencing due to his close personal relationship with Brent Thomas, a financial beneficiary of the government's plan?	I am advised: Ministers comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code).
3 Agriculture	At her 7 May meeting with Mr Thomas did the Minister discuss his longstanding friendship with the Premier?	No.
4 Agriculture	What representations did you receive prior to 30 April 2025 regarding approval for virtual fencing from (a) Halter, (b) Gallagher and (c) Vence? What are the details?	I am advised: I received correspondence from Halter regarding Mr Philip Donato, Hon. Scott Barrett, Mrs Helen Dalton, and Hon. Rod Roberts visit to Tasmanian farm where virtual fencing was used. I also received correspondence regarding the benefits of virtual fencing as well as meeting requests.
5 Agriculture	At the hearing you said you didn't know whether or not you had	I am advised: No.

	discussed virtual fencing with Chris Minns, can you now answer that question having had time to think about it?	
6 Agriculture	At page 14 of the Hansard, the Minister could not say for sure whether she had discussed the legalisation of Virtual Fencing with the Premier. Now with time to think about it, Minister, what is the answer? And did you have any discussion with anyone from the Premier's office? What are the details?	Please refer to Question 5.
7 2024 State of the Environment Report	For each of the following key findings in the 2024 State of the Environment, please provide full details of the data provided by your portfolio to inform each of the following key findings: (a) Most estuaries and coastal swimming sites have water quality that is suitable for swimming, but this varies, especially	I am advised: The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Department) Fisheries & Forestry provides information from monitoring programs that measure trend and condition of key ecological population and communities. The Environment Protection Authority uses this data to derive key findings.

	after heavy rainfall. (b) Coastal vegetation and habitats (saltmarsh, mangroves and seagrass) continue to be threatened by coastal development and climate change. While in some locations they are declining, in others coverage has improved due to good management. (c) Kelp forest area declined in all sampled locations between 2019 and 2023, from 25% to 60%. (d) Despite limited data for assessing statewide trends of coastal fish species, current monitoring of fisheries suggests fish stocks	
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	are stable, although some species are under threat.	
8 Fisheries Compliance	Please provide details of all occasions that an independent observer has been on board a fishing vessel in NSW between 2015 and 2025, including: (a) The date the observer was on board (b) The fishery in which the vessel was operating (c) The location in which the vessel was operating (d) The observer's records from the visit, including but not limited to any documented bycatch recorded and any potential breaches of regulation recorded.	I am advised: Observer records including but not limited to any documented bycatch recorded is a significant volume of data. Further clarification is required on fisheries areas or particular categories of bycatch. Summarised data is contained can be found here: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/fisheries/otl-fishery
9 Fisheries Compliance	Please provide all reports of bycatch of threatened or protected species submitted by fishing vessel operators in NSW between 2015 and 2025. For each report, please include: (a) The date the bycatch was recorded (b) The date the bycatch was reported	I am advised: The Department is working with commercial fishers to accurately record all interactions with threatened species. It is acknowledged that not all interactions are reported and this results in high variability in annual interaction levels. Independent observer programs suggest that interaction levels are negligible in the Offshore Trawl and Trap and Line Fisheries and low in the Estuary General Fishery.

	(c) The fishery in which the vessel was operating (d) The location in which the vessel was operating (e) The threatened or protected species recorded, including number of individuals recorded for each species and whether the individuals were dead or alive.	
10 Targeting and destruction of large sharks by recreational fishers	Does Fisheries NSW undertake any monitoring and compliance of the targeting of large sharks by recreational fishers in NSW?	I am advised: The Department Recreational Fisheries Monitoring Program is designed to collect high quality, up-to-date information on recreational and charter fishing in NSW. This includes catch information on species or groups of fish, including elasmobranchs (sharks and rays). Fisheries Officers enforce recreational fishing rules, including bag and size limits for sharks.
11 Targeting and destruction of large sharks by recreational fishers	Does Fisheries NSW undertake any monitoring of the potential illegal sale of shark jaws, teeth and heads in NSW or beyond?	I am advised: Matters that have been reported are investigated to see if Part 7A of the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i> has been breached.
12 Targeting and destruction of large sharks by recreational fishers	Have Fisheries NSW investigated the activities of Hunter Shark Jaw Restoration? (a) Please provide details of any actions taken to prevent the potential illegal trade of shark jaws by Hunter Shark Jaw Restoration or any other private sellers in NSW.	I am advised. As an active investigation is underway, I am unable to comment.
13	Please list all fish stock assessments	I am advised:

Fish stock assessments	undertaken by NSW Fisheries or the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development over the period 2015 to 2025. (a) For each assessment, please include: i. the species assessed ii. the year in which the assessment was undertaken iii. a link to the assessment report or, where assessment reports are not published, copies of the assessment results.	This information can be found here: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/commercial/open-for-comment/stock-status-summary-reports https://fish.gov.au/
14 Fisheries management in a changing climate	Please list any actions undertaken to reform NSW-managed fisheries in the face of a changing climate. Please include details of: (a) Each NSW-managed fisheries that has been assessed in regards to its sustainability under future climate scenarios, including: i. when the assessment was undertaken ii. the fishery that was assessed iii. the species affected iv. the predicted impacts of different climate scenarios on fish stocks	I am advised: This information can be found here: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/dpi/climate/climate-vulnerability-assessment/marine-fisheries https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/fisheries-research/marine-ecosystems/climate-change-and-variability

	v. the methodology used to predict these impacts. (b) Any changes made to the management of any NSW-managed fishery in response to the findings of the assessment, including but not limited to changes in: vi. regulatory settings vii. policies viii. processes ix. compliance and enforcement efforts.	
15 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	Why has your Department continued to ignore the recommendations made by independent consultants, AUSTECO Environmental Consulting, commissioned by the EPA following the 2019/20 fires to: 'protect all unburnt and lightly burned areas from logging for 20-120 years; protect 50% of the least burnt area of every logging compartment across the entire landscape; and develop new conditions that ensure 'permanent protection of large forest patches across regions and landscapes that	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

	capture and include fire refuges...old growth and link all retained forest patches larger than 5 hectares in size in a network of permanent wildlife corridors'	
16 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	Can you provide an estimate of the savings in GHG emissions likely to result from creating The Great Koala National Park?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
17 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	What volume of carbon credits do you anticipate will be generated by the GKNP?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
18 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	What price do you anticipate the GKNP carbon credits will receive?	This question should be referred directed to the Minister for the Environment.
19 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	How will carbon credits generated by the creation of the park be marketed?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
20 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	What new regulatory arrangements will be established to satisfy 100 year permanence requirements?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
21 Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme	Which state agency will take on the responsibilities, legal obligations and liabilities of the project proponent?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
22 Cultural Fishing	What oversight does the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPI) have over Fisheries	I am advised: a) The response addresses situations where there have been activities that are outside of recognised cultural fishing arrangements involving Aboriginal peoples: i. 226

	Officer's surveillance and compliance of First Nations communities engaging in cultural fishing? (a) How many cases of non-compliance has the DPI identified among First Nations communities engaging in cultural fishing in: i. 2020? ii. 2021? iii. 2022? iv. 2023? v. 2024? vi. 2025? (b) What is the text of the explicit methodology and procedures used by Fisheries Officers to determine compliance?	ii. 169 iii. 85 iv. 256 v. 86 vi. 46 (to date) b) https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/632695/aboriginal-cultural-fishing-interim-access-arrangement.pdf
23 Cultural Fishing	Does the DPI track the exercising of powers by Fisheries Officers against individuals under section 255 and 255A of the Fisheries Management Act 1994? (a) Does this include explicit tracking of the exercising of powers against First Nations communities engaged in cultural fishing? (b) If not, will the Minister act to ensure this occurs, with explicit direction for	I am advised: Recording of overall contacts is not undertaken, however where there is an offence that is reported for consideration for failure to comply with requirements under sections 255 and 255A relevant details of activity are captured. Work instructions relevant to Aboriginal fishing activity provide guidance to ensure the proper application of section 255A in context of the person being Aboriginal and associated potential for fishing activity to be cultural or exercise of native title rights.

