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Questions from the Hon Mark Pearson MLC

Developments near koala, glider, and platypus habitat

1. Between January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2022 how many developments were approved by NSW Government authorities in areas encompassing or within 10km of:
 - (a) Known koala habitat?
 - (b) Known greater glider habitat? And
 - (c) Known platypus habitat?
 - i. What total area of land in hectares do these developments cover individually and all together?
 - ii. Please provide the street addresses of each development where possible and the name of the developer.

Section 209 of the *Gaming Machine Act* over-rides the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act*

2. Can the Minister explain how a significant planning restraint, that is s209 which explicitly prevents councils or consent authorities considering poker machine installations when determining planning applications, has been placed in the Gaming Machine Act?
 - (a) Why, out of all activities, are consent authorities under the Environment Planning & Assessment Act unable to even make a development consent order (for instance over operating hours) in regard to premises where gambling machines may be installed?
 - (b) Why is this not in the Environment Planning & Assessment Act?
 - (c) Is the justification for this carve-out still appropriate, given the clear evidence for money-laundering and gambling related harm in our suburban and regional town pubs and clubs?

Fauna Management Plans

3. What responsibility do developers have in regards to Fauna Management plans:
 - (a) To whom are they accountable?

4. The legal requirements for developers in regards to their responsibilities towards wildlife when developing land is unclear:
- (a) Is it the expectation that all developments impacting wildlife habitat will have a fauna management plan in place, and that all principal ecologists responsible for implementing that plan need to have a research authority issued under the Animal Research Act?
 - (b) Must the ecologists' research authority be specific for each site they work on and not just a general research authority?
 - (c) Can the Minister confirm that a research authority issued for "research" purposes is appropriate to cover the scope of works involved in demolition and vegetation clearing?

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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC *(on behalf of the Opposition)*

Migration

5. The Federal Government has asked states and territories to outline the number of migrants the state is willing to take – given this is a population, planning and housing related question what was the number nominated by NSW and what input did you have into setting that number?
6. Australian housing ministers met in July – have there been any discussions about how the 30,000 social housing dwellings that the Albanese Government is seeking to build will be allocated among the states?
 - (a) Has NSW put in a bid?
 - (b) Where will they be located?
7. What role will NSW play in the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council?
 - (a) What advice has been provided to the Commonwealth on the best role for NSW and how it should operate?
 - (b) Who from NSW will be represented on the Council?

Office of Strategic Lands

8. How many of the property holdings of the Office of Strategic Lands will be sold over the coming year?
9. How are the properties to be sold determined?

Flood inquiry

10. Does the Government have an infrastructure plan for the Hawkesbury-Nepean that provides for better evacuation and flood mitigation?
 - (a) If so, what is the timetable to implement the plan and how much is expected to cost?
 - (b) How many properties will be protected from flooding under the plan?
11. Recommendation 17 of the flood inquiry was about landholders access to information, suggesting that information should be made available through the Planning Portal to provide a better understanding of risk exposure of properties – is this possible?
 - (a) Is the data available?

- (b) How long would this take?
 - (c) How much would this cost?
12. How many rezonings are currently on hold in the North-West corridor of Sydney waiting on the recommendations of the flood inquiry or other flood assessments?
- (a) How many houses are these rezonings expected to yield?
 - (b) What is the plan for these rezonings in light of the flood inquiry recommendations?

Housing targets

13. How many councils throughout Greater Sydney have met their housing targets this year and in each year since they were introduced?
14. What is the DPE's role in working with the Greater Cities Commission to establish new housing targets as required under the Greater Cities Commission Act?
15. By what date will the new targets be set and made public?

Rezoning

16. The Government claims around 115,000 dwellings and lots were approved over the 2021-22 financial year – how many of those were in areas impacted by the recent flooding events?
17. Can the committee be provided with a breakdown of the lots and dwellings approved for each local government area and the rezonings for each local government area?
18. How many of the 115,000 were dwelling approvals and how many were lot approvals?
19. In any of the rezonings was a requirement around a proportion of affordable housing set?
20. If so, how many affordable housing lots are required?

