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HEALTH

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Community Transmission

1. Please provide the confirmed number of cases of community transmission of Covid-19 in the LGAs of concern resulting from individuals breaching the public health orders as of 30 August 2021.
2. Please provide the confirmed number of cases of community transmission of Covid-19 in the LGAs of concern occurring in the workplace where public health orders have not been breached as of 30 August 2021.
3. Please provide the confirmed number of cases of community transmission of Covid-19 in the LGAs of concern occurring in the workplace where public health orders have been breached as of 30 August 2021.

Aerosol Transmission

4. Does NSW Health acknowledge the aerosol spread of Covid-19 as a major mode of transmission?
5. What steps have been taken to protect hospitals against the aerosol transmission of Covid-19?
6. What steps have been taken to protect schools against the aerosol transmission of Covid-19?
7. How many hospitals have been equipped with:
 - (a) HEPA Filters?
 - (b) Co2 Monitors?
8. How many schools have been equipped with:
 - (a) HEPA Filters?
 - (b) Co2 Monitors?
9. How does NSW Health define fleeting transmission of Covid-19?
 - (a) Is fleeting transmission a result of aerosol transmission of Covid-19?
10. Is NSW Health aware of the World Health Organization-commissioned study, *Chu DK, Akl EA, Duda S, et al. Physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection to prevent person-to-person transmission of SARS-*

CoV-2 and COVID-19: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Lancet 2020; that showed that N95 respirators provide much better protection from Covid-19 than surgical masks (96% v 67%) and eye guards provided further protection?

- (a) Why do NSW Health guidelines fall short of the protective measures recommended in this study?

Personal Protective Equipment

For the purposes of these questions, NSW healthcare workers are defined as anyone working in a NSW hospital.

11. How many people are employed in the NSW hospital system?
12. What percentage of NSW healthcare workers have been fit-tested for N95 masks?
13. What percentage of health care workers are not fit tested?
 - (a) What masks are they provided?
14. How does NSW Health determine what health care workers get access to N95 masks instead of surgical masks?
15. Are appropriately sized N95 masks always available for a fit-tested NSW Health staff member?
16. What level of protection do surgical masks provide to the wearer against covid-19 transmission?
 - (a) How does this compare to N95 masks?
17. Are all NSW Healthcare workers wearing N95 airborne protection?
 - (a) Are all NSW Health staff in Sydney wearing N95 airborne protection?
 - (b) Are all NSW Health staff in hotspots wearing N95 airborne protection?
18. What are the current stocks of:
 - (a) Surgical masks
 - (b) N95 masks
 - (c) Impervious gowns
 - (d) Gloves
 - (e) Shoe covers
19. What is the breakdown of N95 mask stores by:
 - (a) Brand and model (eg 3M, Aura)?

- (b) the percentage of individuals they fit? (eg Aura first 67% of fit-tested NSW health employees).
20. What is the average consumption of PPE stock per week for:
- (a) Surgical masks
 - (b) N95 masks
 - (c) Impervious gowns
 - (d) Gloves
 - (e) Shoe covers
21. Based on the average consumption, how many weeks are left until the following PPE stores are depleted:
- (a) Surgical masks
 - (b) N95 masks
 - (c) Impervious gowns
 - (d) Gloves
 - (e) Shoe covers
22. Per week, how many pieces of the following PPE are NSW Health acquiring:
- (a) Surgical masks
 - (b) N95 masks
 - (c) Impervious gowns
 - (d) Gloves
 - (e) Shoe covers
23. How is NSW Health assuring the supply of further PPE?
- (a) What are our forward contracts for further PPE?
 - (b) What is the plan to rapidly increase PPE stocks if consumption increases?
 - (c) What is NSW Health's worst-case contingency plan for PPE stock?
24. Does NSW Health have plans to utilise reusable N95 masks?
25. Does NSW Health have plans to utilise Powered Air Purifying Respirators?