	Fisheries Officers to monitor the exercising of powers against First Nations communities engaged in cultural fishing? (c) If so, in how many instances did Fisheries Officers determine that fishing evaluated was Aboriginal cultural fishing or fishing in line with Native Title rights in: i. 2020? ii. 2021? iii. 2022? iv. 2023? v. 2024? vi. 2025? (d) If so, in how many instances did Fisheries Officers determine that fishing evaluated was not Aboriginal cultural fishing or fishing in line with Native Title rights in: i. 2020? ii. 2021? iii. 2022? iv. 2023? v. 2024? vi. 2025?	
24 Cultural Fishing	Does the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Education that Fisheries Officers receive include specific education on: (a) The history of cultural fishing in	I am advised: Numerous cultural awareness programs have been run for all The Department Fisheries staff over the years (including Fisheries Officers). The programs run have been developed and delivered by Aboriginal people and with involvement of local communities where applicable. Fisheries Officer operational activities are directed by work instructions that draw on understanding of Aboriginal cultural fishing provisions in legislation

	First Nations communities? (b) The practices involved in cultural fishing for First Nations? (c) The responsibility of Fisheries Officers in determining which fishing activities fall under the definition of Aboriginal cultural fishing or fishing in line with Native Title rights?	along with cultural practices and sensitivities as well as native title rights.
25 Cultural Fishing	At what stage does the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Education that Fisheries Officers receive occur during the onboarding process for a Fisheries Officer? (a) What is the name of the training module?	I am advised: Numerous cultural awareness programs have been run for all the Department Fisheries staff over the years and Fisheries Officers also have had focussed training delivered on Native Title developed and delivered by consultants, including the training received during the second day of the onboarding program of First Year Fisheries Officers. The programs run have been developed and delivered by Aboriginal people and with involvement of local communities where applicable. Fisheries Officer operational activities are directed by work instructions that draw on understanding of Aboriginal cultural fishing provisions in legislation along with cultural practices and sensitivities as well as native title rights.
26 Cultural Fishing	Which Aboriginal stakeholders have been consulted with during the development of the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Education? (a) How regularly is this training module reviewed? (b) Who is it reviewed by?	I am advised: Numerous cultural awareness programs have been run for all the Department Fisheries staff over the years developed and delivered by consultants. The programs run have been developed and delivered by Aboriginal people and with involvement of local communities where applicable.
27 Cultural Fishing	Does the DPI track the number of Fisheries Officers who have completed	I am advised: All Fisheries Officers receive cultural awareness training in the beginning through the onboarding program for Fisheries Officers and at other stages of

	Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Education with explicit training on cultural fishing practices? (a) If so, how many Fisheries Officers have completed the training? (b) If so, how many Fisheries Officers have not completed training?	their careers, along with all staff, have opportunity to participate in other cultural awareness programs that are run.
28 Cultural Fishing	How many reviews has the DPI undertaken regarding prosecutions and Penalty Infringements derived from the enforcement of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 in: (a) 2020? (b) 2021? (c) 2022? (d) 2023? (e) 2024? (f) 2025? (g) What steps has the Minister taken to ensure these reviews occur?	I am advised: Prior to issuing a penalty infringement notice an Officer will consider applicable policy and where needed discuss with line management action to be taken. Over the last 5 years a total of 10,171 penalty infringement notices were issued. Review of issuing a penalty notice can be sought by the person it has been issued to which goes to a Supervising Fisheries Officer (who has been assigned the responsibility for review of all requests) for a fresh review with reference to guiding principles. Ultimately if the infringement notice is considered to stand the person can elect to have the matter heard in court. Prior to a decision over prosecuting a matter it goes through the Prosecution Review Panel ensuring any prosecution to be taken forward is in the public interest. Over the last 5 years there has been approximately 250 matters considered by the panel resulting in either a prosecution being taken forward, or reverting to a penalty infringement notice, caution, or no further action.
29 Cultural Fishing	Does the government support an independent review of the culture and regulatory practices of the DPI Fisheries compliance division?	I am advised: In late 2024, the NSW Government commissioned an independent review into the powers of Fisheries Officers in NSW and tasked the reviewers with making recommendations to improve the operating environment and strategic approach to fisheries compliance. The Government is considering the recommendations made by the independent reviewers.
30 Cultural Fishing	Was Schedule 1 of the Fisheries Management	I am advised: No.

	Amendment Act 2009 commenced by the 30 June 2023 deadline as recommended by the 2022 inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009? (a) If not, will the government commit to commencing this process, and when? (b) If so, have supporting regulations been developed in consultation with First Nations communities? i. Which specific First Nations peak bodies were consulted with, and when? (c) If so, how many consultation sessions were held with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council specifically regarding the supporting regulation development?	a) The process of developing and consulting on a supporting Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation commenced in February 2023. b) Yes i) The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and the Native Title Services Corporation (NTSCORP) have both been consulted on the draft Aboriginal cultural fishing regulation. Consultation with these organisations commenced 30 October 2024. (c) Seven meetings were held between February 2023 and October 2024 with the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council (AFAC).
31 Cultural Fishing	In light of the recommendation from the Inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 what steps has the Minister taken to ensure section 21AA will be commenced with supporting regulation? In light of the	I am advised: I undertake my Ministerial responsibilities and duties.

	recommendation from the Inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 what steps has the Minister taken to ensure section 21AA will be commenced with supporting regulation?	
32 Cultural Fishing	Given that in 2022, Labor members voted in committee to support a recommendation from the Inquiry into the Fisheries Management Amendment Act 2009 that the Department of Primary Industries “cease all surveillance, compliance actions and prosecution actions against Aboriginal cultural fishers”, what steps has the Minister taken to ensure this occurs?	I am advised: I undertake my Ministerial responsibilities and duties.
33 Cultural Fishing	How many South Coast Aboriginal communities have successfully applied to the Aboriginal Fisheries Business Development Program since 2022? (a) How many applications were not successful?	I am advised: Six (a) One
34 Cultural Fishing	What specific dollar amount has been allocated to support Aboriginal	I am advised: (a) \$132,550 (b) \$0

	communities' access to the commercial fishing industry in the financial years: (a) 2021-22? (b) 2022-23? (c) 2023-24? (d) 2024-25? (e) 2025-26?	(c) \$52,500 (d) \$171,176.17 (e) \$0 (to date)
35 Cultural Fishing	Has the strategic communications plan to educate the broader fishing community about Aboriginal cultural fishing practices been fully implemented? (a) If so, what measurable outcomes have been achieved?	I am advised: The Government will continue to promote Aboriginal cultural fishing to the broader public.
36 Cultural Fishing	How many individuals were charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 17 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 in? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017? (j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	I am advised: Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 1 (b) 6 (c) 6 (d) 0 (e) 2 (f) 3 (g) 5 (h) 4 (i) 4 (j) 2 (k) 5 (l) 1 (m) 4 (n) 3 (o) 1 (p) 2 (q) 2 (to date)
37 Cultural Fishing	How many First Nations individuals were charged with	I am advised:

	an offence under Division 2 Section 17 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017? (j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0 (e) 2 (f) – (q) 0
38 Cultural Fishing	How many First Nations individuals on the South Coast were charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 17 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017? (j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	I am advised: Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0 (e) 2 (f) – (q) 0
39 Cultural Fishing	What is the total amount of revenue derived from	I am advised: Approximately \$125,000.

	penalty units paid by individuals charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 17 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 since the Act's commencement?	
40 Cultural Fishing	How many individuals were charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 18 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 in? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017? (j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	I am advised: Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 44 (b) 36 (c) 38 (d) 29 (e) 33 (f) 26 (g) 30 (h) 34 (i) 27 (j) 24 (k) 32 (l) 41 (m) 13 (n) 10 (o) 9 (p) 9 (q) 2 (to date)
41 Cultural Fishing	How many First Nations individuals were charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 18 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017?	I am advised: Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 13 (b) 23 (c) 20 (d) 14 (e) 14 (f) 0 (g) 5 (h) 6 (i) 13 (j) 8 (k) 15 (l) 11

	(j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	(m) 0 (n) 2 (o) 1 (p) 0 (q) 0 (to date)
42 Cultural Fishing	How many First Nations individuals on the South Coast were charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 18 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994? (a) 2009? (b) 2010? (c) 2011? (d) 2012? (e) 2013? (f) 2014? (g) 2015? (h) 2016? (i) 2017? (j) 2018? (k) 2019? (l) 2020? (m) 2021? (n) 2022? (o) 2023? (p) 2024? (q) 2025?	I am advised: Charged is taken to be those that have had charges laid under court action. (a) 13 (b) 23 (c) 20 (d) 13 (e) 14 (f) 0 (g) 5 (h) 5 (i) 13 (j) 7 (k) 15 (l) 10 (m) 0 (n) 0 (o) 1 (p) 0 (q) 0 (to date)
43 Cultural Fishing	What is the total amount of revenue derived from penalty units paid by individuals charged with an offence under Division 2 Section 18 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 since the Act's commencement?	I am advised: Approximately \$854,000.
44 Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council	What is the Chair of the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council paid?	I am advised: \$10,000 per annum

45 Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council	What are the members of the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council paid?	I am advised: \$2,500 per annum
46 Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Council	Is it the same or different from the payment to members of the Rec Fishers Advisory Group? If it's different, why?	I am advised: The remuneration is the same.
47 Abalone Industry Advisory Committee	When is the first meeting of the industry advisory group scheduled and where?	I am advised: The first meeting has not yet been scheduled. It is expected to occur in October/November 2025.
48 Abalone Industry Advisory Committee	Will NTSCorp or the Native title claim group (or both) be invited to join the industry advisory committee in order to participate in the review of the Abalone Industry if they wish to?	I am advised: The Department has written to NTSCorp to notify them about the proposed review of the management framework for the NSW Abalone fishery and is committed to working closely with them to ensure they are informed and that native title rights and interests are appropriately considered in the review process.
49 Shark Management Program	What is the total cost (including staff costs) and the cost per target shark caught in the beach netting program in: (a) 2023-24 financial year? (b) 2024/25 financial year?	I am advised: (a) Total cost = \$2,655,734: Cost/target shark: \$177,049 (b) Total cost = \$2,786,048: Cost/target shark: \$116,085
50 Shark Management Program	What is the total cost (including staff costs) and the cost per target shark caught in the drumlines program in: (a) 2023-24 financial year? (b) 2024/25 financial year?	I am advised: (a) Total cost = \$17,525,028: Cost/target shark: \$42,433 (b) Total cost = \$18,599,246: Cost/target shark: \$36,115
51	What is the total cost (including staff	I am advised:

Shark Management Program	costs) and the cost per target shark caught in the drone surveillance program in: (a) 2023-24 financial year? (b) 2024/25 financial year?	(a) Total cost = \$3,000,000: Cost/target shark: \$21,898 (b) Total cost = \$3,000,000: Cost/target shark: \$24,000
52 River Restoration Plans	When will the government proceed with implementing their restoration plans for the: (a) Tweed River? (b) Richmond River? (c) Clarence River? (d) Macleay River? (e) Hastings River? (f) Manning River? (g) Shoalhaven River?	I am advised: The Department is working with other government agencies and stakeholders on a range of riverbank restoration, coastal wetland restoration and other habitat restoration programs and planning under the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS), the NSW Estuary Asset Protection (NEAP) program and the Flagship Habitat Action Grants (NSW Recreational Fishing Trust). The Department is also contributing to the development and implementation of Local Council led Coastal Management Programs (CMP) that can include environmental restoration actions. CMP development is led by DCCEEW. The Department provides both restoration project planning and on-ground implementation outcomes
53 River Restoration Plans	Will the needs of wetland and water quality restoration be included in current government planning on the future use of coastal floodplains following devastating floods in 2022 and 2025?	I am advised: The Department is working with other agencies and stakeholders on a range of coastal floodplain management, coastal wetland restoration and water quality improvement programs under the Marine Estate Management Strategy (MEMS) and the NSW Estuary Asset Protection (NEAP) program.
54 River Restoration Plans	Has a budget been made available for the purchase of all properties in the Tuckean Swamp area and the removal of the Bagotville Barrage?	I am advised: The Department is working with other government agencies and stakeholders to address environmental issues in Tuckean Swamp, particularly poor water quality. Management of the Bagotville Barrage is a key contributing factor to achieving water quality improvements; however any proposed changes would be subject to additional assessments and extensive community consultation prior to implementation.
55	What is the current conservation	This Question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.

Manly Little Penguins	condition of the listed Posidonia Seagrass Meadows of the Manning-Hawkesbury Ecoregion that occur within the Critical Habitat (An Area of Outstanding Biodiversity Value - AOBV) of the Manly Little Penguin Population?	The Posidonia meadows have suffered fragmentation, however the most recent data indicates the populations are currently stable.
56 Manly Little Penguins	What current and extra conservation measures are being taken to maintain this listed Posidonia TEC within the AOBV for the particular benefit of the Little Penguin Population?	This Question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment. The entire AOBV is included within the North Harbour Aquatic Reserve.
57 Manly Little Penguins	Is the condition uniform across this area of Posidonia, or are some parts less intact than others?	I am advised: The extent and condition of areas of Posidonia within the AOBV of the Manly Little Penguin population are not uniform.
58 Manly Little Penguins	What particular current and extra actions are being taken to protect the Little Penguin Population at Manly from the threat of boat strike in the AOBV and Sydney Harbour in general?	This Question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
59 Manly Little Penguins	What number of Little Penguins killed/injured by boat strike over the last three breeding seasons in the AOBV and Sydney harbour broadly?	This Question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
60 Game and Feral Animal Legislation	What made you allocate 7.9 million in the budget for the Game and Feral	I am advised:

Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025	Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill ahead of any law that changed the scheme?	Funding has been allocated against the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, consistent with Ministerial responsibilities.
61 Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025	Is it ordinary to allocate funding for a private members initiative before the respective laws are passed in Parliament?	Please refer to Question 60.
62 Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025	If this bill were to be passed do you have an idea of what risk assessments will be undertaken on crown lands before hunting is permitted?	This question should be directed to the Minister for Crown Lands.
63 Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025	For each of the designated lands identified in the Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation Hunting) Bill 2025 listed in 'Reservation Number: Gazettal', could you please advise what feral and invasive species have been identified on this land that require additional management in the form of non- professional shooting? (a) R2978: 17 July 1882, page 3742 (b) R55907: 15 December 1922, page 6619 (c) R72876: 15 October	This question should be directed to the Minister for Crown Lands.

	1948, page 2758 (d) R74354: 27 July 1951, page 2185 (e) R74498: 28 September 1951, page 2813 (f) R79302: 25 January 1957, page 280 (g) R79648: 31 May 1957, page 1723 (h) R79838: 30 August 1957, page 2810 (i) R90547: 22 November 1974, page 4511 (j) R90716: 25 February 1977, page 778 (k) R91633: 23 November 1979, page 5873 (l) R93566: 12 September 1980, page 4800 (m) R93695: 26 September 1980, page 5065 (n) R95390: 19 June 1981, page 3290 (o) R96041: 11 June 1982, page 2690 (p) R130040: 29 September 1989, page 7922 (q) R750940: 29 June 2007, page 4186 (r) R750963: 29 June 2007, page 4186 (s) R750969: 29 June 2007, page 4186 (t) R751276: 29 June 2007, page 4188 (u) R752129: 29 June 2007, page 4192 (v) R755272: 29 June 2007, page 4205 (w) R1011188: 16 December 2005, page 11028	
64	In light of the proposal to cut 165	I am advised:

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	staff from the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, how will you as Minister assure that the state's agriculture and biosecurity systems will not be compromised given this \$22 million reduction in budget?	The NSW Government invested an additional \$100 million towards biosecurity bringing the budget to over \$1 billion in the 25/26 budget.. Consistent with the <i>Government Sector Employment Act 2013 (GSE Act)</i>, the Secretary is responsible for the management of the functions and activities of the Department. The Department is focusing on its core business of protecting, supporting and developing primary industries and regional economies.
65 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	In regard to the 10 change management plans for the DPI, what was your rationale for shutting down Wollongbar AgEnviro Labs given that in the last 2 years Wollongbar Lab has conducted over \$2 million worth of internal analysis?	I am advised: Wollongbar Primary Industries Institute is an important facility for the Department located on the NSW Far North Coast. The Wollongbar site is not closing and will continue to deliver research functions across horticulture and agriculture as well as undertaking other services.
66 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	In regards to the same change management plans, could you explain why the Elizabeth Macarthur Agriculture Institute will experience role delimitation considering that the service this institute provides is unique to Australia?	I am advised: No final decisions have been made on proposed changes.
67 NSW Resources	How many, if any, specialist inspectors employed to proactively manage hazards associated with psychosocial risks to workers does the NSW Resources	This question should be directed to the Minister for Natural Resources.

	Regulator currently employ?	
68 NSW Resources	What steps has the Regulator taken to recruit additional specialist inspectors to ensure it can effectively conduct pro-active assessments and investigations appropriately?	This question should be directed to the Minister for Natural Resources.
69 NSW Resources	What safeguards ensure the Executive Director of NSW Resources cannot compromise the independence or resourcing of the NSW Resources Regulator, given NSW Resources' dual role in both promoting and regulating the mining industry?	This question should be directed to the Minister for Natural Resources.
70 NSW Resources	Is there any plan to separate NSW Resources and the NSW Resources Regulator to follow in the footsteps of SafeWork NSW and the Department of Customer Service?	This question should be directed to the Minister for Natural Resources.
71 State Significant Farmland	Is it still Labor's position that development on Cudgen State Significant Farmland should not proceed, given the risks to local food security and	I am advised: The NSW Labor Government appointed the State's first statutory Agriculture Commissioner to deal with land use conflict and to map agricultural significant land.

	the loss of farmland?	
72 Forestry Corporation	What entities or stakeholders were consulted with in relation to the Forestry Industry Action Plan? (a) When did the development of the plan commence? (b) When did consultation with entities commence? (c) Will the scope of the Forestry Industry Action Plan change over time depending on: i. The results of public consultation? ii. Advice from the Independent Forestry Panel?	I am advised: In August 2024, the NSW Government announced the appointment of the Independent Forestry Panel (the Panel) to consult and advise on the Forestry Industry Action Plan. Consultation commenced in September 2024. The Forestry Industry Action Plan will be informed by the advice from the Panel which includes feedback from consultation.
73 Forestry Corporation	How many hectares of land have been purchased by the Forestry Corporation in the 2024- 25 financial year of existing plantation or land that was suitable for plantation establishment? (a) How much was established hardwood plantation? (b) How much was suitable for hardwood plantation but was not forested? (c) How much was established softwood plantation?	I am advised: No land was purchased by Forestry Corporation during the period.