Tweed's Voluntary Home Purchasing Program

21. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has a yearly grant-funding arrangement set up with Tweed Shire Council to pay for 66% of the costs required in Tweed's Voluntary Home Purchasing Program for high-flood risk homes in the LGA. Does the NSW Government have any plans to:
- (a) Promote this sort of funding arrangement and buy-back scheme more broadly with other Northern Rivers and Western Sydney Councils?

- (b) Make funding a mainstay for participating Councils for the duration of their buy-back scheme, rather than it be subject to complex criteria needing to be demonstrated every 12 months?
- (c) Increase the NSW funding proportion commitment to be more than two-thirds of buy-back schemes, to ease the burden on local Councils?

One Million Trees program

- 22. Will the one million tree target be met by the end of the year?
- 23. With the change to the six cities configuration will the goal and the breadth of the area be changed?
 - (a) If so, by how much?
 - (b) And by when?
- 24. Once a tree is registered are there any checks on whether it is still alive?
- 25. Does the government track how many free trees have been provided to people and where they are planted?
- 26. If so, could the committee be provided with a breakdown by local government area?
- 27. The data on the Premier's Priorities website has not been updated since September 2021. On the trend off the data available, this priority will not be met. When will the data be updated?
 - (a) The Government has outsourced much of this priority to Landcare NSW for around \$4.7 million. Why does the contract run through to 2023, if the target will be achieved by December 2022?
 - (b) How many trees are being planted by Landcare, in total?
 - (c) How many trees have been planted by Landcare, so far?
 - (d) Will there be a net increase in trees given the amount of land clearing that has occurred in recent years?

Barangaroo Central

- 28. The latest modification proposal for Barangaroo Central is controversial – apart from Infrastructure NSW does anyone support it?
- 29. Can the Minister confirm that he will be consent authority for this modification?
- 30. Why is this modification necessary?

31. Does the modification add any social or affordable housing to the proposal?
32. What is the number of social or affordable housing units proposed for Barangaroo Central?
 - (a) If none, why not?
33. Given the submissions and nature of previous modifications has consideration been given to referring consideration of any changes to an independent authority?

Parks for the people program

34. In 2019, \$150 million was committed to the Strategic Open Spaces Program – how much of those funds have been spent and how much has been committed?
35. At the time parks in Leppington, Appin, Beaumont Hills, George Kendall Riverside Park, Kempt Field, Trench Reserve, Carrawood Park, Frenchs Forest and Belrose were to be delivered by mid 2022 – which, if any, remain on time?
 - (a) If they are not on time what is the estimated completion date for each park?
36. Has the funding under this program been fully committed?
 - (a) If not, how much is uncommitted?

Planning portal

37. How many complaints have been received about the operation and functionality of the Planning Portal?
38. The Auditor-General's 37-page report speaks for itself finding that the planning portal has:
 - Shortcomings in the department's initial planning and management of the program led to a significant time overrun
 - The department did not provide time contingency in the project schedules
 - The department now has a clear view of the scope necessary to finalise the program, but has not yet published the services it plans to implement in 2022 and 2023
 - Mandating the portal's use for all development applications changed the program's strategic risk environment, but the department kept its overall delivery approach the same
 - The portal has delivered financial benefits but reported benefits are overstated.
 - (a) How is the Government responding to these comments of the Auditor-General?
39. What is the current total expenditure on the Planning Portal?
40. What is the forecast total spend for the project?

Premier's priority – greener public spaces

41. The data on the Premier's Priorities to 'Increase the proportion of homes in urban areas within 10 minutes' walk of quality green, open and public space by 10% by 2023.' Has not been updated since June 2021:
- (a) When will the data be updated?
 - (b) Will this target be met?