ICU bed capacity

26. As of 30 August 2021, how many ICU beds are there in:
- (a) All of NSW
 - (b) the Sydney Local Health District
 - (c) the South Western Sydney Local Health District
 - (d) the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
 - (e) the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
 - (f) the Western Sydney Local Health District
 - (g) the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District
 - (h) the Northern Sydney Local Health District
 - (i) the Central Coast Local Health District
 - (j) the Hunter New England Local Health District
 - (k) the Northern NSW Local Health District
 - (l) the Southern NSW Local Health District
 - (m) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
 - (n) the Western NSW Local Health District
 - (o) the Mid North Coast Local Health District
 - (p) the Far West Local Health District
 - (q) regional NSW.
27. As of 30 August 2021, how many ICU beds are currently occupied in:
- (a) All of NSW
 - (b) the Sydney Local Health District
 - (c) the South Western Sydney Local Health District
 - (d) the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
 - (e) the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
 - (f) the Western Sydney Local Health District
 - (g) the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

- (h) the Northern Sydney Local Health District
- (i) the Central Coast Local Health District
- (j) the Hunter New England Local Health District
- (k) the Northern NSW Local Health District
- (l) the Southern NSW Local Health District
- (m) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- (n) the Western NSW Local Health District
- (o) the Mid North Coast Local Health District
- (p) the Far West Local Health District
- (q) regional NSW.

28. As of 30 August 2021, how many Ventilators are there in:

- (a) All of NSW
- (b) the Sydney Local Health District
- (c) the South Western Sydney Local Health District
- (d) the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
- (e) the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
- (f) the Western Sydney Local Health District
- (g) the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District
- (h) the Northern Sydney Local Health District
- (i) the Central Coast Local Health District
- (j) the Hunter New England Local Health District
- (k) the Northern NSW Local Health District
- (l) the Southern NSW Local Health District
- (m) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- (n) the Western NSW Local Health District
- (o) the Mid North Coast Local Health District
- (p) the Far West Local Health District

(q) regional NSW.

29. What is the maximum amount of ICU beds that can be staffed in:

- (a) All of NSW
- (b) the Sydney Local Health District
- (c) the South Western Sydney Local Health District
- (d) the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
- (e) the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
- (f) the Western Sydney Local Health District
- (g) the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District
- (h) the Northern Sydney Local Health District
- (i) the Central Coast Local Health District
- (j) the Hunter New England Local Health District
- (k) the Northern NSW Local Health District
- (l) the Southern NSW Local Health District
- (m) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
- (n) the Western NSW Local Health District
- (o) the Mid North Coast Local Health District
- (p) the Far West Local Health District
- (q) regional NSW.

30. How many trained ICU nurses are there in:

- (a) All of NSW
- (b) the Sydney Local Health District
- (c) the South Western Sydney Local Health District
- (d) the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District
- (e) the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
- (f) the Western Sydney Local Health District
- (g) the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

- (h) the Northern Sydney Local Health District
 - (i) the Central Coast Local Health District
 - (j) the Hunter New England Local Health District
 - (k) the Northern NSW Local Health District
 - (l) the Southern NSW Local Health District
 - (m) the Murrumbidgee Local Health District
 - (n) the Western NSW Local Health District
 - (o) the Mid North Coast Local Health District
 - (p) the Far West Local Health District
 - (q) regional NSW.
31. How many trained ICU nurses are there in Australia?
32. How many private health care workers have been brought into the public health system to increase capacity?
33. How many further private health care workers has NSW Health estimated are available to increase capacity in the public system?
34. What modelling is NSW health using to predict ICU cases?
35. How many ICU cases does NSW Health predict as a result of Covid-19 by:
- (a) 13/09/2021
 - (b) 20/09/2021
 - (c) 27/09/2021
 - (d) 04/10/2021
 - (e) 11/10/2021
 - (f) 18/10/2021
 - (g) 25/10/2021
 - (h) 1/11/2021
 - (i) 08/11/2021
 - (j) 15/11/2021

(k) 22/11/2021.

Rapid Antigen Tests

36. How are Rapid Antigen Tests made available to the public and businesses?
37. How many Rapid Antigen Tests are available in NSW?