	(d) How much was suitable for softwood plantation but was not forested? (e) How much was suitable for either softwood or hardwood plantation?	
74 Forestry Corporation	How many native forest hardwood logging operations were subject to mandatory stop work orders in the 2024-25 Financial year? (a) What forests were the operations in, for each order? i. What was the reason for each order? ii. What was the estimated costs associated with worker costs for each order? iii. How many workers were impacted by each order? iv. What was the estimated volume of wood that was not harvested as a result of each order? v. What was the outcome of each order?	I am advised: None.
75 Forestry Corporation	How many native forest hardwood logging operations were subject to voluntary stop work orders in the 2024-25 Financial year? (a) What forests	I am advised: Crews may be stood down temporarily for a range of reasons including weather, operational requirements, logistics, markets and protests. These are not stop work orders.

	were the operations in, for each order? vi. What was the reason for each order? vii. What was the estimated costs associated with worker costs for each order? viii. How many workers were impacted by each order? ix. What was the estimated volume of wood that was not harvested as a result of each order? x. What was the outcome of each order?	
76 Forestry Corporation	What surveying has been undertaken by the Department or Forestry Corporation to assess the health and density of koala populations that does not rely on the acoustic records?	I am advised: Acoustic monitoring is favoured for assessing and monitoring koala populations due to its proven effectiveness. Forestry Corporation has several programs that monitor for a range of species including koalas using a variety of methods including: • Pre-harvest surveys and assessments before every harvest operation, including visual searches and application of habitat models • The Coastal IFOA monitoring program, which deploys remote cameras as well as ultrasonic monitoring over 300 sites • Pilliga monitoring program, which deploys cameras and ultrasonic monitoring • Fire recovery program in Kiwarra State Forest in partnership with Local Land Services which uses remote cameras as well as acoustic monitoring • Fixed camera monitoring programs for southern brown bandicoot in the Eden region that also record a range of other species. The Department has also been involved in monitoring koalas. To support the extensive acoustic

		monitoring that has been undertaken since 2015, koala detection dogs and drones have been used to locate koala scats for genetic testing to assess sex ratio. Results confirmed a sex ratio of 1:1 males to females. Koalas (including breeding females) were also GPS-tracked in partnership with the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital to better understand how they use the forestry landscape, resulting in over 11,000 GPS locations of koalas. These koala locations occurred in both regenerating forest after harvest and mature forest in exclusion zones. All of this research has been published.
77 Forestry Corporation	Has any public consultation been undertaken since February 2024 to assess public support for native forest logging? (a) If yes, what were the results of that public consultation? (b) If no, why not?	I am advised: The Independent Forestry Panel conducted public consultation in 2024 to inform the development of the Forestry Industry Action Plan.
78 Forestry Corporation	How many entities are contracted by the NSW Forestry Corporation to conduct wood harvesting operations? (a) List the entities. (b) How many employees, within each entity, are directly engaged in forestry operations? i. How many are working in softwood? ii. How many are working in hardwood?	I am advised: Currently 27 companies are engaged directly by Forestry Corporation to carry out timber harvesting. Some hold more than one contract. Stumpage operators and haulage contractors are not included. (a) - Black Bear Pty Ltd - Bloomfield Pty Ltd - Boss Logging Pty Ltd - Brian Smith Timber Transport Pty Ltd - Burgundy Heights Pty Ltd - C3 Australia Pty Ltd - Cooper Logging Pty Ltd - FEDC - G&J Groves Pty Ltd - Greensill Brothers Pty Ltd - Haulers & Fallers Pty Ltd / Hoffman Timberline - High Country Forestry PTY LTD - LW &CK Cocks Pty Ltd - MC Loading Pty Ltd - Mangan Logging Pty Ltd - Monaro Forest Harvesters Pty Ltd

		Newells Creek Sawmilling Pty Ltd Osborne Harvesting Pty Ltd P&T Lonergan Pty Ltd Pine Harvesters Pty Ltd Progressive Felling Services Pty Ltd Qorona Australis Pty Ltd Qube Forestry Pty Ltd Rosin Developments Pty Ltd Stafford Logging Pty Ltd Tawmar Timbers Pty Ltd Two Matts (b) These are private business responsible for their own employment decisions and Forestry Corporation is not required to hold information on the employee numbers of its contractors.
79 Forestry Corporation	How many sites have been identified as being appropriate for new development of plantation timber? (a) What is the total area identified in NSW as being appropriate for plantation timber? (b) How many sites within the estate currently managed by the Forestry Corporation? i. What is the total area of these sites? (c) How many sites are there that are not within the estate currently managed by the Forestry Corporation? i. What is the total area of these sites?	I am advised: Forestry Corporation considers opportunities for purchase of land on a case-by-case basis if suitable opportunities become available on the market.
80 Forestry Corporation	What specific actions have been undertaken since February 2024 to reduce the chances of Forestry Corporation breaching	I am advised: (a) Forestry Corporation's work practices are guided by standard operating procedures (SOPs), guidelines and protocols, which are continually reviewed, revised and updated. (b) Forestry Corporation has a compliance policy and forest management policy, underpinned by a

	conditions under the CIFOA? (a) Have any work policies been updated since February 2024? i. If yes, which ones and when? (b) Have any new compliance policies been updated since 2024? i. If yes, which ones and when? (c) Have any additional employees been dedicated to compliance activities since 2024? i. If yes, how many, when, and in which regions? (d) Have any additional employees been provided to conduct broad area habitat surveys i. If yes, how many, when, and in which regions? (e) Since February 2024, how many times has the Minister written to the Forestry Corporation raising concerns about, or directing the need for, compliance with rules governing native forest logging? i. Can you list the dates of correspondence? (f) How many formal letters have	large number of standard operating procedures, guidelines and protocols, which are continually reviewed, revised and updated. The forest management policy was last updated on 30 July 2024 and the compliance policy is due to be updated in November 2025. (c) Compliance is a responsibility of every staff member and forms a part of every role. (d) Broad Area Habitat Searches are undertaken by suitably qualified staff before every operation as required by the CIFOA and Forestry Corporation ensures sufficient staff are employed and trained in this obligation in every relevant region. All staff involved in completing Broad Area Habitat Searches are continually provided with ongoing training, including updated training in response to new conditions and protocols. (e) – (f) I speak with Forestry Corporation regularly on a range of matters.
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	you sent to the Forestry Corporation since February 2024?	
81 Forestry Corporation	What is the current gross capacity for annual carbon recovery in public native forests? (a) What is the total estimated carbon emissions from public native forest logging? i. List carbon emissions by source?	I am advised: This information is available here: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/about/public/corporate/sustainability-reports
82 Forestry Corporation	Have any estimates been produced since February 2024, that show potential annual carbon recovery if public native forests were not subject to logging? (a) What are those estimates?	I am advised: Forestry Corporation has not created any estimates relating to this scenario
83 Forestry Corporation	How many Private Native Forestry approvals have been granted since 1 February 2024?	I am advised: There have been 499 Private Native Forestry approvals since 1 February 2024 which is consistent with the longer-term average annual approval rate.
84 Forestry Corporation	How many compliance checks of Private Native Forestry operations have been conducted since 1 March 2023? (a) When were these checks conducted? (b) What were the outcomes of these checks?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment,
85 Forestry Corporation	How many Private Native Forestry operations have been and are being	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment,

	investigated for breaches of approvals since 1 March 2023? (a) When were they investigated? (b) What were the outcomes of these investigations?	
86 Hudson Pear	In December 2022, an allocation of funding was made for the purposes of treating Hudson Pear in north-western NSW. As of July 1, how much of that funding remained? (a) Will the last of that allocation be utilised in the 2025/26 Financial Year? (b) To date, what has been the outcome of the program, as announced in December 2022? (c) Since March 25, 2023, has Local Land Services sought additional funding for its Hudson Pear program? i. If so, how much additional funding has been requested? ii. If so, what was the outcome of that request? (d) Has work commenced on plans for the program to continue post June 30, 2026?	I am advised: \$1 million (a) no (b) • 26 landholders have received a combined total of 2,025 litres of free chemical. • Targeted spraying of 66,827 hectares • 10 outlier incursions controlled. • Aerial inspections conducted to identify and map outlying infestations • Continual distribution of biological control agent <i>Cochineal sp</i> within core infestation. • 22 face-to-face events, engaging 603 participants, • Radio advertising, printed educational materials, including core infestation maps, Hudson Pear toolbox talks, and other targeted collateral. (c)- (d) Local Land Services will conclude the LLS Hudson Pear Program on 30 June 2027.

87 Red Imported Fire Ants	On what date was the first confirmed report of Red Imported Fire Ants being located in NSW?	I am advised: November 2014, Port Botany.
88 Red Imported Fire Ants	Since that date, how many further times has the Department had to launch a response to confirmed reports of Red Imported Fire Ants being detected in NSW?	I am advised: Three.
89 Red Imported Fire Ants	Does the department have figures on the number of ants that have been eradicated in NSW? (a) If so, what is that figure?	I am advised: No, it is not possible to count ants due to the complexity of nest structure.
90 Great Koala National Park	Minister, National parks cost \$121 per hectare to manage in 2019. The same year state forest cost \$8.50 per hectare, can you please tell us what state forest costs to manage in 2023, 2024. (a) Do you agree that the 14 fold cost differential is likely to remain given the income streams of each land tenure have remained the same? (b) Minister, how are you going to manage the cost associated with illegal protestors blocking access, chaining themselves to	I am advised: Forestry Corporation's financial statements are published in the Annual Reports available on its website. State forests and national parks are funded differently in reflection of their different objectives and income sources. Any costs Forestry Corporation incurs in relation to protests are funded from its operational budgets.

	machines, and living in trees that prevent community members from going about their lawful employment?	
91 Great Koala National Park	Minister can you quantify the costs associated with legal fees and additional costs with surveys following regulatory changes?	I am advised: Information is not compiled or reported in this way.
92 Great Koala National Park	Minister there have been a lot of standdowns of harvesting crews secondary to disproportionate claims made by green group activists. Do you believe that this is affecting forestry corps ability to generate income?	I am advised: Information on the factors impacting Forestry Corporation's activities and income is published in the Annual Report.
93 Great Koala National Park	On August 30th, Mr Tony Chappel, CEO of EPA declared "that forestry is a license to harm the environment". Do you believe this to be true? If not, are you going to write to the Minister for the Environment and demand his sacking?	I am advised: The Integrated Forestry Operations Approval operates as a single, consolidated forestry approval incorporating individual environmental licences (which historically included a "licence to harm" under the then Threatened Species Act 1995).
94 Great Koala National Park	Given the significant private investments required in the forestry industry? What reassurance can you provide industry that they are going to be able to continue	I am advised: The NSW Government is committed to a sustainable forestry industry in NSW and the Great Koala National Park will not end forestry on the North Coast. The Independent Forestry Panel is continuing to provide advice to the Government to inform the Forestry Industry Action Plan.