Previous Estimates Supplementary Questions

42. In response to questions on notice, the department responded "Yes" to the question "*Are there more structural changes within the department coming, particularly at the senior executive level as foreshadowed by Mr Cassel's evidence on Friday, 11 March 2022?*" What are those changes?
- (a) When will they come into effect?
 - (b) What is the intended effect of these changes?

Infrastructure contributions reform

43. Is the consultation period for the Government's proposed infrastructure contributions legislation now concluded?
44. How many submissions were received from:
- (a) Stakeholders?
 - (b) Local councils?
 - (c) Individuals?
45. Have all the submissions been considered?
46. What further amendments is the Government proposing for the Environment Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021?
47. Do these proposed amendments have the agreement of stakeholders and local councils?
48. Will the Government proceed with debate on this Bill in the Legislative Council?

Planning reviews

49. Has the Department received the report, The Interjurisdictional Review – to measure the NSW planning system against analogous planning systems in other jurisdictions?
50. What are the findings and recommendations in this report?

51. Is the report public?
 - (a) If so, where is it published?
 - (b) If not, why not?

Business Improvement Districts

52. The Minister for Cities proposed the implementation of a series of Business Improvement Districts in the Sydney Morning Herald on 6 July 2022 – did the Minister discuss this concept with the Minister for Planning?
 - (a) If so, on what date and in what form was this concept discussed between Ministers?
53. Will these new business improvement districts replace or are in addition to other planning pathways?
54. What specific planning instruments will be used to implement these business improvement districts?
55. Will DPE be involved in drafting the White Paper foreshadowed by Minister Stokes on 6 July 2022?
 - (a) If so, what specific role will DPE have in drafting this White Paper?
 - (b) If not, why is DPE not involved in drafting this White Paper?
56. When will the White Paper be published?
57. What is the consultation process for developing this White Paper?
58. What legislation will be required to implement this plan foreshadowed by Minister Stokes?

Building industry

59. Is the Minister concerned by the growing number of business collapses in the Australian construction industry?
60. What is the current situation of the New South Wales construction industry?

Energy Efficiency

61. Given the government's commitment to net zero, will the government adopt net zero as a mandate for the National Construction Code?
62. What activity has the Department undertaken to support the Land and Housing Corporation to audit the thermal performance of its social housing stock?

63. How does the government propose to plan and appropriately budget for the upgrades that may be required to bring LAHC properties up to a liveable, healthy standard - particularly taking account of commitments the NSW government has made to work on implementing minimum energy efficiency standards in rental homes through the Trajectory to Low Energy Buildings - existing buildings?
64. What available information/data does the government have access to that would help provide an understanding of the thermal performance of NSW housing stock generally, and in particular housing stock that is currently in the NSW private rental market?
65. What plans are in place to collect data to allow Government to appropriately plan and assess the need for resourcing (via incentives or other mechanisms) of any required upgrades to existing housing stock in the NSW private rental market to bring it up to standard in line with implementation of the Trajectory to Low Energy Buildings - existing buildings?

Greening Our City program

66. The Greening Our City program has provided \$25 million in grants to councils to build urban tree canopy across the Sydney region from 2019 – 2021. What support has the government provided to regional urban areas, which face periods of extreme heat that will be exacerbated by climate change and also need tree canopy enhancement, provision of shade, and to mitigate urban heat island impacts?

Third-party contractors or consultancies

67. For every agency, department, or state-owned corporation within your portfolio, please provide the following:
 - (a) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in communications services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
 - (b) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in PR services, including:
 - i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,

- iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (c) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in marketing services, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (d) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in Government relations or lobbying services, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (e) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in industry or peak body membership, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (f) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in policy or strategy development, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (g) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in project management, including:

- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (h) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in accounting and audit, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (i) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in legal services, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid
- (j) A list of all third-party contractor or consultancies engaged in any other services, including:
- i. Contractor name,
 - ii. Contractor ABN,
 - iii. Service provided,
 - iv. Total cost paid