Vaccines taken from Far West Local Health district

38. How many vaccines were taken from the Far West Local Health District as part of the announcement that 40,000 Pfizer vaccines would be redirected to Sydney for HSC students?
39. Were any Indigenous medical providers impacted by the vaccine re-direct decision?
40. Did any Indigenous people have their vaccine appointments cancelled or postponed?
 - (a) How many?
41. How many of those who had their vaccine appointments cancelled were re-scheduled for a later appointment?
42. When will all people who had their appointments cancelled have it re-scheduled?

NSW Border closures and accessing Victorian health care

43. How long on average does it take to receive a permit to cross the NSW-Victoria border?
44. What happens if someone in NSW has weekly radiation therapy appointments in Bendigo?
 - (a) How do they self-isolate each time?
 - (b) How does a person apply for an exemption?
 - (c) What documents do they need to take with them when they go to Victoria? How about when they return home?
45. Are Victorian hospitals refusing to accept NSW patients?
 - (a) What has the NSW Government done to rectify this?

Ambulances and wait-times in border areas

46. Regarding ambulances attending callouts in Moama, from the period July 2019 - June 2020 and July 2020 - June 2021:
 - (a) What proportion are Victorian ambulances?
 - (b) What proportion are NSW ambulances?
47. Which hospital is the primary destination for ambulances attending patients in Moama?
48. What is the average wait time for an ambulance in Moama over the past 2 years?
49. How are ambulance services funded for border residents?
 - (a) Do they need two memberships?
50. What is the funding arrangement for NSW public patients who travel into Victoria?
51. How much did it cost the NSW taxpayer per year in 2019-2020?
52. How much does NSW pay to Victoria each year for healthcare services?

Lack of doctors and health services in hospitals across the Murrumbidgee

53. Since July 2015, there have been 882 transfers from Griffith to Wagga for mental health care. Does NSW Health transport these patients home?
54. How many specialist mental health nurses are employed by hospitals in the Murrumbidgee?
55. How many social workers are employed by hospitals in the Murrumbidgee?
56. What sort of mental health service will the new Griffith Base Hospital have?
 - (a) Will there be a separate ward for mental health treatment?
 - (b) How many patients will the mental health unit treat?
 - (c) How long can they stay in the hospital for mental health treatment?
 - (d) Where do they go if they continue to need mental health treatment when their short stay time is up?
57. Does the Griffith Base Hospital currently have an orthopaedics service?
 - (a) If no, for how long has it been without this service?
58. Will the new Griffith Base Hospital employ full-time, permanent onsite orthopaedic surgeons?

- (a) If so, How many?

Tamworth's Banksia Mental Health Unit

- 59. Has there been any investigation into the 13 sexual assault incidents at Banksia Mental Health Unit?
 - (a) Has a root cause analysis been conducted for these incidents? If yes can it be provided?
- 60. Was there an investigation of these cases?
 - (a) If so, could you please provide the report?
- 61. What steps has NSW Health taken to prevent further incidents?
 - (a) Has there been a retraining of staff?
- 62. How much has the government spent in compensation across the state's mental health units as a result of sexual assault incidents?
 - (a) Can you provide a breakdown by mental health unit?
- 63. What amount of money has the state government paid in compensation to the patients that have suffered sexual assaults at the Banksia Mental Health unit?
- 64. The new mental health unit to be constructed in Tamworth will have no single child beds, how many children does NSW Health anticipate will have to travel to New England or Newcastle for treatment?

GP Medical Visiting Officers

- 65. Across NSW how many GP visiting medical officer hospitals are there in towns of 10,000 or less?
 - (a) Can you list these hospitals?
 - (b) How many doctors have visiting medical rights across those hospitals?
- 66. How many visiting medical officer hospitals have less than 10 doctors with visiting medical rights?

Maternity Services at Bankstown/Lidcombe Hospital

67. What was the rationale for permanently terminating postnatal at-home midwifery visits during COVID, despite the continuation of other allied health services and the option to employ temporary measures such as telehealth during stricter restrictions?
68. Has your department made any plans to ensure that its minimum one child health nurse visit policy is adhered to by SWSLHD and Bankstown/Lidcombe hospital?
 - (a) If so what are they?
69. Is your department aware of any efforts on behalf of SWSLHD and Bankstown/Lidcombe hospital to improve postnatal care services to new parents in normal circumstances but also during periods of isolation such as the most recent coronavirus lockdown?