	receiving their log resources from the public state forests and private native forests?	
95 Great Koala National Park	When are you going to ensure Forest Corporation of NSW is recognised by the parliament and the people of NSW for the valuable contribution they have played in managing forest health for all values including environmental, social and economic to the state of NSW for over a century?	I am advised: I have on multiple occasions recognised Forestry Corporation's important contribution as a land manager has been recognised on many occasions, including in Parliament. This includes their incredibly important role in firefighting and fire preparedness for the safe stewardship of our forests.
96 Great Koala National Park	Why isn't the work that Forest Corporation of NSW do for National Parks and the community costed fairly? The provision of hardwood timber products, social and healthy activities such as mountain climbing, fire protection through trail maintenance, and 4WD access roads, are all quoted as a loss by its detractors. Are you going to assist this importantly sustainable department to correct the narrative?	Please refer to Question 90.
97 Great Koala National Park	What area of the forest estate managed by Forest Corporation of NSW	I am advised:

	was actually harvested last reporting period?	Information on the area harvested is published in the Sustainability Report on Forestry Corporation's website.
98 Great Koala National Park	What are the costs associated with legal fees, standdowns and additional costs with surveys following regulatory changes?	I am advised: Information is not compiled or reported in this way.
99 Great Koala National Park	When are you going to recognise the skills, experience and expertise that are maintained within Forestry Corporation of NSW and their strong environmental commitment	Please refer to Question 95.
100 Great Koala National Park	If 2m hectares of State Forest has large numbers of koalas, and 8m hectares of national park do not, do you think that transferring 0.176m hectares for a name change will make a difference?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
101 Great Koala National Park	Where is the evidence to suggest that a GKNP is of environmental, social and economic value to the state of NSW?	This question should be directed to the Minister for the Environment.
102 Great Koala National Park	Can you tell me the forest products that are produced from the NSW hardwoods?	I am advised: Forestry Corporation publishes information about the products it produces in its Sustainability Report each year.
103 Great Koala National Park	Acknowledging that \$6 billion dollars worth of hardwood was imported into	I am advised:

	Australia already, won't making our highly regulated industry forestry product harder to get, just export our environmental responsibility off shore?	The management of any associated risks with imported products is the responsibility of the Australian Government.
104 Agriculture Plan	Minister, would you agree an articulated and well-supported agricultural plan is essential for providing certainty and enabling investment in the sector's future?	I am advised: The NSW Government is committed to supporting the NSW agricultural sector's growth and resilience through a range of key initiatives including: 1. \$100 million in biosecurity funding (total biosecurity funding now over \$1 billion). 2. The Biosecurity Action Plan 3. \$41.2 million in research & development funding 4. \$250 million for Drought Ready and Resilient Funding 5. \$43.2 million for the Farm Business Resilience Program
105 Agriculture Plan	Can the Minister provide an update on the status, development timeline, and key components of a comprehensive NSW Plan for Agriculture?	Please refer to Question 104
106 Agriculture Plan	Minister, how does the NSW Government intend to prioritise the plan to ensure sustainable growth, climate resilience, biosecurity, and ongoing support for farmers and regional communities?	Please refer to Question 104
107 Agriculture Plan	Minister, what consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders, including landholders,	Please refer to Question 104.

	industry bodies, and local governments, to ensure the plan effectively addresses current and future challenges facing NSW agriculture?	
108 Agriculture Plan	Minister, how will this plan align with other land management and environmental policies, including the Land Management Code, to balance agricultural productivity with conservation outcomes?	Please refer to Question 104.
109 Discretionary Funding	When was the Minister first allocated funding for the purposes of a discretionary fund? (a) How much was the original allocation, and where did the allocation come from? (b) How many funding allocations have been made, to whom and what was the value? (c) For each of these funding allocations individually, what was the process whereby the Minister was made aware of the need for funding? (d) For each of these allocations individually, on what dates were	I am advised: The Minister's Community Benefit Fund Program Guidelines and governance documents were approved by the Department in November 2024. (a) The funding came from within the budget allocation of the Department. (b) Three allocations have been made. The NRL has been allocated \$6 million for the NRLW Magic Rounds. The NRL and PCYC in partnership have been allocated \$271,950 for a youth empowerment program. The Ricky Stuart Foundation has been allocated \$5.1 million to deliver the John Fordham House project. (c) Funding proposals were assessed by the Department in accordance with the CBFP Guidelines and submitted to the Minister. (d) These were signed on the 18 November 2024, 12 February 2025, and 12 June 2025 respectively. (e) No recommendations from the Department have been rejected. (f) There is no additional current allocation for the Fund.

	they signed off by the Minister? (e) Has the Minister ever rejected a submission for funding through her discretionary fund? i. If so, how many submissions have been rejected? ii. If so, what were the projects for which funding was requested? (f) What is the current balance of the minister's discretionary fund?	
110 Discretionary Funding	The Minister allocated \$6 million through her discretionary fund to the NRL for the NRLW Magic Round. Did the Minister or the Department select Newcastle as the venue for the 2025 event? (a) If not, how was the decision made to play the 2025 Magic Round in Newcastle? (b) Did the Minister or the department suggest any regional locations for the 2025 event? (c) Has the Minister stipulated that the 2026 and 2027 NRLW Magic Rounds are to be played in regional locations, and not taken back to Newcastle? (d) If so, has the Minister identified a	I am advised: No. (a) The location for the first NRLW Magic Round was proposed by the applicant. (b) See above (c) Yes (d) Locations for the 2026 and 2027 Round are yet to be confirmed. (e) N/A

	list of suitable locations for the 2026 and 2027 events to be held? (e) If the Minister has identified suitable locations for the 2026 and 2027 events to be held, what are those locations?	
111 Budget Appropriation	How much money was appropriated to the Department, through the Budget process, in the 2022/23 Financial Year? (a) How much money was appropriated to the Department, through the Budget process, in the 2023/24 Financial Year? (b) How much money was appropriated to the Department, through the Budget process, in the 2024/25 Financial Year? (c) How much money was appropriated to the Department, through the Budget process, in the 2025/26 Financial Year?	I am advised: Refer to the annual <i>Appropriation Act NSW</i> in each relevant year for amounts appropriated to the Department of Regional NSW / Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.
112 Regional Development Trust Fund	As of September 1, 2025, what was the balance of the Regional Development Trust Fund?	I am advised: \$346.3 million
113	Outside of the funding programs already announced	Nil. All applications have been for announced programs. a) N/A

Regional Development Trust Fund	as part of the Regional Development Trust Fund, how many applications have been received for funding through the Trust? (a) Of these applications, how many have been successful? (b) Of the successful applications, what is the total dollar value of these projects? (c) Of these applications, how many have been rejected? (d) How much of the remaining funds will be utilised in new programs during the 2025/26 Financial Year?	b) N/A c) N/A d) Further funding programs under the Regional Development Trust will be announced in the coming months.
114 Dubbo Sports Hub	On October 4, 2024, an executive brief was created by DPIRD (REF: BN24/7879) with a recommendation that the Secretary approve and sign the new funding agreement (Attachment E) at page 43 to alter the project name, location, scope and timeframes of the Dubbo Sports Hub project. Why did that brief never reach the Secretary? (a) Did the secretary have financial delegation to sign	The brief was a draft only and was never progressed for Secretary approval as the proposal raised several issues. (a) Yes (b) Yes (c) Yes

	the new funding agreement, as was stated in the brief? (b) The brief states “The DPIRD Commercial Legal team have reviewed the approach and confirmed the change in instrument and method to vary the agreement is appropriate.” Is this correct? (c) Since December 17, 2024, has PCYC submitted an application for funding that would allow the project to proceed at the Dubbo Sports World site?	
115 Dubbo Sports Hub	In February, a delegation of people from Dubbo attended NSW Parliament to raise the issue with parliamentarians. Did the Minister meet with this delegation? (a) Was the Minister invited to meet with the delegation? i. If so, on what date was the meeting invitation received? (b) If the Minister did not meet with the delegation, why not? (c) During the day of the delegation’s visit, did the Minister have a staff member stationed outside the room	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier’s Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier’s Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers’ diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office’s website

	where meetings were taking place?	(https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
116 Dubbo Sports Hub	Since December 17, 2024, has the Minister met with representatives from PCYC to discuss a way forward for the project? (a) If so, on what date did this meeting take place?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
117 Dubbo Sports Hub	Since December 17, 2024, has the Minister received an invitation from Dubbo Regional Council to meet with stakeholders? (a) If so, on what date/s were invitations received? (b) If so, has the Minister met with representatives from Dubbo	I am advised: No.