Disability Employment

68. How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- (a) Department of Planning and Environment
- (b) Independent Planning Commission
- (c) Landcom
- (d) Property NSW
- (e) Natural Resources Commission

69. How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by:
- (a) Department of Planning and Environment
 - (b) Independent Planning Commission
 - (c) Landcom
 - (d) Property NSW
 - (e) Natural Resources Commission

Kariong Rotary Club

70. Did you meet with Kariong Rotary Club regarding their lease with the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation within the Mount Penang Parklands?
- (a) If so, when did you meet Kariong Rotary Club and can we be provided any meeting notes, briefs or information relating to that visit?
 - (b) When did you offer Kariong Rotary Club a renewal of their lease?
 - (c) When did your office instruct the Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation to renew Kariong Rotary Clubs lease?
 - (d) Have you met with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch MP about Kariong Rotary Club?
 - (e) If so, can we be provided with a copy of any minutes taken of these meetings?

Mount Penang Parklands Meetings with Tenants

71. When was the last time you met with Mount Penang Parklands Preschool about their ongoing lease arrangements?
72. When was the last time you met with NAIDSA Dance College about their lease arrangements with Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation?
73. When was the last time you met with Central Coast Sports College about their lease arrangements with Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation?
74. When was the last time you met with Ability Options about their lease arrangements with Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation?
75. When was the last time you met with Sunnyfield about their lease arrangements with Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation?

Mount Penang Parklands

76. Has any planning works been undertaken for the extension of the car park at Kangoo Road?
- (a) If so, can a copy please be provided?
77. Has there been any planning works undertaken regarding the use of the Mount Penang Parklands area along Kangoo Road?
- (a) If so, can a copy please be provided?
78. Will you rule out any further privatisation of the Mount Penang Parklands?

Social Housing

79. What is the number of new affordable housing dwellings constructed in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
80. What is the number of new social housing dwellings constructed in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
81. What is the number of new private dwellings constructed in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
82. How many requests for maintenance to social and public properties were made in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
83. How many requests for maintenance to social and public properties were fulfilled in:
- (a) FY 2016/17
- (b) FY 2017/18
- (c) FY 2018/19
- (d) FY 2019/20
- (e) FY 2020/21
- (f) FY 2021/22
84. What is the average wait time for fulfilment of social and public housing maintenance?
85. How many urgent requests for maintenance to social and public properties were made in:
- (a) FY 2021/22
86. Currently, how many maintenance requests remain unfulfilled?

87. What was spent on social housing maintenance for the following years:
- (a) FY 2021/22
88. What percentage does social and public housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW for the following years:
- (a) FY 2011/12
 - (b) FY 2012/13
 - (c) FY 2013/14
 - (d) FY 2014/15
 - (e) FY 2015/16
 - (f) FY 2016/17
 - (g) FY 2017/18
 - (h) FY 2018/19
 - (i) FY 2019/20
 - (j) FY 2020/21
 - (k) FY 2021/22
89. What percentage does affordable housing make-up of the total housing stock in NSW for the following years:
- (a) FY 2011/12
 - (b) FY 2012/13
 - (c) FY 2013/14
 - (d) FY 2014/15
 - (e) FY 2015/16
 - (f) FY 2016/17
 - (g) FY 2017/18
 - (h) FY 2018/19
 - (i) FY 2019/20
 - (j) FY 2020/21

- (k) FY 2021/22
90. Could the Minister please provide the number of social housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 per LGA?
91. Could the Minister please provide the number of affordable housing dwellings constructed in FY 2021/22 per LGA?
92. Currently, how many unoccupied LAHC properties are in NSW?
- (a) Could a number please be provided per LGA?
 - (b) What is the average time these properties remain unoccupied?
 - (c) How many properties, unoccupied for more than 4 weeks, are later sold since April 2011?
 - (d) What are the reasons these properties remain unoccupied?
93. How many social and public housing dwellings have been sold in the following years:
- (a) FY 2021/22
94. What is the total value in public and social housing sales in NSW for the following years:
- (a) FY 2011/12
 - (b) FY 2012/13
 - (c) FY 2013/14
 - (d) FY 2014/15
 - (e) FY 2015/16
 - (f) FY 2016/17
 - (g) FY 2017/18
 - (h) FY 2018/19
 - (i) FY 2019/20
 - (j) FY 2020/21
 - (k) FY 2021/22
95. What is the total value of all social and public housing dwelling sales since April 2011 to date?
96. How much of the proceeds from the sale of social and public dwellings have been spent?