Women's Health Centres Funding

70. Women's Health Centres have not received any funding increases above CPI, outside of one-off grants, since 1986. Why is this?
 - (a) Are there plans for funding increases above CPI?
71. Please provide a breakdown of the total amount of funding given to the following Women's Health Centres for each of the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21:
 - (a) Bankstown Womens Health Centre
 - (b) Blacktown Women's and Girls' Health Centre
 - (c) Blue Mountains Women's Health and Resource Centre
 - (d) Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre Ltd
 - (e) Central West Women's Health Centre Inc
 - (f) Coffs Harbour Women's Health Centre
 - (g) Cumberland Women's Health Centre Inc
 - (h) Fairfield Women's Health Service
 - (i) Hunter Women's Centre
 - (j) Illawarra Women's Health Centre
 - (k) Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre

- (l) Lismore Women’s Health & Resource Centre
- (m) Liverpool Women’s Health Centre
- (n) Penrith Women’s Health Centre
- (o) Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia
- (p) Shoalhaven Women’s Health Centre
- (q) South Coast Women’s Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation – Waminda
- (r) Sydney Women’s Counselling Centre
- (s) W.I.L.M.A. Women’s Health Centre
- (t) Wagga Women’s Health Centre Inc
- (u) Women’s Centre for Health and Wellbeing Albury-Wodonga Inc.

Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)
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Blacktown mass vaccination hub

72. What decision criteria is used to determine where mass vaccination hubs are located?
- (a) Who makes the decision?
73. Has the NSW Government considered a mass vaccination hub in Blacktown?
- (a) If yes, on what date was it considered?
 - (b) What locations were considered?
 - (c) Why was it rejected?
74. Blacktown Council wrote to the NSW Health Minister in July offering the use of its vacant facilities. Why was this offer not accepted given Blacktown has been consistently listed as a local area of concern?

Aboriginal health

75. The budget commits \$43.7 million for the delivery of targeted health services through the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector, especially in regional NSW. Is it correct that only

\$29.5 million will go directly to ACCHOs, with the remaining \$14.2 million going to NSW Health for the department to allocate towards Aboriginal specific services and programs as it sees fit?

(a) Has NSW Health undertaken consultation with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector in determining how the funds will be allocated?

(b) How will NSW Health ensure that funding is delivered through a genuine partnership approach, consistent with the Implementation Plan on Closing the Gap?

76. The budget notes that the NSW Government has committed \$4.0 billion to support the COVID-19 health response:

(a) How much of this has gone towards supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities?

Bed block

77. The national target for code one (lights and sirens) response times is for an ambulance to arrive within 10mins of the call being placed in the queue. Can you explain why NSW is the second worst performing state in the country with only Tasmania performing worse?

78. Can you explain why over the last 10 years the NSW Government has failed to meet this 10 minutes benchmark?

79. Can you explain why for the last 3 years Victoria, Qld, WA, ACT and NT are all performing better than NSW?

80. Can you explain why figures show that as of the first quarter this year, there is still just under 20 percent of patients waiting longer than 30 minutes to be transferred to a hospital bed?

81. Back in 2017 over 91 percent of patients were transferred from an ambulance to a hospital bed in under 30 minutes. Can you explain why that figure is now just 83 percent and bed block is only getting worse?

82. What is the Government doing to fix this worsening bed block across NSW?

83. Can you explain why 20 percent of Western Sydney patients wait longer than 30 minutes in the back of an ambulance before being transferred to a hospital bed compared to less than 10 percent for those living in North Sydney?

Salary packaging of NSW Health staff

84. In relation to the salary packaging and the 50% tax saving withheld from staff, which department retains this money?

- (a) Is it Health or Treasury?
- (b) How much money was returned to Government due to withholding the 50% in the 2020/21 year?
- (c) Is this policy being reviewed?