	Regional Council or other stakeholders to discuss the project? (c) If the Minister has met with representatives from Dubbo Regional Council, on what date did this meeting take place? (d) If the Minister has not met with representatives from Dubbo Regional Council, why not?	
118 Job Cuts	Of the 165 jobs slated to be cut in the Department as part of its change management plan, how many of these are based in locations outside of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong? (a) For each of these individual location, what is the number of roles being cut?	I am advised: Impacts are subject to final decisions by the department.
119 Job Cuts	On what date did the Secretary first communicate to the Minister, or her office, details of the draft change management plan?	I am advised: Late 2024.

120 Job Cuts	How many of the people that are slated to lose their positions within the department have been awarded Public Service recognition for their work during natural disasters?	I am advised: Due to privacy reasons, the Department cannot comment on individual employee circumstances.
121 Job Cuts	Was a recruitment freeze implemented by the Department prior to the change management plan being communicated to staff? (a) If not, why not?	I am advised: Not all parts of the Department are affected by the changes. The Department has modified its recruitment process for filling vacant roles to ensure ongoing staff impacted by change management plans are given priority consideration.
122 Job Cuts	Prior to the draft change management plan being communicated to staff, on what date did the most recent new staff member join the Department?	I am advised: 31 July 2025
123 Concrete Industry Supplies	Has the Department had contact with the owner of Concrete Industry Supplies in relation to unpaid invoices for materials supplied to the Australian Opal Museum project in Lightning Ridge? (a) If so, when was contact made?	I am advised: The funding deed is between the Department and Australia Opal Centre.

	(b) If not, will the Department reach out to the owner to discuss the issue?	
124 Concrete Industry Supplies	Has the Department had contact with the Head Contractor or Proponents of the Australian Opal Museum project in relation to these unpaid invoices?	I am advised: Yes, the Department engages with the Australian Opal Centre as the grantee.
125 Concrete Industry Supplies	Has the Department investigated the circumstances surrounding GQ Concrete Pty Ltd demobilising from the project?	I am advised: Yes
126 Concrete Industry Supplies	Was the Department aware of the fact Concrete Industry Supplies was unpaid for its materials when it committed to providing an additional \$1 million to the project in the 2025/26 Budget?	I am advised: Yes
127 Concrete Industry Supplies	Will the Department ensure payment of these invoices is included as a provision for the allocation of the additional funding?	I am advised: The Department expects the Australian Opal Centre to demonstrate responsible financial management and due diligence in the administration of the grant funding. The Department will comply with any legislative obligations to withhold or pay money under the grant, if applicable.
128 Concrete Industry Supplies	Has the Department had contact with the Head Contractor or Proponents of the project since it was revealed work had stopped due to another shortfall of funds?	I am advised: Yes (a) The Department had contact with the Australian Opal Centre in July 2025. (b) N/A (c) The Australian Opal Centre communicated that due to their contingency funds being absorbed by latent conditions, combined with project cost escalations, additional funding was required to

	(a) If so, when was contact made and with whom? (b) If not, why not? (c) What reasons have been given for the need for additional funding to ensure completion of the project? (d) Has the Department been approached by the Proponents or Head Contractor seeking additional funding to ensure completion of the project?	complete outstanding works necessary to obtain an occupation certificate. (d) Not following announcements in the Budget.
129 Concrete Industry Supplies	Will the Department ensure full payment of these invoices as a condition for the consideration of any future allocations of funding to ensure the completion of the project?	I am advised: The Department expects the Australian Opal Centre to demonstrate responsible financial management and due diligence in the administration of the grant funding. The department will comply with any legislative obligations to withhold or pay money under the grant, if applicable.
130 Concrete Industry Supplies 130	Does the Department have concerns about the project, given the demobilisation of GQ Concrete in 2024, the fact Concrete Industry Supplies remains unpaid for the materials it provided, and the fact that despite a tender was accepted in 2023, further funding is required for the project's completion?	I am advised: The Department is continuing to work closely with the Australian Opal Centre to ensure the project remains viable and can be delivered with the additional funding allocated.

131 Western NSW Visits	How many local government areas within the defined Western NSW portfolio has the Minister personally visited since March 25, 2023?	I am advised: 10 LGAs and the Unincorporated Area
132 Western NSW Visits	By location, on what date/s did the Minister visit these local government areas?	I am advised: Cobar – 13 June 2024 Central Darling – 8 June 2023 Broken Hill – 7 June 2023, 12 December 2023, 31 October 2024, 6-8 November 2024 Bourke – 12 December 2023, 30 April 2025 Brewarrina – 12 December 2023, 1 May 2025 Walgett – 1 May 2025, 12 December 2023 Narromine – 30 April 2025 Dubbo – 18 May 2023, 6 June 2023, 30 June 2023, 7 September 2023, 16 November 2023, 13 June 2024, 18 October 2024 Warrumbungle – 7 September 2023 Unincorporated Area – 7 June 2023, 7 November 2024
133 CFMEU meetings	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?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: - meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) - meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political - social or public functions or events - meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and - matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-

		agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
134 ETU meetings	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?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)
135 Ministerial disclosures to The Cabinet Office	On what date did you last update/make a ministerial disclosure to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office?	I am advised: The Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) requires Ministers to make certain disclosures to the Premier and the Secretary of The Cabinet Office. I comply with my obligations under the Ministerial Code.
136 Department(s)/ Agency(s) Employees	In relation to redundancies, will this be made available in your respective Department(s)/Agency(s) Annual Reports?	I am advised: Information about any redundancies within agencies is published in the agency annual reports. Published annual reports can be accessed on agency websites
137	Do you have plans to print the 2024-25	I am advised: Annual reports should be prepared in accordance

Department(s)/ Agency(s) Annual Reports	annual report(s) for each department / agency in your portfolio? (a) If yes, what is the budgeted expenditure for printing for each department / agency?	with the Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10).
138 State Records Act	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?	I am advised: The Ministers' Office Handbook provides guidance in relation to recordkeeping obligations under the State Records Act 1998. The Cabinet Office also provide guidance, advice, training and support on these obligations for Ministers' offices. Further information is available on State Records NSW's website (www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dciths/state-records-nsw). All Ministers' offices are expected to comply with their obligations under the State Records Act 1998
139 Department(s)/ Agency(s) Gifts and Hospitality Register	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?	I am advised: The Department's staff submit and manage their declarations through an internal online portal. This register is not publicly available.
140 Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality	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?	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff attached to the Ministers' Office Handbook and available on the NSW Government website
141 Ministerial staff disclosure of gifts and/or hospitality	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	I am advised: All Ministerial staff are required to comply with their disclosure obligations under the Gifts, Hospitality and Benefits Policy for Office Holder Staff and I expect them to do so. A breach of the Policy may be a breach of the Office Holder's Staff Code of Conduct. The Policy includes disclosure obligations for Ministerial staff in respect of gifts, hospitality and benefits over \$150.

	hospitality declared?	If a Ministerial staff member is required by their role to accompany their Office Holder at an event that the Office Holder is attending as the State's representative, or where the Office Holder has asked the staff member to attend, then attendance at that event would not constitute a gift or benefit for the purposes of the Policy.
142 Ministerial Code of Conduct	Since 28 March 2023, have you breached the Ministerial Code of Conduct? (a) If yes, what was the breach?	I am advised: All Ministers are expected to always comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code). The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to: • disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier • seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary employment (known as 'prohibited interests') • identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500. A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988.
143 Senior Executive Drivers	As at 1 August 2025, how many senior executives in your portfolio department(s) / agency(s) have a driver?	I am advised: No senior executives in the Department have a driver.
144 GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Ministerial Offices	Does your Ministerial Office have a disclosure log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009?	I am advised: Under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act), an agency must keep a disclosure log that records information about access applications made to the agency that the agency decides by deciding to provide access to some or all of the information applied for if the

	(a) If yes, what is the URL?	information is information that the agency considers may be of interest to other members of the public
145 GIPA Act - Disclosure Log & Departments/A gencies	What is the website URL for the Government Information (Public Access Act) 2009 disclosure log each of your portfolio department(s) / agency(s)?	I am advised: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/dpird/access-information/disclosure-logs https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/about/right-to-information/disclosure-log
146 TikTok	Are you on TikTok? (a) If yes, do you access TikTok from a NSW Government device?	I am advised: The Circular DCS-2025-01 Cyber Security NSW Directive - Restricted Applications List advises how NSW Government agencies are required to appropriately manage risks to NSW Government information on government-issued devices, or personal devices that are used for government business.
147 Signal	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?	I am advised: Like the former Coalition Government, the NSW Government uses a range of digital systems and communications that have been approved for use and may be utilised where there is a valid business requirement. This has been established practice under successive governments. State records are a vital public asset, and access to Government information is essential to maintaining public trust in government. I comply with my obligations under the State Records Act 1998.
148 Training	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	I am advised: Ministers have undertaken a program of Ministerial induction training. Ministers have undertaken training on the Respectful Workplace Policy. Members of Parliament are provided with a Skills Development Allowance that may be used in a manner consistent with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Determination. Ministerial Office Budgets are managed in accordance with the Ministers' Office Handbook.
149 Parliamentary Secretary &	Has your Parliamentary Secretary ever used	N/A