97. How many complaints has LAHC received from tenants in social housing during the following months:
- (a) May 2022
 - (b) June 2022
 - (c) July 2022
 - (d) August 2022

Minister's Office

98. What is the total number of correspondence from social housing tenants the Minister's office has received in 2022?
- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to?
 - (b) What is the average wait time for a response?
99. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Minister's office?
100. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?
101. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 to date?
102. How much has the Minister's office spent on boardroom lunches and catering in 2021/22 and 2022/23 to date?

Redundancies

103. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the most recent tenant maintenance satisfaction survey or report?
- (a) Who was this report shared with?
 - (b) When was the Minister briefed on this report?
104. How many Departmental staff redundancies occurred during the past 4 months?
- (a) How many were:
 - i. Forced
 - ii. Voluntary

105. What is the total cost of these redundancies?
106. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?
107. Could the Department please provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to redundancy payouts if they occurred?
- (a) Could the Department please also provide a list of job descriptions corresponding to whether they were forced or voluntary?
108. How many Ministerial staff redundancies have occurred in the last 4 months?
109. What is the total cost of these severance payments?
110. Could the Minister please provide an update on LAHC expenditure on performance coaches, laughing coaches, yoga coaches, corporate coaches, corporate team building consultants or services or any other services that aim to promote corporate wellness?
- (a) How much was spent in:
- i. FY 2021/22
- ii. FY 2022/23 (to date)
- (b) Please provide an itemised list
- i. Please include who provided the service, the cost of the service, the ABNs of the service provider, when the service was used and a description of the service
- (c) Please provide all invoices relating to the use of these consultants

Response to letter sent by the Minister to the Member for Bega dated 17.08.22

111. Your letter states that as at 30 June 2022 the LAHC owns 734 properties in the Bega electorate. As at 30 June 2022:
- (a) Could you please provide a breakdown of the type of housing these 734 properties provide? EG. how many houses for families, couples, singles etc?
- (b) Are there any dedicated properties for people with disabilities, seniors over 65 years old, women-only residences, those with mental health issues and/or addictions?
- i. If so, please provide a breakdown
- (c) How many residents were housed in the properties at 30 June 2022?
- (d) Were any properties vacant at 30 June 2022?

- i. If so, why?
 - (e) As at 30 June 2022, how many people were awaiting social housing in the electorate?
 - i. Please could you provide a breakdown of the types of social housing required for those awaiting allocation?
 - ii. What are the current figures of people waiting for social housing?
- 112. Your letter states that since March 2020, more than \$1.3 billion has been allocated to LAHC to bring forward property renewals, kitchen upgrades etc. Please could you breakdown:
 - (a) How much of this \$1.3 billion was allocated to the Bega electorate?
 - i. Please could you also provide the timetable of proposed expenditure in the Bega electorate since March 2020?
 - (b) How much of this allocation has been spent in the Bega electorate?
 - i. If any spending has occurred, please could you breakdown how and when it was spent?
 - ii. If there is still money to be spent, please could you provide the timetable of proposed expenditure?
- 113. Regarding the re-purposing of existing government land in Bega, please could you provide further detail on the residential project described? Your letter mentioned 100 new social and private homes, could you please provide the following information:
 - (a) Where the funding will be coming from?
 - (b) The proposed breakdown of social to private homes?
 - (c) The timeline for completion?
 - (d) What are the existing barriers to the re-purposing of the land?