Rouse hill hospital

- 85. How did you announce the site of the Rouse Hill Hospital in February 2019, less than two months before the election, only to change the location two years later?
- 86. What due diligence was done on the former 768 Windsor Road site before you announced it to the public as the hospital site?
- 87. How much was spent on concept designs and images for the hospital at 768 Windsor Road, which you now say was an unsuitable site?
- 88. Is it true that in 2014/15 the then Health Minister announced Rouse Hospital would be built at a cost of in excess of \$700 million?
- 89. Does the current announcement of \$300 million include all monies that have been spent on the project since 2014?
- 90. How much time, money and resources has the Government spent on Rouse Hill hospital project since 2014?
- 91. Are there any current plans or designs for Rouse Hill hospital, whether conceptually or completed?
- 92. Has the complete acquisition of the land for Rouse Hill Hospital been completed?
 - (a) If not, at what stage of negotiations is it up to?
 - (b) If completed, what are the total acquisition costs for the site?

Hunter New England local health district library service

- 93. Will the NSW Government intervene to make up the lost \$414K funding from the Newcastle University to HNELHD Library services thus ensuring maintenance of services at John Hunter, Mater, Tamworth, Maitland, Taree & Armidale Hospital's?
- 94. Will the Minister please explain why the new Maitland Hospital doesn't provide provisions for a Library?
- 95. Can the Minister please outline why a consistent and formalised model of funding from Universities to NSW public hospitals does not exist?

96. Will the Minister intervene to stop the HNELHD from cutting nearly 50% of the 12.74FTE Library staff and loss of regional health jobs?
97. What value does the Minister place on Library services within our NSW health system?
98. Why are HNELHD libraries not considered equals to those of Sydney in terms of funding and resourcing?
99. What impact does the Minister expect these service cuts to have on research based clinical care in HNE?
100. Given the Ministry's current emphasis on encouraging and supporting continuous learning and development in its staff why does it think it is acceptable to cut one of the most important educational resources of the district?

Increasing costs of locums

101. What is the average cost per day for Locums visiting rural NSW?
102. What is the highest rate that is currently paid for Locums visiting NSW per day?
103. What other costs are covered for Locums when they visit rural NSW? (ie. accommodation, food, incidentals)
104. Has NSW Health become so reliant on Locums that they are just paying more and more?
105. What is the benefit to the community to have locums rather than permanent doctors?
106. Have you had any discussions about capping the Locum rates?

Westmead palliative care

107. Will the NSW Government commit to a dedicated Palliative Care Unit at Westmead Hospital?

Dedicated quarantine facility

108. What recommendations did NSW Health make about the need for purpose built quarantine facilities near Sydney to accommodate returning travellers or flight crews?
109. Given the NSW Treasurer committed to lodging an application with the Commonwealth to have a purpose built facility in NSW, has this application been lodged?
 - (a) If not why?

(b) When will it be lodged?

110. Has the Commonwealth provided you with any timetable or likely date for the construction of such a facility?

Construction shutdown

111. Did NSW Health recommend to the Government that the construction industry should be temporarily shut down?

112. Did NSW Health subsequently recommend that the industry should be opened up again?

Regional NSW classification

113. What was the specific health advice that resulted in Shellharbour and Central Coast LGA's getting classified as part of Regional NSW but Wollongong remained part of Greater Sydney?

Vaccination information and issues

114. What is the plan for rolling out additional vaccination hubs to make it easy for vulnerable groups to get vaccinated?

(a) How is equity of access being ensured?

115. NCOSS commissioned research has highlighted issues around effectively communicating vaccine information with CALD communities. What is the government doing to communicate vaccine messaging with CALD communities?

116. One issue that has been identified is how information is being communicated, as in who the messenger is and what platform it is communicated on, with many sceptical of government messaging. Has the government explored alternative delivery models or alternative spokespeople to reach these communities?

117. Is the government working with the NGO sector on the ground to communicate with these communities?

118. We also know young people distrust government and even community or religious leaders, so they are getting their information on social media platforms such as TikTok and they are also a high-risk group when it comes to the delta variant. How are you reaching young people with messages to get vaccinated and follow restrictions?