Ministerial Vehicle	a Ministerial driver from the pool? (a) If yes, why?	
150 Media releases and statements	Are all the ministerial media releases and statements issued by you publicly available at https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases ? (a) If no	I am advised: The Department of Customer Service is responsible for managing www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases and the publication of media releases.
151 Overseas Travel	As Minister, do you approve overseas travel for public servants from your portfolio department(s)/agency(s)?	I am advised: The NSW Government Travel and Transport Policy provides a framework for NSW Government travelling employees and covers official air and land travel by public officials using public money. Section 2.1 of that Policy sets out approvals required in relation to overseas travel. Further information in relation to the Policy can be found here: https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/travel-andtransport-policy Treasury Policy and Guidelines – Framework for Financial and Annual Reporting (TPG25-10) requires agencies to include information on overseas visits by officers and employees in agency annual reports
152 Data Breaches	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?	I am advised: The Department keeps an internal register of eligible data breaches as required by section 59ZE, Part 6A of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIP Act). Agencies are required by section 59ZD to prepare, publish and make publicly available a data breach policy. The PPIP Act does not provide for the internal register to be made public. Under clause 17, of Schedule 1 to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, it is conclusively presumed that there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of information contained in a document prepared for the assessment of an eligible data breach under the PPIP Act, Part 6A, if the information could worsen a public sector agency's cyber security or lead to further data breaches.
153 Discretionary Fund	As Minister, so you have a discretionary fund? (a) If yes, what department(s) / agency(s)	I am advised: The Minister's Community Benefit Fund is funded and administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

	administer it? (b) If yes, what is the website URL detailing expenditure?	https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/ministers-community-benefit-fund-strategic-projects
154 Airline Lounges	Are you a member of the Qantas Chairmans Lounge?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes disclosable as a contribution to travel, and should be reported under clause 11 of the Regulation." Clause 16 of the Regulation allows a Member to, at their discretion, disclose any direct or indirect benefit, advantage or liability, whether pecuniary or not. Relevant disclosures have been made to The Cabinet Office and to the NSW Parliament.
155 Airline Lounges	Are you a member of the Virgin Beyond Lounge?	I am advised: The Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983 (Regulation) sets out Members' obligations to disclose relevant pecuniary and other interests in periodic returns to Parliament. The Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Report on Review of the Code of Conduct, Aspects of Disclosure of Interests, and Related Issues (December 2010) notes that: "Advice has been received from the Crown Solicitor that use of the Chairman's Lounge by invitation is not a "gift" for the purposes of clause 10 of the Regulation, as it does not involve disposition of property. However, when the membership leads to an upgrade valued at more than \$250, it becomes

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156 Ministerial Overseas Travel	Since 28 March 2023, have you formally applied to the Premier to travel overseas? (a) If yes, was this application accepted?	I am advised: Ministerial overseas travel information is published online. https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/premiersdepartment/access-to-information/ministerial-overseas-travel-information
157 Private Jet Charter	Have you travelled on a private jet charter in your Ministerial capacity? (a) If yes, was this value for money for taxpayers?	I am advised: Premier and Ministers’ domestic travel information is published on the Premier’s Department’s website at: https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-andagencies/premiers-department/access-to-information/premier-and-ministers-domestic-travel
158 Ministerial Office renovations	Since 28 March 2023, has your Ministerial Office at 52 Martin Place been renovated? (a) If yes, how much was the expenditure?	I am advised: Leasehold improvements for Ministerial Offices are reported within the Premier’s Department annual reports.
159 Conflict of Interest	Since 28 March 2023, have you formally written to the Premier with a conflict of interest? (a) If yes, why?	I am advised: All Ministers are expected to comply with their obligations under the NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct (Ministerial Code) at all times. The Ministerial Code sets the ethical standards of behaviour required of Ministers and establishes practices and procedures to assist with compliance. Among other matters, the Ministerial Code requires Ministers to: - disclose their pecuniary interests and those of their immediate family members to the Premier - seek rulings from the Premier if they wish to hold shares, directorships, other business interests or engage in secondary

		employment (known as ‘prohibited interests’) • identify, avoid, disclose and manage conflicts of interest • disclose gifts and hospitality with a market value over \$500. A substantial breach of the Ministerial Code (including a knowing breach of any provision of the Schedule) may constitute corrupt conduct for the purposes of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988
160 Second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs)	Globally, jurisdictions like the European Union and Canada have implemented strict regulations or outright bans on the retail sale of SGARs to protect ecosystems and reduce wildlife poisoning. A national ban in Australia would prevent cross-border sales and ensure a consistent approach to protecting wildlife across all states and territories. Given this, will the Minister commit to advocate through the joint Commonwealth-States Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting (AMM) for a national ban on the retail sale of SGARs? (a) Will the Minister commit to change the state government’s pest management practices for state-owned properties to	I am advised: (a) This is a matter for the Minister for the Environment, who is responsible for the administration of the Pesticides Act 1999. (b) LLS does not use SGARs.

	stop the use of SGARs? (b) Will the Minister commit to encourage landholders through Local Land Services to avoid the use of SGARs and responsibly manage pest issues through licensed professionals?	
161 Rodeos	What is the timeline for the review of the Rodeo Code of Practice? (a) There are currently no requirements for on-site veterinary care at rodeo events. Will this be considered in the review?	I am advised: The NSW Government made five key animal welfare election commitments, including: • Reviewing ACO funding • Introducing a 'fit and proper person' test • Banning puppy farms • Reviewing POCTAA • Establishing the Office of Animal Welfare Significant progress has been made on all commitments, with the focus now on finalising the POCTAA review.
162 Rodeos	In answers to supplementary questions in the March 2025 Budget Estimates, you advised that between 2023 and 2024 there were 88 rodeos held in NSW. Can you please break down the number of rodeos and bull riding events held in NSW in each of the following calendar years: (a) 2025 (to date)? (b) 2024? (c) 2023? (d) 2022? (e) 2021? (f) 2020?	I am advised: The Department are aware of other smaller bodies whose events are not captured in the figures. The variable timing of rodeo seasons across bodies means that figures are not reported within calendar years. The figures available are: • 2024-2025 not yet available • 2023-2024 – 103 events • 2022-2023 – 112 events • 2020-2022 – data not collected

163 Rodeos	In each of the following calendar years, how many NSW rodeo and bull riding events have been overseen by RSPCA NSW or AWL NSW, and how many inspections resulted in cruelty or non-compliance actions or penalties: (a) 2025 (to date)? (b) 2024? (c) 2023? (d) 2022? (e) 2021? (f) 2020?	I am advised: • 2024/25 – not available yet • 2023/24 – 13 • 2022/23 – 1 • 2021/22 – 0 • 2020/21 - 1
164 Retail sale of fur	In light of the UK's Fur (Import and Sale) Bill currently progressing through Parliament, which seeks to ban the import and sale of real fur including mink, fox, raccoon dog, chinchilla, and coyote, and Switzerland's recent decision to prohibit the import of fur produced under cruel conditions, what steps is the NSW Government taking to align with these international standards and protect consumers from unethical fur products?	I am advised: The Australian Government is responsible for legislation governing the importation of goods.
165 Retail sale of fur	Can the Minister provide data on the current economic value of the fur trade in New South Wales, including its contribution to	I am advised: Data not held by the Department.

	retail trade and employment?	
166 Retail sale of fur	How many jobs in NSW are directly or indirectly linked to the sale, import or distribution of fur products?	I am advised: Data not held by the Department.
167 Retail sale of fur	Has the NSW Government conducted any recent assessments on the viability or future of the fur trade in the state, given global declines in fur farming and production?	I am advised: The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has not conducted any assessments.
168 Retail sale of fur	What steps is the NSW Government taking to ensure that fur products sold in the state are accurately labelled, particularly in light of recent forensic investigations revealing mislabelled cat and dog fur in Victoria?	This question should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading.
169 Retail sale of fur	Is NSW Fair Trading currently conducting any audits or investigations into the labelling of fur products sold in NSW retail outlets and markets?	This question should be referred to the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading.
170 Retail sale of fur	What mechanisms are in place to prevent the sale of fur from prohibited species such as cats and dogs, and how often are these mechanisms reviewed or enforced?	I am advised: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 does not cover the sale of fur products.