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Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC

Splendour in the Grass

114. Will the Government instigate an independent review of Splendour in the Grass 2022 with reference to, but not limited to, ecological impacts, health and safety, social impacts, public amenity, business impacts, and any other impacts on the Byron Shire?
115. Will the Government recognise that Byron Shire Council is the key stakeholder for the community and that it should contribute to determining the terms of any review?
116. Will the Government allow the community to participate in the review?
117. Will the Government consider the findings of the review as a basis for the manner in which further events may occur on the site?

Scope 1 and 2 Emissions Coal and Gas Projects

118. Will the Government contact each proponent and operator of all coal and gas projects in NSW and ask them to do more to limit their Scope 1 and 2 emissions as a matter of priority?
119. Will the Government contact each proponent and operator of all coal and gas projects in NSW and ask them to work with the Department of Planning to modify their conditions of consent to properly and tangibly reduce and limit their Scope 1 and 2 emissions as a matter of priority?
120. Will the Government contact each proponent and operator of all coal and gas projects in NSW and ask them to use 100% renewable energy in their operations?
121. Will the Government contact each proponent and operator of all coal and gas projects in NSW and ask them to work with the Department of Planning to modify their conditions of consent to require the use of 100% renewable energy in their operations?

Ravensworth Homestead - Glencore's Glendell Continued Operations Coal

122. Will the Government guarantee the protection of the Ravensworth Homestead in situ, and the surrounding area, recognising its significant Aboriginal and European Heritage value?

Planning Law - Development Assessment Reports

123. Will the Government investigate ways to prepare Development Assessment Reports for development projects that do not recommend approval or refusal of consent, but rather present

the decision maker with options of refusal, approval, deferral and any other such relevant option and the merit assessment and consequences of those options?

Bloomfield Colliery

124. Is the current Bloomfield rehabilitation plan in keeping with the objectives?
- (a) Do the consent objectives allow for endangered ecological communities to be replaced with something else?
 - (b) Do the consent objectives allow previously forested areas to be rehabilitated as pasture or farmland?
 - (c) Do the consent objectives require that rehabilitated sites have natural water courses restored?
125. Is there a requirement that the rehabilitated landforms include stable and naturalised water courses for:
- (a) Erosion control?
 - (b) Aquatic habitat?
 - (c) Native vegetation?
126. Why do landform objectives in rehabilitation plans allow for uncompacted voids to remain?
127. Does the Government consider grass over waste to be suitable for sustainable agriculture?
128. Are rehabilitation plans allowed to cater for future developments by the current operators?
- (a) Is there a conflict of interest disclosure for operators and owners when rehabilitation plans are under consideration?

Hunter Gas Pipeline

129. Will the Government work with Santos as the new owner of Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd and require a new planning process to be undertaken, to supersede the 2009 project approval?
- (a) If not, why not?

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Questions from Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC

Design and Place SEPP

130. How many submissions were made to the draft Design and Place SEPP?
- (a) How many submissions were made in support?
 - (b) How many submissions were made in opposition?
 - (c) What was the total cost spent on the development of the Design and Place SEPP?

Sydney Tree Canopy Target

131. What portion of the trees planted so far under the Sydney tree canopy target have been planted in Western Sydney?
132. Is there a specific tree canopy cover target for Western Sydney?
133. Of the 5 million trees by 2030 target, what portion is set for Western Sydney?
134. Of the 40 percent tree canopy cover by 2036 target, what portion will be in Western Sydney?