(a) Is there evidence that this is working?

119. Has the government looked at financial incentives to encourage people to get the vaccine?
120. The vaccination booking system is a misnomer as in fact it involves multiple, disparate systems across federal, state and private health providers. There is a lack of coordination, and the government online process is cumbersome and slow, for example; people have to go back and start again if the system freezes or if they want to change their nominated vaccination site. So if the system is difficult for people with unlimited data, access to technology and not dealing with other complex challenges, then it is next to impossible for those who are vulnerable, don't speak English, don't have ready access to a computer or face other issues. Given our way out of this health crisis is now dependent on high vaccination rates, what urgent action is the state government taking to address these barriers and make it easy for everyone, but particularly vulnerable people, to secure their vaccinations appointments?

Vaccination priority occupations

121. Child protection workers, housing workers attending people's houses in emergencies, probation and parole officers in Community Corrections keeping our community safe, critical emergency workers in Traffic Management Controllers and Heavy Vehicle Inspectors in Transport and support staff at NSW schools have all worked on the frontline of the pandemic to keep our State running. Why has the NSW Government chosen not to prioritise these occupations for vaccination with Pfizer so that these workers can become fully vaccinated within as short a timeframe as possible?

Contact tracing

122. How many contact tracers are currently employed by the Ministry of Health?
- (a) How many contact tracers are employed by labour hire firms?
 - (b) Which labour hire firms have been engaged by the Ministry of Health to deliver contact tracing services?
 - i. How many workers are currently employed by each of these labour hire firms?
123. How many people are employed overall in the contact tracing service?
- (a) What is their composition by employment status?
124. What is the standard length of contract being offered to casual contact tracers?
- (a) What is their composition by employment status?

125. How much is being spent by the government to outsource the contact tracing service?
126. What is the government paying Randstad per contact tracer per hour?
- (a) How much are the workers actually getting paid to do this work?
127. Why, in the middle of this crisis, are Contact tracers subject to a restructure that sees them decentralised to the Area Health Services?
128. Is asking the Department of Communities for staff to form contact tracer teams an admission that this government has failed in its planning?
- (a) Was this considered before or after private contractors were put in place?
129. What is the turnover rate amongst contact tracing contractors?
- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the reasons contact tracers give for leaving their positions?

Test and isolate payments

130. Can you explain why the test and isolate payment is not available state-wide?

Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital

131. With regard to the Government's commitment to commence work on the redevelopment of the existing Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital site in Nowra in 2021:
- (a) What is the early work that will commence on site in 2021?
- (b) When will it commence?
- (c) How much will the work cost?
- (d) Of the \$11.7 million allocated in 2021-22 budget announced in June 2021, how much has been spent?
- i. What was it spent on?
- (e) When will the redevelopment project be complete?
- (f) What is the project timeline and milestones for delivery of the redevelopment?
132. Given the Government acknowledges the redevelopment of the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital is required to address the immediate urgent need for increased capacity at the existing facility, however is likely to come under further pressure as the population of the Shoalhaven District increases:

- (a) What work has the Government done to plan for increased capacity in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District beyond the expected completion of the Shoalhaven Hospital?
- (b) Has the Government done any planning work to consider an additional greenfield hospital site in the Shoalhaven District to supplement the completed redeveloped hospital in Nowra?

Eurobodalla Hospital

133. In relation to the construction of the new Eurobodalla Hospital, Member of Bega and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance has stated the construction at the new site in Moruya will commence in 2021:

- (a) What is the work that will be completed on site in 2021?
- (b) Of the \$14.3 million that has been allocated in the 2021-22 budget:
 - i. How much has been spent?
 - ii. What was it spent on?
- (c) When will the construction of the Eurobodalla Hospital be complete?
- (d) What is the project timeline and milestones for delivery of the new hospital?

Milton Ulladulla Hospital

134. Given the Government acknowledges the increasing pressure on health infrastructure and services in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District:

- (a) What work has been done in relation to planned upgrades for the Milton Ulladulla Hospital?
- (b) What is the project timeframe for improvements and upgrades at Milton Ulladulla Hospital?

Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre

135. On what date will the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre have enough vaccine to deliver the maximum 2500 doses a day that it was designed to deliver?

136. On what date was the decision made not to deliver the additional Pfizer vaccines to take daily dose capacity at the Wollongong Mass Vaccination Centre?

137. On what date do projections indicate that 70 per cent of the populations of the following postcodes will be fully vaccinated:

- (a) 2518
- (b) 2500
- (c) 2502

- (d) 2505
- (e) 2506
- (f) 2530

138. What does the Minister recommend people who have attempted to get a fully vaccinated by booking or walk-in by September 13, 2021 do if appointments and walk-in options are not available in their area?
139. What plans does NSW Health have to provide vaccines to the postcodes in Question (66) which have not reached:
- (a) 70 per cent fully vaccinated targets?
 - (b) 80 per cent fully vaccinated targets?

Spending

140. For each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your portfolio/cluster in FY 20/21 what was the total amount spent on each of the following categories?
- (a) Indoor plants
 - (b) coffee and tea
 - (c) crockery
 - (d) kettles, sandwich presses and toasters
 - (e) alcohol
 - (f) cakes, muffins and pastries
 - (g) computers, computer monitors and office chairs
 - (h) office renovations and fit-outs
 - (i) taxi and rideshare expenses
 - (j) office equipment
 - (k) office renovations or upgrades
 - (l) hospitality
 - (m) conferences
 - (n) travel
 - (o) accommodation
 - (p) employee development and training activities
 - (q) study assistance
 - (r) travelling and meal expenses
 - (s) temporary accommodation benefits - commercial and private

- (t) removal and storage expenses
- (u) education of children
- (v) reimbursement of transaction expenses (includes stamp duty, real estate costs for employee who is moving)
- (w) reimbursement of incidental costs (includes gas, electricity)
- (x) additional benefits.

141. For each department, agency, State-owned corporation or other body, and for each division of those bodies, if any, in your portfolio/cluster, from FY 20/21 what are details (specific item, and total cost) of the top five most expensive occurrences of spending on each of the following categories?

- (a) indoor plants
- (b) coffee and tea
- (c) crockery
- (d) kettles, sandwich presses and toasters
- (e) alcohol
- (f) cakes, muffins and pastries
- (g) computers, computer monitors and office chairs
- (h) office renovations and fit-outs
- (i) taxi and rideshare expenses
- (j) office equipment
- (k) office renovations or upgrades
- (l) hospitality
- (m) conferences
- (n) travel
- (o) accommodation
- (p) employee development and training activities
- (q) study assistance
- (r) travelling and meal expenses
- (s) temporary accommodation benefits - commercial and private
- (t) removal and storage expenses
- (u) education of children
- (v) reimbursement of transaction expenses (includes stamp duty, real estate costs for employee who is moving)
- (w) reimbursement of incidental costs (includes gas, electricity)

(x) additional benefits.

Youth suicide and self-harm

142. Please list monthly frequency of suicides by under 18s in each local health district since January 2019
143. Please list monthly frequency of suicides by 18-24s in each local health district since January 2019.
144. Please list monthly frequency of self-harm presentations by under 18s in each local health district since January 2019
145. Please list monthly frequency of self-harm presentations by 18-24s in each local health district since January 2019.

Palliative Care – Westmead hospital

146. Western Sydney Local Health District Supportive & Palliative Care service is currently undergoing an external review. The Minister for Health & Medical Research has ordered the report for the review be submitted by the end of September. When will this report be released for public comment and recommendations acted upon?
147. What is the estimated cost of setting up a stand-alone 20 bed dedicated palliative care ward at Westmead hospital?
148. What would be the estimated annual running cost of a stand-alone 20 bed dedicated palliative care ward at Westmead hospital?

Question to Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive, Hunter New England Local Health District.

Tenterfield hospital

149. Can Mr DiRienzo please advise why he believes an internal review rather than an independent investigation was the appropriate way to proceed to address various concerns raised by the public regarding Tenterfield hospital?