171 Retail sale of fur	Given the recent public outrage over the sale of cat fur in Victoria, will the NSW Government consider introducing a retail ban on the sale of fur products, similar to bans enacted in other jurisdictions globally?	I am advised: This matter does not fall under legislation I am responsible for.
172 Retail sale of fur	What traceability standards are currently in place for fur products sold in NSW, and how does the Government ensure that imported fur complies with ethical and legal standards?	I am advised This matter does not fall under legislation that I am responsible for.
173 Battery Cages	When will the NSW government commit funding to implement the National Poultry Standards which outline a phase-out of conventional cages for egg-laying hens by 2036?	I am advised: Work conducted on developing and implementing the Poultry Standards & Guidelines is considered core work and as such is provided for within current Animal Welfare staffing within DPIRD. The Department will engage with industry on their needs to implement the requirements and provide advice on options for government that are effective and appropriate.
174 Battery Cages	The Cook Government in Western Australia was the first state to adopt the nationally agreed Poultry Standards, improving animal welfare for hens and aligning with consumer expectations and the latest scientific evidence. As Australia's largest	Refer to the Minister's response at the Budget Estimates hearing.

	battery cage-egg producing state with 33% of the national caged layer flock, when will NSW finally phaseout cages?	
175 Live lamb cutting	Currently, the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Sheep (2016) which are prescribed in the POCTA Regulations require that mulesing should be accompanied by pain relief 'where practical and cost effective methods are available'. Given the Minister has previously dismissed calls to make live lamb cutting illegal, will the Minister consider making it a criminal offence to carry out the practice of live lamb cutting on a sheep without using pain relief, similar to changes made in Victoria in 2019?	I am advised: The NSW Government's review of the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> is currently underway, including a review of existing feedback provided by stakeholders and the community.
176 Biosecurity and assistance animals	Australia is preparing for the arrival of a new H5N1 variant via migratory birds that we have seen jump species in the northern hemisphere. Do plans for zoonotic disease control in NSW take into account the needs, numbers and	I am advised: Legislation relevant to assistance animals is the <i>Companion Animals Act 1998</i> within the local government portfolio. Owners need to register assistance animals on the NSW Pet Registry via their local council. Mostly dogs are trained as assistance animals. Cats and dogs are potentially susceptible to H5N1 avian influenza, cats (145 infected between 2022 to 2025 in US) are more prone to infection than dogs, based on overseas data.

	variety of species that serve as assistance animals in NSW? (a) Has the Minister planned to count the numbers and species of assistance animals in service in NSW?	Assistance dogs are considered low risk due to limited exposure to poultry, livestock and wildlife. Please refer to the Minister for Local Government for species-specific related information.
177 Biosecurity plans	A biosecurity plan is a crucial way to manage biosecurity risks and protect against the entry and spread of infectious plant and animal diseases, however they are only voluntary under the Biosecurity Act 2015 and are not centrally registered or reported. The statutory review of the Biosecurity Act recommended the government strengthen and embed the adoption and use of Biosecurity Management Plans for biosecurity risk management, to provide a basic level of protection across the State. Given this, what is the NSW government doing to monitor and increase the use of biosecurity plans, particularly amongst animal agribusinesses?	I am advised: The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is working closely with industry to improve understanding and use of Biosecurity Management Plans. This includes the further development of regulatory guidance, tools and other resources to support the use of biosecurity management plans, particularly for specific sectors such as mining and exploration activity in agricultural landscapes. These materials will be progressively made available on the Department's website.
178 Regional NSW portfolio	Domestic and family violence services in regional, rural and remote	I meet with my colleagues regularly to discuss a range of matters.

	areas do not receive a loading despite the additional costs they incur to deliver services across vast geographical areas. As the Minister for Regional NSW, what are you doing to advocate for regional domestic and family violence specialist services?	
179 Regional NSW portfolio	Have you met with the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the Treasurer to advocate for the additional barriers faced by victim-survivors in regional areas?	I meet with my colleagues regularly to discuss a range of matters.
180 Regional NSW portfolio	As the Minister for Regional NSW, will you advocate to your colleagues for the NSW Government to introduce a regional loading for all funding streams that provide domestic and family violence specialist services?	I meet with my colleagues regularly to discuss a range of matters.
181 Regional NSW portfolio	As the Minister for Regional NSW, will you advocate to your colleagues for funding for safe spaces for young people in regional areas to access family violence and other supports, to prevent young people engaging with the criminal justice system?	I meet with my colleagues regularly to discuss a range of matters.

182 Regional NSW portfolio	As the Minister for Regional NSW, will you advocate to your colleagues for the NSW Government to finally work with Gender and Disaster Australia to incorporate the National Gender and Emergency Management Guidelines into NSW disaster planning, response and recovery?	I meet with my colleagues regularly to discuss a range of matters.
183 Sale yards	Between 2015 and 2025, to date, how many inspections have been undertaken on NSW sale yards and from those inspections, how many resulted in cruelty or non-compliance actions or penalties?	I am advised: Based on the information available from FY2014/15 to FY 2023/24: • There have been 374 reported inspections of saleyards. • 2024/25: reporting is not yet complete. Current statutory reporting of ACO compliance activities is not disaggregated to this level.
184 Animal welfare	What is the timeline for the establishment of the Independent Office of Animal Welfare?	I am advised: This work is set to be finalised soon.
185 Animal welfare	Can you please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$16.7 million in the 2025-26 Budget allocated “to support the establishment of an Office of Animal Welfare and the animal welfare compliance and enforcement functions of approved charitable organisations”?	I am advised: The \$16.7m will be used for the following purposes: • Provision of grant funding to Approved Charitable Organisations that enforce the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> • Establishment of an Office of Animal Welfare (OAW) • Funding to the Office of Local Government to support its responsibilities arising from the Puppy Farms Amendment Act 2024 • Review of the <i>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979</i> • Other ongoing statutory reforms and reviews as announced by the Government

186 Animal welfare	Is the RSPCA NSW puppy farm squad still operating? (a) If yes, how many inspections have they undertaken in 2024 and 2025 (to the end of August), and from those inspections, how many resulted in cruelty or non-compliance actions or penalties?	Inspections of dog breeding facilities are undertaken by the general RSPCA inspectorate as part of its routine operations. This includes a combination of complaint investigations and proactive inspections. Data for calendar year 2024: • 103 inspections • 80 compliance actions ○ New – 51 ○ Revisits – 52 ○ 24N – 59 ○ PIN's – 17 ○ Prosecutions – 4 2025 data is currently being collated.
187 Animal welfare	When will the public have access to the new draft version of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979?	I am advised: This work is set to be finalised soon.
188 Animal Agriculture	Since your appointment as Minister, have you or your office had any meetings with Australian Pork Limited? (a) If yes, when were they, and what was the purpose of each meeting?	I am advised: In accordance with the Premier's Memorandum M2015-05 Publication of Ministerial Diaries and Release of Overseas Travel Information, all Ministers publish extracts from their diaries, summarising details of scheduled meetings held with stakeholders, external organisations, third-party lobbyists and individuals. Ministers are not required to disclose details of the following meetings: • meetings involving Ministers, ministerial staff, parliamentarians or government officials (whether from NSW or other jurisdictions) • meetings that are strictly personal, electorate or party political • social or public functions or events • meetings held overseas (which must be disclosed in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b) of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and Attachment B to the Premier's Memorandum), and • matters for which there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. Ministers' diary disclosures are published quarterly on The Cabinet Office's website (https://www.nsw.gov.au/departments-and-agencies/cabinetoffice/access-to-information/ministers-diary-disclosures)

189 Animal Agriculture	How many NSW piggeries have been inspected for the 2024 and 2025 (to date) calendar years? (a) From those inspections, how many resulted in cruelty or non-compliance actions or penalties?	I am advised: 2024: 31 2025 (to date): 10 Note – these figures include all facilities identified as holding pigs of any number, and exclude inspections undertaken by RSPCA or Animal Welfare League as data provided by these organisations to DPIRD does not identify activities undertaken in piggeries. (a) None
190 Animal Agriculture	What is the total volume of pig effluent which requires storage and management in NSW based on the industry's current number of pigs raised for human consumption?	I am advised: The Department does not collect data in relation to the volume of pig effluent.
191 Animal Agriculture	The scientific evidence is overwhelming that pig gassing is not humane. When will NSW ban the gassing of pigs as a cruel method of pre-slaughter stunning? (a) Has the Minister ever watched any footage of pig gassing inside a NSW pig slaughterhouse?	I am advised: The use of CO2 gas for the stunning of pigs is consistent with "Model Code of Practice for the welfare of animals: Livestock at slaughtering establishments 2001" section 2.6.2.10. Note, the national Animal Welfare Task Group is currently developing new Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Livestock at Processing Facilities and Establishments.
192 Animal Agriculture	When will the NSW government ban pig farrowing crates? (a) Has the Minister discussed this matter with the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee? (b) Has the Minister discussed this matter with	I am advised: No.

	Australian Pork Limited? (c) Has the Minister discussed this matter with the federal Minister for Agriculture?	
193 Animal Agriculture	How many spent egg laying hens have been killed by gassing for the 2015-2025 (to the end of August) in NSW?	I am advised: The Department does not hold this information.
194 Animal Agriculture	Switzerland has introduced new food labelling laws, effective from 1 July 2025 to disclose whether the fabrication of products of animal origin involved specific painful practices such as castration or dehorning of cows, or castration, tail docking or teeth clipping for pigs and whether they were performed without anaesthesia or stunning. What impacts will these new laws have on NSW produced and exported products and does NSW have any similar plans to improve consumer awareness and transparency?	I am advised: Australia is understood to export very small quantities of meat product to Switzerland so the new law will likely have little impact on overall meat exports.
195 Animal Agriculture	The Eurobodalla Shire Council confirmed in a submission to the Game and Feral Animal Legislation Amendment (Conservation	I am advised: LLS does not have any arrangements in place.

	Hunting) Bill 2025 Inquiry that they have arrangements in place with a number of private landholders to shoot animals. Does the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development have any similar such arrangements in place with NSW councils?	
196 Animal Agriculture	What food labelling licences apply to NSW camel dairies?	I am advised: Labelling of packaged food needs to comply with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
197 Animal Agriculture	For each camel dairy: (a) When was the last animal welfare inspection and who undertook this inspection? (b) Were there any animal welfare or non-compliance issues identified and what action was taken?	I am advised: The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development does not collect this data.
198 Animal Agriculture	How many MOUs does the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development have with other agencies and departments, who are those agencies and departments and when were each of these MOUs reviewed?	I am advised: The Department has a range of MOUs in place with various agencies and departments that are reviewed in accordance with individual requirements.