NSW Housing Targets

135. How much of the target to build 400,000 new homes is allocated to coastal NSW?

Legacy Development Approvals

136. How many unactivated development approvals are in the planning system that were approved between;
- (a) 1981 and 1985;
 - (b) 1986 and 1990;
 - (c) 1991 and 1995;
 - (d) 1996 and 2000;
 - (e) 2001 and 2005;
 - (f) 2006 and 2010;
 - (g) 2011 and 2015;

137. What councils have contacted the planning department with concerns over legacy development approvals?

Natural Disasters Clause

138. Which NSW councils included the State Government's Natural Disasters Clause in their Local Environment Plans in 2021?
139. Which of those councils have been affected by the current floods?
140. How many homes were rebuilt using the State Government's inclusion in 2021 of the new Natural Disasters Clause into the Standard Instrument LEP (Local Environment Plan) after suffering significant flood damage in the 2020 flood event?
141. How many homes were rebuilt using the State Government's inclusion in 2021 of the new Natural Disasters Clause into the Standard Instrument LEP (Local Environment Plan) after suffering significant flood damage in the 2021 flood events?

Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA)

142. What percentage of housing stock is currently being used for Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) in each Local Government Area in NSW?
143. When will the 90 day limit on STRA be introduced into the Byron Shire?

Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner Scheme (REAP)

144. In granting entry to the REAP Register does NSW DPIE conduct any independent inquiries as to the suitability of the consultant for admission?
- (a) If so, who conducts the inquiry/ies?
145. How many applications were received for admission to the Register, via the EIANZ or Planning Institute?
146. Were any consultants refused?
- (a) If so, were they refused by the recommending body or the Department itself?
147. What mechanisms are available for the Department to exercise any authority to veto REAP applications?
148. Which branch and level of officers are responsible for administering the REAP Register?
- (a) Did these officers have knowledge of the prior history of Dr David Robertson of Cumberland Ecology, Cert number 796?

Public Housing and Maintenance

149. What's the total number of existing public housing stock in NSW?
 - (a) What was the total number of existing public housing stock in NSW 5 years ago?
 - (b) What was the total number of existing public housing stock in NSW 10 years ago?
150. What is the average amount of time for which a public housing property is vacant in the Newtown Electorate?
151. How many properties have been vacant in the Newtown electorate for 6 months or more and why?
152. What is the number of public housing dwellings in Erskineville and Lewisham?
 - (a) Of these, how many are unoccupied?
153. What is the average length of time it takes to resolve maintenance requests in NSW?
154. What is the average length of time it takes to resolve maintenance requests in NSW deemed urgent?
155. How many unresolved maintenance requests are there in NSW which have been deemed urgent repairs?
156. Are there KPIs set regarding the timeframe to resolve urgent maintenance requests?
157. How many maintenance requests are currently unresolved in the electorate of Newtown?
 - (a) Of these, how many are deemed urgent repairs?
158. How many rent reductions throughout NSW have been granted as a result of property failure to meet other habitation requirements in the past 12 months?
159. How many local LAHC staff in Newtown (Burwood, Surry Hills, Redfern) are permanent?
 - (a) How many staff vacancies are there currently?
 - (b) How many staff are on fixed term contracts?
 - (c) What is the average length of contract?
160. What's the completion rate or percentage of maintenance jobs completed on the first visit of a tradesperson?
161. How many tradespeople are needed typically to resolve one maintenance request?

162. What companies currently are contracted by the NSW government to supply maintenance in public housing?
 - (a) What KPIs are set with these contractors as a measure of success?
 - (b) What were their profits in the last financial year?
163. What companies currently are contracted by the NSW government to manage waste?
 - (a) What KPIs are set with these contractors as a measure of success?
 - (b) What were their profits in the last financial year?
164. What companies currently are contracted by the NSW government to clean public housing shared areas?
 - (a) What KPIs are set with these contractors as a measure of success?
 - (b) What were their profits in the last financial year?
165. What is the amount of money DCJ spent on outsourcing maintenance in the past financial year?
 - (a) What proportion of that is spent on maintenance costs vs the cost of contractor agreements?
166. Are there any reporting requirements or requirements for maintenance contractors to identify systemic issues and/or issues affecting multiple people?
167. What organisations and/or companies are contracted by the NSW government to provide welfare assistance?
 - (a) What KPIs are set with these contractors as a measure of success?
168. How many NCAT applications relate to maintenance disputes?